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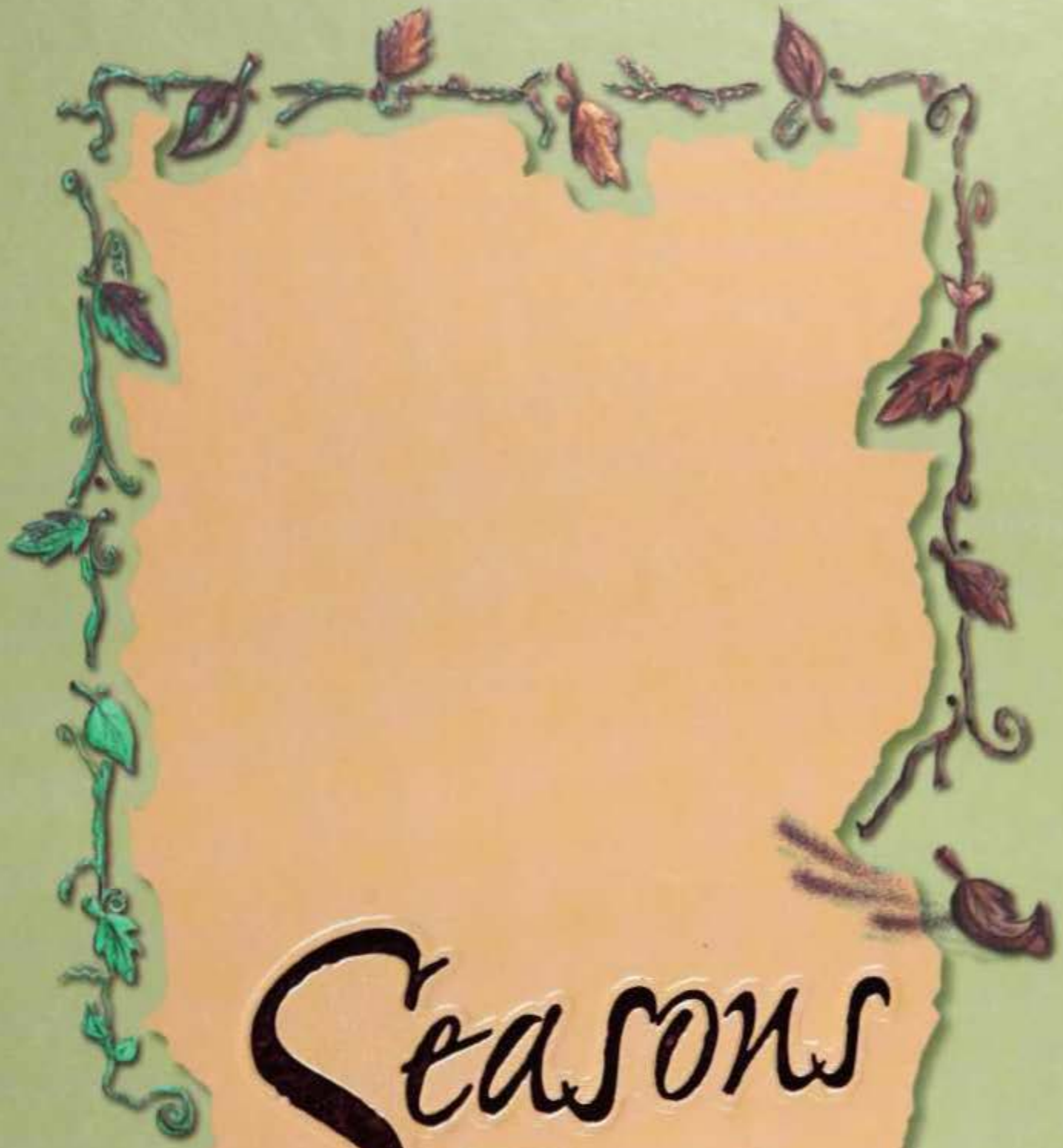
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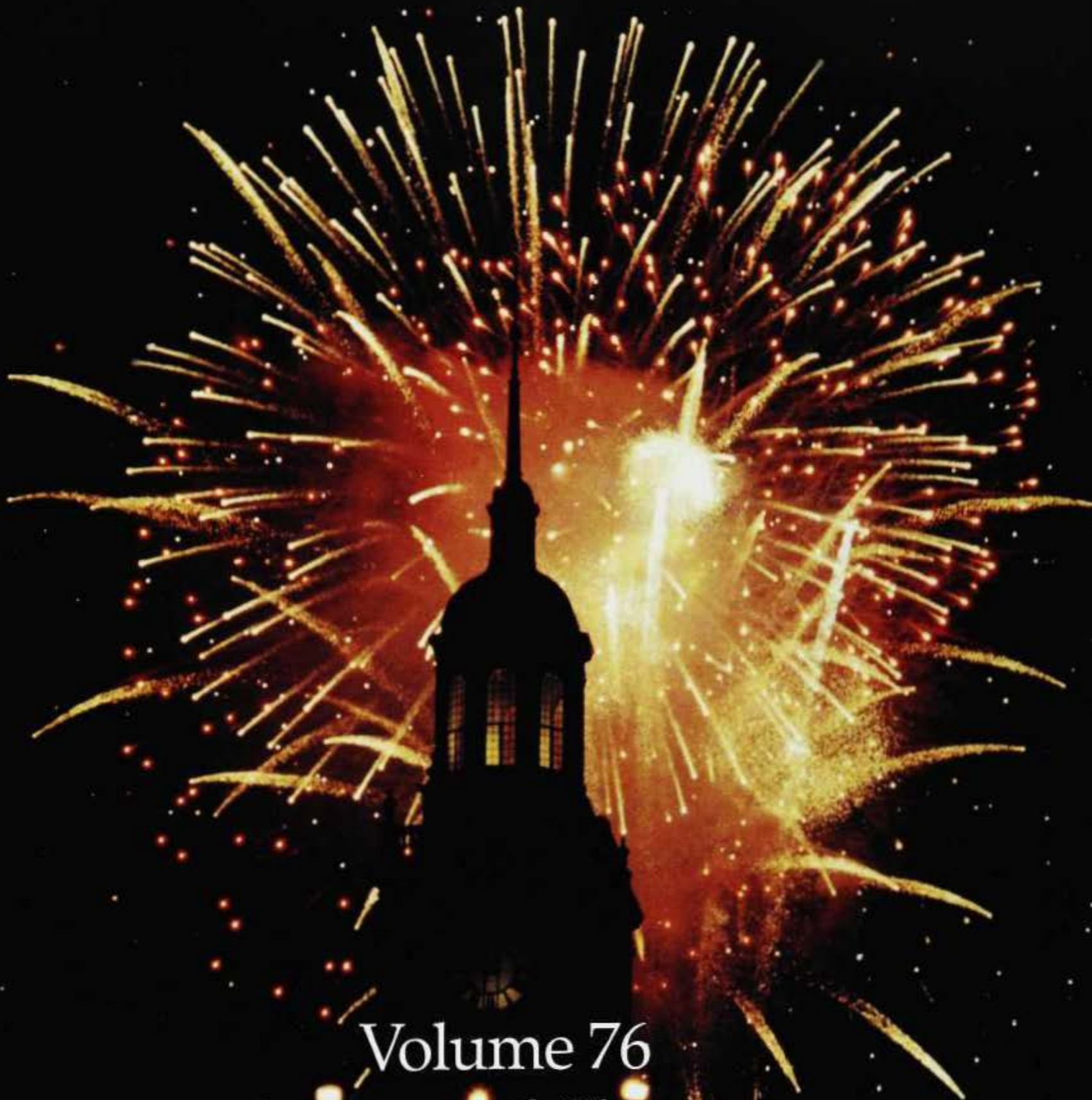
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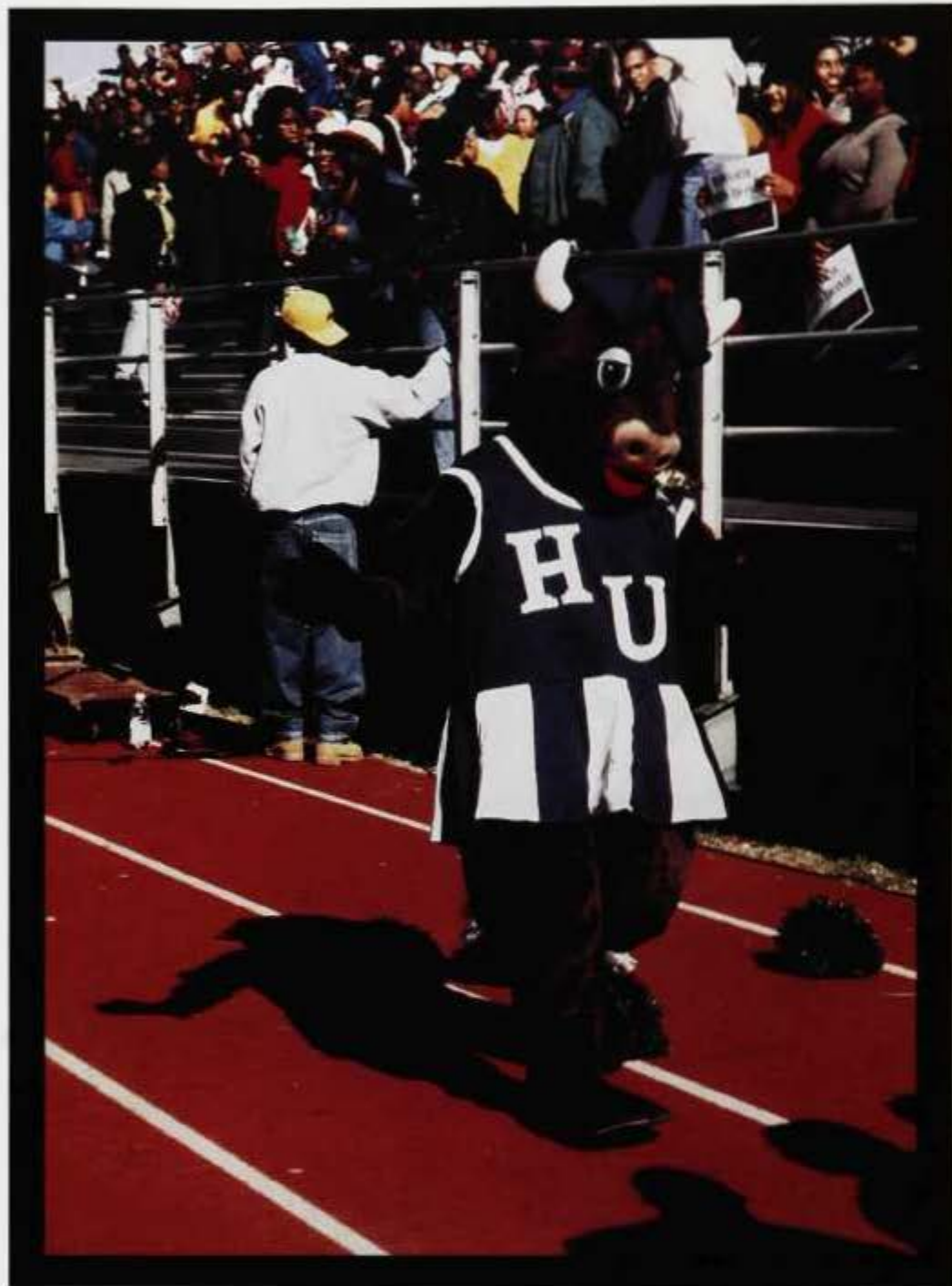
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*As we travel
through our
journey here
at Howard
we too go
through our*

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*own seasons of change
and development.*

*Freshman year, much like the
summer, an exciting and free period
for exploration. Sophomore year, like
autumn, calming and familiar.*



photo by Edouard Leneus

*The tough rigors of junior year
parallel the harshness of winter. And*



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*spring, the final season, is the time
of rebirth and growth, like senior
year when the transformation from
student to professional occurs.*

*For each of our seasons we must
undergo a change to propel us
into the next. We present to you*



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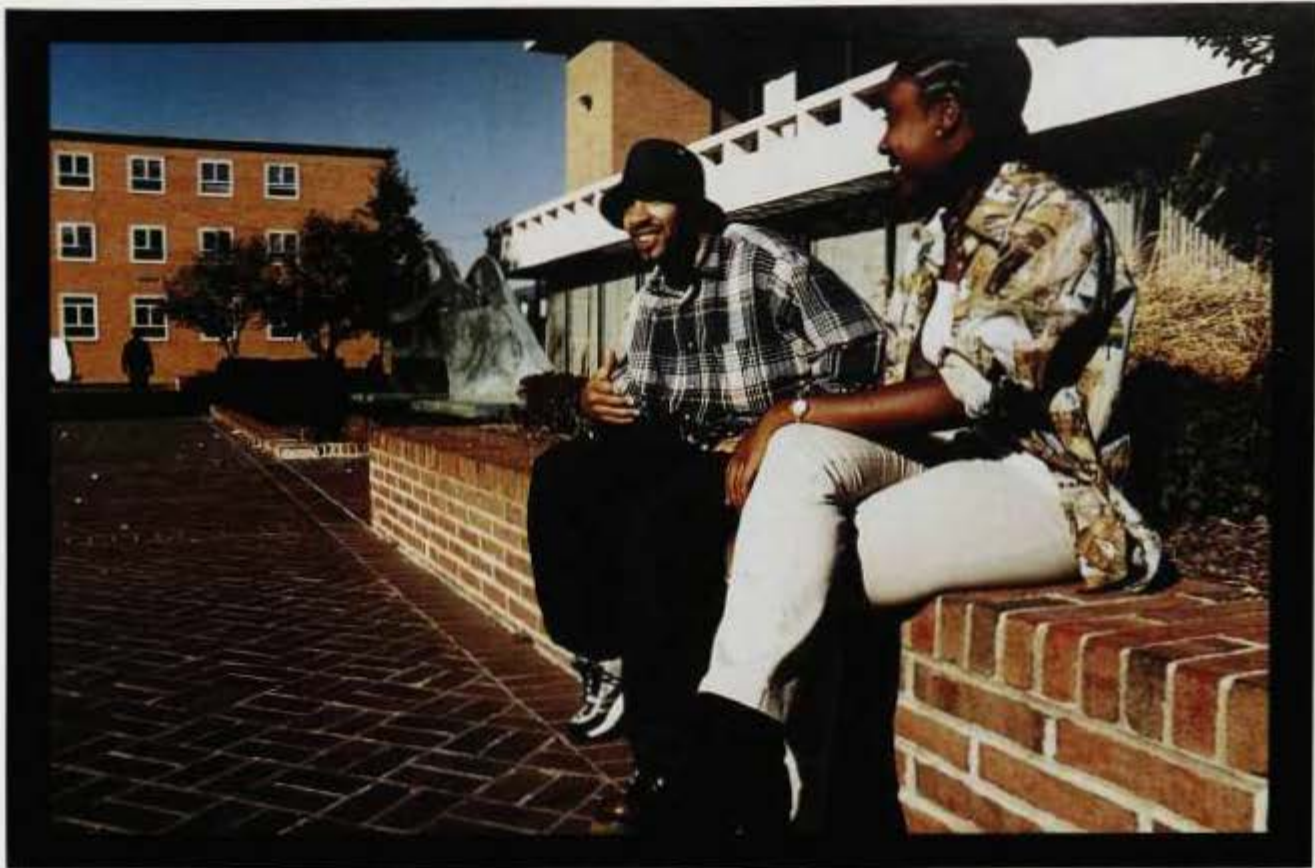


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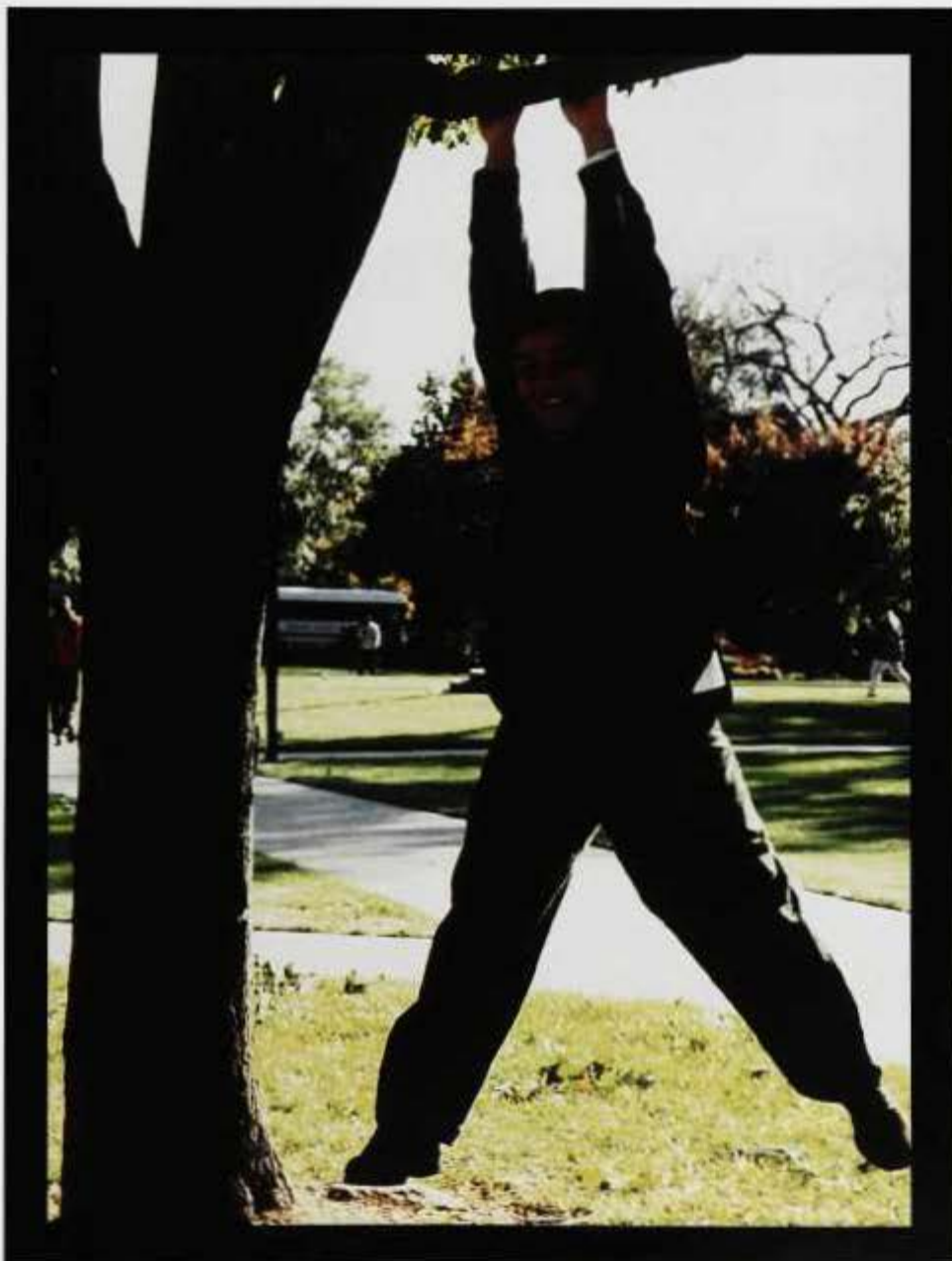


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*the essence of
Howard
University's
Seasons of
Change.*

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Seasons



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Student Life



Autumn



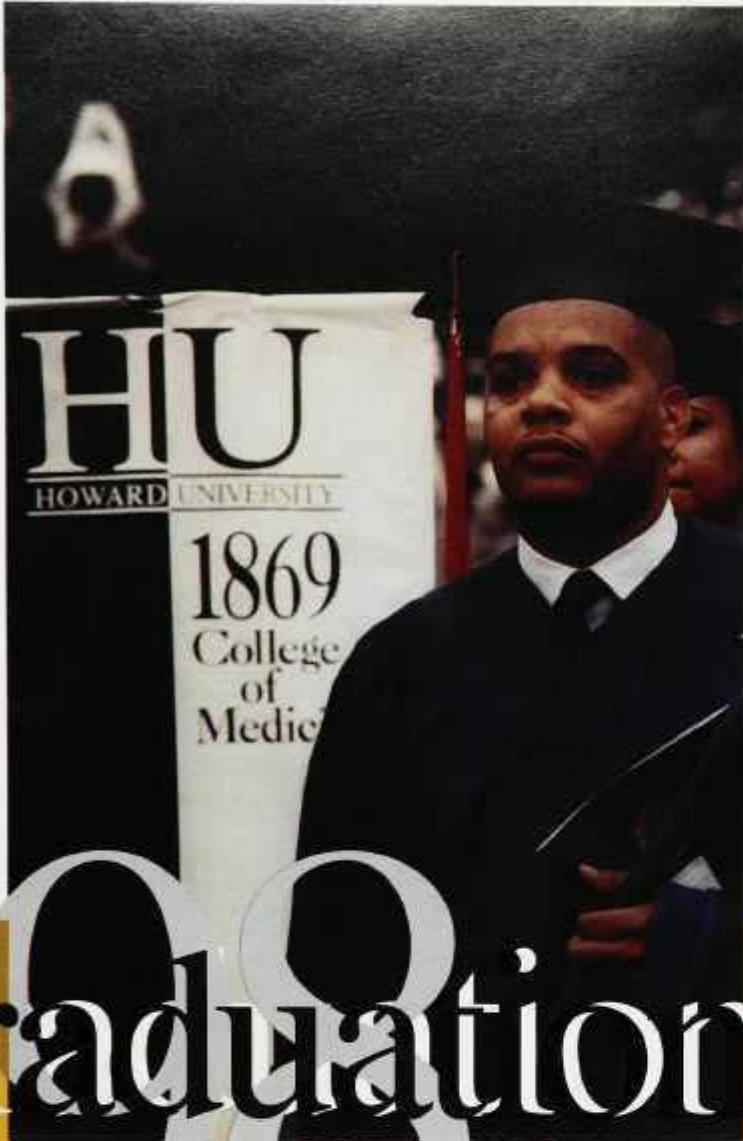
Autumn-atic



Dinners in the caf. Pulse. Groovin' with the band.
Pulse. Fridays on the yard. Pulse. DC Live college
nights. Pulse. All night games of truth or dare. Pulse.
\$3 Krispy Kreme boxes. Pulse. Movies at Union
Station. Pulse. Happy Hours at Republic Gardens.
Pulse. Living with a roommate. Pulse. Light lunches
at the Punchout. Pulse. Unfulfilled promises from
student leaders. Pulse. "Every organization has a
process." Pulse. Registration week. Pulse. Student
life at Howard University. Pulse. Pulse. Pulsing.

Pulse

Photos by Edouard Leneus



Graduation

by Christie Davis



On Saturday, May 9, 1998 at 10:00 am, the Upper Quadrangle on the main campus was filled to capacity with graduates, faculty, family members and friends. This was the day that many had dreamed of—this was graduation day. But those dreams never included wet hair, soiled suits and a “30 minute ceremony.”

For the first time in one hundred and thirty years, Howard University’s graduation was dampened by frequent thunder showers. Despite the weather predictions no one actually thought it would actually rain. The Commencement ceremony consisted of two thousand two hundred and ninety three graduates. The graduates were honored with a speech from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Mrs. Clinton had prepared a twenty five minute speech to encourage the graduating class on their future endeavors, but due to the thunder showers the speech was made brief. So brief in fact that ten minutes after it began it was already over. Graduates, however, were to have been provided with a copy of Mrs. Clinton’s speech after the ceremony.

“I felt somewhat cheated, not only because of [the brevity] of Mrs. Clinton’s speech, but I wanted to hear what others had to say as well, and the accelerated program didn’t allow that,” said School of Arts and Sciences graduate Damon Waters.

Despite the rain, Nicole McManus, a School of Communications graduate was happy about the condensed ceremony. “I wanted a short speech, so we could move on and get out of the rain.”

There were plans to move graduation to Cramton Auditorium or Burr Gymnasium if weather conditions worsened. “There’s no day like commencement,” said Karen House, Special Assistant to the President. “We wanted to keep the ceremony on the yard, so people could see it.”

Howard University has always and will continue to have one of the most beautiful and uplifting graduations ever. And for all those in attendance, despite the appearance there was nothing more exhilarating than to see more than two thousand African American men and women achieving success.

Enesha Cobb can’t help but be all smiles. This is the day everyone dreams about.



Although her speech was cut extremely short, Hillary Rodham Clinton was still able to give the graduates a few words of wisdom

One student stops and smiles for the camera during the ceremony.



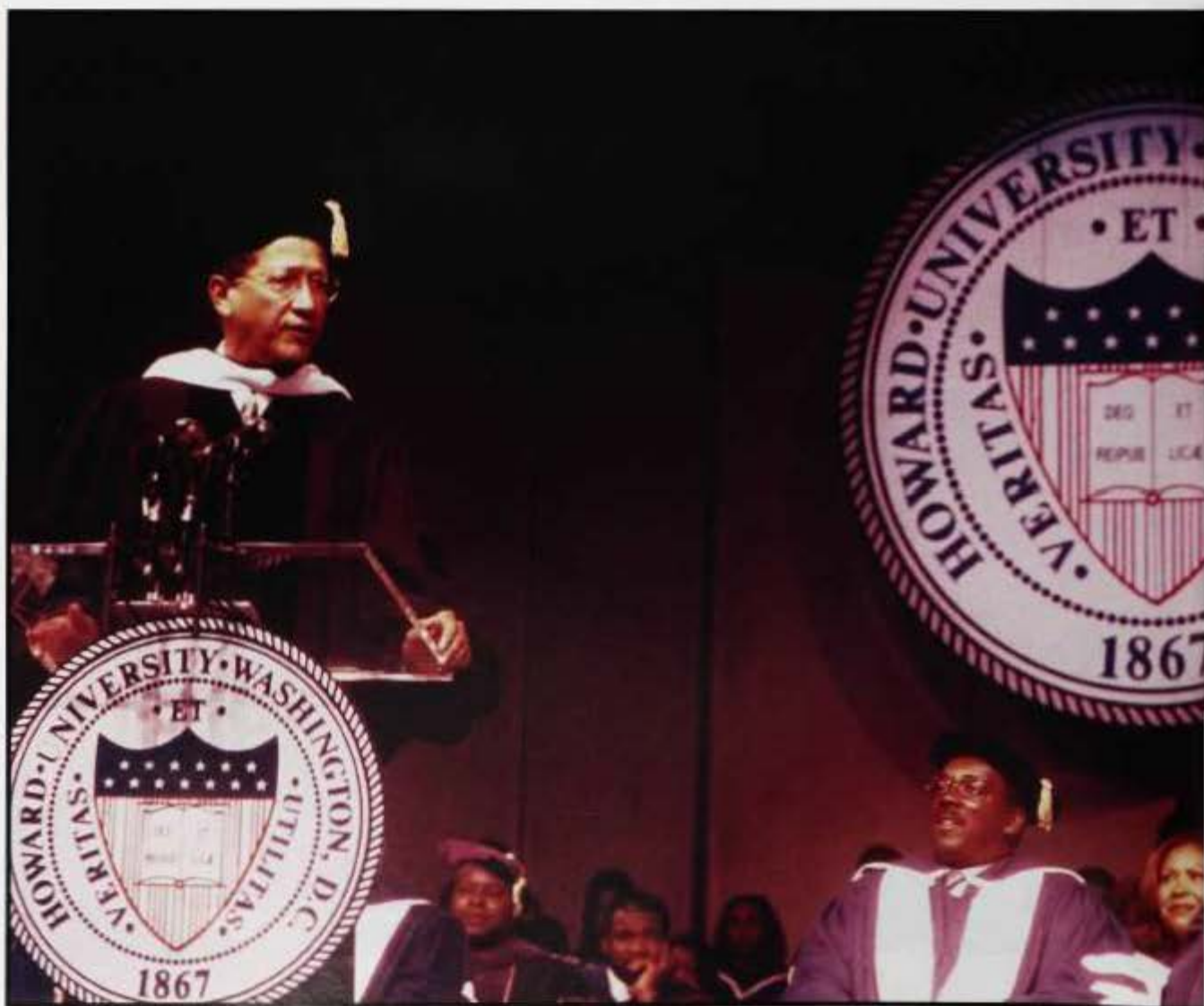
"You better believe I'm getting out of here!" Engineering graduate Robert Hemming knows this day is long overdue.

by Nicole Haymes

Opening Convocation

President Swygert and Ambassador Sonn sing the alma mater at Opening Convocation. Swygert awarded Sonn an honorary degree.

South African Ambassador Franklin Sonn gave the keynote address for Convocation. This was his first visit to Howard.



This year Howard University held its 131st opening Convocation on September 25th in Cramton Auditorium. President H. Patrick Swygert began the event with a discussion of the revolutionaries in Howard University's past. He compared the faculty of the university to Thurgood Marshall and keynote speaker, South African Ambassador, Franklin Sonn. According to Swygert, both of these men were, by definition, the epitome of "a revolutionary." Swygert's uplifting speech to a crowded audience filled with alumni, the class of 2002, and faculty and friends of the university, urged them to "win the struggle within and you can win the revolution." Many of the faculty highlighted in his speech were the University Marshall Jesse Nicholson, Landon Taylor and the faculty of the graduate schools.

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees also spoke on the goals of 1998 for Howard University- academic excellence, private support for the university, and more of an emphasis on Howard's Medical Institution.

It was finally time for the keynote speaker,

the Honorable Franklin Abraham Sonn, to speak. First, however, he was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities and granted honorary alumni status of the university. Throughout his life, Ambassador Sonn has worked to enhance the quality of life for blacks and all races in South Africa. He has served on various committees and organizations and because of his many years of service and interest in public issues, was rewarded in 1995 with his United States appointment to Ambassador of South Africa. Sonn said his key to success is that, "I don't take myself very seriously." Sonn spoke highly of Nelson Mandela as an African man who has truly overcome challenging obstacles. One closing thought Sonn left for the audience to think about was "when you must choose between morals and expedience, choose morals."

The Opening Convocation also included a performance by the University's Choir and a presentation of colors by the ROTC color guard. Opening Convocation was not something to be missed.



Ambassador Sonn listens intently during Convocation.

Photos by Edouard Leneus and Jamil Gordon

by Nicole Haymes

Freshman

Class of 2002, welcome to the Capstone, The Mecca: Howard University. As in the past, this year's freshman orientation was designed to enlighten the new students on their surroundings--to instill in them the sense of pride, awe and responsibility that comes along with being a Howard University student.

The first event of the week was the pinning ceremony. This was an official welcoming to the University; your new "home" for approximately the next four years. Taj Salaam, a freshman Engineering major, thought the ceremony was "a real welcoming experience." Among those on hand for the welcoming were members of the faculty and staff as well as key officials of the administration, including President H. Patrick Swygert. He praised the freshmen for their accomplishments and their successes thus far--namely for becoming Howard students--and reminded them that from now on, nothing less than the standards upon which they were admitted would be expected.

The Class of 2002 participates in the activities of the Pinning Ceremony.



Campus Pals march onto the Yard to kick off the first day of Orientation Week. By the end of the week, they would have given the freshmen a relaxed and social side to the university.

LaJhonne White, a second lieutenant in the Army ROTC program, pins one new Howardite in the annual pinning ceremony.



Members of the HU Showtime Marching Band give the freshmen a little taste of their halftime shows.



photos by Howard Brown

Orientation

Once the speeches were over, the student leaders and administrators pinned the freshman class, officially making them Howard students.

The rest of the week was filled with assemblies and seminars to further acquaint the incoming class with their new environment. The new class was challenged by the president, shown the way to Academic Success and introduced to our Legacy of Leadership. Plus, they were given lots of information about student loans to ensure that they would remain Howard students. Leslie Bowman and Ashanti Carter both commented on the week's events, "At first we were scared but orientation made us familiar with the whole Howard Experience." By the end of the week, the freshman class was well on their way to becoming an integral part of the university.

The freshman had the guidance of administrators and faculty and also their very own Campus Pal to help acclimate them as new Howardites. The Pals offered a take on the University that differed from the administration's. After days of speakers and seminars the class of 2002 could finally unwind at the end of the week at the annual Ice Cream Social and Meet Your Pal Night.

True Power

Power Hall

For years the front hallway of the Blackburn University Center has been known as Power Hall. Dubbed so because it houses the headquarters of several important student organizations on campus, many would say that it is the heart of Howard University student life. The original purpose of centralizing the offices of HUSA, UGSA, GSA, and the other organizations on the Hall, was to promote the officers' accessibility and facilitate an open-door policy for all students. Former Dean of Student Activities, Vincent Johns added, "The student government is on the Power Hall because they operate under Student Activities...and having the offices near each other works well for the students and the administration."

When asked why the corridor was given the name "Power Hall", Dean Johns answered, "Power Hall is a name that was developed by students...probably because they perceive themselves as the University's top organizations." And while there is no denying that the organizations and student leaders whose headquarters are on the Hall are among the most important on this campus, many students feel that the Power Hall is not as open and inviting as it was designed to be. In fact, many students find the offices and officers on the Hall so unapproachable, they avoid walking down the Hall altogether.

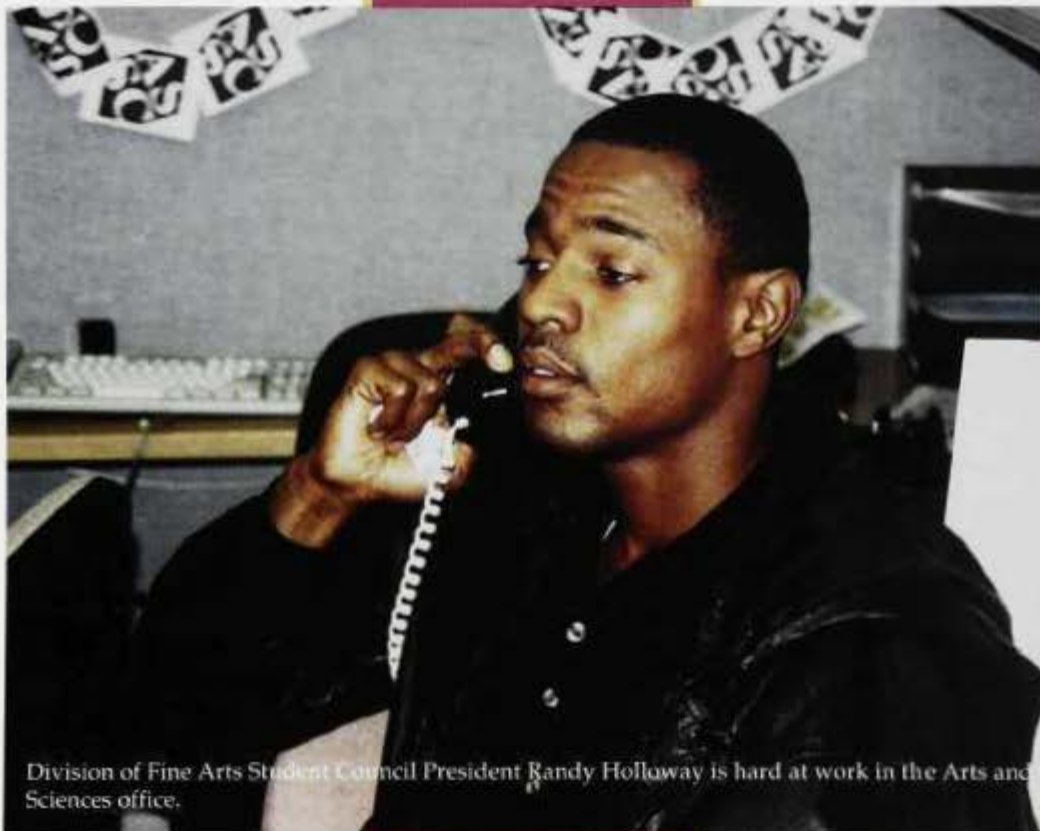
Is it simply a matter of perception? Brandon Neal, a junior elementary education major and Campus Pal seems to think so. "Each organization has an open door policy," says Neal. "But it's up to the person to or not they want office." On the psychology major, "I don't feel that I don't feel like I into one of those welcomed and be

The majority of questioned in this article shared sentiments. Many of the Hall's once spirit, has been dent leaders who gotten that their ated to serve the sity student body. students fully un-

pressures and difficulties that their elected leaders face, students still need to feel that their leaders are accessible and eager to hear their concerns.

If they aren't, what purpose do they serve?

If students and leaders cannot unite, true success can never be achieved. And true power can only be realized when students and student leaders can collaborate and work together to get goals accomplished.



Division of Fine Arts Student Council President Randy Holloway is hard at work in the Arts and Sciences office.

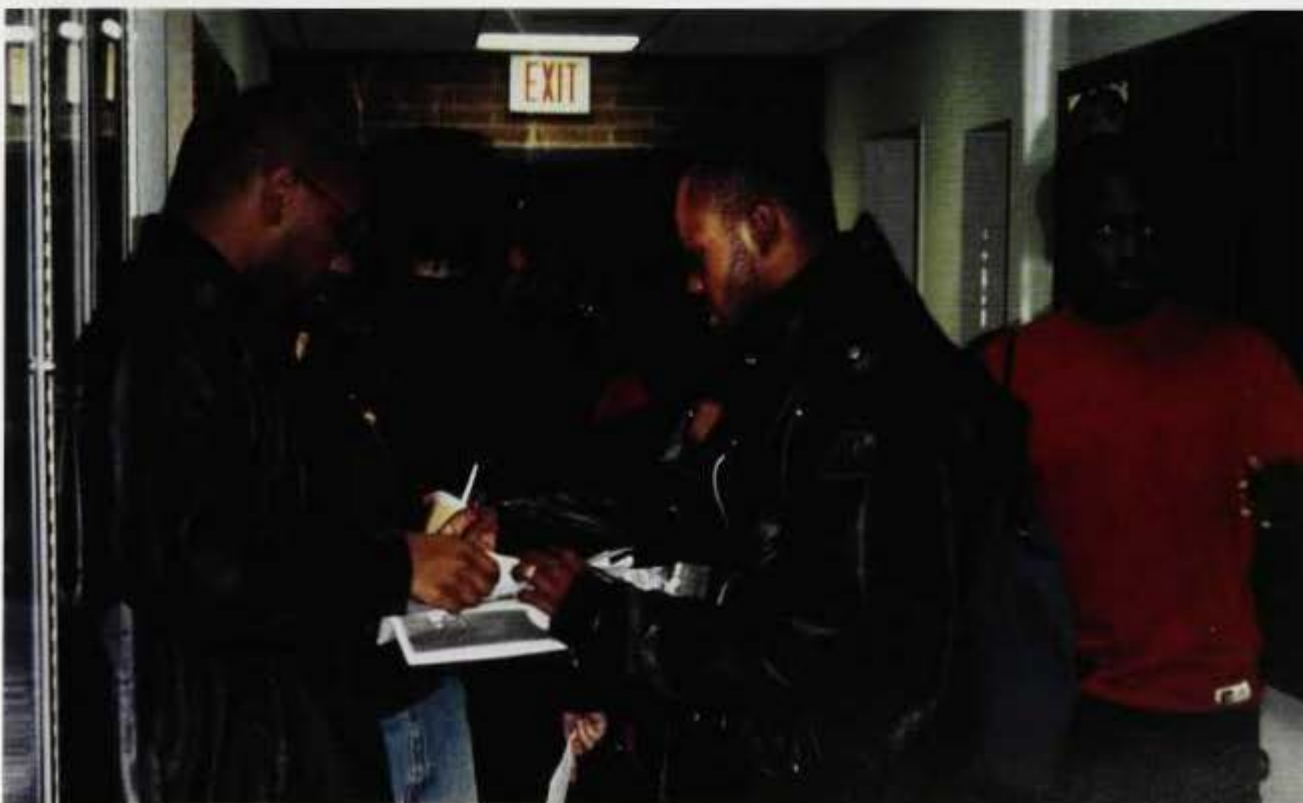
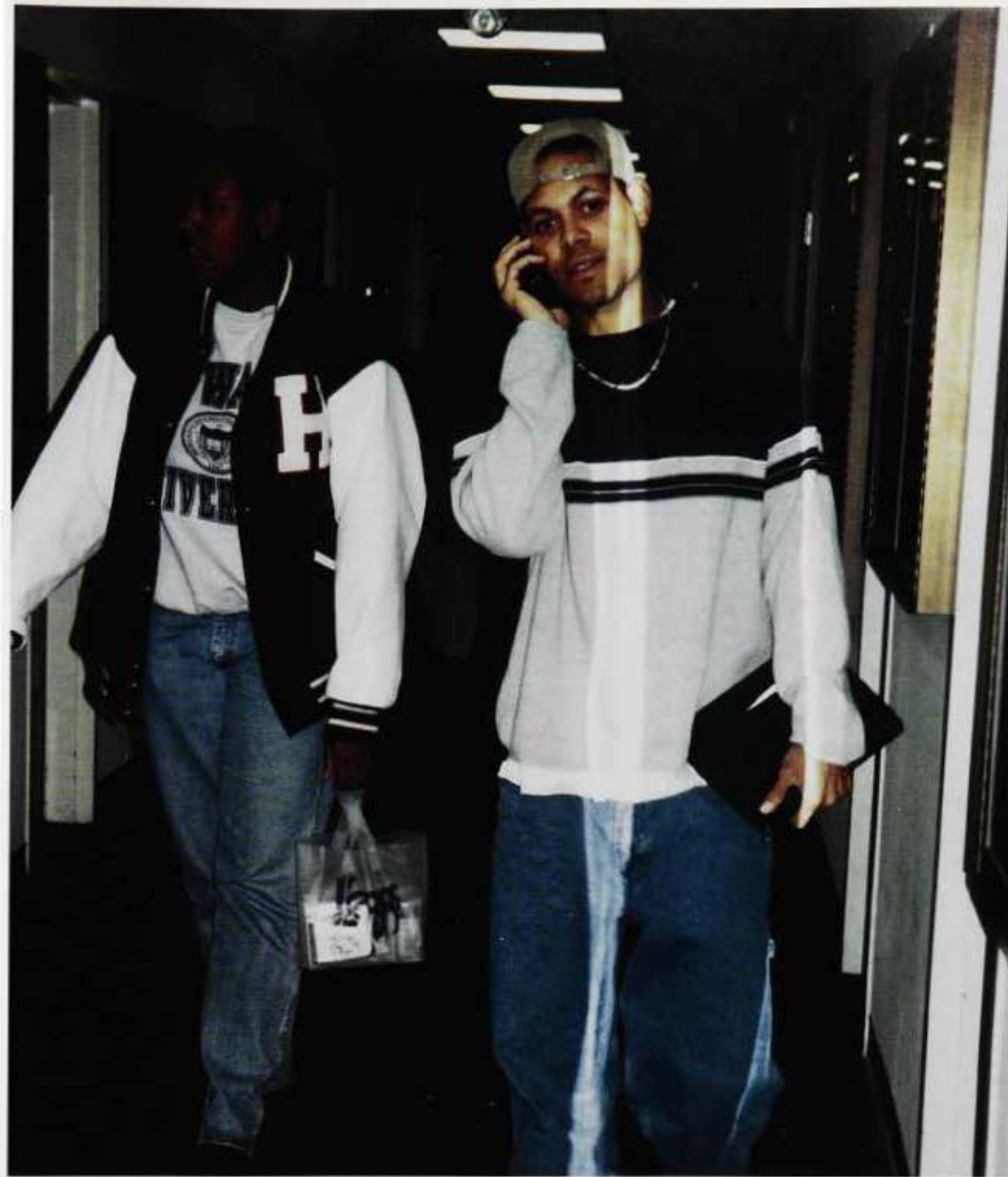
decide whether to come into the contrary, junior Jessica West said, it's very open. I could just walk offices and feel helped."

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by Erin Jackson

A walk down Power Hall would not be complete without the ever handy planner and cell phone. Cell phones were furnished for many student leaders by the Office of Student Activities.

All photos by Melissa Valle



Between the hours of noon and 8 p.m. you can always find a flurry of activity down this hallway. Sometimes more work gets done out in the hallway than in the offices.

More than one hundred active organizations at the Mecca set aside time for their community. Some students may be faced with twelve or more credits, but still feed the need of reaching out to others.

Ubiquity, a community based organization, had committed themselves to a local sickle cell center. Each year members from Ubiquity help to plan an annual Christmas party for children with sickle cell. Last year was their first attempt to organize this event.



Community

"It was definitely busy work for us granted it was our first time," said Roxanne Caines.

Dr. Delores Duncane, executive director of Sickle Cell Center Disease Association of Greater Washington, was highly impressed by the works of Ubiquity that she asked for further assistance.

Other organizations such as the Frederick Douglass Honor Society felt the intense need to volunteer. This community based honor society catered to the youth, homeless and Howard students.

Larry Brown, president of Frederick Douglass Honor Society, believed in helping out his people. He also spoke of how some people tend to forget where they came from.

"When you get yours you forget about everyone," said Brown.

The help of Howard's own National Council of Negro Women Inc. lifted spirits within the community. Mary McLeod Bethune founded this organization in 1935. Over 100 committed Howard women had carried on her vision of the organization. Every fourth Sunday at 6:30 a.m., members served breakfast to a local homeless shelter. This program entitled "So Others Might Eat" had been an ongoing project for NCNW.

"Sometimes we talk the talk but don't walk the walk. This program allows you to walk the walk," said Dingoe.

Serving as members of NCNW had been a great impact to many lives of Howard women.

"Being a part of NCNW had definitely opened my eyes," said Takeisha Brown.



Members of the newly founded HU chapter of Habitat for Humanity help construct a home for a family in need.

Before beginning their day of service the volunteers at Georgia Avenue Clean Up Day stop to take a quick picture.



Service

by Shanikka Wagner



These dedicated students got up at the crack of dawn to help clean up Georgia Avenue. Wearing reflector vests and gloves, a group of students started the semester off right offering their Saturday morning to help beautify Georgia Avenue.

Right down to the gutters, this volunteer left nothing untouched in her path. As helpers in "Cleaning Up Georgia Avenue Day," all of the student volunteers made a very noticeable improvement to the busy street.

Each year more and more students find themselves hunting for jobs. Many don't realize that the skills employers are looking for in potential job applicants are right within their reach. Howard University has a Career Services and Career Development Office that provides students and alumni, with an abundance of job possibilities, internship options and as job search techniques. These techniques include tips on composing effective resumes, cover letters, thank you letters, and important guidelines in preparing for interviews.

"We are like a sounding board for students who don't have information as to what they should do in their life," said Samuel Hall, Jr., Director of Career Services.

On an annual basis almost our thousand students utilize the Career Services Center. Most of these programs are available year round like the Job Vacancy Room, Individual Counseling Sessions, and the Job Trak Bulletin. This year alone about 165 employers were on campus for this event, and 1200 students had the opportunity to interview with prospective companies. The Of-

fice of Career Development is another avenue students can pursue when trying to find jobs and internships.

"As a Career Development counselor, I'm here to see that students live their possibilities, which means taking advantage of every opportunity that the School of Communications provides," said Carol Dudley, Coordinator for the Office of Career Development.

Although, Career Development provides many of the same functions as the Career Services office they are two separate entities. In addition to many of the services provided by the Office of Career Development, it also hosts an annual Job Fair that is open to all minority students across the country, and is funded primarily through recruiter costs.

"The Howard University School of Communications has a reputation of providing qualified candidates for internship and employment opportunities," said Dudley.

One great aspect of these job services is that both are free to the university community.



Hana Cannon looks on attentively while a recruiter examines her resume. As senior in Arts and Sciences, job interviews are a must for her.

Photos by Jame' Johnson

Job Search

by Latoya Brown



Carol Dudley, director of the Counseling Center in the School of C, discusses the day's activities with one of her assistants.



This prospective employee fills out an application at one of the many booths set up at the Annual School of Communications Job Fair.

Transfer

Students

by Maya Jackson

What did junior J.R. Dixon learn about transferring to the Mecca? "I learned that I am my brother's keeper," said Dixon, a chemistry major who transferred from West Los Angeles Community College in California.

Dixon attributes his transfer to God's grace and the assistance of a very special Howard alumnus. "I met this doctor who told me that he owed his accomplishments to his medical school experience at Howard. I told him that I was interested in going...he invited me to his office and wrote me a letter of recommendation."

"I am my brother's keeper because if I hadn't met that doctor and some other mentors who said 'Brother I love you,' I don't think I would be here [at

Howard.] I didn't even plan to go to college...I spent two years out [of school] but God has a way of touching people and putting them back in."

Whether by faith, luck or guidance from a "brother," hundreds of transfer students come to Howard every year, exchanging their old lives for a new experience at The Mecca. According to the University's preliminary enrollment data report, 547 students transferred to Howard in the fall of 1998, but what was their experience like?

"I was digging the variety," said Jilian Dacosta, a junior systems in computer science major who transferred from the Newark campus of Rutgers University to be exposed to a diverse student body.

Larry Greene, a junior student transfer from El Camino College in Torrance, California ap-

preciates the diversity as well. "I like that there are teachers and students with different backgrounds. It feels good to know that I am somebody from almost every major city in the country," said Greene.

Although Greene is settled comfortably in his Howard niche now, his initial meeting with the Howard experience was not problem-free. He offered a little wisdom to new transfer students. "Academically the transfer is easy, but as far as the administration goes I have this advice: Document everything, copy every [and] stay on top of the paperwork." Dacosta also had advice for aspiring transfer students. "Don't come to Howard if you are weak because you'll end up chilling the whole time you're here. It takes a strong person to stay focused at Howard."

Transfer student J.R. Dixon gets his "munch on" while studying between classes at the Punch Out. Dixon transferred from a community college in Los Angeles, California.



Nikki Young transferred to Howard in the Fall of 1998 from the University of North Carolina Greensboro.



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Victor Montgomery transferred to Howard from Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.



Regional Perspectives

by Erica Hubbard and Jonelle Whitlock

Photos by Benjamin Johnson

From the East to the “Wild Wild” West, the “Dirty South” to the “often forgotten” Midwest, the mother continent of Africa to Europe, Howard University is well represented. Producing leaders of America and the global community, Howard’s student body hails from all 50 states as well as over 100 countries around the world. How do many of Howard’s students feel about the diversity that is found on the campus? Students were surveyed on regions, questioning such things as tastes in music, friends and style in each region.

“What region seems to be the most down to earth and which seems to be the most rowdy?” The South had the overwhelming majority. “Most Southerners have that ‘southern hospitality’ and therefore are really friendly and down to earth. Yet, as soon as they hear their music, they get really rowdy, but that’s Master P’s fault,” said Freshman Journalism major Nicole Haymes from New York. Other responses included the Midwest. “Students at Howard will look you dead in the eyes and not speak. Where I’m from, the Midwest, people were more friendly,” said Sophomore Mathematics major Nyema Towns, from Skokie, Illinois.

Many feel that Howard’s students hang in cliques and hardly associate with those outside of it; that they are only open to the music and styles of their hometowns. This brings us to the questions of “Where the majority of your friends from?” and “Do you tend to hang with only those from your hometown?” The majority of those surveyed answered that they had friends from everywhere. “Anyone who comes to college, spends \$20,000, and hangs with people that they could have hung with at home, for free, is an idiot!” said Sophomore Political Science major Jas-

Depending on where you are from depends on what trends you follow. Many male students rock baggy pants and oversized shirts as a fashion expression.





Students from different regions of the world wear clothes that adapt to their climate. Many students from the Carribean where fewer layers of clothes because of the hotter temperatures.



On campus the clothing atmosphere can go from casual to dressy. These students opted for a more casual feel.

mine Yancey from Los Angeles, California. The whole purpose of going away to college is to gain new experiences. When asked what music do you listen to?, with answer choices that ranged from Jay-Z and Master P to Maxwell and Midwestern House Music, the majority were open to all types. "Go-Go" received mixed responses; some people loved it, hated it, and many thought it was simply okay.

Fashion trends are a typical subject at Howard; whether they are good or need to honestly make way for an exit. "I can't wait for stretch jeans to go away," said Freshman Journalism major Tanesha Knight, of Atlanta, Georgia. Of the regions, the Eastern region (mainly New York and New Jersey) was said to have the best style; the District of Columbia was said to have the worst. Many disagreed with D.C. labeled as having the worst style. "People need to learn how to except other people's trends and cultures," said Junior Marketing major Montrelle Reese, of Chicago, Illinois. "I get tired of people dissing D.C. just because they have their own style." Lastly, students felt that a person's language gives you a better idea of where they are from rather than their clothes.

Hopefully our Howard students realize that like anything in life, you take what you give. Be open minded. Howard grooms those who are willing to be molded. These are, however, the voices of Howard; positive, negative, near and far.

Satellite Campuses

by Tenne M. L. Forrest
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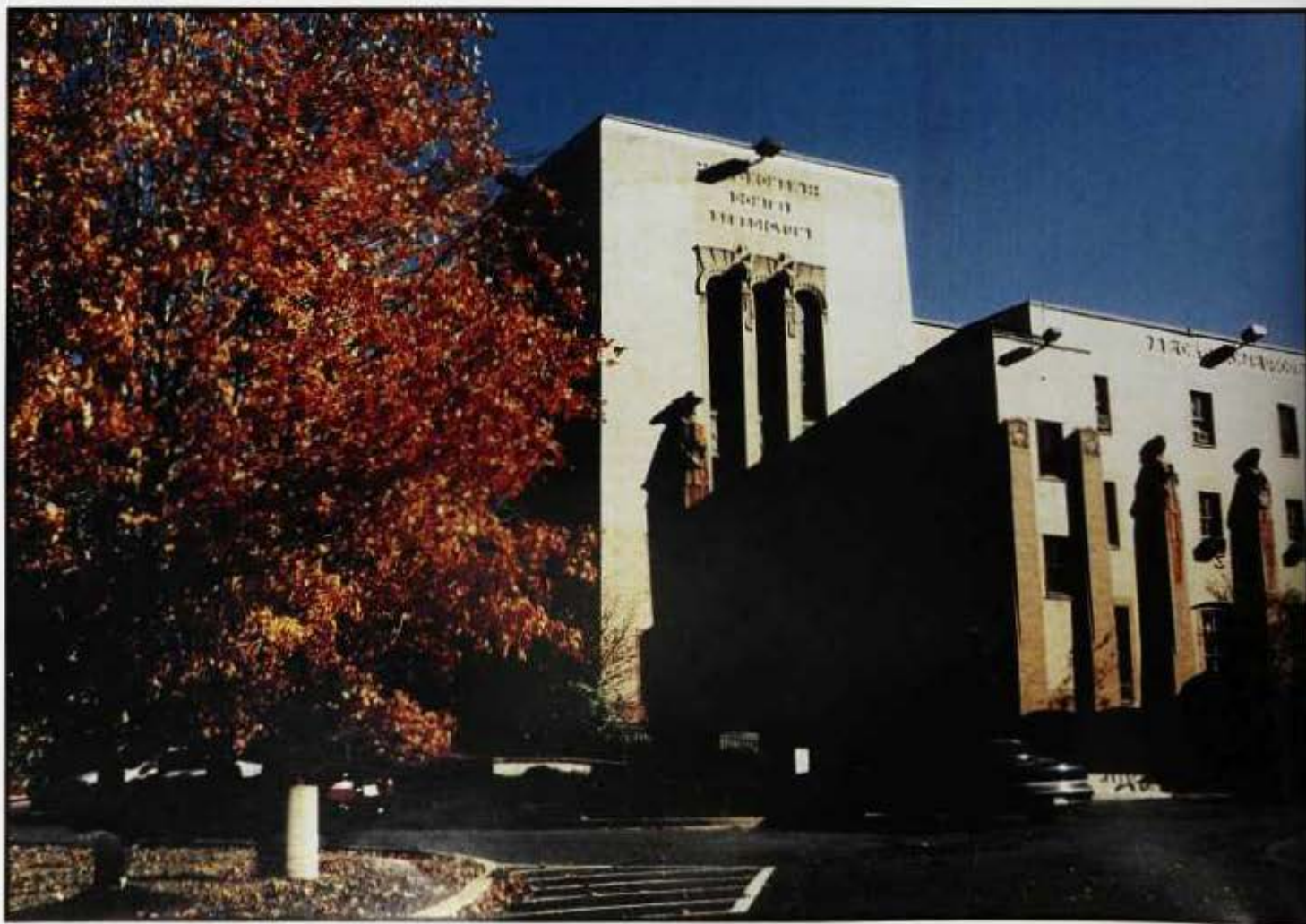
"I have never been down there because there's really nothing for me," says junior math major, Damon Siler. Damon, like the majority of Howard students, has never visited either of the university's satellite campuses. Both the Law and Divinity Schools' campuses are located in Washington, less than twenty minutes away from the main campus. These satellite campuses are important parts of the University, and are definitely worth visiting.

Each of these campuses possesses its own sense of community and variation on student life. They host their own programs and special events, and organizations such as the Student Bar Association give students the opportunity to participate in extra curricular activities.

Although many of their students do not regularly visit the main campus, they are Bison just the same. Fang Lui, a second year law student, enjoys the peacefulness of the Law School campus, but wishes that it was a little bigger. Says Lui, "I do not usually go to the main campus. [If I don] I either go to the Administrative Building or to pay finances."

Despite the fact that students at the satellite campuses and their peers on the main campus rarely cross paths, it is important to remember that they are all a part of Howard University. Students should not limit their experiences to those that take place on their respective campuses, but should instead venture out and see all the University has to offer.

In the middle of fall, the Divinity school campus is ablaze with color. Mays Hall is the center of life for the Divinity students and faculty.





The School of Divinity is considered Howard's East campus.

Although many students on main campus don't take the time to visit the Law School, its structures are very beautiful. The campus appears more peaceful than the main yard.



Homecomings



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Autumn



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Fall's Family



Photograph by Melissa Valle

"Shifting Sands" Howard University Homecoming 1998 Schedule of Events

10.23.98	Mr. and Miss Howard Pageant
10.24.98	Homecoming Coronation Ball
10.25.98	Gospel Concert Libation Ceremony Fireworks
10.26.98	Artistry in Motion
10.27.98	Comedy Show
10.28.98	Step Show
10.29.98	Fashion Show
10.30.98	Tom Joyner Morning Show 2nd Annual Family Reunion Pep Rally Homecoming Concert
10.31.98	Homecoming Parade Homecoming Football Game Howard Bison v. Norfolk Spartans

Festival

*The 1998-99 Mr. and Miss Howard
Pageant & The 1st Coronation Ball*



Two Howard students smile for the camera at the Coronation Ball. UGSA sponsored the first Coronation Ball to announce the Homecoming Court.



**Pageant Coordinators:
Steven Claiborne and
Isa Williams**

Asha May and Nwaji Jibunoh take a moment for a picture immediately after they were crowned.



On October 24, 1998, a new legacy was crowned in Cramton Auditorium shifting the sands once again. The evening was coordinated and hosted by Steven Claiborne, Isa Williams, and a number of others including former Mr. and Miss Howards and Howard Alumni. Claiborne, a junior musical theatre major, felt that "Overall there was a good response from the campus as a whole. Isa and I came together with two different ideas and were able to create an elegant and competitive show that was a tight race to the very end of the night."

There were fourteen contestants representing the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communications, Education, Engineering and Architecture, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Each contestant was judged in five categories including talent, evening attire, and question/answer. Junior Finance Major Shauncey Coleman thought the night was "magical, everything looked great. The pageant was timely, the contestants put their heart and souls into the pageant, and at the end I still had as much energy as I did when I went in." At the pageant's end, Mr. School of Business, Nwaji Jibunoh, and Miss School of Communications, Asha May, were crowned

Mr. and Miss Howard for the 1998-1999 school year. May graced the crown with a heartfelt dance for her talent portion and won the judges over with a stimulating, intelligent, and well thought out answer under pressure. Jibunoh, on the other hand, won the audience and the judges over with a moving and very powerful testimony of his inward and outward journey from Nigeria to America.

Both Mr. and Miss Howard have definite projects they plan to undertake while holding their positions. May's platform is bridging the gap between high school students, Howard students, and Howard alumni. "I knew I was going to have a vital role here at Howard and what better way to bring my ideas life than by being Miss Howard." Jibunoh's platform is intended to reduce student apathy by panel discussions, social mixers, and poetry readings. In his journey to becoming Mr. Howard he "never held a negative attitude." In his eyes "losing was never an option." During the next year Mr. and Miss Howard will work together in representing the school and uplifting both the community and the University with their combined platforms.



The Homecoming court and other kings and queens such as Miss Tubman Quadrangle, Miss Bethune Annex, and Mr. Drew Hall were introduced to the students at the Ball.

Photos by Christie Davis and Tremayne Taylor by Ginger D. Myers

photo by Aida Muluneh

by Shanikka N. Wagner Gospel Concert

Nothing but praise filled Cramton Auditorium as Evangelist Dorinda Clark-Cole marched her way down the aisle. This year's Gospel Concert was a treat for Howard University students and the community.

Clark-Cole moved the crowd with her opening song "God Will Bring You Out." Throughout the performance Clark-Cole spread words of wisdom to Howard students.

"You didn't come to Howard for four years to work under somebody," said Clark-Cole. She asked the students to remember why they were in college. "Keeping their eyes on the prize" was one of the phrases she emphasized.

Being a member of the contemporary gospel group "The Clark Sisters" allowed Clark-Cole to branch out to her solo career. Along with Clark-Cole and the Howard Gospel Choir, the Union Temple Youth Choir performed. The 70 member group has been in existence for 12 years. The choir moved hearts with their popular song "He Reigns."

Joseph Bowman, coordinator for the gospel concert, heard about Union Temple Youth Choir through a workshop in Pittsburgh. After hearing the choir, Bowman knew he needed them for his concert.

"Hearing them sing just ministered to my heart," said Bowman.

Reverend Mary Wilson, founder of the choir and Howard alumnae was pleased with the choir's performance.

"These young ones have developed a sound of their own," said Wilson.

Richard Smallwood, a Howard alumnus as well, served as master of ceremonies for this event. Jerome Bell, radio personality and pastor, accompanied Smallwood and moved the audience. Clark-Cole commended Smallwood for his gifted talent.

"He works the piano to death," said Clark-

Cole.

Smallwood, another founder of the Howard Gospel Choir had a chance to view his creation. Homecoming was a coming home event for Smallwood. "This was truly a blessing. It was good being part of it," said Smallwood.

Concert Coordinator:
Joseph Bowman



On the evening of Sunday, October 25th, a large crowd grew into one enormous circle on the main yard. The excitement, anxiousness, and anticipation in the night's air could be felt by all. This libation and fireworks ceremony was going to be unique...it was going to be different.

The ceremony began with the presentation of the time capsule which will not be opened until 2098.

Some items included were CDs of African music, a book of black attorneys, a Howard University initiating ceremony pin, and programs from the art gallery. This year's time capsule also included a ticket to the Louis Farrakhan event, documents from Ghana, a map of the continent of Africa, and a picture of an African Missionary.

After the time capsule presentation, the crowd turned their attention to the libation ceremony with the sight of an African gentleman holding a glass jar with water in it. Libation is done in memory of our ancestors and for our souls to reunite with them. This is very important in African tradition because it is a form of spiritual revitalization.

Moving from such a quiet, serious, and solemn occasion, the crowd was surprised with a



big BOOM of an event. The start of the fireworks caught everyone off guard, when the sight of color and smoke blowing up into a wonderful creation. No one could have expected to see our Bison mascot's head formed by a firework display in front of Douglass Hall. As soon as that display disappeared, more explosive fireworks went off behind Founder's Library.

Haki Halisi, a Psychology Graduate and the Special Events Coordinator, coordinated this year's libation and fireworks ceremony. Halisi said, "Overall the ceremony was wonderful. There was a good turnout because more people showed up this year."

Libation Ceremony & Fireworks by Tenee Forrest photos by Melissa Valle



Libation & Fireworks Coordinator: Haki Halisi

Homecoming Comedy Show

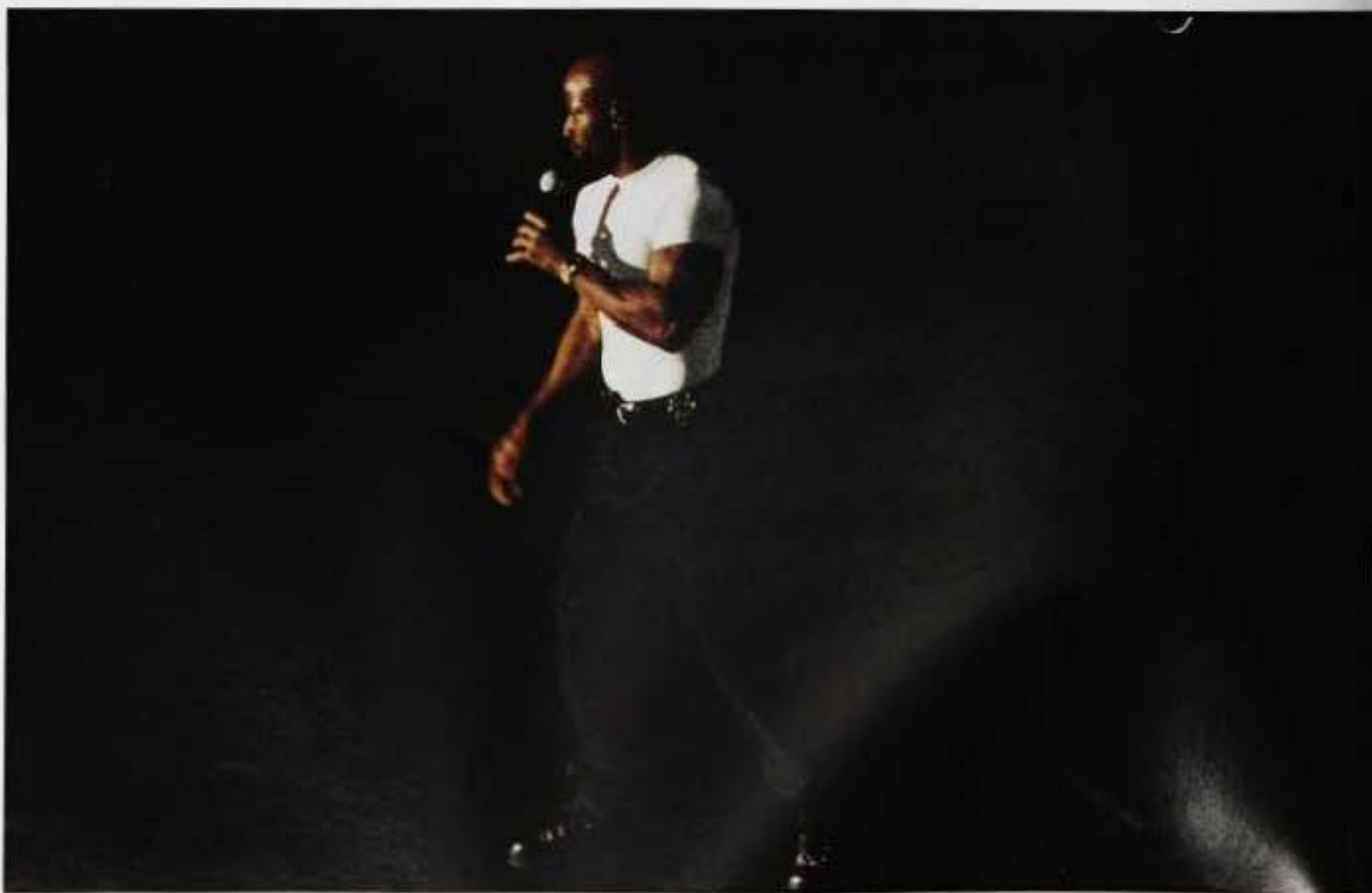
by Erica Hubbard

The show began with DJ Sixth Sense from WKYS (93.9) spinning the latest hits from the No Limit family, Jay-Z, and Noreaga. To get the crowd hyped, he even threw in a few oldies. A rap group from Ohio, Good Game Cartel kicked off what came to be the 1998 Homecoming Comedy Show. However, the crowd wasn't "feelin" their performance.

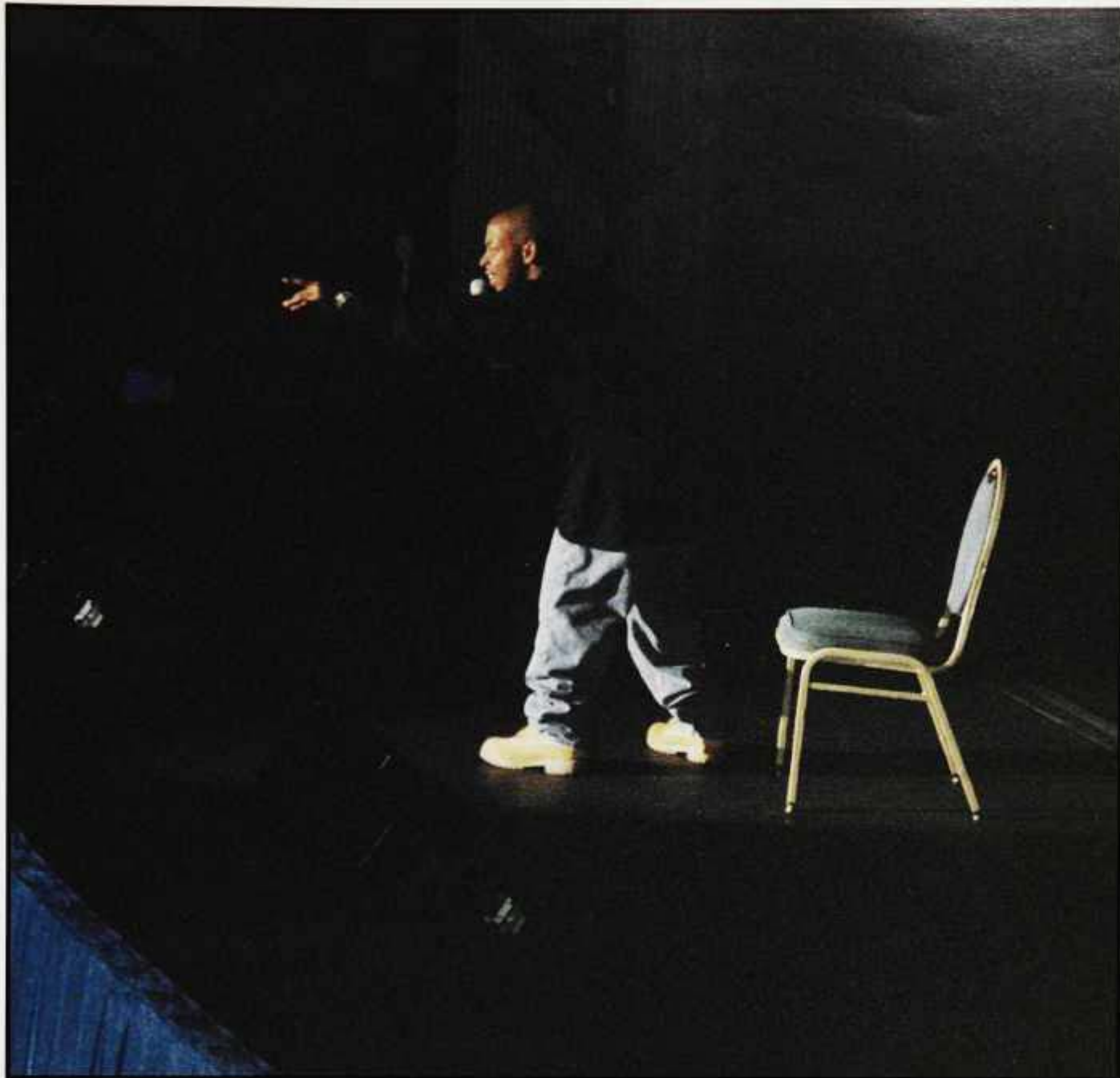
Suspect you've got a cheatin' man or girl. Well, Mike Jones had the solution to this ageless question. This Ohio native, who has been featured on BET's Comic View and Russell Simmon's Def Comedy Jam came to Howard to try out his stuff. "I was scared that the spotlight would hit me!", shrieked Junior Film major Robin Lyke. Jones used the audience for most of his routine, cracking jokes on whomever the spotlight hit; causing people to duck and dive in their seats to avoid the rays. He also shared his personal, yet hilarious experiences with child support.

Detroit's own, Coco, came to "represent the big mamas." Showing that she could hold her own as the sole female to grace the stage, she pleased the crowd with her reasons for dating big men and why every woman needs a "thug." Coco explained to the ladies, rather vividly, how to revive a relationship; "Suck his toes!" Despite the protests from many of many of the ladies in the audience, they had to give Coco five stars for creativity.

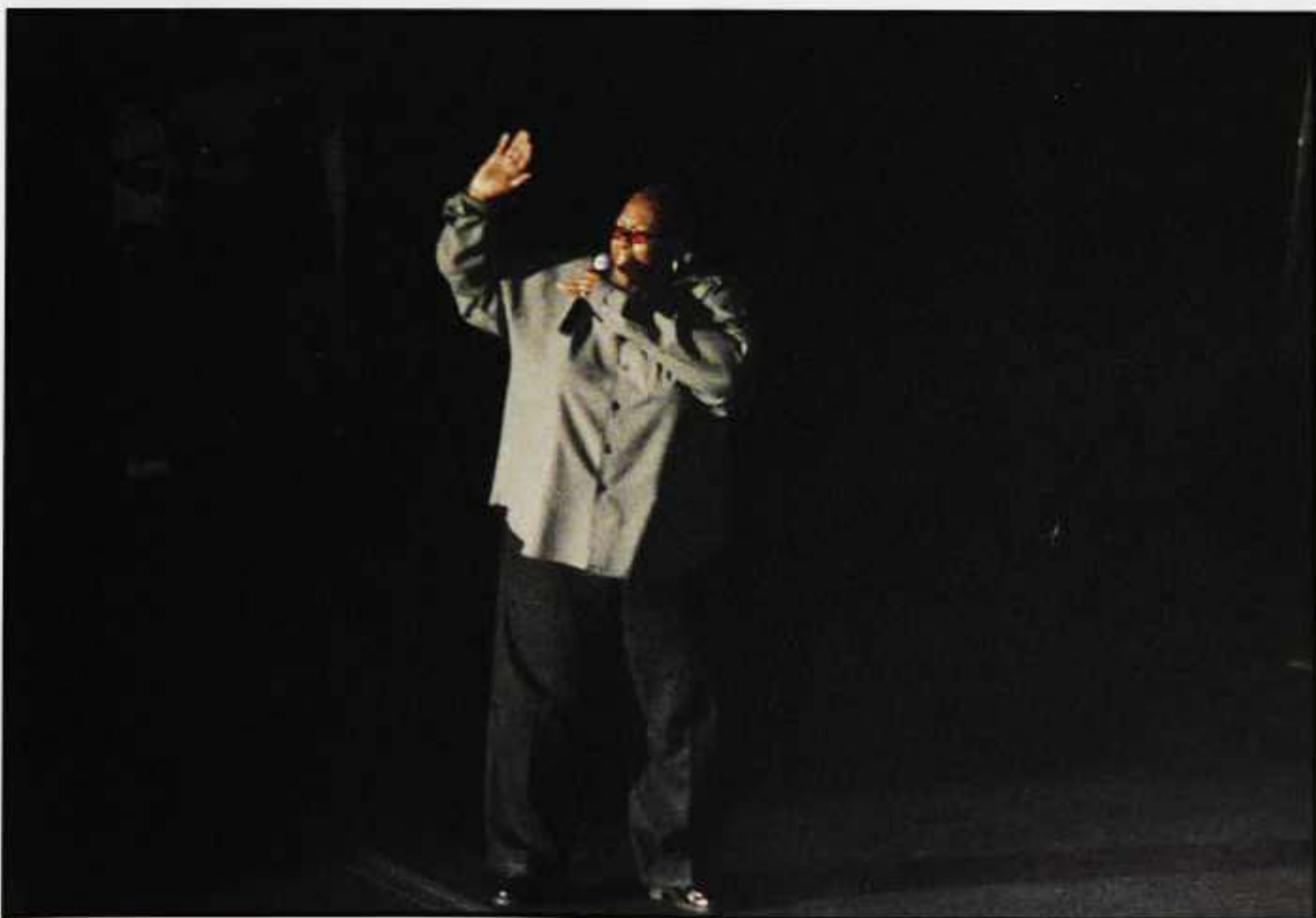
When you were young, did you play Red light/ Green light? How about Hide and Go Seek? Taking the audience "back in the day" was Michael Brooks, a D.C. native, who headlined the night of comedy, keeping the crowd laughing nonstop. Brooks's 30 minute routine was by far the best of the three. His stand-up routine showed that no matter how diversified the student body is at Howard, in one or another we are related. "He took it way back to the candy necklaces! We were kids, we didn't care who ate off it!" said Freshman Computer Science major Nicole Herbert.



Opening comedian Mike Jones hyped up the crowd with his woes of child support. Jones' well toned upper body and deep voice got the ladies in the audience extremely interested in his routine.



The headliner of the show was Michael Brooks. His reminiscings on "back in the day" got everyone in the audience thinking back to their childhood.



Coco represented for the ladies in the crowd. She claimed she knew the answer to make any man fall for you- suck his toes.

B

ack to Basics:

The Step Show by Latoya Brown

Back to Basics was the theme for this year's homecoming Step Show, and in an attempt to revitalize Howard pride, the step show was brought back to the main yard. Greek chants rang out from the Burr Gymnasium, and a myriad of colors met intrigued spectators. Unfortunately, not all Greek fraternities and sororities represented. Absent were the brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., along with the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

Because nearly half of the greek sororities and fraternities were not in competition, many students felt that this year's show lacked the excitement of previous years.

But that didn't hinder the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc from enriching the crowd with their history through their step routine and taking home first place title for a fifth consecutive year.

Following closely behind, which was the only other sorority represented in the show, was the University of Maryland's chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. Outfitted in shimmering red shirts and black bell-bottom pants, they also

delivered a powerful show and captured the mood of the Commodore's disco hit "Brick House." An exciting performance with a cowboy flavor victoriously placed the brothers of Alpha Chapter of Iota Phi Theta into first place. Although they didn't take home the top prize, the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi stole the show by enticing the ladies managed to take home second place. They were followed by a last minute appearance of the brothers of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc who finished in third.

"I thought it was very well attended, and I'm glad that the Iotas got the recognition they've always wanted," said junior Biology major, Lisa Thompson.

Step show coordinator, Victor Montgomery, said he decided to coordinate this year's step show because it is the largest event and brings in the most money. He also said the biggest obstacle he encountered in putting together this year's show was soliciting other chapters, since not all Howard fraternities and sororities are active.

This year's show was spiced up with comedy by emcee Jay Phillips, and special guest performances by Sporty Thieves, who performed their popular song "Cheap Skate" and "Raw Footage," along with a cameo appearance by Virginia native, Crystal Nicole, who sang two of her premier songs entitled "Get Ready," and "No Regrets."

The gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Psi stepped with canes. One gentleman was stepping so hard he broke his cane in half.

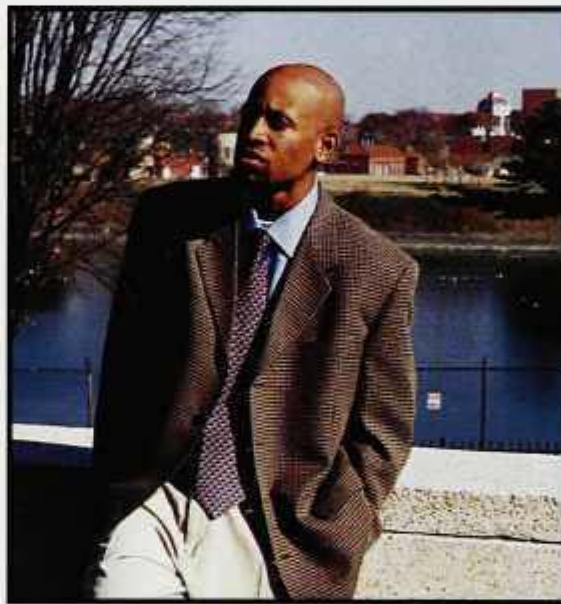




The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha represented once again by taking first place for the fifth year in a row.



Two Iotas show off their fancy footwork by jumping over each other's heads during their performance.



Thank you to all fraternities and sororities who submitted photographs

Step Show Coordinator:
Victor Montgomery



The men of Iota Phi Theta used a cowboy theme for their show. Their theme and routine was good enough to win them first place.

This year's Homecoming Fashion Show, Soleil: Rejuvenation of Time, was a huge success despite some major last-minute changes. Because the Tom Joyner Morning Show was scheduled to broadcast live from Cramton Auditorium Friday morning, the show was moved to Burr Gymnasium. "I was only given three weeks notice to get everything together," said event coordinator, Aaron Paist. "This is the first show I've coordinated by myself. Without Jewel James, my operations manager, I would not have been able to be successful."

When asked what the significance of the theme was, Paist replied, "I wanted to bring a show that had all the things Howard students were looking for. I watched tapes of past shows. I wanted to recreate that time when people would talk about the fashion shows, when you had to see it, or you felt like you missed out. That's what I meant by

"Rejuvenation of Time."

People were definitely talking about the show. And with performances by RCA recording artist, Tyrese and Columbia Records' Kid Capri, Soleil is certain to go down in the history books. "This was my first Howard fashion show, and I really enjoyed it," said Natasha Marks, a 1998 graduate.

Students were anxious to voice their opinions on the show. "I enjoyed the African fashions in the beginning. They were very classy," said Amber Crowder a junior English major. In response to the some of the show's more risqué designs, Charles Coleman Jr., a sophomore political science major, said, "It seems as if the new trend in fashion is whatever shocks the audience."

Whether you were able to appreciate all the designs, or they caused you to raise an occasional eyebrow, there is no denying that Soleil was one of the better fashion shows in recent years. It was a delightful mixture of fashion, music and dance, and will be remembered for years to come.

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Fashion Show Coordinator:
Aaron Paist



Cynne Simpson models one of the more popular designs of the season.

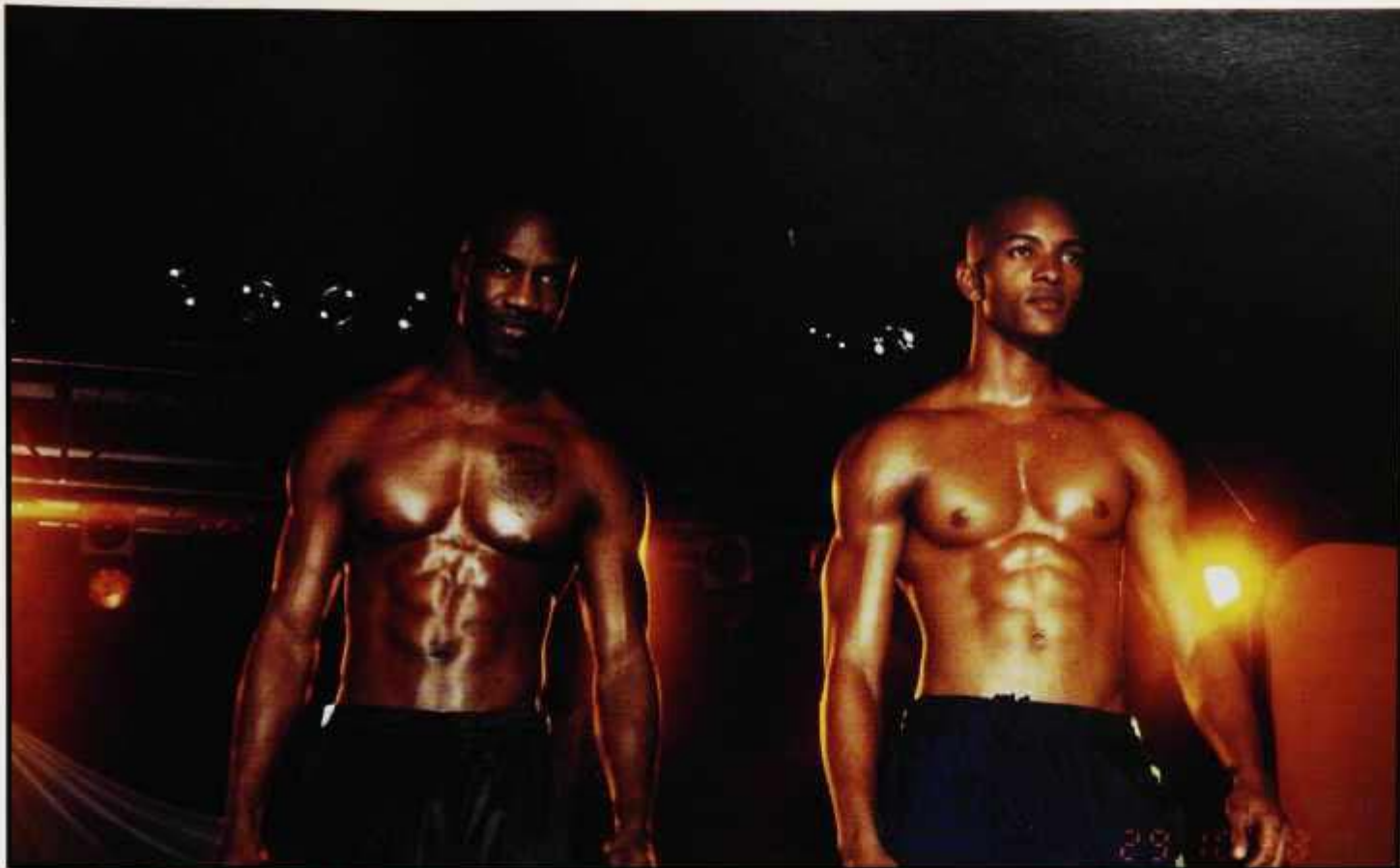


Photo by Christie Davis

Skin, skin and more skin! These glistening bodies make it difficult to focus on the pants being modeled.

Soleil: Rejuvenation of Time Homecoming Fashion Show

By Erin Jackson



This twosome even makes denim fun again. Sometimes you just want to relax in your jeans.

Photo by Melissa Valle

No Howard fashion show is complete without an African scene. These two dresses prove even traditional fabric can be sassy.

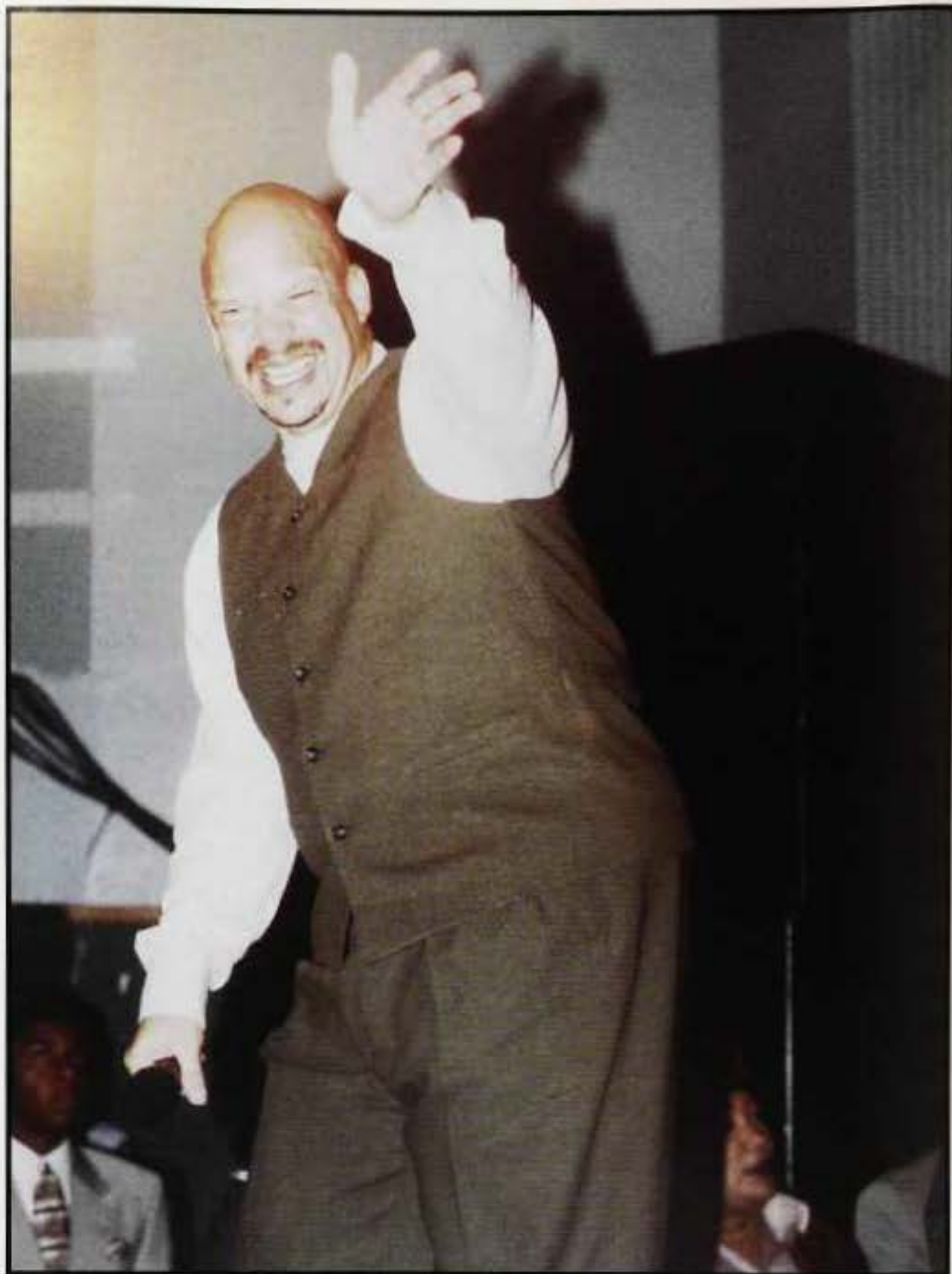
Tom Joyner Morning Show

by Larry Brown

photos by Larry Brown

Tom Joyner greets the crowd as he enters Cramton Auditorium. There was a large turn out even though the event began at six o'clock in the morning.

The entire Tom Joyner Morning Show crew got the crowd hyped singing songs during the show.



Just ask anyone who was in attendance early Friday morning at Cramton Auditorium what the best event of homecoming was, and they'll give you just one answer: The Tom Joyner Morning Show. While most Howard students were still asleep comfortably, several students, alumni, and members of the community at large got out of their beds at the crack of dawn (as early as 4:30a.m.) to get a seat for one of the most popular morning shows in the country. "The mixture of people in the Howard family reflected the community's love for Howard," said Brandi Aldridge, senior broadcast journalism major. Over 100 radio stations gave the country just a piece of the incomparable spirit of HU. The HU Showtime Marching Band also got the crowd hyped performing many of their show stopping tunes from memorable half time shows.

The crowd rose to their feet as Tom Joyner and his cohorts entered the stage. Special guests included: Comedian George Wallace, Exercise Instructor Donna Richardson, Host of B.E.T. Talk Tavis Smiley, and Acting Director of the U.S. Census Bureau Jim Holmes. The crowd was treated to not one, not two but three performances by Cameo, one of the "funkiest" bands of all time. Celebrating twenty-one years in the music business, Cameo performed several of their greatest hits including "Candy," "Single Life," "Strange," and "Word Up."

One of the show's highlights was the search for "jacked up hair" and "ash." Persons with poor hair maintenance and excessive ashiness were given Isoplus products after agreeing never to come out in public again without being conscious of their appearance. "The Hardest Working Man on Radio" even got President Swygert to dance (the twist) shortly after giving Howard University a check for \$20,000. The Tom Joyner Morning Show was definitely an experience some won't forget, and others missed out on. "It put me in the Homecoming spirit," said Katrina McAdoo, senior film production major. "The aura of the room was filled with excitement and energy. I hope this becomes a homecoming tradition like the fashion show and the step show."

Radio personality Oliva Fox and BET's Tavis enjoy Joyner's broadcast.

Tom Joyner gets into it with the crowd. He joins audience members who were dancing in the aisles.



by Benjamin Johnson

2nd Annual Family Reunion: Yardfest

This year, the 2nd Annual Family Reunion brought a wealth of talent and energy to the Yard. For the first time in recent years the Yard was not marred by the presence of rain, instead those attending the festival were greeted by a glorious day of sunshine. On October 30th HU students, family, and friends gathered on the Yard to partake in the wide range of activities that had been assembled together by the Family Reunion coordinator Fabrice Laurent. Fabrice, a senior with a double major in Psychology and Philosophy, had been working on the Reunion since June.

"When you're working with music industry people, you're working on their time and their money, so you have to be prepared to deal with all of the problems that go along with it." He also added that it was a great experience because he learned a great deal about the music business and what it takes to succeed.

This year the Yardfest included musical elements from all parts of the country as well as from all around the world. Some of the acts that performed included The Roots, All City, Nonchalant, A+, and Xzibit. Hip Hop wasn't the only form of music represented



This year games were added to Yardfest festivities. Students dressed up in Sumo wrestling outfits to see what it would actually feel like to be a wrestler.



Yardfest Coordinator:
Fabrice Laurent



The yard was filled to capacity even as the sun went down. Students, Alumni and family joined together again at HU.



throughout the day, as entertainment included all aspects of the African musical experience, from jazz to dancehall. Renaissance, a reggae sound set, opened up for General Degree, a popular dancehall artist who had the crowd entranced with the tune "Traffic Blocking." Throughout the day DJ Analyze and DJ Supreme of the F.N.C. Sound Massive provided the musical intermission with stunning displays of turntable virtuosity.

In addition to the music, everyone's tastebuds were tempted with a wide variety of foods. The foods offered were diverse enough to satisfy even the most diverse palate, ranging from Papa John's pizza to Caribbean cuisine.

Nichol Rolle, a junior acting major from Shreveport, Louisiana, thought the yard's diversity was "very lively and filled with positive energy." She said, "Thus far this has been the best Yardfest, and the fact that they brought Renaissance sound ensured that it wasn't just centered around American culture."

Fabrice wanted to send a big shoutout to the entire Homecoming Steering Committee and to the CSA, who helped to bring General Degree and Renaissance sound. He said that everyone really lent a hand in making sure that the event came together smoothly.

"There was truly a lot of unity amongst the whole Steering Committee, and everyone looked out for each other so that we could all get the job done," said Laurent.

As the day drew to a close and the students turned their minds to the night's activities, Fabrice took a moment to reflect on the entire event.

"From the day that I began working on the Yardfest to the end, I never had any idea that it would feel so good to see people enjoying themselves and having a good time."

Anthony Santigati was one of many student artists who showed off their talents while on the yard.

This scene was repeated all day long as old friends reunited on the yard.

Photos by Melissa Valle

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Hip-Hop Concert

DJ Kid Capri hypes up the crowd with his phat mixes and amazing skillz- rocking the turntables and the microphones.



Outkast was one of two major headliners that rocked this year's concert. Big Boi and Andre-- what else is there to say?



This year's Hip Hop concert was so tight, another show would have seemed pointless. This year Burr Gymnasium opened its doors to Xibit, Kurupt, Kid Capri, Goodie Mob, Outkast, and a host of other up and coming artists. Because the Homecoming Steering Committee was made up of people from different backgrounds and regions, they tried to represent everyone's interests with the limited funds that were available. They were able to bring different sounds to Howard University, like West Coast and the ever popular Dirty South.

The ticket sales were slow at first but the Homecoming Committee worked hard to promote and sell the concert to the HU community. Flyers were passed out on the yard during the Yardfest and signs were posted in the main buildings and on Georgia Avenue. The committee also had volunteers walking through the crowds to inform people of the concert, and to try and promote the concert to people who may not have bought their tickets.

"Students were uncertain about the concert and felt the price was too high," said junior Biology major Marlana Skinner.

The night of the concert was one of mixed feelings. Some students expressed their excitement for Outkast and other students just went to gain the full experience of college life. The homecoming activities, such as the Yardfest and the Pep-Rally, helped the students get into the Howard University Homecoming spirit, which may have influenced some students to buy their tickets for the concert.

According to Brandi Forte, a junior Broadcast Journalism major "the price was expensive for students even if you are an Outkast fan." But whether or not you went, anticipation was still there.

As the night unfolded, the students got a treat from the main acts as well as local talent because the entertainment was consistent and had something for almost everyone. Safarrah Lawson, a senior History major said, "It was great that the concert gave unestablished groups such as the Young Bloods, Kapeers and No Coast an opportunity to shine."

The concert had no security problems and most people who went were completely satisfied with the event. Both the anticipation and excitement seemed to have been worth it.

Kurupt lets the crowd know that "it ain't no fun" if the West side can't have none.

Goodie Mob's Cee-lo gets up, gets out, and gets the crowd jumpin'.



by Erin Jackson

Game Day and Parade

Led by All-American quarterback Ted White, the Bison football team trampled the Norfolk State Spartans 54-20. With touchdowns by five different receivers, three of whom scored twice, the Bison not only showed their diversity, but they showed the Spartans who was boss.

The assault on the Spartans began almost immediately. Less than two minutes into the first quarter, wide receiver, Toyas Rainey caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from White. Several minutes later, White threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to tight end, Leonard Stephens. And with approximately 6:00 minutes left in the first quarter, Stuart Broome scored on a two point conversion run.

The second quarter just added insult to injury. White completed four more touchdown passes, bringing the halftime score to 41-6. The third quarter was relatively quiet for the Bison. But they sealed the victory by scoring two backbreaking touchdowns in the fourth.

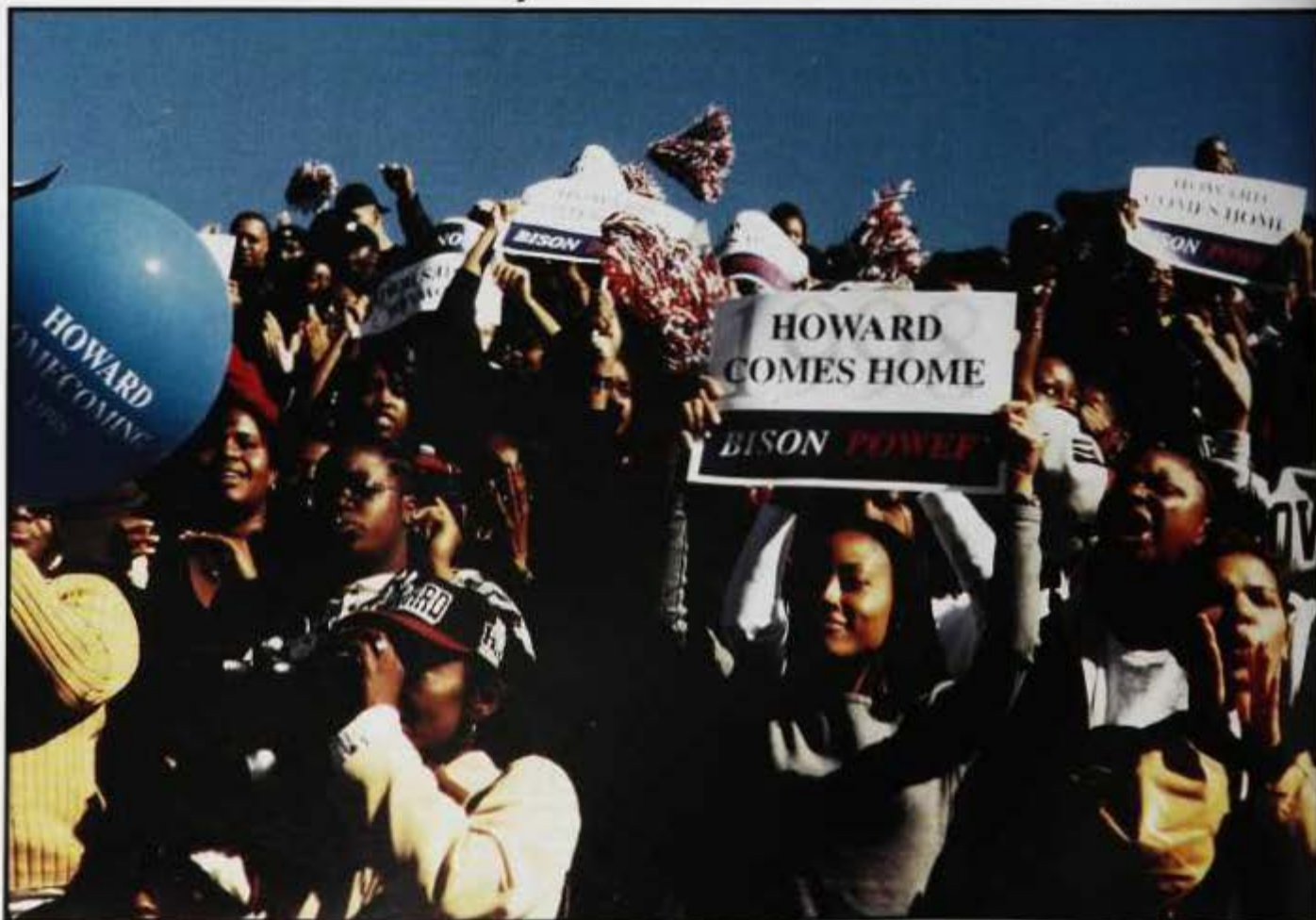
Said Stephens, "The key to our victory in the Homecoming game was a balanced attack. Coming off two losses, our main goal was to physically punish our opponents. We ran the ball, which opened up the pass."

With eight touchdown passes on the day, White broke his own MEAC record for most touchdown passes in a single game, and became the all-time leading MEAC passer. "The offensive line did a great job, and the receivers made some great catches," said White. "Without teammates like them, there's no way I could have done it." With two sacks on the afternoon, All American defensive lineman, Marques Douglas, became the second all-time sack leader in the MEAC conference.

While this was a truly memorable game for seniors White and Douglas, when asked what he will remember most about being part of Howard football, White said, "My most memorable experience here as a member of this team is just being around these guys is something I will remember for the rest of m life...And if I go to the NFL, I'll know these are the guys that got me there."

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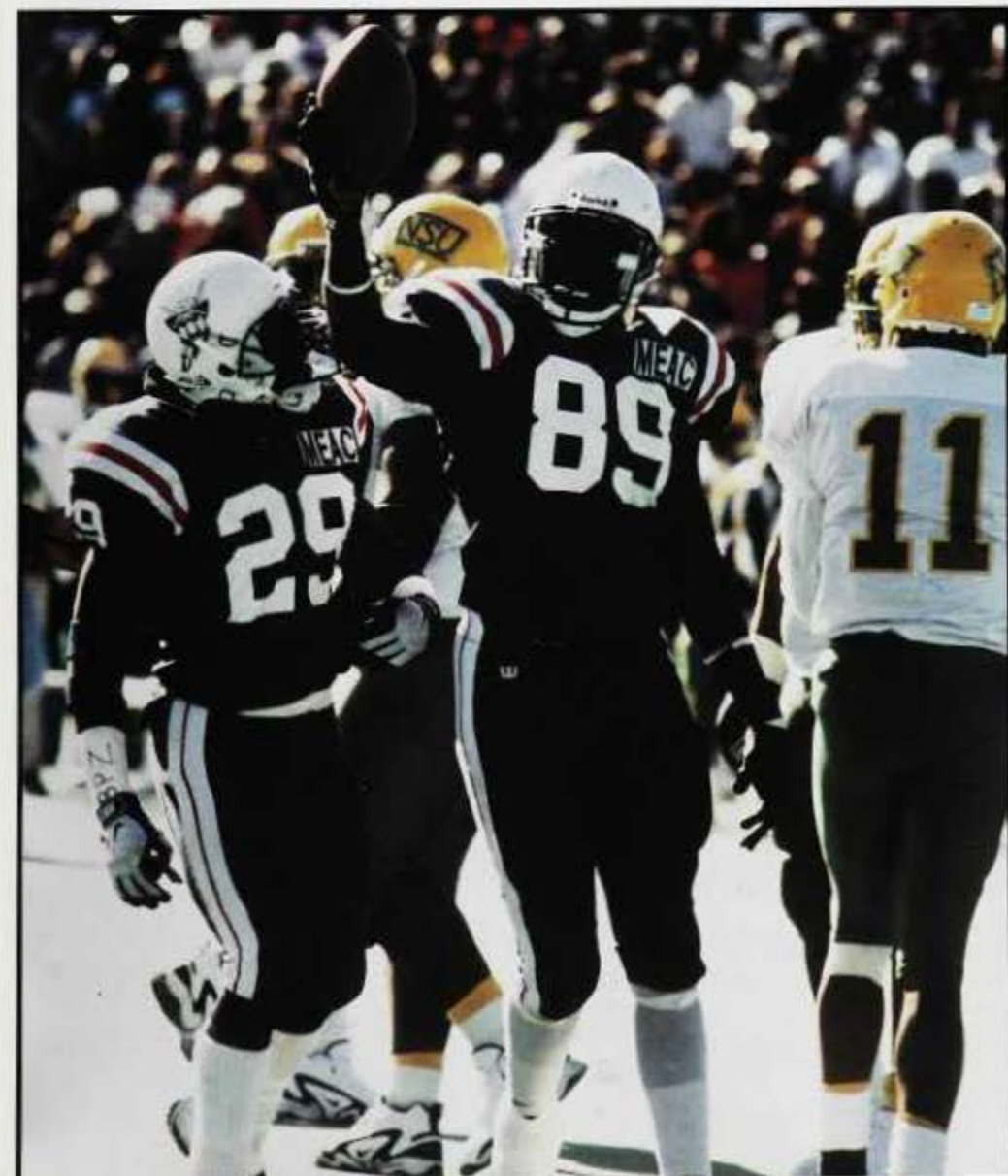
Students and alumni show their spirits as they raise banners that said "Bison Power."



The Bison is caught getting down to help hype up the crowd throughout the game.



The Ooh La La girls lead the band up Georgia Avenue in the Homecoming day Parade.

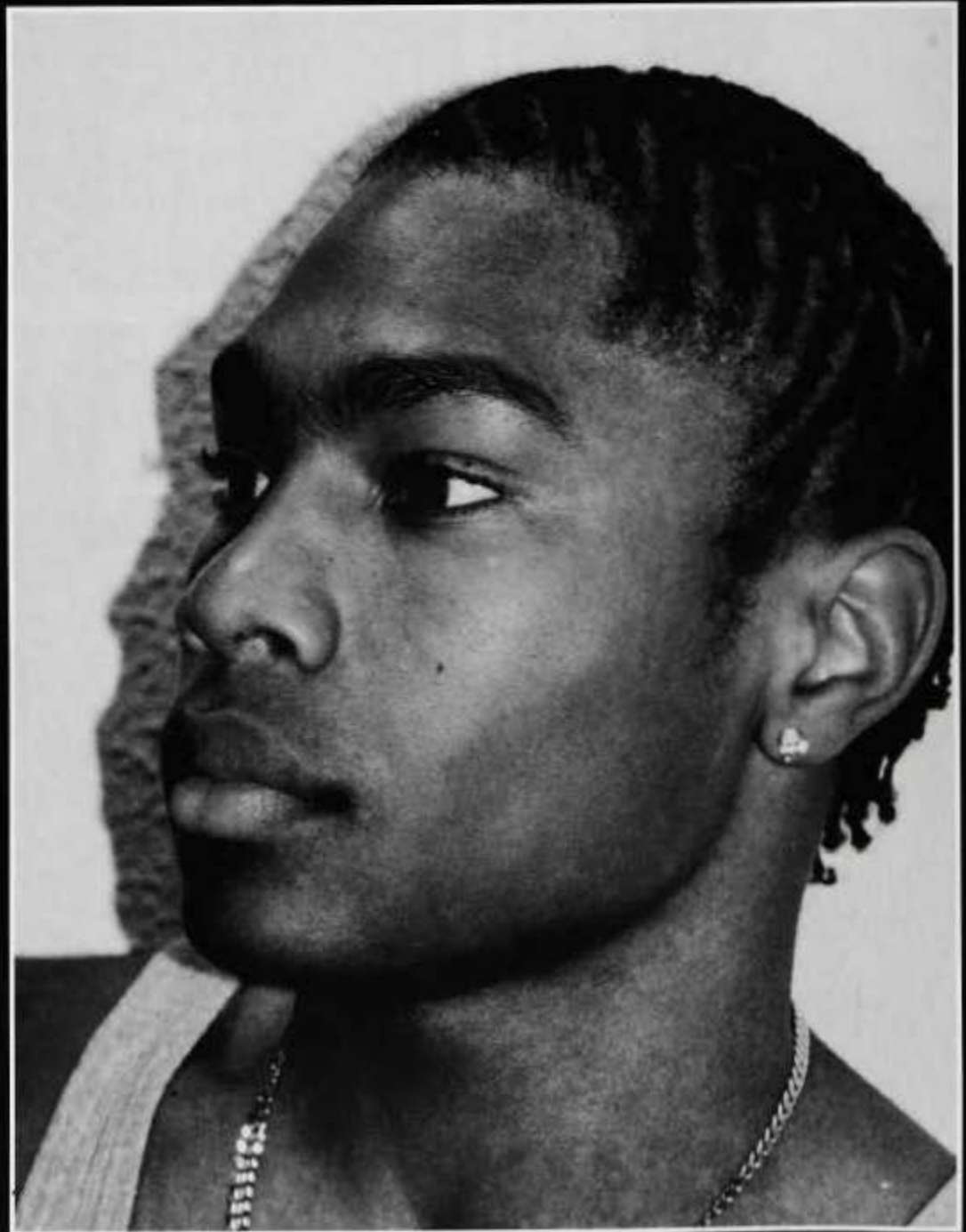


The Howard University Football team crushed the Norfolk State Spartans 54-20.

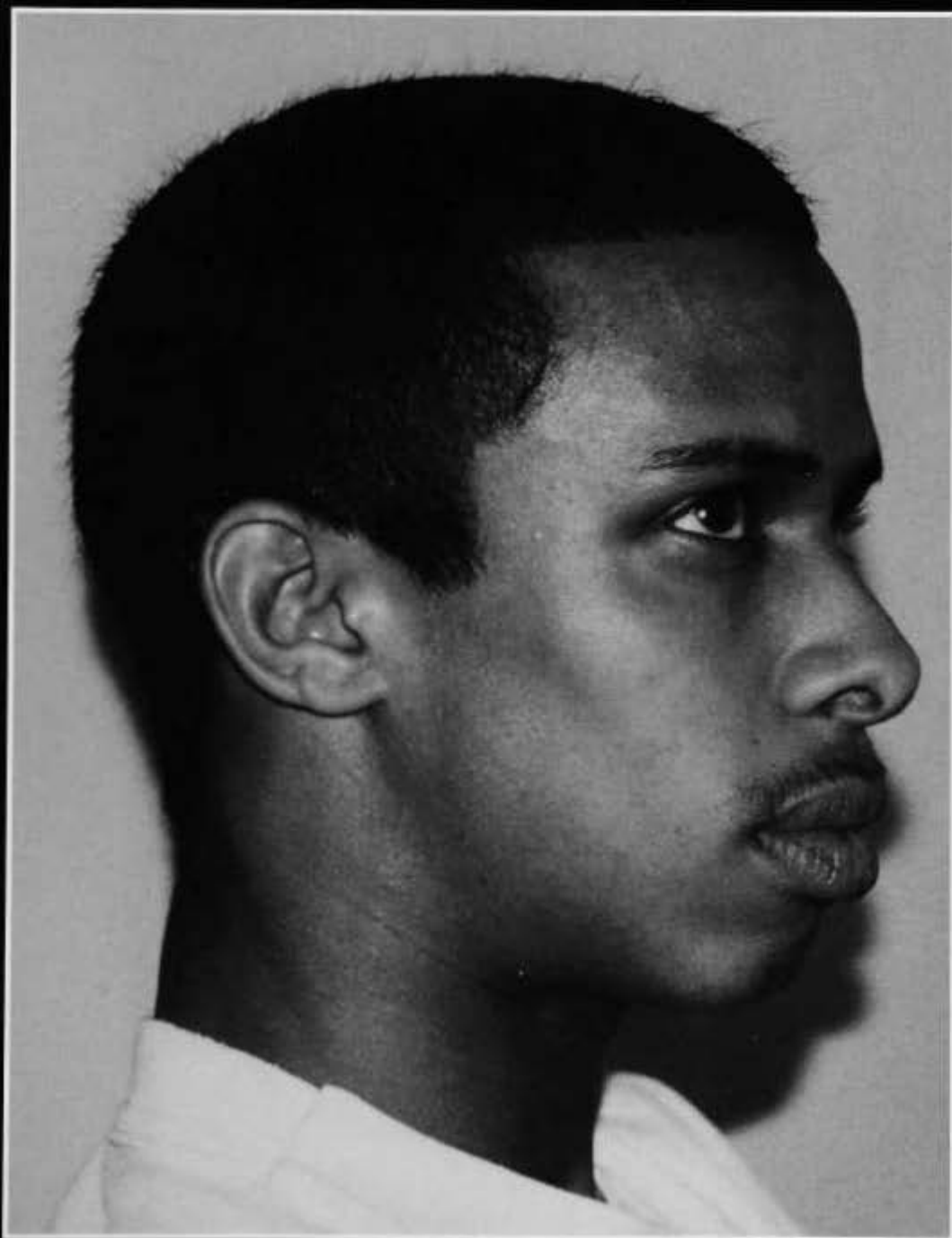
Even future Howardites showed their spirit at the game. Whether they were big or small, everyone was proud to be at Howard University.

Perceptions

We are light skinned, brown skinned, or one shade lighter than jet black. There are locks, perms, weaves, cornrows and fros. We represent almost every state, country, culture and religion in the world. We enter the campus steadfast in our beliefs and attitudes, almost as if they are emblazoned across our chests like Superman or Superwoman. But we must merge, compromise and



respect one another to make any friends, contacts or relationships here at the Mecca. The following pages represent the perceptions of some of our writers about some of the hottest topics on campus -- the constantly misquoted ratio of males to females, the increasing numbers of white students, finding your own distinct niche, and the question of whether virginity is still held high on the moral scale to name a few. Read what they have to say and see if maybe they aren't alone in their opinions.



Beauty is in the eye of the Beholder. But that phrase does not pertain to Howardites, or does it?

Howard students are notorious for being extremely vain or "snooty." It is known among HBCU's that accepting your place at Howard University freshman year requires a new elaborate wardrobe or you will not fit in. There is nothing wrong with "dressing down" as we call it, but can we help it if our University teaches us to look our best at all times. However, everybody's "best" is definitely relative. But it is all a matter of taste.

Looking good at Howard goes for males and females. Let's be real—we go to one of the most prestigious, if not THE most prestigious university in the nation so with that title comes responsibility. This is why our sports teams travel in suits, loafers and high heels while the other schools show up in practice sweats. This is why during job fairs Howard students know to throw on their best black, blue or gray suits for the job fair and other schools insist on showing up looking like they just stepped out of a Steve Harvey comedy special with bright yellows and baby blues. Is it our fault that we want to look good and we do it so well?

However when it comes to looking the part, some say that there are two definite extremes here at Howard. Either you are the "Dime" on campus or you are not making the final cut. You are the first female asked to the Bison Ball or you are stuck serving punch to everyone else like Cinderella. Guys either knock each other over to give you a flyer for the Friday night party or they look over you like a blade of grass on the Yard. Either you are the first in line at every fashion show try out or you are sitting in your window from Cook Hall watching everybody standing outside of Cramton after the Big Night. Whatever category you fit in, I still say that Howard students definitely have a look of their own.

Outer and inner beauty is often a popular topic among coed discussions. No other place on earth can you find a more "open" conversation concerning this dilemma. Huddled on the Yard or in a corner of the Punch Out, men and women talk about "what turns them on" and what shuts them off as far as looks go.

The general consensus is that everything is relative. There will always be somebody that one person thinks is gorgeous and another believes that they would sooner die before dating that person. Obviously beauty is very important here on Howard's campus. However, everyone's definition of BEAUTIFUL is different. Glasses might be your thing, or you might prefer females with braids, men with small chests, skinny girls, big boys, bald girls or dreaded guys. Whatever your preference, they are beautiful to you and you are the same . . . BEAUTIFUL.

There are so many personalities and attitudes here that once you really get down to friendships and romantic unions, the looks all fall away and it is quite irrelevant in the long run. You are Howard University. You are short or tall. You are slim or large. You shop at Bloomingdales or at the thrift store. You are light, dark or in between. You have freckles or scars. You are BEAUTIFUL!

Perception by Rashida Harrington

The Eye of the Beholder



Photograph by Melissa Valle

A Question of Race



I have to admit. I didn't come to Howard simply because it was a black university. I came for a slew of reasons, but being predominantly black did have its advantages. For two and a half years of my life I lived in Andover, Massachusetts, an upper class white community. I would say that the minority population was total 4%, that included blacks, asians, latinos, and any other race. It was rough being the only black girl, it was rough continuously being the center of amusement and wonder, but I made it through. I lived in Williamsburg, Virginia during high school and by the time I graduated I needed a dose of my own people. I needed to feel like no matter what I did, wore, or said, there would always be someone else who was similar to me and understand where I was coming from. Because of this need, I picked Howard.

I thought because both of my sisters are Howard University alumni, nothing here at Howard would surprise me. I've been coming on this campus and in and out of the dorms since 1987. I remember when Wonder Plaza actually smelled of fresh bread, but amazingly I found a big surprise. White People. I figured there would be a professor or two, but I wasn't expecting to see as many white students as I did. And because of all the years of questions and comments I had been subjected to by other white people, I felt I had a right to ask any white student the one thing I wanted to know most : Why of all the universities in the United States did you want to come to Howard?

I remember when I asked a white guy that question. He told me he was so tired of hearing that and wanted to know why it was the first thing most people at Howard asked him. I wanted to scream back, "Did I complain when I moved from North Carolina to Massachusetts and kids asked me if I picked cotton? Did I complain when girls would stroke my hair like I was a horse because they've never seen a black person with long hair?" No, I didn't complain because I realized I was an alien in their environment and the questions wouldn't stop, so I might as well answer as politely as I can and move on. Instead, I told him, "If you haven't noticed this is classified as a historically black university. No one here expects to see a white person just kickin' it on the yard like he doesn't stick out."

If I'd had a choice I wouldn't have lived in Andover, Massachusetts, but I would have lost an experience that has significantly shaped my life. I feel like if I didn't gain it there, I would have gotten it somewhere else. I don't have anything against white people, I just want to know why can't black people have their own things? There are universities all over the country that don't have a spot of color on their campus and HBCU's are simply a sea of made up of many shades of brown. So why would you put yourself in an environment where you can assume you'll be asked why you're here, where you will continuously stick out? I know I wouldn't put myself in an environment where I would feel out of place, so why do you willingly choose to?

Perception by Dana M. Williams

We came to the Mecca as freshmen, and whether we were 17 or 18, young men or women, dark or light, from the east or west, we all took Bison Communion. We were mesmerized by college life - wild parties, sex, adult gossip, homecoming, Greek life, and Graduation. Oh yeah, academics too. College is a learning experience and one must know the immediate Do's and Don'ts before entering the rites-of-passage for your undergraduate years.

The Do's

- a. Find friends from your home state
- b. Choose a major that will make you famous or make money
- c. Kick it only with people who are like you
- d. Never step foot on campus looking like a Bum or a Bag Lady
- e. Join lots of organizations; they will make you popular.

The Don'ts

- a. Hang around people from rivaling states
- b. Choose a major that you like
- c. Kick it with people that don't look like you
- d. Come to campus as you are
- e. Be an individual, discover you, and live life.

In examining this list you find that students who begin by adhering to the Do's end up doing the Don'ts. Why? Because friends and cliques don't last forever.

Let's take a look. The five-deep clique of freshman women that spent their book money on Anna Sui, Prada, DKNY, and Mac lipstick to wear to the cafeteria, are probably flat broke one year later. Out of the original five, one will probably go home, two will remain friends, one will find a new clique, and the other will either find a Howard man or be by herself. And the freshman guys that walked onto the yard like their crew consisted of Method Man, Kobe Bryant, Tyson Beckford, Mekhi Pfeifer, and Omar Epps, are predicted to split up according to their majors, image, or rap skills. "Method Man" will kick it with hip hop fanatics. "Kobe" will join the "winning" basketball team. "Tyson" will be in all the fashion shows. "Mekhi" will be Fine Art's Actor of the Year, and Omar will find his way into Greek Life.

This process is called assimilation. And the truth is we must all find our niche to survive on this campus and in the world. Business students hang together and walk around campus in matching suits and briefcases. Fine Arts students dress outlandishly, wear their manes natural, and only kick it with weirdos. The School of Arts and Sciences students run Power Hall and participate in Greek Life. And Communications students exist in their own world, and come onto the main yard only to shoot films and read at poetry ciphers. Is this true, or do most students simply find a comfortable group of people that think, act, and dream like themselves?

In this process of assimilation, we meet life-long friends. And whether you call them sorors or bros., sista or brotha, man or woman - or "my niggas" they are people with whom we share our life experiences. It is the Howard Athletic jackets, Greek Letter paraphernalia, and those who wear no jacket at all that make Howard. It is the Rasta, the Muslim, Buddhist, and the Christian that complete the cipher.

Though not all will leave here with the same clique that they started off with, our experiences are what we will share with our kids, friends, and family. The four years of coming into manhood and womanhood are something that a validation sticker can't validate. And you thought popularity would last forever...It's funny how some fade by the wayside. And it's funny how we come to Howard as individuals, searching for our niches, and leave with one identity, sojourning without regrets, departing into the next phase of life proudly carrying our diploma, with one name on it.

Perception by Brandi Forte

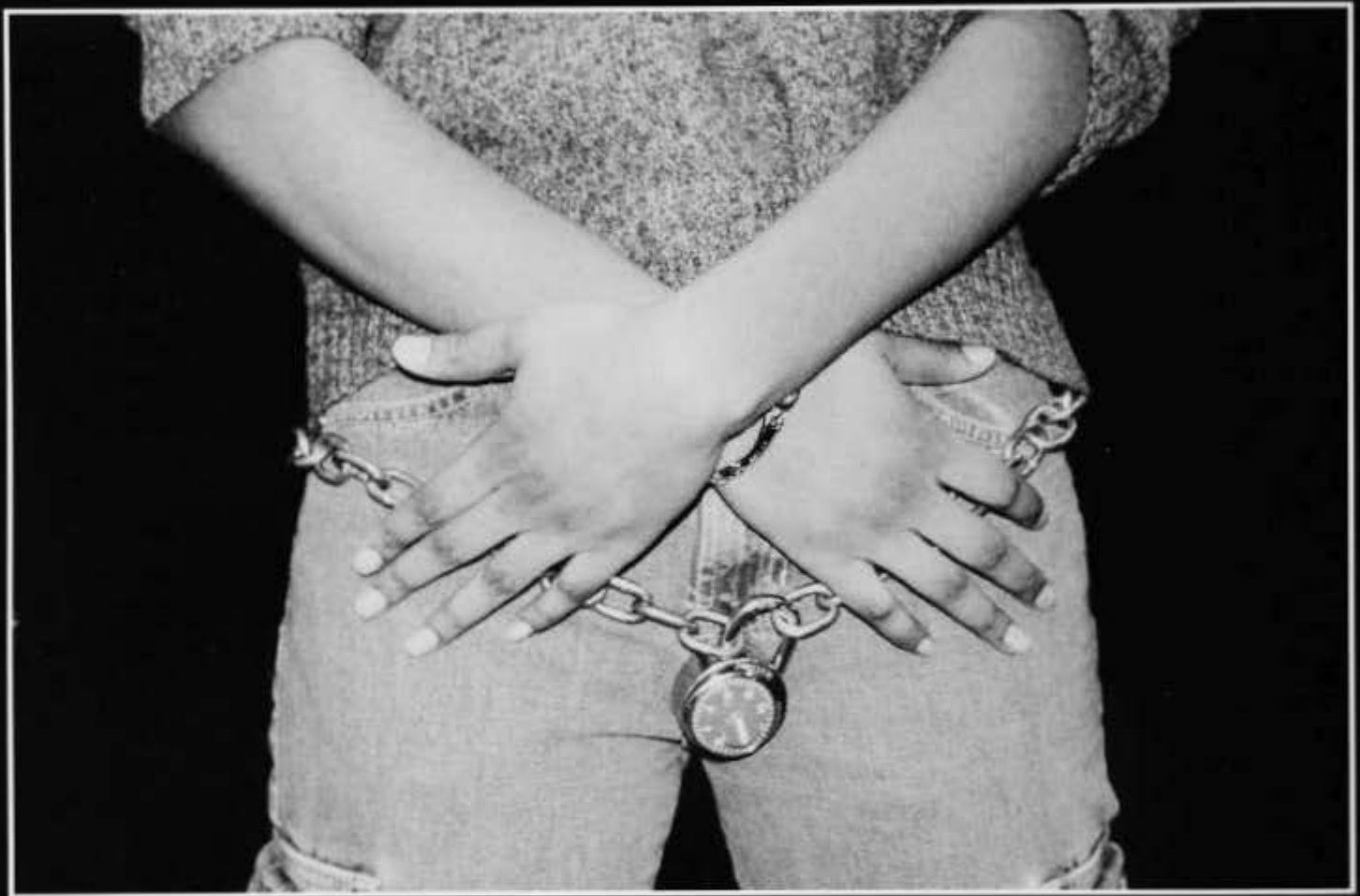


Finding Your Niche



Photographs by Melissa Valle

Forbidden Fruit



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Am I a virgin? HELL NO!"

Ask any guy on this campus and you'll get the same response over and over again. When I sat down and really started thinking about the angle for this story I had to stop and think about all of the trite and tired ways the topic of virginity has been approached. There is the fact that there are still a few chosen virgins left in the world, all by choice because they are saving themselves—of course those people are females - or there is the route that all of us are horny 24-7 and that we all lost our virginity before we got to high school. But what about the rest of us who might not have gotten much play in high school, or thought they fell in love and decided to give it up to that special someone. What about the theory, that really is a reality, that guys date the freaks and marry the good girls? Who are the good girls? Are they the pure virginly angels who have never even so much as made out with a guy or are they the girls that had one boyfriend their whole life and need that strong and powerful provider? Well instead of trying to rack my brain for a rationale to the male mind I asked one instead. A prime candidate.

We all know him as La, the cute Philly-born Campus Pal or for those of you who follow Greek life, one of the many Nupes of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Although La unfortunately can not classify himself as a virgin, he was very candid about his feelings on the subject.

"What do I think about any woman who hasn't had sex? . . . I definitely admire them. You're a strong person. Live on!! But if you're a dude, n—a you're whack. I think you're game is extremely horrible and you are missing out!" said La.

What's up? Is the double standard really that blatant?

"Actually I think it's honorable, respectable! [Males'] sexual prowess comes out more than females so the fact that they can stay a virgin is totally admirable."

Although he would prefer to marry a virgin, "What guy wouldn't," La says that he'd really like to marry a girl that has been with a few people because she will know how to handle herself both in the bedroom and outside. He even has his own philosophy on what he's looking for in a wife.

"I call it SHIFC: sacrifice, honesty, intimacy (or intercourse,) fidelity and commitment."

So all of you girls out there who are reclaiming your virginity, you want to join the race of born-again virgins, stop and think. Here is a male who is attractive, intelligent and wants a woman with experience.

I guess that means that there is hope for all of you hoochies and freaks who have been with more men than there are in my extended family. This means that a new day is dawning when the virgin girls may become the outcasts and the freaks will rule the world.

Wait, isn't that today?

Perception by Kacee Wilkerson

Male : Female Ratio

What is it like 11 to 1 or 18 to 1?

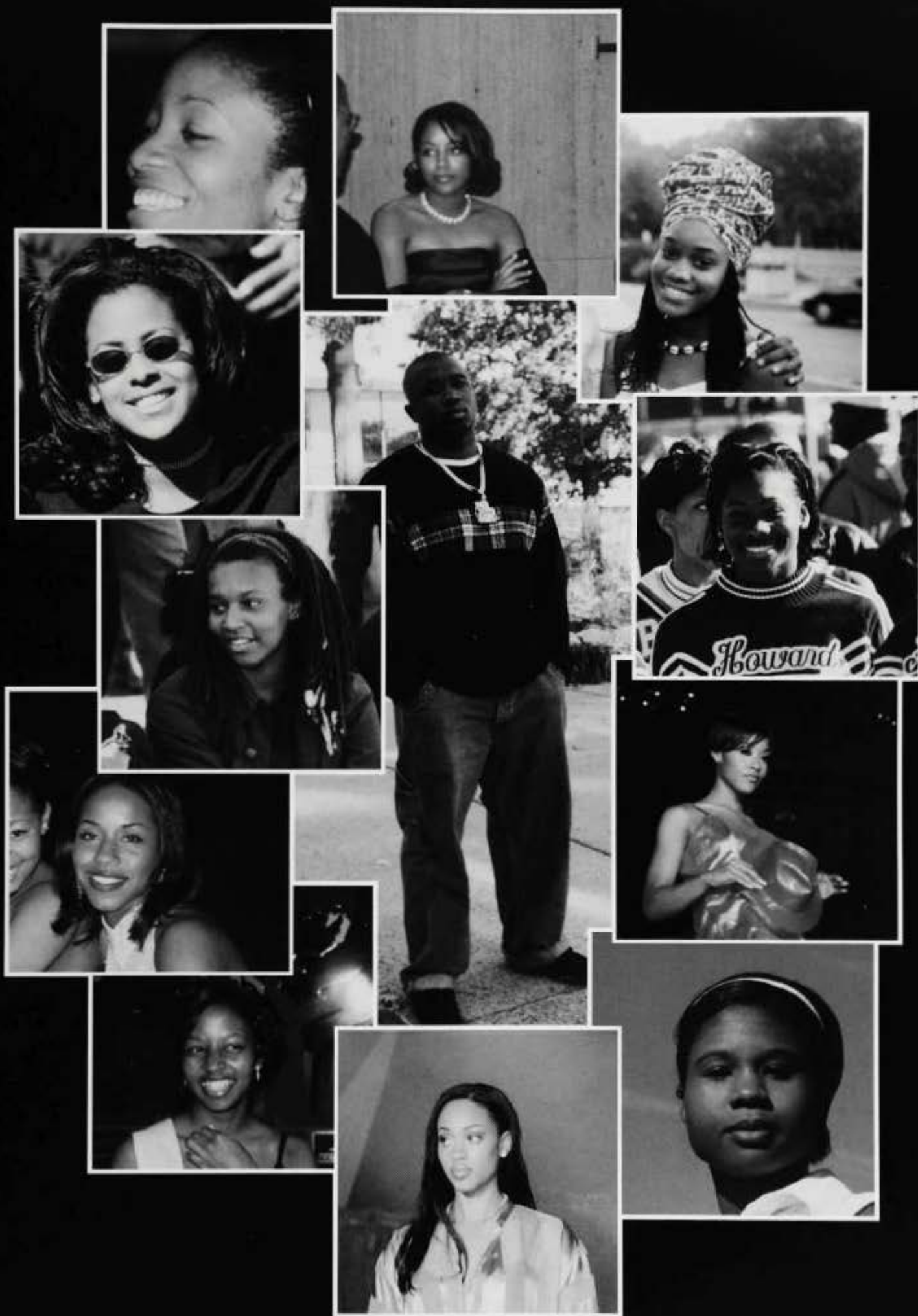
Actually the ratio is only 3 to 2 but from being in class every day and walking around this campus it feels like the ratio of black women to men at Howard University is mythic. Those number soar to astronomical levels when we factor out the guys who are religiously devout, pencil pushers who value A's more than C cups, the facially challenged, cornballs, and of course the men who prefer m . . .well you know who I am talking about.

What is a poor brother to do? Indulge. Woof! Woof!

Now the rumor mill being what it is at the Mecca, there are guys on campus who have stories circulating about them that just defy imagination—just lewd behavior. There's the one about the guy who paid conjugal visits to an entire floor at one of the female dorms. Then you have John who got with Susie, Nefretiti, Erica and Hannah. Mind you all these women were friends. It goes on and on, just lewd behavior. I don't even want to discuss the fraternities.

All this sex has its repercussions, hurt feelings, disease, angry women, disease, broken hearts, did I say disease. I'm sure the rumor about one out of every four students at Howard having a sexually transmitted disease has crossed many students' minds. And yet we continue. But the guys who truly enjoy the Mecca are those who do something special. They make the decision to commit to one girl and and by committing, fall in love. A Howard man falling in love, I know it seems to be the epitome of an oxymoron but there are those few who truly do and I commend them. They walk around campus holding hands with their girl, knowing they look corny but decide to remain ignorant. They spend time with "their woman." They buy gifts for their woman. I think it is a beautiful thing. But its just the process of getting to that one woman that I am so stuck on.

Perception by Bobby White



Photographs taken by various Bison Yearbook Photographers

Freedom of Speech



Photograph by Melissa Valle

Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The freedoms and liberties granted by the Constitution are the bases of the American society. So if the First Amendment grants us the freedom to speak freely and express ourselves, the Howard University Administration shouldn't be able to deny us of these very same rights.

But they do...Time and time again.

I'm sure all of you upperclassmen remember the demonstration during the 1996-1997 school year. It all started with a proposal called the Strategic Framework for Action - the document that proposed the merging of several of the University's schools and colleges.

Students were not informed that the proposal was to be implemented until it was too late. And they were upset because they were not given the opportunity to voice their opinions. So, the administration agreed to hold a Town Meeting whose purpose was to placate the student body and make them feel like their concerns would be taken into consideration. When the meeting began, President Swygert danced around questions and, in some instances, refused to comment at all. What followed was a protest in which hundreds of students gathered around the Administration Building trying to get the attention of the administration and make their voices heard. These students spent the night outside, not necessarily because they were upset by the proposed mergers, but because they understood the implications this situation held for future decisions of this magnitude.

And last year, during a poetry cipher in Cramton there was an outraged parent who disapproved of the explicit language used by one of the poets. After a heated exchange between she and several students, she called President Swygert during the performance to express her disgust. As a result, the show was cut short. This episode led to last year's revision of the Student Code of Conduct, which gave the administration greater power to censor campus programs.

Now, had I known that Howard University was a place where creativity and expression were stifled, I may have thought twice about coming here. I mean, should attending a private university mean that we, as students, give up the rights that would be afforded us in the outside world? If our administration can just change the rules whenever something they don't like happens, this campus will become a virtual prison.

Don't think its that serious? Well, listen up. Each year that I've been here, there has been a situation in which the democratic process, freedom of speech, or freedom of expression has been suppressed. This year has been pretty quiet so far, but mind you, the yearbook goes to print in February. Who knows what may have happened between then and now.

Perception by Erin Jackson

It feels so good to be here right now. Wrapped up in his arms in the dim light before morning, sharing this beginning to a new day with only him, your bodies intertwined as if they were cut from the same mold. Just a few hours before the two of you were more like one flesh as you dipped and dived into one another, the music was playing in the background (sure it was Redman's "I'll Bee Dat" but it was the thought that counts) he laid you down on his bed, the sheets had the faint odor of sweat but he's a man, he's supposed to sweat. He softly kissed his way over your entire body, with each upwards kiss you beginning to get the stronger smell of onions, until finally the two of you were in the throes of passion and you forgot that you were in a jail cell, I mean, a room in Meridian Hill Hall and that his roommate was asleep in the next bed. He made you feel like nobody else could. So why should it matter that you had to come by at 1:30 in the morning because he "fell asleep" from his hard day at practice for one of our outstanding athletic teams and that you need to start getting dressed because you need to go back to your room and shower before your 8 o'clock class that your man is in. No you're not trifling, this is one of the flyest brothas on campus and he wants to kick it to you. You've got your man and you always will, hell he proposed over the Christmas Break and that ring on your finger sure looks good. But this fine specimen of a man is a prize and you are going to enjoy this as long as possible. OK, so maybe you have to sneak around a little—your man thinks you have a study group off campus twice a week and the phone is disconnected because the bill isn't paid or that your little fling says he's never home anyway so he'll call you but you can always page him. But hey this is the price you pay to be with one of the few attractive men on HU's campus, right? I mean, you can't possibly pass up a chance to get with a guy that has probably been with twenty other girls that have felt just as special as you do. And it's safe, he always has a condom, except that one time but you stopped and you got your na na licked instead, and you and your gynecologist are on a first name basis, so it's all good.

Perception by Kacee Wilkerson

KEEPIN' IT ON THE down low



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Academics



Winter



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Snuggling up



Snuggling up with a good book.

Warm, fleece blankets. A steaming mug of hot chocolate.

Three pair of socks. Your elementary statistics book and

a TI-82. Some of the many images of a student hard at

work late on a winter's night. Each new year has its

seasons and winter time, without fail, always proves to

be the hardest. It is the time when the course work is the

hardest, when professors lay it on the thickest, when

buckling down is the norm; not the exception.

with a good book

Academics Divider67

Farrakhan Visits



Powerful words from a powerful man. Minister Farrakhan came to Howard University once again to share his ideas and direction for the impending millenium.



Minister Louis Farrakhan delivers his speech to a packed auditorium and featured guest including former mayor, Marion Barry.

by
Erin
Jackson

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Minister Louis Farrakhan's October visit to the Mecca was met with both excitement and apprehension. The campus was buzzing in anticipation of his visit weeks before his arrival. Because of Minister Farrakhan's often controversial viewpoints, many were concerned that his visit would attract negative press for the University. However, most people were enthusiastic about his visit.

Thronged of students, faculty members, and members of the surrounding community, lined up on Sixth Street hours before the start of the program in hopes of getting a seat. But there was an even larger number of people who chose to watch the live broadcast in the Blackburn Ballroom or on WHUT-TV 32. "I was trying to get a seat in Cramton, but by 4:00 the line was all the way down to the [Administration] Building. They were telling people to go and watch [the program] in the ballroom," said Tamar Hylton, a sophomore biology major. Graig Jackson, a student from UNC Chapel Hill who was visiting a relative on the day of the program, was impressed when he heard that Minister Farrakhan would be speaking on campus. "Man," said Jackson, "Farrakhan would never have been invited to come to my school."

During his approximately three-hour speech, Minister Farrakhan spoke about this country's need for atonement, and the necessary steps to achieve it. He also expressed his disapproval of President Clinton's handling of the Monica Lewinsky scandal, but stated that a sincere apology from Clinton would be the first step in the national atonement process. Maisha Crawford, a junior television production major said, "He spoke for almost three hours and I was intrigued the whole time. He wasn't as radical and controversial as people say he is." For Jo-Ann Enwezor, a junior public relations major, it was a monumental occasion. "Minister Farrakhan is an inspiration. I would love to hear him speak again before I graduate."

The general consensus was that the event was a positive one. Even Farrakhan's detractors had to admit that his speech was inspiring. His visit was a testimony to Howard University's legacy of hosting the African American community's most influential and intriguing individuals. Said Crawford, "He was a powerful speaker. We should definitely have more speakers like him."



Director of Domestic and International Exchange, Betty Aikens, explains the options to this student. She helps several students year round in planning out their studies abroad.

One student points out on the map where she spent her time abroad.



Photos by Tremayne Taylor

Study Abroad Foreign

by LaToya Brown

With the world becoming increasingly diverse in culture, many Howard University students are expanding their horizons and taking advantage of the opportunity to visit foreign lands while in college.

Kelci Boyd, a senior French major, decided to study abroad in France to expand her perspective on French culture. Boyd attended the University of Paris Sorbonne in Paris, France. She said that living in a country other than your own forces you to learn the dominant language.

"Being in a country where they speak a specific language, you have to speak it. It's different from the text because you learn slang too," said Boyd. Boyd said that except for two American students, her classes consisted of students from various countries.

Cynne Simpson, a junior broadcast journalism major, said that although she had studied Spanish for seven years and had studied in Costa Rica in high school, the language barrier still made her classes somewhat difficult.

Simpson said that the University she attended, promoted international diversity, what with its student makeup consisting of people from Africa, Germany, France and many other countries. "It was like one big melting pot," said Simpson.

Mrs. Betty Aikens, Director of Domestic and International Exchange, said that it's important for students to travel to different countries because it gives them another perspective on life and allows them to extend their educational and job placement possibilities.

"A lot of international students are exposed to what we [the United States] are doing, but we are not exposed to their countries," said Aikens.

According to many programs choose from but specifically independent component programs for Foreign and International Program (ISEP). programs cover a including Argentina, England, and Russia. programs do promotion of living on dormitories, most students families who host economic reasons.

Although abroad program is Sophomores and Juniors in the Fall and Spring semesters, students are allowed to find other agencies to work with.

"I would recommend all students to take advantage of your college years to study abroad now because you will never have the opportunity once you graduate and get into the work force," said Simpson.



Cynne Simpson and Sharon Edwards completed a study abroad program in Costa Rica. As an exchange student, new worlds are literally open to you.

Aikens, there are that students can Howard works through two independent agencies, American Institute of Studies (AIFS) Student Exchange Program. These two programs cover a wide range of countries including Argentina, Australia, and Russia. While these students are on campus or in dormitories, most students are with families who host them for economic reasons.

Howard's study abroad program is only open to

Challenged?

Are You

Daily, thousands of Howard students trek across campus in pursuit of their aspirations of a higher education and a successful career. Whether they are business, communications, or engineering students, each has a predetermined academic curriculum that, as the years continue, becomes increasingly more difficult. However, for many entering students here at the Mecca, namely freshmen, there is a misconception that the workload is no more challenging than that of their high school. The real truth is in fact that our freshman year in college should not be taken for granted. It is a year, like that of any other, when you should excel in your studies; especially if it is

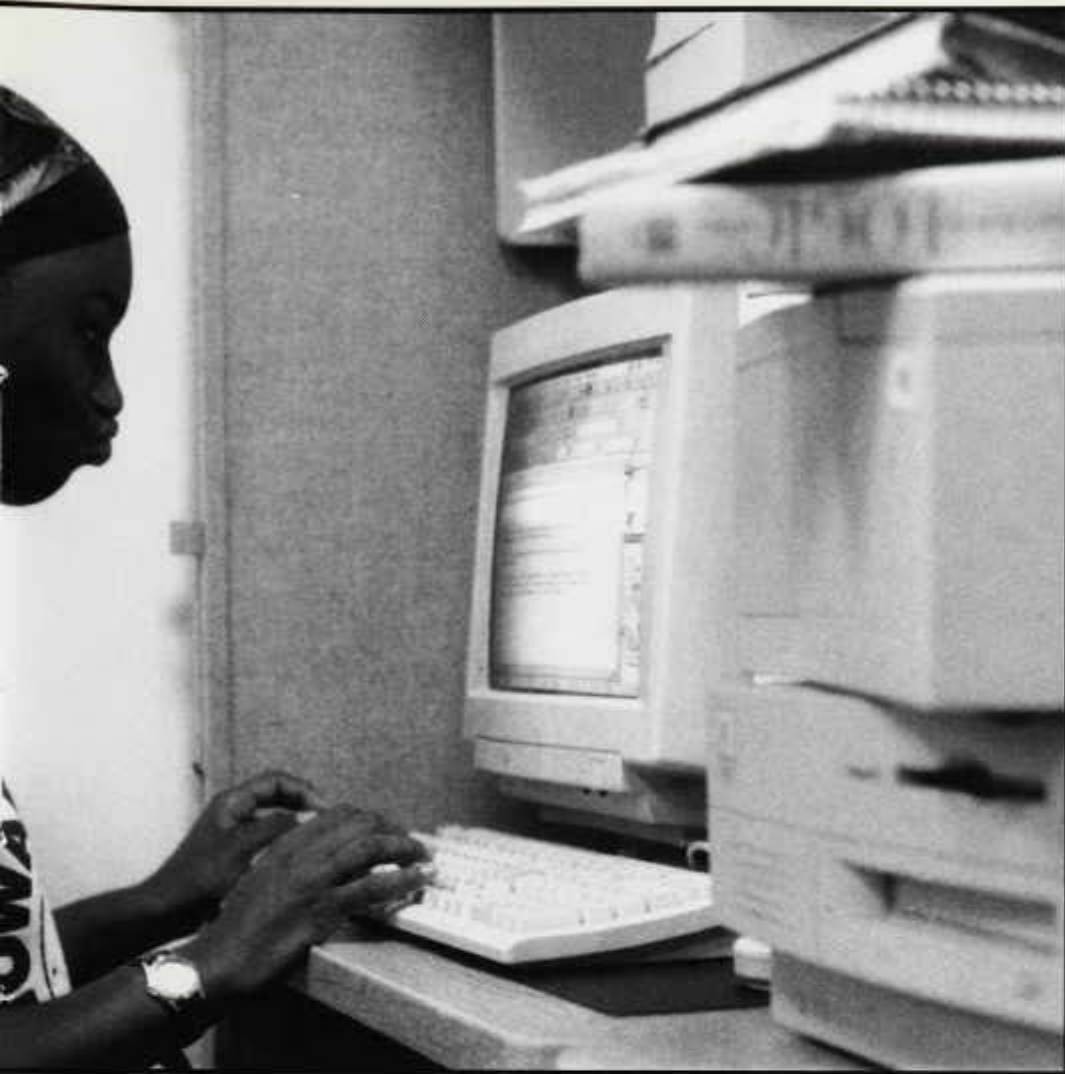
deemed an "easy" year. Despite the opinions on the challenges of your first year, the workload and the level of excellence does increase and become more challenging. The curriculum becomes harder and more time consuming, no more all-night cramming and professors both require and expect more out of your performance. Sophomore International Business major Tiana Lockett believes that, "you can never take anything for granted. Howard is an excellent school for higher education." On any given day, or not for that matter, students are hard at work and dedicated, but at the time of your graduation you will realize that your mind has been challenged and that you have completed one of the many challenges yet to come in your life.

by Ginger D. Myers

Photos by Anthony Santigati

A helpful way to relieve the pressure. One student finds the best way to alleviate stress while working is through using music. Students have to find all types of creative ways to make their work more enjoyable.





Samaiyah Johnson is hard at work in one of the student offices on Power Hall. Many students find that they have to find time to do their work anywhere and anytime.

The studying never stops. Even during a quick bite in the cafeteria these two students become engrossed in their studies.



Popular Professors

by Tenee M. L. Forrest
Photos by Benjamin Johnson

Dr. Debyii Thomas is a professor in the School of Communications. She is also a coach for the award winning Martin Luther King Jr. Debate Team.

Professor Mark Jolin is an acting instructor in the Division of Fine Arts. Jolin take a moment to talk to Musical Theatre major Steven Claiborne.





It is time to give recognition and honor where it is due – to some of the most popular professors at Howard University. Most people would agree that a popular professor is one that is widely liked and appreciated by his or her students. His/her personality, teaching style, availability, and concern towards his/her students further determine a professor's popularity.

When asked which professors she thought were popular, Latasha Price, a senior International Business Major said that Dr. Gwynette Lacy, Chair of the Management Department in the School of Business is widely liked. "She is very warm and gives much more of herself than is required. Dr. Lacy hosted a Super Bowl party, held a pool party at her home, and coordinated a fashion show" whose proceeds went to student scholarships.

Steven Claiborne, a junior Musical Theatre major feels that Professor Mark Jolin, an acting instructor in the Division of Fine Arts, is extremely popular. "Dedicated to his students' developments both personally and academically, [Professor Jolin] makes comprehension and understanding a priority," remarked Claiborne.

Kenneth Russell, a Senior Broadcast Journalism major and President of the School of Communications Student Council, thinks Dr. Debyii Thomas is one of the most popular professors in the School of Communications. "Dr. Thomas is head of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Forensics Debate Team, and she is known by almost every student in the school. She is everybody's mother and friend all wrapped into one."

Dr. Richard Wright of the School of Communications' Annenberg Honors Program, stated that "Most teachers at universities are not trained to teach. A teacher should have the confidence to teach on their subject. A teacher should care. It invites the student to become part of the process. No one can teach us. The learner decides if her wants to be taught."

This writer would like to show her appreciation for these professors and every other dedicated professor by saying, "Thank you so very much."

Academic Advisors

Academic advisors play a pivotal role in the lives of students from their first days of enrollment as a freshmen to those last days leading up to graduation. They guide students from beginning to end in their brief or long journey at Howard University. Their intent is to ensure that all students are headed in the right direction and that they take full advantage of the Howard experience from academic to extracurricular. And sometimes they even offer a little insight on the social side. Students are encouraged to increase their knowledge and gather skills needed to succeed in the professional world. "Our purpose involves helping our students find an avenue of success in their chosen area of study and guide them to a comfortable place to be successful in a competitive, challenging atmosphere," states Dr.

Annette Davis, a counselor in the School of Arts and Sciences. "Students must be nurtured and treasured because they are our future and will continue the legacy of Howard University."

Academic advisors are structured differently in the various schools and colleges. For example, Mr. Trevor Leiba and Mrs. Wallis Parnell, the only two academic advisors in the School of Communications, assist more than 800 students throughout their four years at Howard University. The College of Arts and Sciences has six counselors in the Educational Advisory Center who each assist more than 350 students. When students in the College of Arts and Sciences begin to take classes in their major, they are assigned a counselor from their department. These advisors counsel their students throughout their matriculation at Howard.

Taking on the responsibility of



Dr. Annette Davis is an Academic Advisor in the College of Arts & Sciences.



School of Communications Advisor, Trevor Leiba, collaborates with a student to help her develop her schedule.

advising students is not to be taken lightly. Academic advisors have a wide range of responsibilities. These include clarifying academic policy, making sure students follow their schemes, assisting in students' decisions regarding academia, planning registration, and declaring clearances for graduation. One of the most important responsibilities is helping students choose a major when they are interested in two or more options or have no idea what they want to do. "When I was a freshman, I was undecided," said Vyron Alexander, a junior chemistry major. "My advisor helped steer me in the right direction." Academic advisors also sit on various committees such as Enrollment Management, Curriculum, and Graduation. Usually students obtain the help they need from their academic advisors. The only time

personalized visits may not be encouraged is during registration and add/drop periods due to the assurance that every student registers for the right classes within a short period of time. Aside from office duties and academic knowledge, empathy and sensitivity are essential. "When I deal with students, I take into account that everyone is different (different backgrounds, experiences, personalities)," said Leiba. "My suggestion to students is when in doubt, talk to your advisor; we will explain policies, deadlines, and address problems in a timely manner."

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Larry Brown**

While many Howard students are preparing for a career after graduation, others have chosen to continue their education at the post-graduate level. According to Samuel Hall, Jr. Director of Career Services, an estimated 40 percent of Howard University graduates go on to graduate schools, with 60 percent comprised of Arts and Sciences majors.

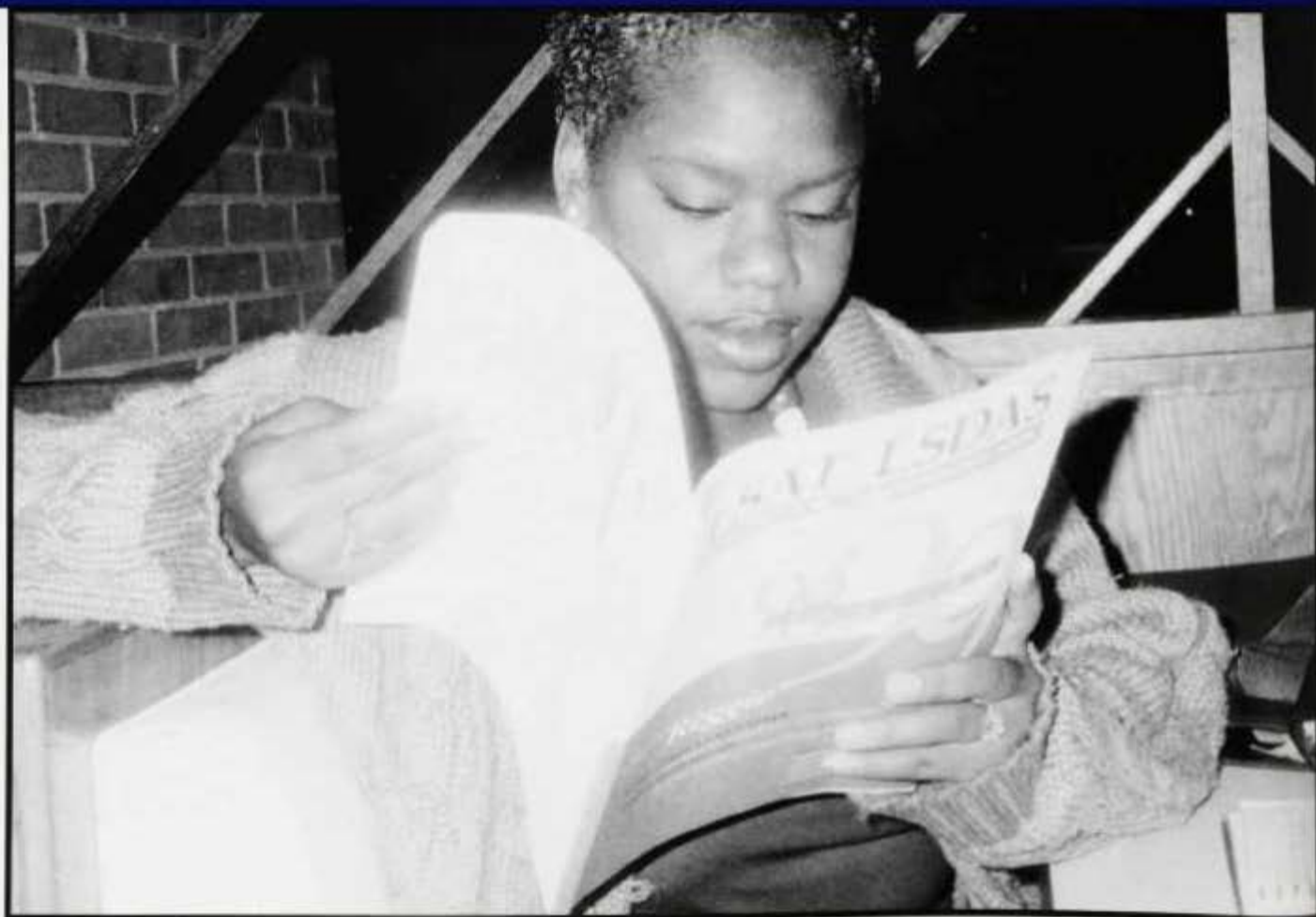
"It is my goal to educate myself to the Ph.D. level and then work," said Kenneth Russell, a Broadcast Journalism major and graduating senior from Jamaica. Russell plans to study Education Policy, and conduct research on Education Policies. He has applied to many schools, particularly, Harvard and the University of Michigan because of their superb academic programs. Christina Pressey, another graduating senior, is an Administration of Justice major from New Jersey, and plans to attend law school after she completes her undergraduate studies. "I always knew that I wanted to be an attorney, and I can accomplish this by going to law school.

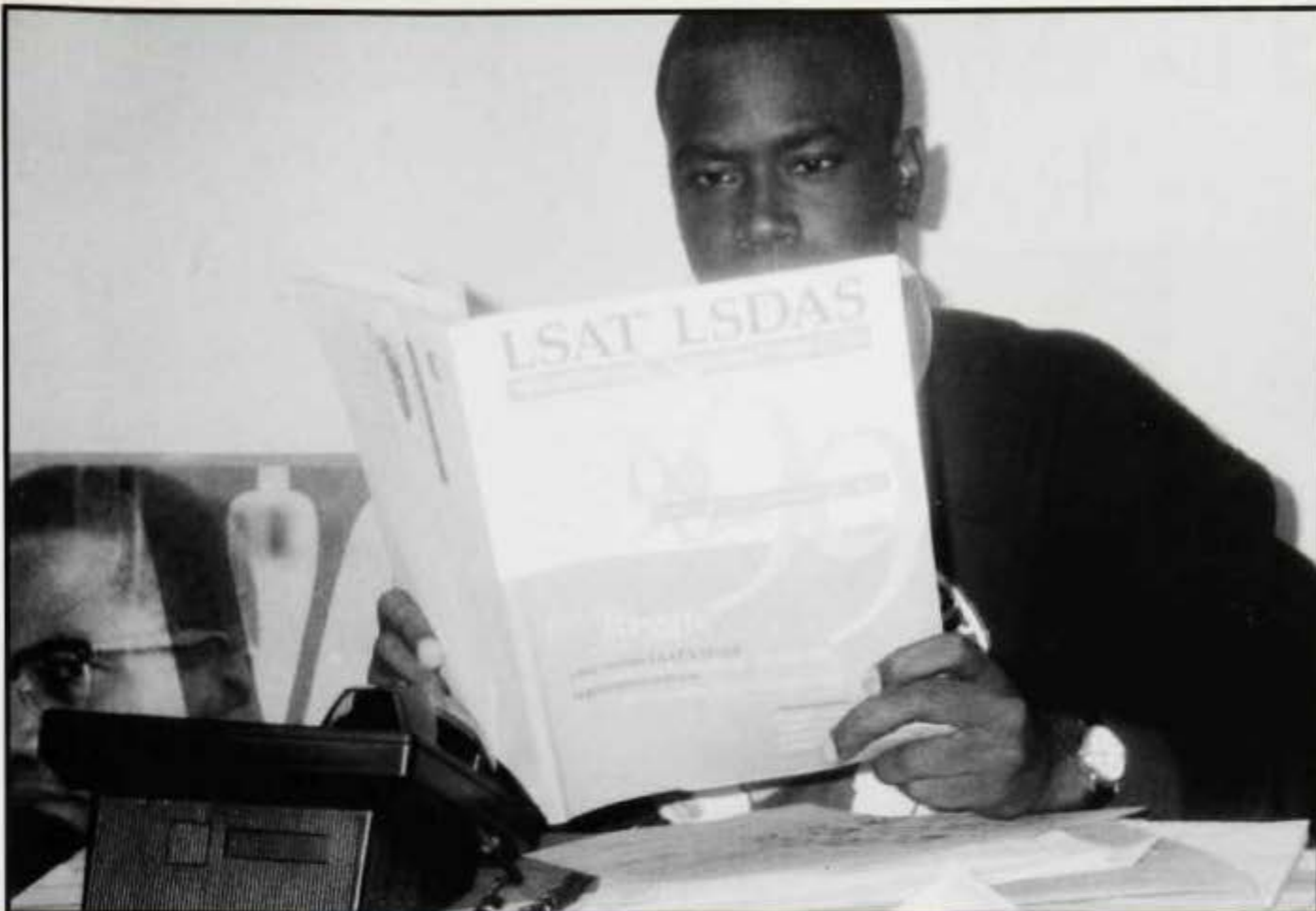
Columbia University is at the top of Pressey's list of possible schools to attend because of its prestigious status, and high percentage of graduate employment. Pressey said she found out about Columbia University when she attended Graduate and Professional Schools Day in October. This is an annual event held at Howard University. Last semester over one hundred representatives from universities around the world were on campus interviewing students and alumni for admission to professional schools.

Preparing for Life

By Latoya Brown

This student studies diligently for the LSAT's, a test for law school admissions.





HUSA President Neville Welch is thinking about attending law school after graduating from Howard.

After Graduation

photos by Tremayne Taylor

The event is coordinated by the Career Services Office, and helps to aid graduating seniors who would like to enter graduate and professional schools. "Career Services provides students with LSAT, along with other graduate test applications. There's also a Pre-professional Office on campus, so if students want help with graduate record exams we refer them there," said Hall.

Hall also said students can check out the Career Media Center for graduate school catalogs and guides on different subjects ranging from nursing to how to find money for graduate school. Pressey admits that she didn't start looking into law schools until her junior year, and suggests a couple of steps for students to take when applying to law or graduate schools. She said that if you are planning to attend graduate school, you should get started by your sophomore year. Next, figure out what test you need to take, and find out about free practice exams before you take the test. Lastly, go to visit prospective schools and get to know Admissions Counselors.

"It is important to get to know the Admissions Counselors because connections are everything," said Pressey. Hall advises those students who want to attend Medical, Dental, and Law schools to prepare early to begin these programs immediately after completing their undergraduate studies. "Our programs here are geared for juniors and seniors, but we are encouraging freshman to look too," said Hall.

The African American Requirement



Professor Charles Metze is one of many professors in the Department who teaches the required courses for graduation.

by
Erica
Hubbard

Photos by
Erin
Jackson

Howard University requires all undergraduates to satisfy an African American course requirement. Some of the courses that fulfill this requirement are Introduction to African American Studies, Blacks in the Arts, and Perspectives on African American Dress. These courses are vital to the implementation of the University's mission statement, which emphasizes the molding of well-rounded, socially aware, and compassionate students.

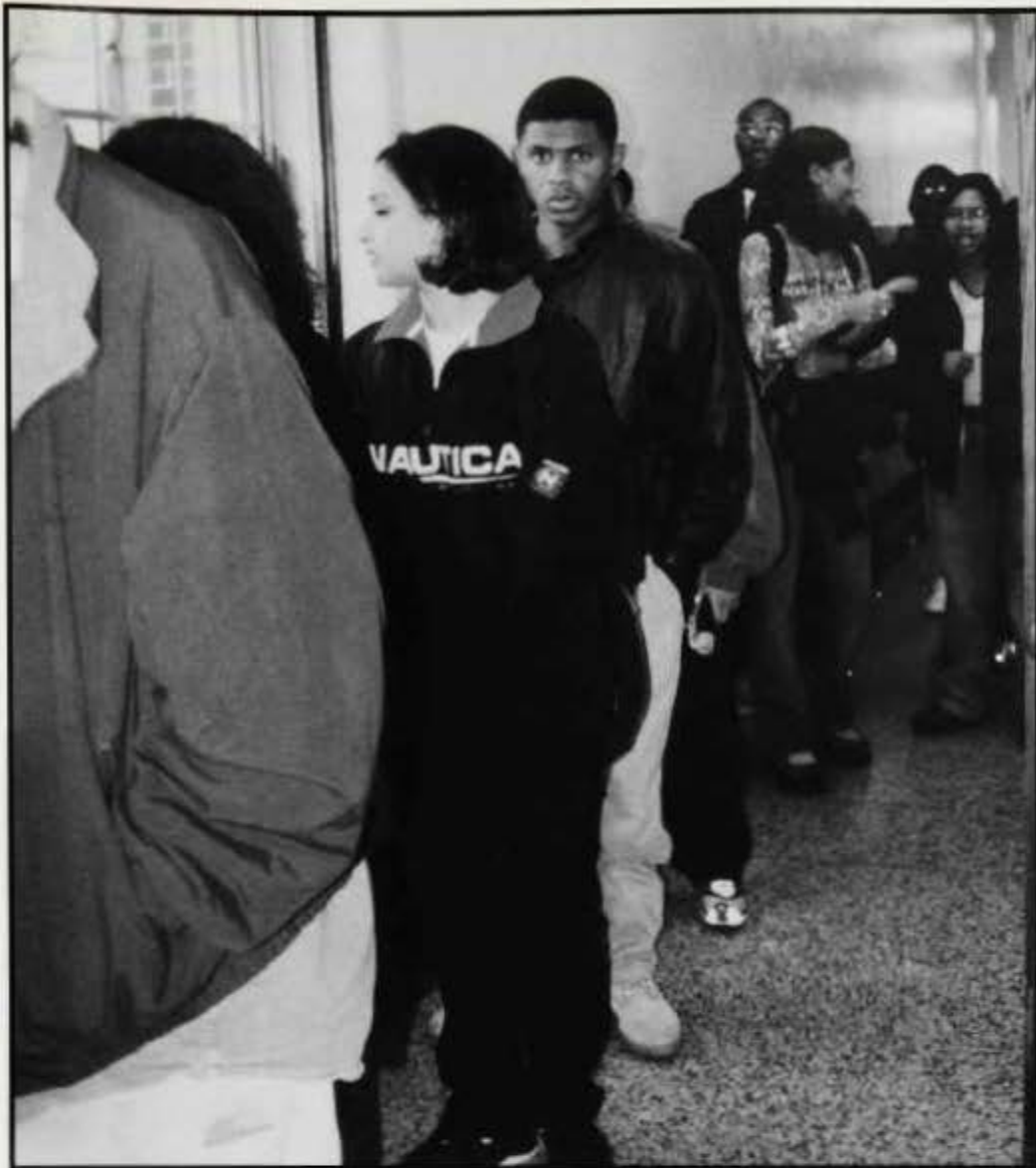
Professor Joe Selmon, a Blacks in the Arts instructor, said, "[These classes] are absolutely necessary, especially at this point in time. It's a true cultural experi-

ence." Many students share his enthusiasm and feel that there is a desperate need for these courses. In fact many of the sections are so packed that if students arrive more than five minutes late, they will not have desks. "[Blacks in the Arts] has opened my eyes to all of the talent African Americans possess in expressing their beliefs, thoughts, and feelings through the arts," says Kelley Givens, a freshman physical therapy major.

Another course, Perspectives on African American Dress, discusses the customs and cultural aspects of fashion, modern and traditional attire, and the history of African American fashion. "It's very educational," said Annie

Grant, a junior nutritional science major. "We should learn how our ancestors dressed as well as the history of Africa."

Sheila Hynton, a junior mathematics major said, "Being at an HBCU, these courses should be a requirement. If I were to attend a [any other] university, I would still be required to take certain courses." In the eyes of the University, one could not leave this institution a well-rounded, socially aware, and compassionate student without knowing the history of the people that shaped it. Therefore, by providing its students with a quality educational experience, the overall objective is achieved.



Students arrive early to class just to get a seat. In Professor Metze's Intro to African American Studies class there are over seventy students.

Tia Clemens diligently takes notes during class.



Classes are overflowing with students who must take African American courses in order to fulfill a graduation requirement.

Sports



Winter



Numbing the



Blood, sweat and tears. Although this year's results weren't as powerful as in years past, the drive and the determination of the players, the key ingredients that really constitute a true player, were all still there. Howard University athletics has had a rocky history filled with exhilarating highs and dramatic lows but fortunately or unfortunately this year was filled with neither for most of our teams. We were able to see tremendous growth, freshmen learning the ropes and seniors giving their all in their finals collegiate year. Being on a team means more than just playing a sport, it's learning a new level of yourself—what you are capable of and what it takes to get to that point.

Competition

This year's men's soccer team had been fit for the challenge. These young men from the states and abroad have a mix of talents that is totally

unique, and by being both mentally and physically prepared, led the team to a higher playing level. As champions in the Mid Continent Conference against South Centric, the team looked forward to another victorious season. Keelan Williams, co-captain, has seen the team grow and develop throughout his three years on the team. Williams, Carlington Clark and Raymond Godlett

were appointed co-captains because of their leadership abilities and knowledge of the game.

The team met their match at an away game at the University of Maryland. Their loss with a score of 3-1 was only a chance to regroup and pick up the pieces. Coach Tucker believes overall that this group of players had the talent necessary to propel the team to a prominent status.

Yet he also recognizes some weaknesses within the team that he planned to focus on throughout the season.

Soccer at the Mecca has been in existence for many years but it still continues to grow. The team hopes to see soccer reach its peak. Coach Tucker says, "We have the potential to be All-Americans. It's now in the hands of the players."

Men's Soccer

by Shanikka Wagner

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Rising to the challenge! This player knows his best attack is with his head.

More often than not, most of the time is spent running without the ball. Keelan Williams, co-captain outruns the competition.



Carlinton Clarke uses his chest to pass the ball to one of his teammates.

At kickoff, Raymond Goodlett is ready for the ball. The following for HU men's soccer consistently grows from year to year.

Who says that the number of victories measure the integrity of a team? What about the perserverance in the game, enthusiasm for the game and the abil-

ity to improve? Time, dedication and the desire to succeed are characteristics of a true champion. For the Bison Lady Booters, the journey has begun.

The Lady Booters had several key players return this season. Amy Olson, a sophomore forward; Rosa Kline, a sophomore fullback; Talita Keiller, a junior center fullback; Sharee Williams, junior halfback and the two captains Sharene Edwards,

senior sweeper and Ayodele Ankoanda-King, senior forward.

The freshman class of players entered their first season, the Lady Booters' most difficult season, prepared to make their mark. "Since this is our first conference season, it is one of the toughest thus far," said Coach Danielle LaRoche. "Being that we are such a new squad, in a few years Howard should become one of the best in the Big

South."

Their confidence level was high and they were ready to meet their challenge. "There have been vast improvements in all areas from last season to this season. We have a young team and everything is beginning to fall into place," said Captain Sharene Edwards. "I expect great things from this team for the remainder of the season and for the seasons to come."

Lady Booters' Women's Soccer

by Erica Hubbard

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Comradery also kept the Lady Booters focused as a team. Despite any losses, they are still able to smile and enjoy one another.

Neki Nettey shows off her fancy footwork on the field.



Rosa Kline passes the ball to another teammate during the game.

Aggression was definitely the key to the Lady Booters game plan this season. Lila Owens just misses the ball.

After twelve seasons as head coach of the Lady Spikers Volleyball team, and five MEAC championships, Coach Linda Spencer has high hopes for her team. "Our ultimate goal is to win the MEAC championship. This will be a history-making season because it is the first year that the MEAC has had an automatic bid for the NCAA tournament. We're 3-0 in

the conference so far, but we know the tough competition is waiting."

The Lady Spikers welcome competition. With a convincing early season victory over Delaware State, and a massacre in which they held the University of Maryland Eastern Shore to just one point for the entire match, the Lady Spikers have shown that they are ready to be challenged.

With three dynamic senior co-captains, Rita Floyd, Chazara Clark, and Alena Simons, the Lady Spikers seem equipped to handle any challenge that comes their way. And although they will be losing four seniors after this season, they have an arsenal of young talent that is sure to carry on the proud legacy of the team.

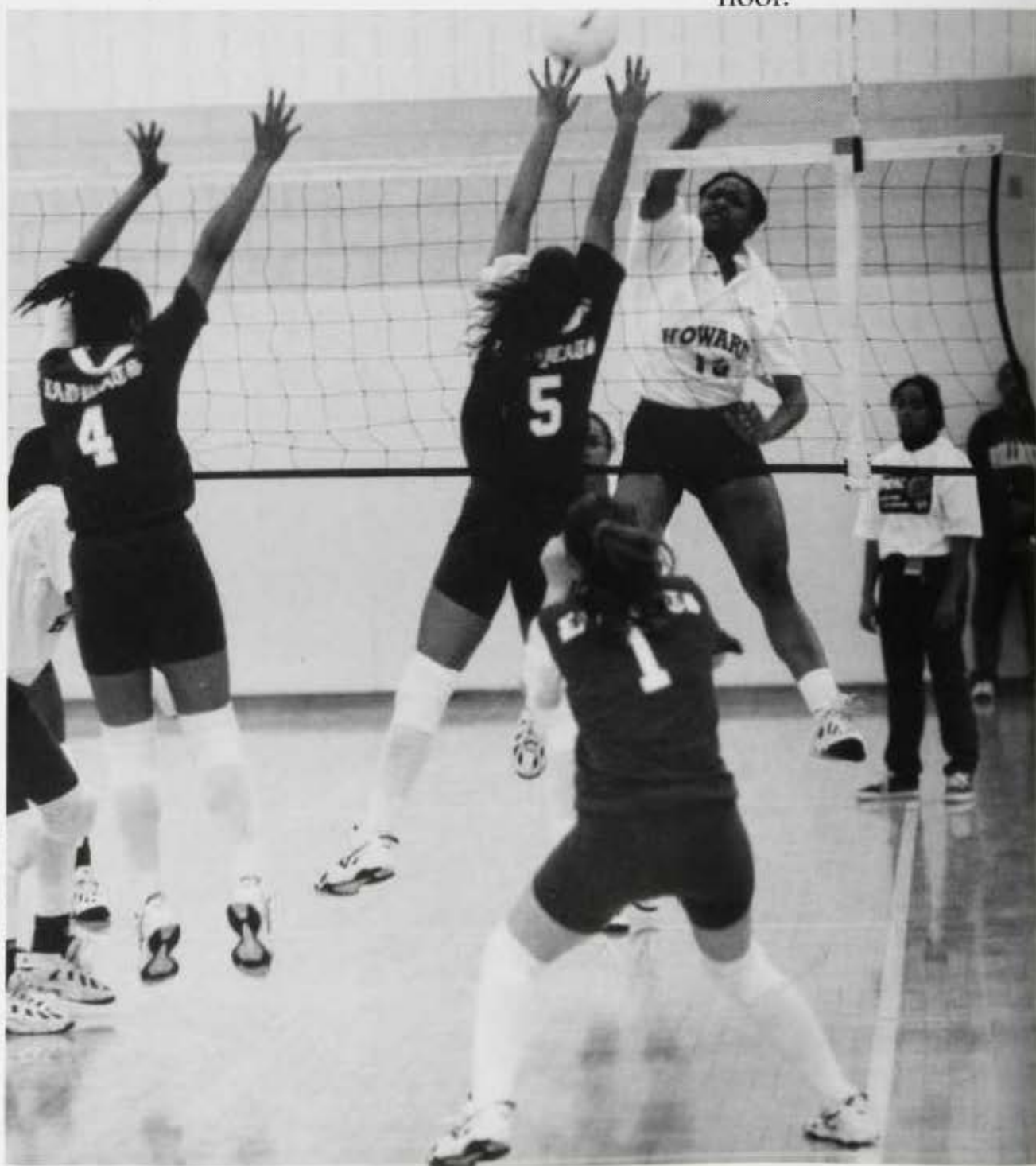
The Lady Spikers are truly one of the most

unique teams on campus. They share not only a love for volleyball, but a strong sense of friendship and sisterhood. And the love and respect they have for one another is evident both on and off the court. Says Coach Spencer, "My team is probably the closest team on the campus because they do so much on and off the court...And I know they'll have each other's back on the floor."

Lady Spikers Volleyball

by Erin Jackson

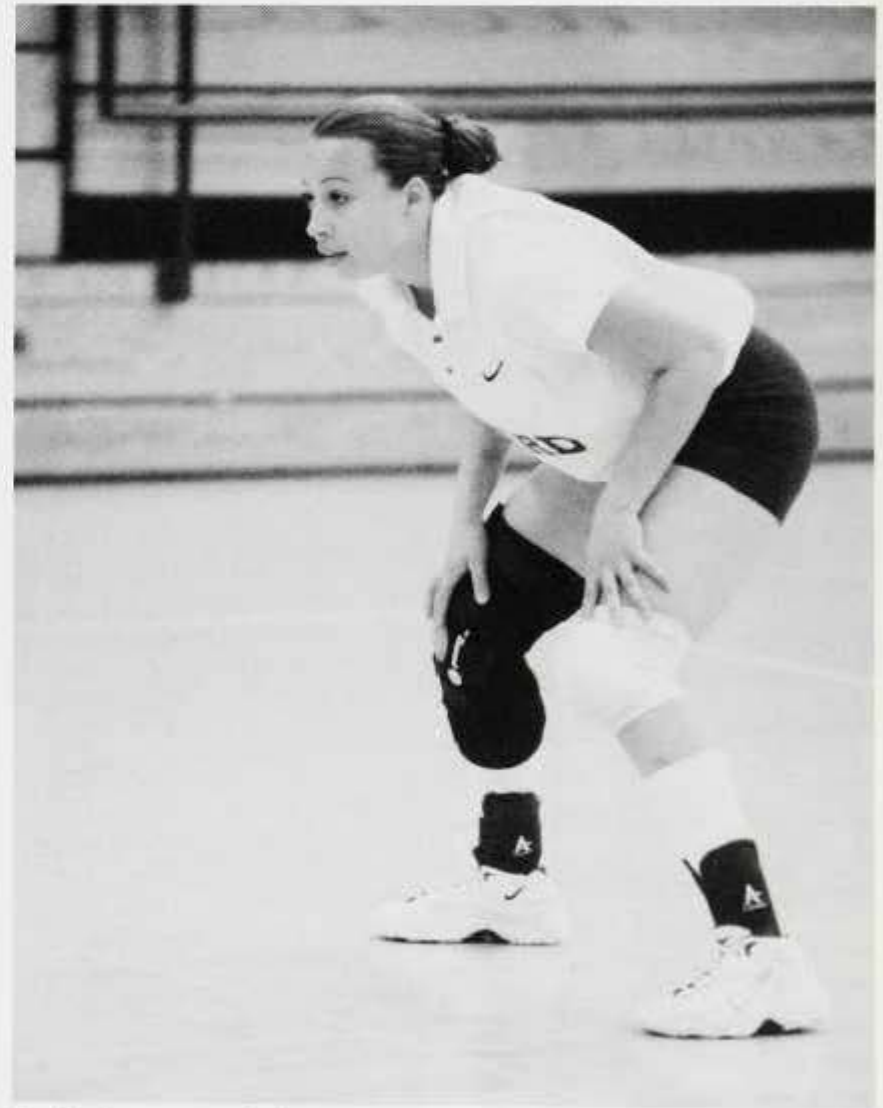
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The Lady Spikers join hands before a game. The team showed great love and admiration for their fellow teammates throughout the year.

Diahann Doyen positions her self for the ball. Lady spikers had to be quick on their feet to catch the fast moving shots.



Tara Eggleston serves the ball to the opposing team.

This Lady Spiker jumps up to block the opposing team's shot.

All the preseason hype seemed to indicate that senior quarterback, Ted "Sweet Flight" White would lead his team to another stellar season. Backed by a squad of seasoned veteran receivers and linemen, the Bison's season looked bright. With a convincing 34-8 win over Jackson State in the season opener, the Bison seemed to be off to a wonderful start. However, with losses to Hampton, Texas Southern, Florida A&M, and North Carolina A&T - all teams they could have easily beaten - the

Bison never really got into a groove.

After winning the last four games of the season, the Bison finished off strong. For the second consecutive season, they finished with a record of 7-4. White added, "This season was a little disappointing, but I can live with a 7-4 season."

The Bison will be losing a number of outstanding players

after this season.

White, along with several key members of the offense will be graduating. However, they are backed by a group of capable young players, who will more than make up for in talent, what they lack in experience. Says White, "We're losing 18 seniors, but a lot of our skilled players are young players."

The Bison defense will also be losing a

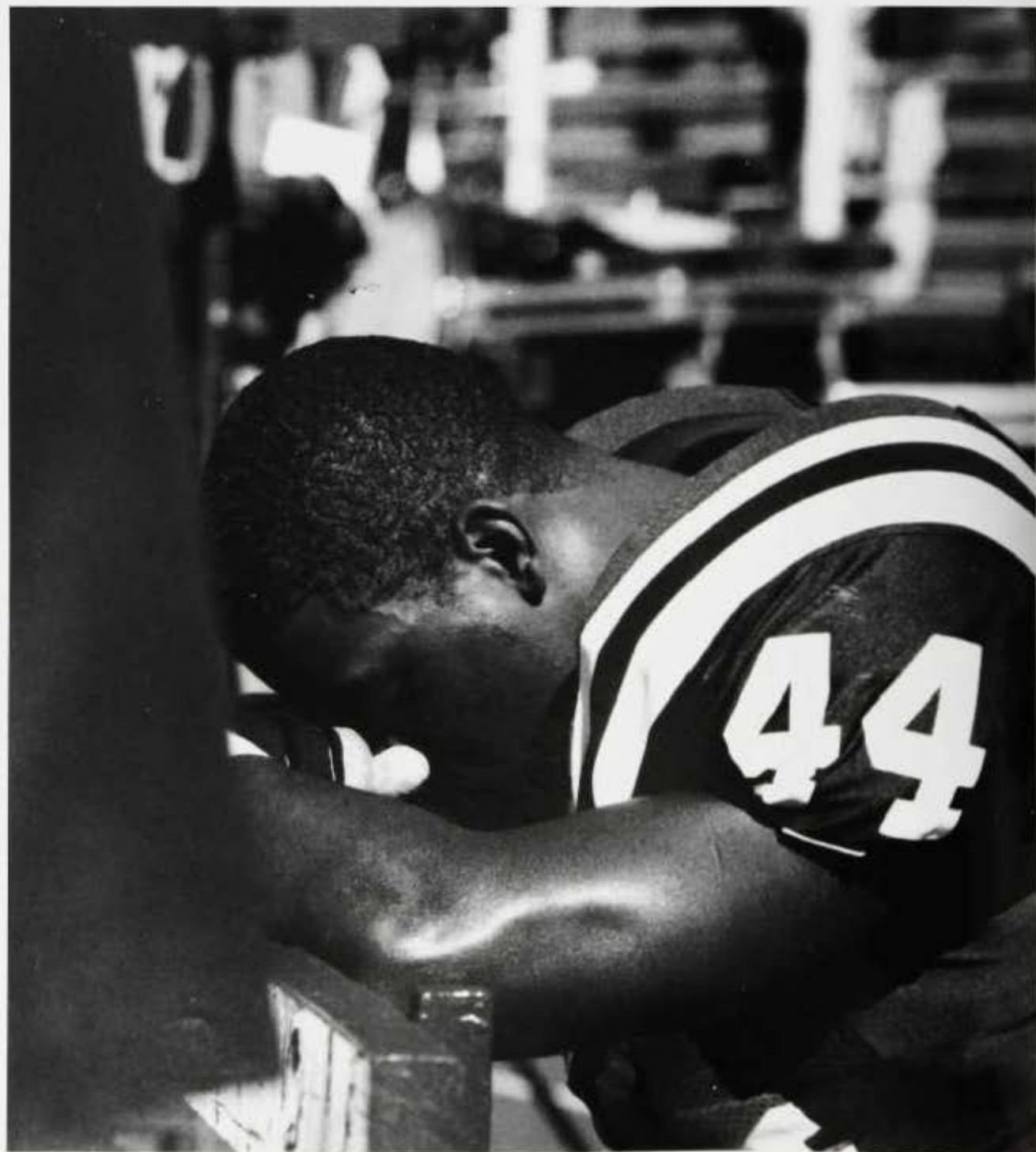
number of major contributors. Despite this, next season's linebacker core may be even stronger than the current one, as the Bison have an arsenal of young talent and several very promising prospects.

The Bison defensive secondary, comprised of both seasoned veteran players and young talent, figures to lose very little.

Football

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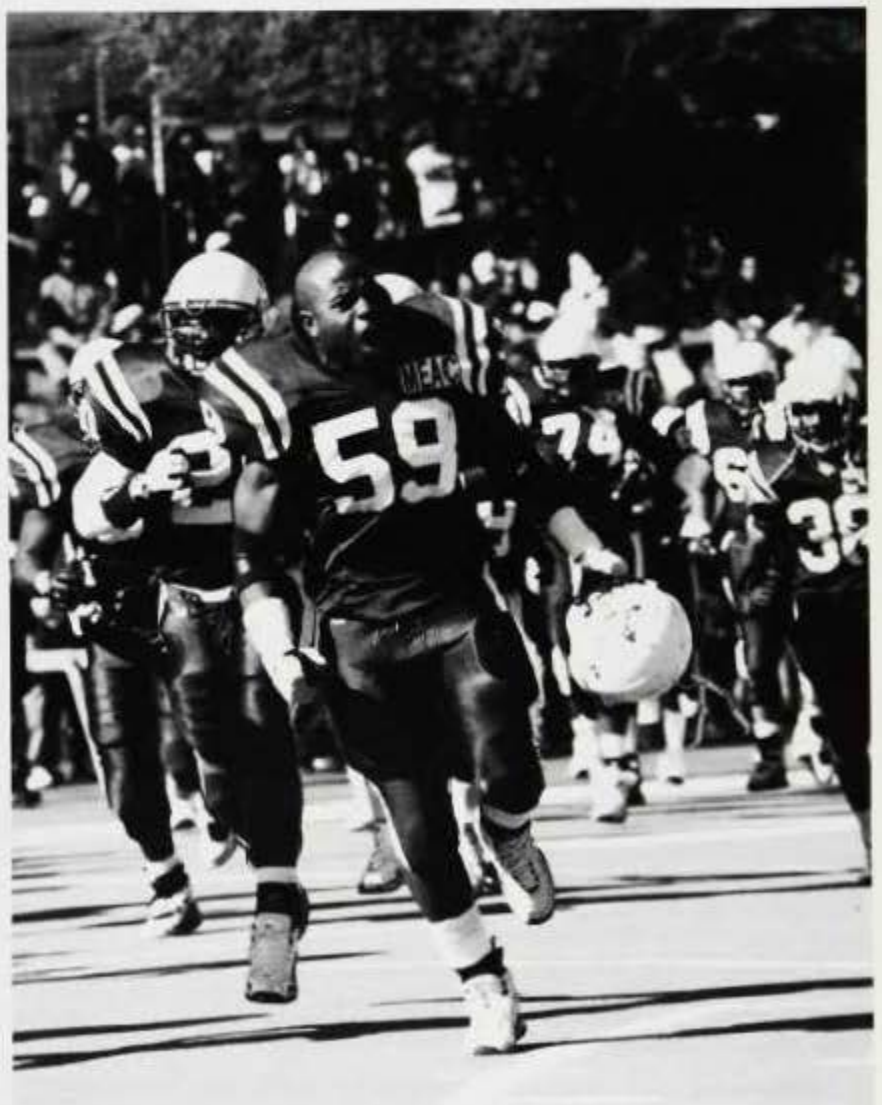
by Erin Jackson





Marlon Ward pushes himself to catch a pass during a game.

Chris Boston leads the Bison as they come on to the field before a game.



Quarterback Ted White calls a play during a game.

Taking a moment. Tyrone Lewis takes a moment to pause and reflect on the days events at a game in Greene Stadium.

Cheerleading

by Jamil Gordon

All photos by Melissa Valle

What game day wouldn't be complete without them. And as of this year, the cheerleaders now have a year round gig- for football and basketball season.

Jamila Pounds, a junior English and psychology major, who is captain, is used to the double duty. "Ever since I started cheering, it has been to my knowledge that we had to cheer for both seasons- so this is

nothing new." This year, both the cheerleaders and their coach, Troy Burton, are creating new cheers and increasing the level of difficulty of the cheers. Although this is Burton's first year with the squad there are many changes that he is instituting.

"This year I implemented my own little style-combining chants with a dance."

Their practices are grueling as they

must condition their bodies as well as come up with new routines.

"This year... We were able to start new things such as stunting which we haven't done since the '95-'96 season.

. It's been pretty much pointless to go to competition since [a] requirements is stunting so that is one of our goals for next year," said co-captain Shelva Clemmons.





Sometimes the cheering squad moonlights as the Rockettes. Actually this seems like it's just fun time for this year's varsity squad.

I've got her! No, I've got her! Everybody, even the players are curious to see if these two can catch Kindle Richardson from their well-executed dismount.



1-2-3 lift! JulieAnn Reed, Tennille Richardson, Chante Hinton and Maya Perkins make this elevator lift look easy.

"It's here, it's there - it's goin' everywhere!" Bison spirit is what we all got when we hear this cheer.

The Sharks. Swimming

Photos by Mark Coleman and Larry Brown by Turkiya L. Lowe

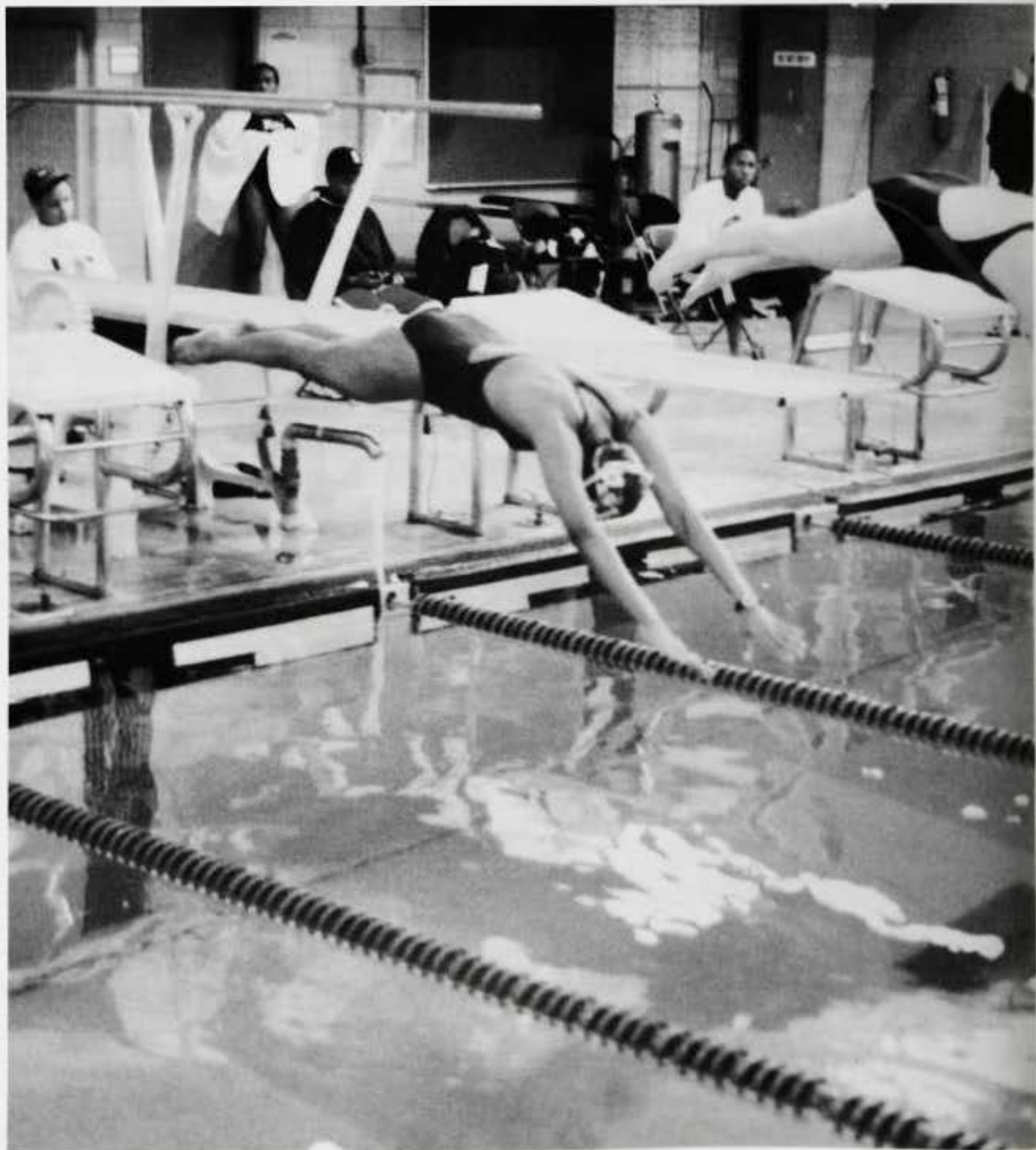
The Howard University swim and dive team started the 1998-99 school year with a major change in leadership. Coach Rory Lewis replaced E. Newton Jackson as head coach for the

Sharks. However, the change has not affected the team's enthusiasm. A second year member of the swim team, sophomore physical education major Angelique Diaz, said Coach Lewis is a "very good coach," and that he often joins the team during practice in sprint exercises--beating many of the members to the finish.

The 1998-99 Shark

Team was the largest in Howard's history, with 20 women and 16 men on the roster. Many members were walk-ons, supplementing the loss of several members from last year's team. Twelve new members were freshmen; many of whom Coach Lewis hopes will grow with the team. The team also had many members that came close to breaking records here at

Howard. Coach Lewis began the 1998 season with a modest objective; that the swim team have a winning season. The team goal was partially realized as the women's swim team finished the regular season with a close win over Youngstown State to bring their record to 7-6. The men's team ended the regular season with a 2-9 record.





Nick Askew stands on the edge of the board, awaiting the start of his race.

Trudy Steer takes a minute to cool down in the water.



Denise Montrose does the breast stroke down the lane.

This Shark dives into the lane as the gun fires.

The Howard University wrestling team is a dynamite group of athletes that excel in their studies as well as on the mats. Since 1983, Paul Cotton has been the driving force behind the Bison wrestling team. Cotton runs a strict schedule to accommodate practice and studying. "One of the first things I changed was the practice time to 6 a.m. because you must be a student first," said Cotton. And with morning practices five days a

week and a competition on Friday night or on Saturdays, these students have learned the importance of prioritizing.

With all of this preparation, one must expect results. And both the coach and his players do. When asked about the upcoming Regional Conference, Adrian Thompson, a promising new recruit, said he is more than ready. "I know that I will place. Only the top

people will go to Nationals and there are two people in my weight class who rank nationally but I'm ready."

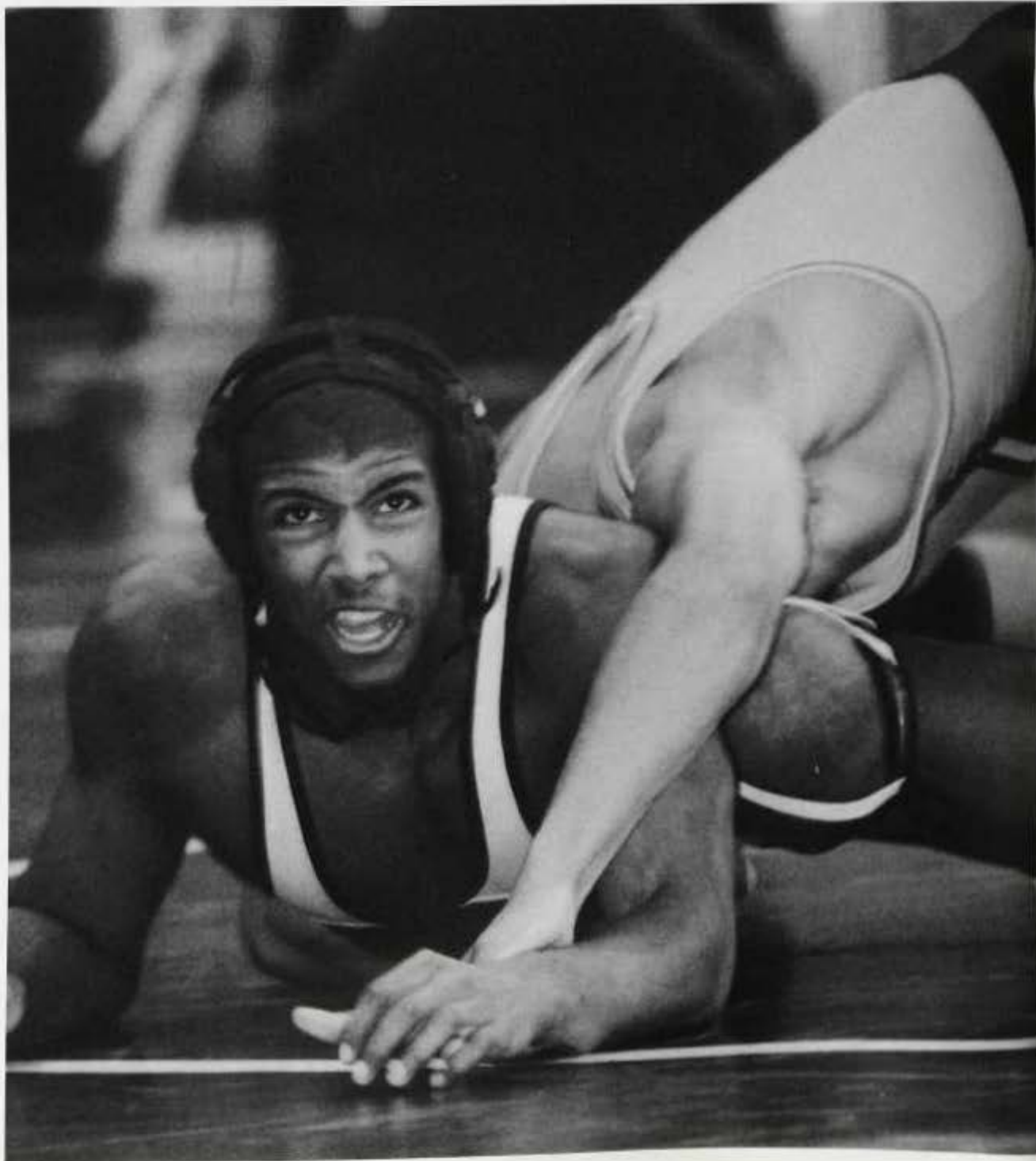
Thompson may be rising to fill the place of Co-captain Fred Ashley. A senior mechanical engineering major, Ashley is known as one of the best collegiate wrestlers in the United States. In his fourth season competing in the 177-pound category, Ashley has a cumulative record of 26-

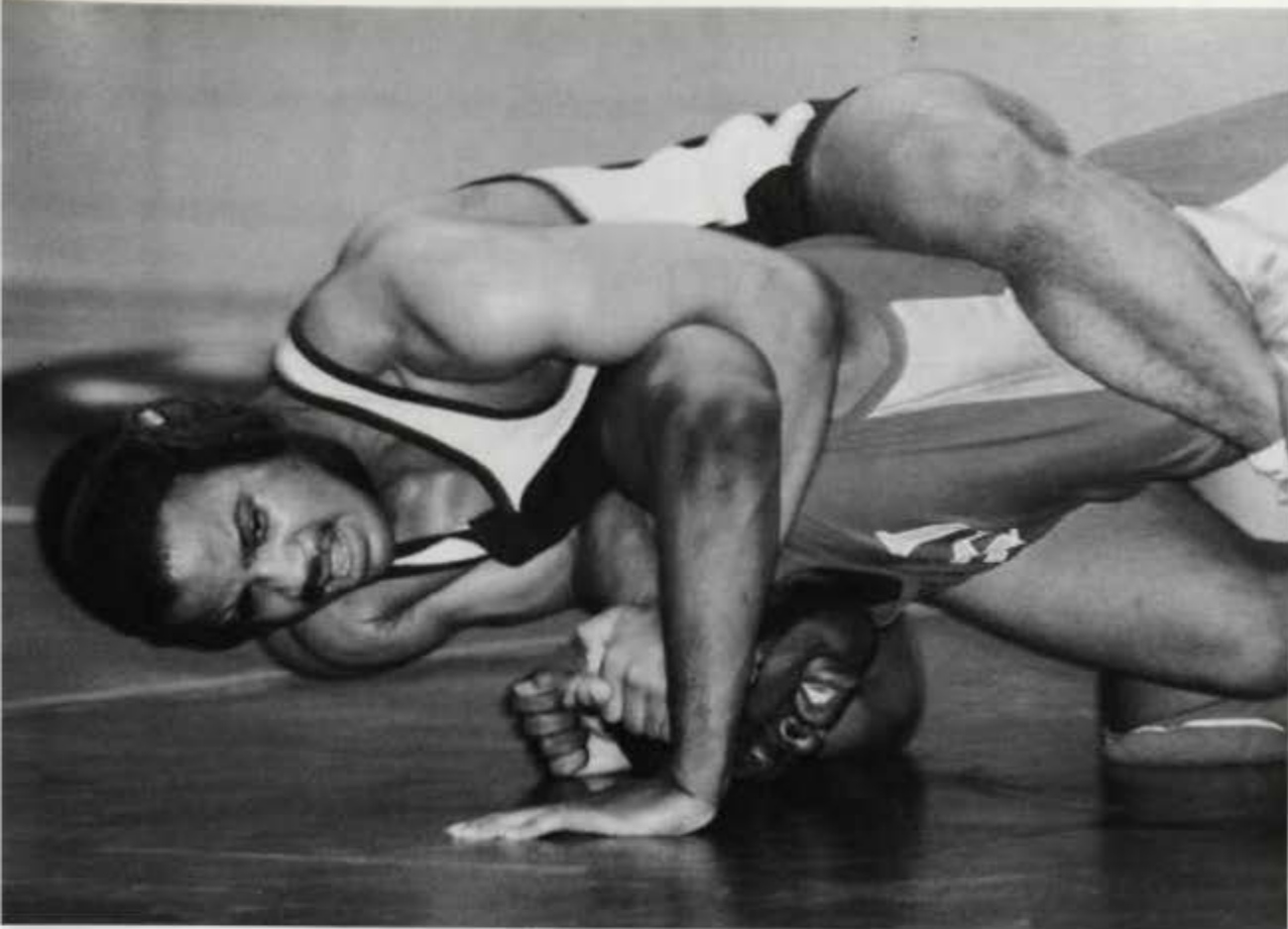
6. He ranks 16th in the nation and is a former NCAA qualifier. A transfer student from Morgan State, Ashley has propelled Howard's wrestling team to new heights. "Morgan wants to be like Howard, but Howard is much better. I love HU," said Ashley.

The team has had both successes and losses this season but through it all they have been able to remain strong as a team and student athletes.

Wrestling

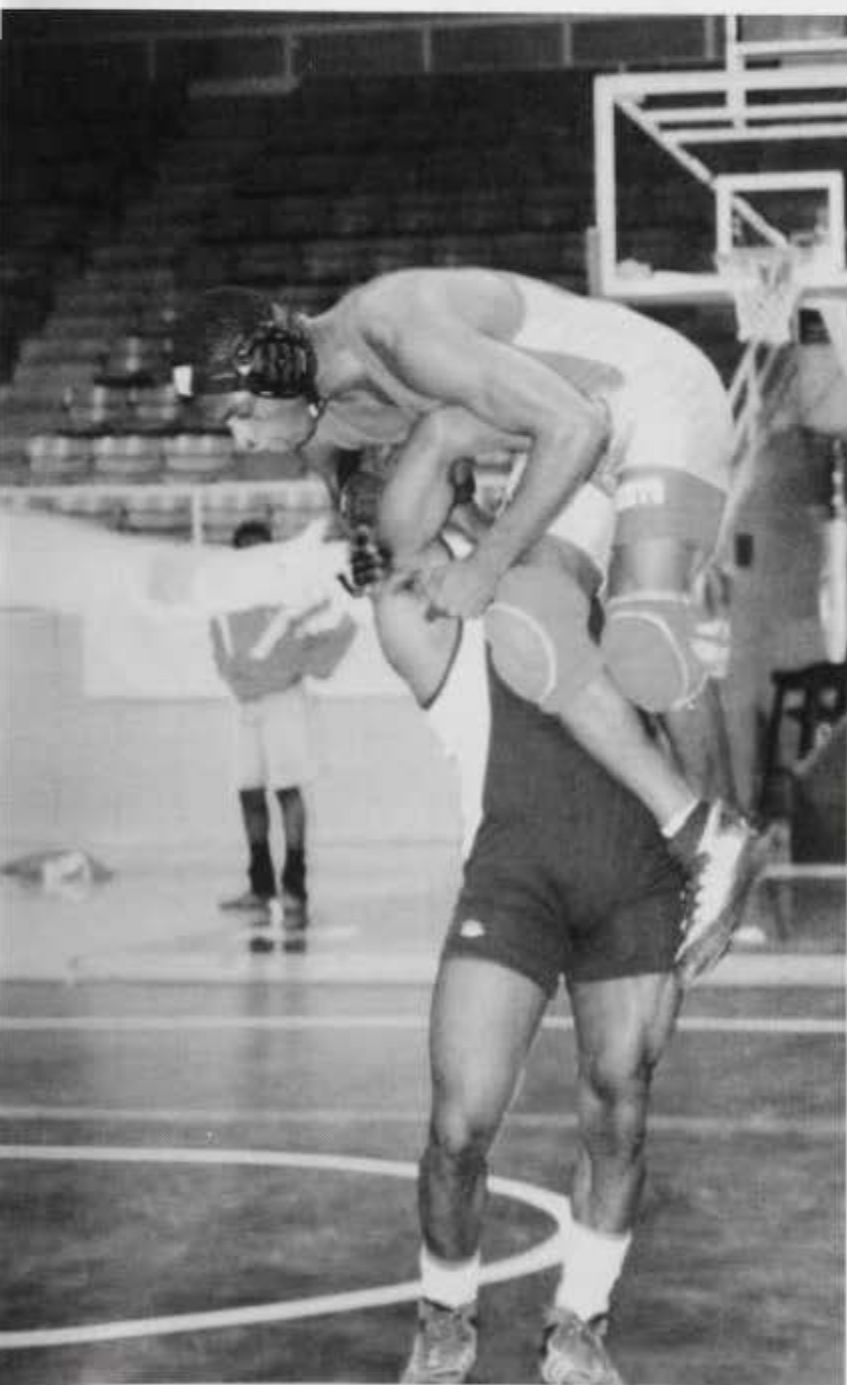
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Pinned to the ground and down for the count, this Bison wrestler has his opponent all tied up.

This Bison is trying his hardest. You can see all the determination in his face.



Up, up and away -- at least for this opponent.

Down but not out, this Bison wrestler is just maneuvering to throw his opponent. The HU wrestling team had an excellent season for '98-'99.

Hard work and talented athletes" are the keys to the success of the Lady Bison Basketball Team according to head coach, Sanya Tyler. In her nineteen years as head coach, the Lady Bison have won nine MEAC tournament championships and finished second three times. They have also won four regular season championships.

Says Tyler, "Before

each season, we set goals as a coaching staff and as a team. This year we wanted to win our fourth consecutive MEAC title and win the regular season championship for the second year in a row. We also wanted to be competitive outside of the conference, and I feel that we have done that." During the regular season, the Lady Bison were ranked number one in the MEAC, and after defeating teams

such as Maryland and Minnesota, the Lady Bison have shown that they are a force to be reckoned with, not only in the MEAC, but on the national level as well.

The Lady Bison will be losing seniors Kimberly Ford and Latoya Gardner to graduation this May, but with a freshman class that was ranked twelfth in the nation, the team can only grow stronger. "This year we had a lot

of freshmen come in, but they all were talented. It wasn't like we were bringing in any weak links. I felt like we would just get better," says Ford. "Next year I believe that we can be one of the premier teams in the nation," Tyler says. The Lady Bison have a tradition of excellence to uphold, and if this season is any indication there will be many more championship seasons in their future.

Women's Basketball

by Erin Jackson

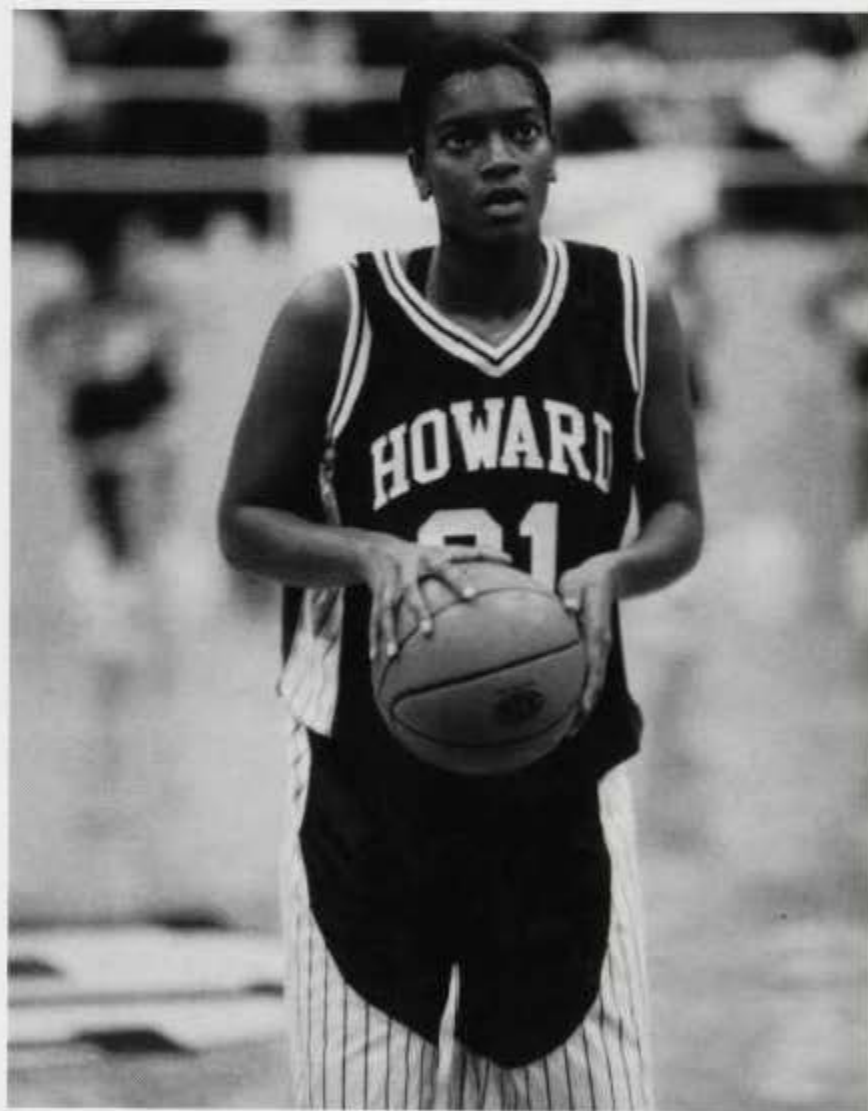
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This Bison fights off the defense to attempt to make a shot.

Yetta Enobkhare sets up for her foul shot.



Kimberly Ford accepts a congratulatory basketball during a game.

Mona Gail Baker is open to receive a teammates pass.

Men's Basketball

All photos by Mark Coleman

by Larry Brown

There's some thing a little different about Howard University's Men's Basketball Team this year. They not only have a new head coach in Kirk Saulny, but a new attitude as well. Throughout his twenty years of coaching, Saulny's teams have made several NCAA and NIT appearances. Now at Howard, he hopes to drastically improve the record of

Howard University's Men's Basketball Team. "I know the program was left in bad shape with several imperfections, but now a tremendous foundation is being laid to take HU's Men's Basketball Team to the next level," said Saulny. "We don't make excuses. We have not quit one time this year, and we won't."

The team members cite improvements since Coach Saulny's arrival. "We work

harder, and we're more like a family," said Garrett McCormick #51 Forward Center. Bakari Adams #22 Guard said, "Coach Saulny understands Division I basketball and has more of an idea of where we need to be."

Don't sleep on the team. They are improving and are optimistic that they will reach their ultimate goal of winning the MEAC Tournament

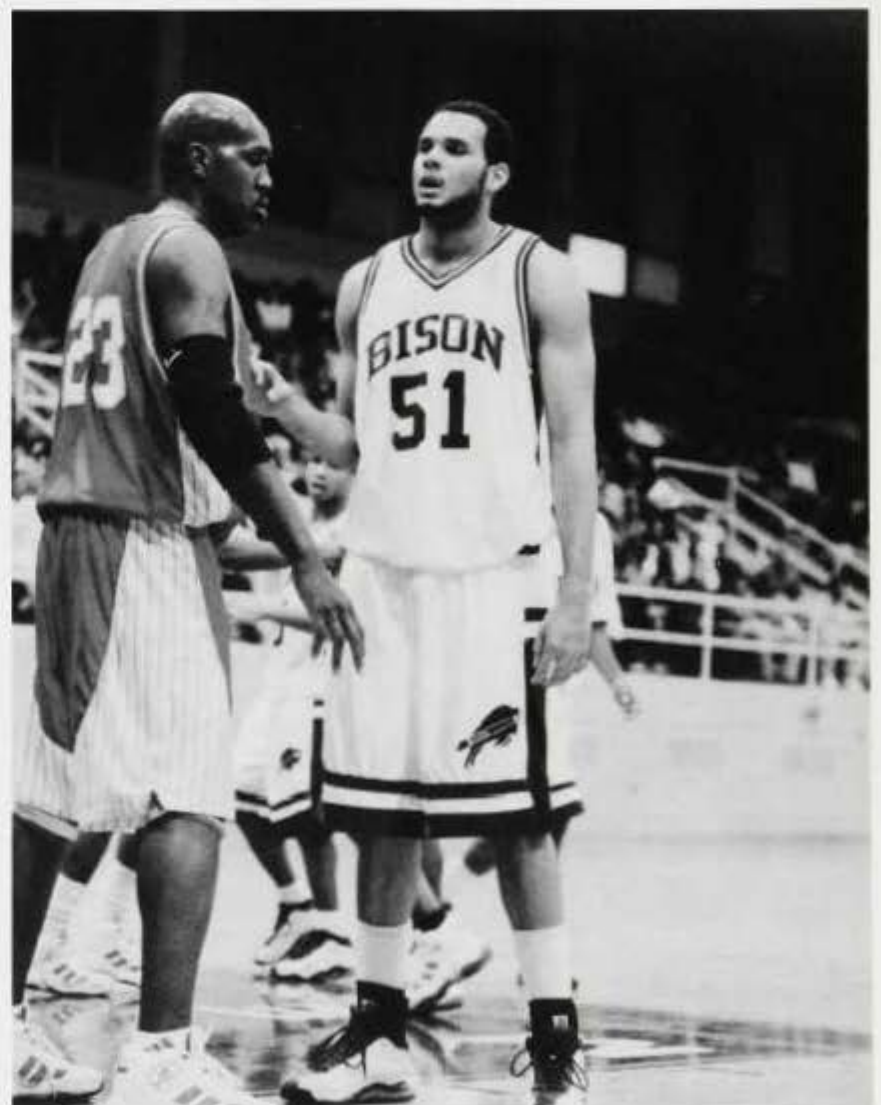
within the next few years. "With each game, we're constantly improving," said Aquil Bayyan #33 Guard / Forward. "Through it all we will never give up, regardless of the outcome." Regardless of praise or criticism from Howard students, Howard University's Men's Basketball Team will one day hopefully surprise skeptics and satisfy supporters.





Bison forward Jermaine Holloway looks at his projected target as he prepares for his shot.

One finger is all that is needed for #51, Garrett McCormick, to keep his opponent in check.



The moves are there, the form is there. This layup put two more points on the Bison scoreboard.

Free throws are a bit of challenge for any player. However, Bison Antonio Michelle seems to be ready for the challenge.

Less than a year and a half ago, women's lacrosse didn't even exist at Howard, but in February of this year, the women's lacrosse team began its second season. With a 3-8 record their first year, the women were looking forward to improving. "Since we're a new team, we have players who have never played before competing against people who have been playing all their lives,"

said Casey McDaniel, one of the team's co-captains.

Coach Laurie Podmilsak is leading this new team of young women who are striving to make a name for themselves. And as the only team from a historically black college playing in the NCAA Division 1 conference, the women are blazing quite a trail. Lashunda Richmond, one of the team's top scorers, said, "We're not trying to

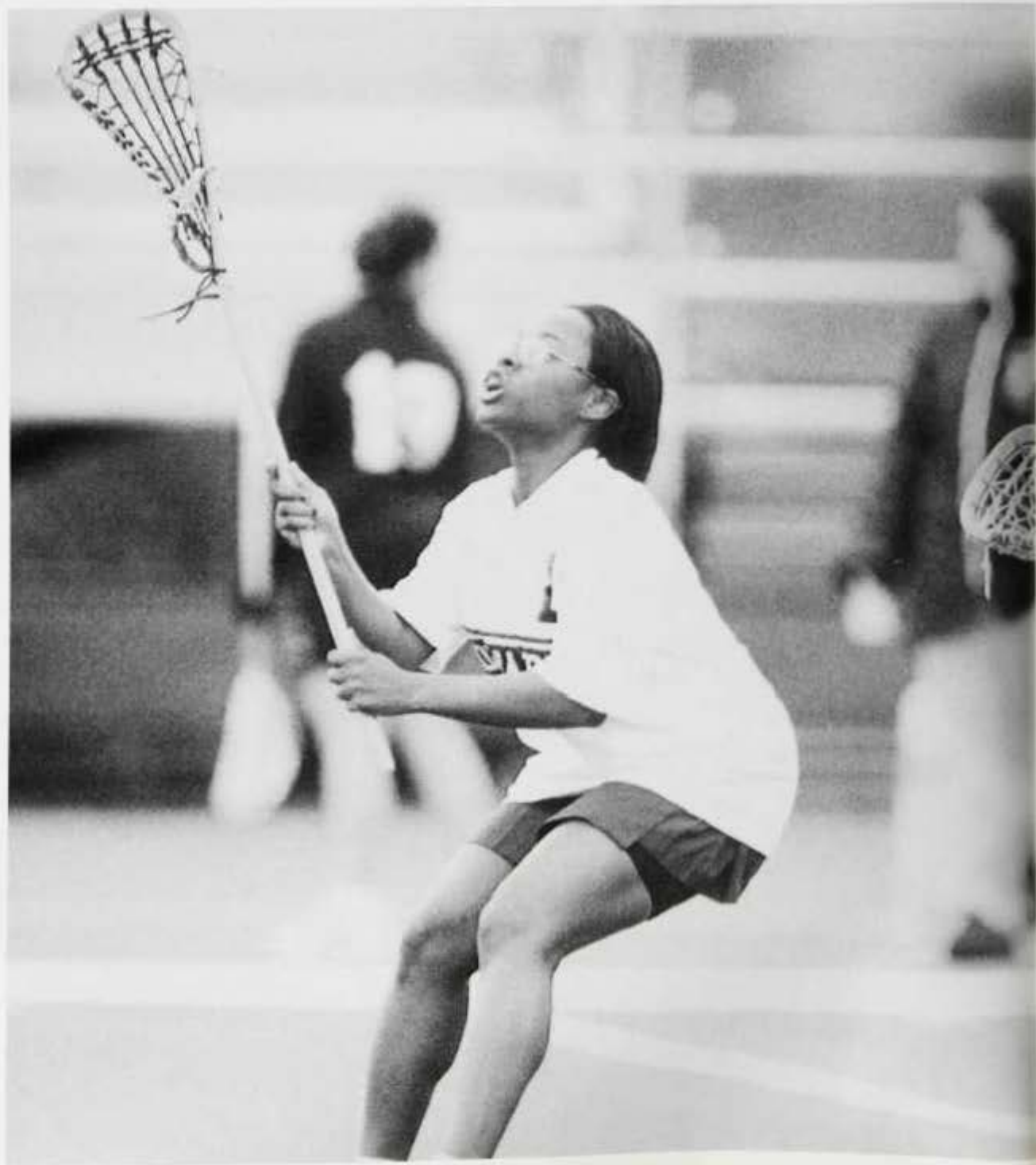
change the world by playing lacrosse, we just want to play." McDaniel attributes the team's successes to their coach. "She is very patient. Working with people who have never picked up a lacrosse stick and being able to see where we are now takes a very patient person."

Richmond doesn't think any of their opponents in Division 1 have anything on them. McDaniel and Rich-

mond both knew they had a stronger team this year and had saw tremendous improvement in their teamwork and individual efforts of the players. Kamilah Billue, Monique Richards, Jennifer Brown and Adora Curry are some of the top players competing this season. Last season's top scorers were Tarsha Drakeford and Hope Rhodes. With all the talent on this squad, the outlook is bright.

Lacrosse

All photos provided by the team by Camille Acker





Laurie Podmilsak coaches her team on their strategy for the second half. This is only the second season for the women's lacrosse team.

Casey McDaniel, one of the team's best players, has control of the ball as teammate Monique Richards blocks an opponent.



The ladies' goalie must be doing an amazing job because the team is ranked among the NCAA Conference.

Ready for the catch, Hope Rhodes cradles her stick in eager anticipation. This year's women's team is on point in the Division I Conference.

Being a Bison is one thing, but being a Track Bison is another. William Moultrie, a former Olympic sprint and relay coach, desired to coach track at a Historically Black Institution. Throughout his nine years coaching Howard's Men and Women's track team, Moultrie has seen nothing but positive things.

This coach makes sure his athletes stay focused academically. "They can't stay with me unless they get their lesson," said Moultrie. Those who don't keep standard grades are dismissed from the team. Ramsi Bethany, a freshman biology major, commends her coach for his teachings. Bethany was honored to place second in the Women's MEAC Championship meet in Greensboro,

North Carolina. Running three miles in the championship was Bethany's most challenging moment. "Competing in division one is exciting, but it's a lot of pressure," she said.

Other team members had positive memories of the MEAC championship meet. Mike Zipf, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, expressed his joy over the men's first place win last year.

"We as a team look out for each other. It's a feeling of community," said Zipf. Many other team members share Zipf's sentiments. Adrienne Trice, a sophomore speech pathology major, sees her teammates as a source of comfort. "My closest friends at Howard are my team members," said Trice.

Other members of the team serve as leading anchors. Drew
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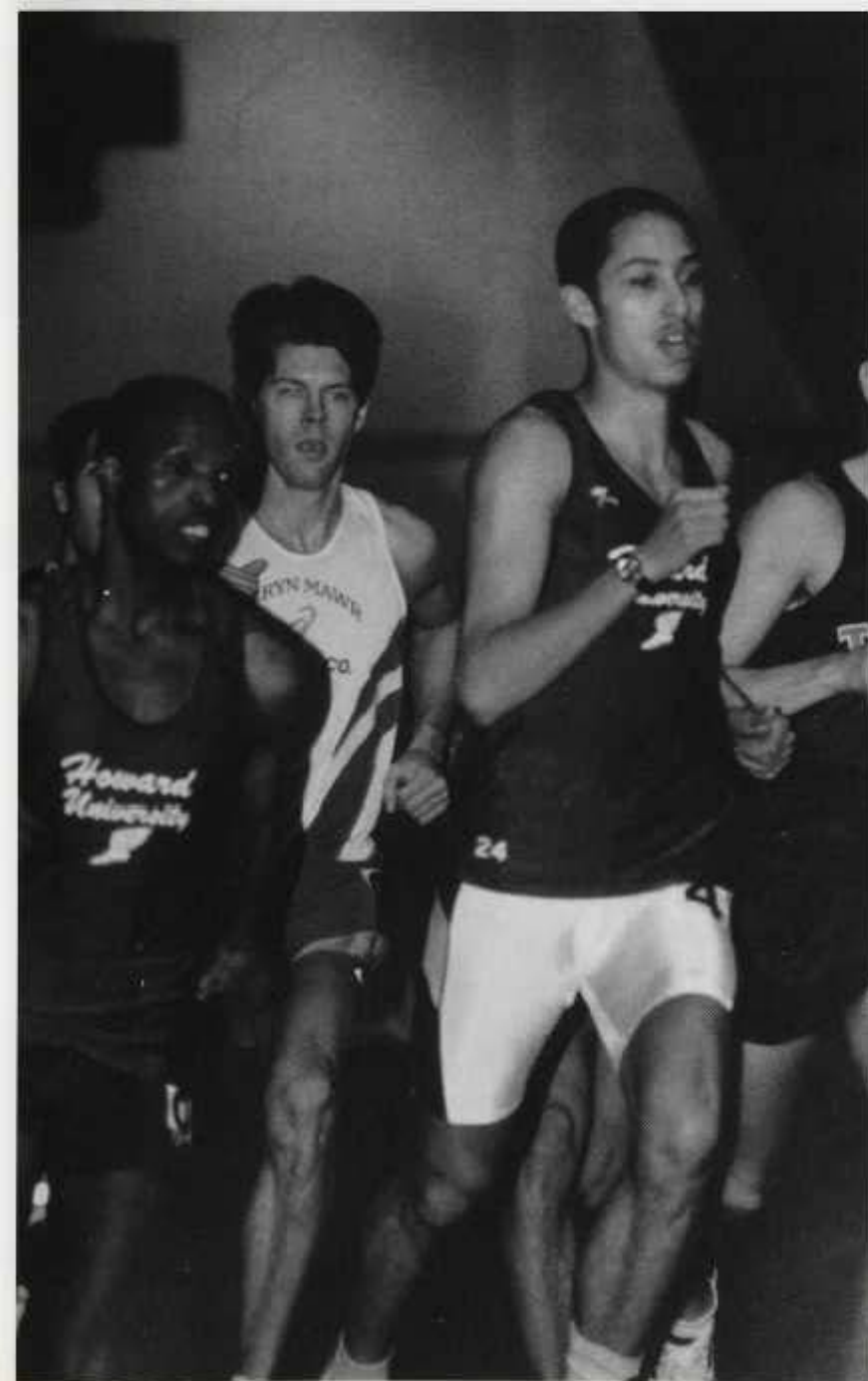
Men's & Women's Track

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Bison runners break out in front of their competition.



Bison relay members successfully pass the baton on to their other teammates.

Anderson, a senior biology major, was appointed captain for the 98-99 track season. "It was a supreme honor to be selected as this year's team captain," said Anderson. Anderson also said that Moultrie is very particular about who he selects as his leaders for the team. As a captain, Anderson says his first priority is still being a teammate. Being team captain is second to that. His expectations for the season were that all team members attend every practice and make each meet better than the previous one.

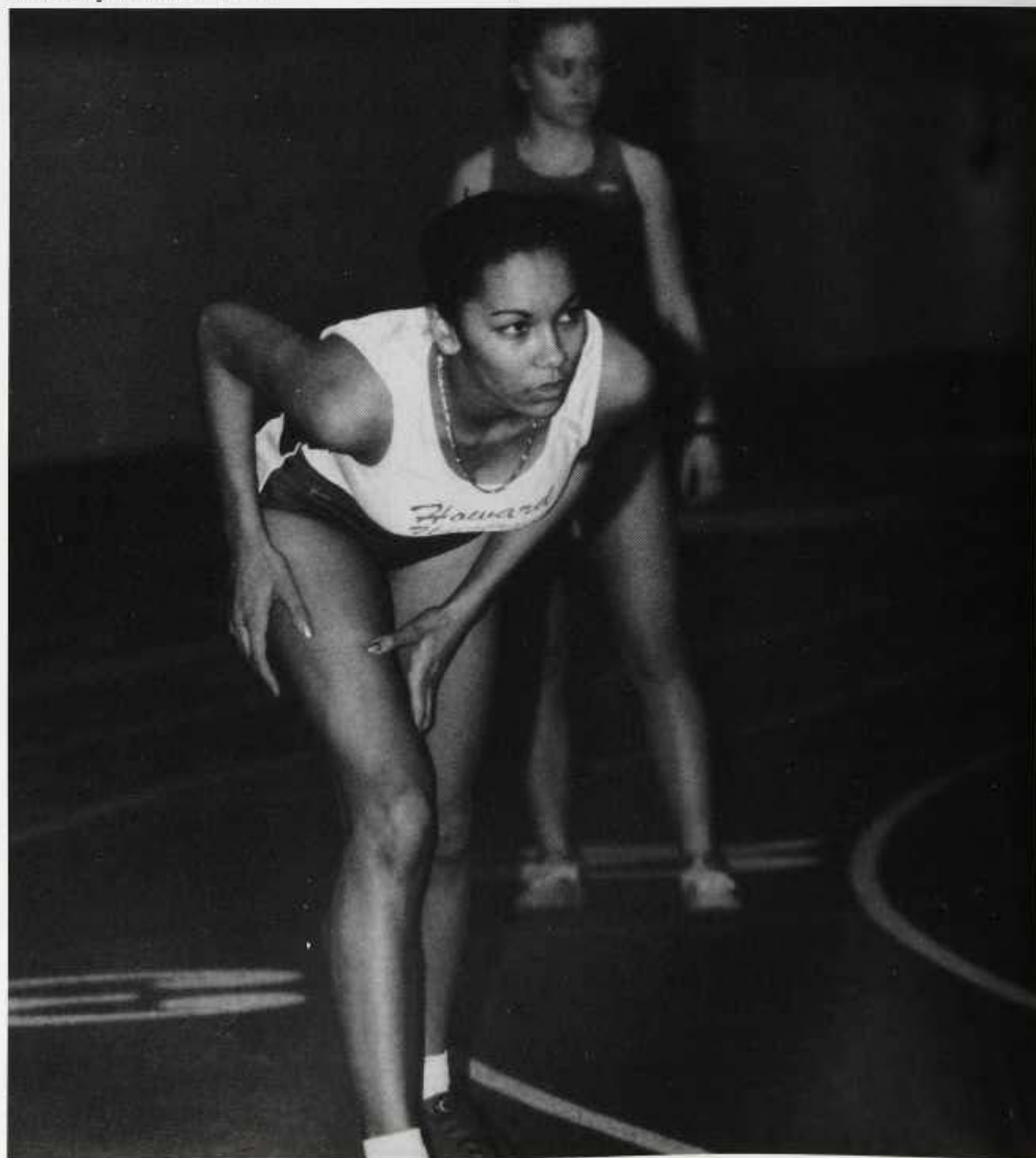
Jason Charter, last year's team captain, had mixed expectations going into the 98-99 track season. With the large number of rookie Track Bison, Charter believed this would be a year of learning. But as the season unfolded, he saw progress within the group. He believes the freshmen have learned through the experiences of others. "They saw through our accomplishments that it could be done," said Charter.

Both the Howard Men and Women's Track Teams have been known for their accomplishments in both the indoor and outdoor MEAC Championships. The Men's Team claimed victory in the MEAC Cross Country Championship for the 97-98 season. And both team take part in the Penn Relays which take place every April at the University of Pennsylvania. Ath-

letes come from all over the United States to participate in this meet. Participants from Howard's team are picked to participate based on their overall performance of the season.

Each season is a challenge for this talented group. The Howard University track teams are known for ranking high against other historically black colleges. And our sprinters

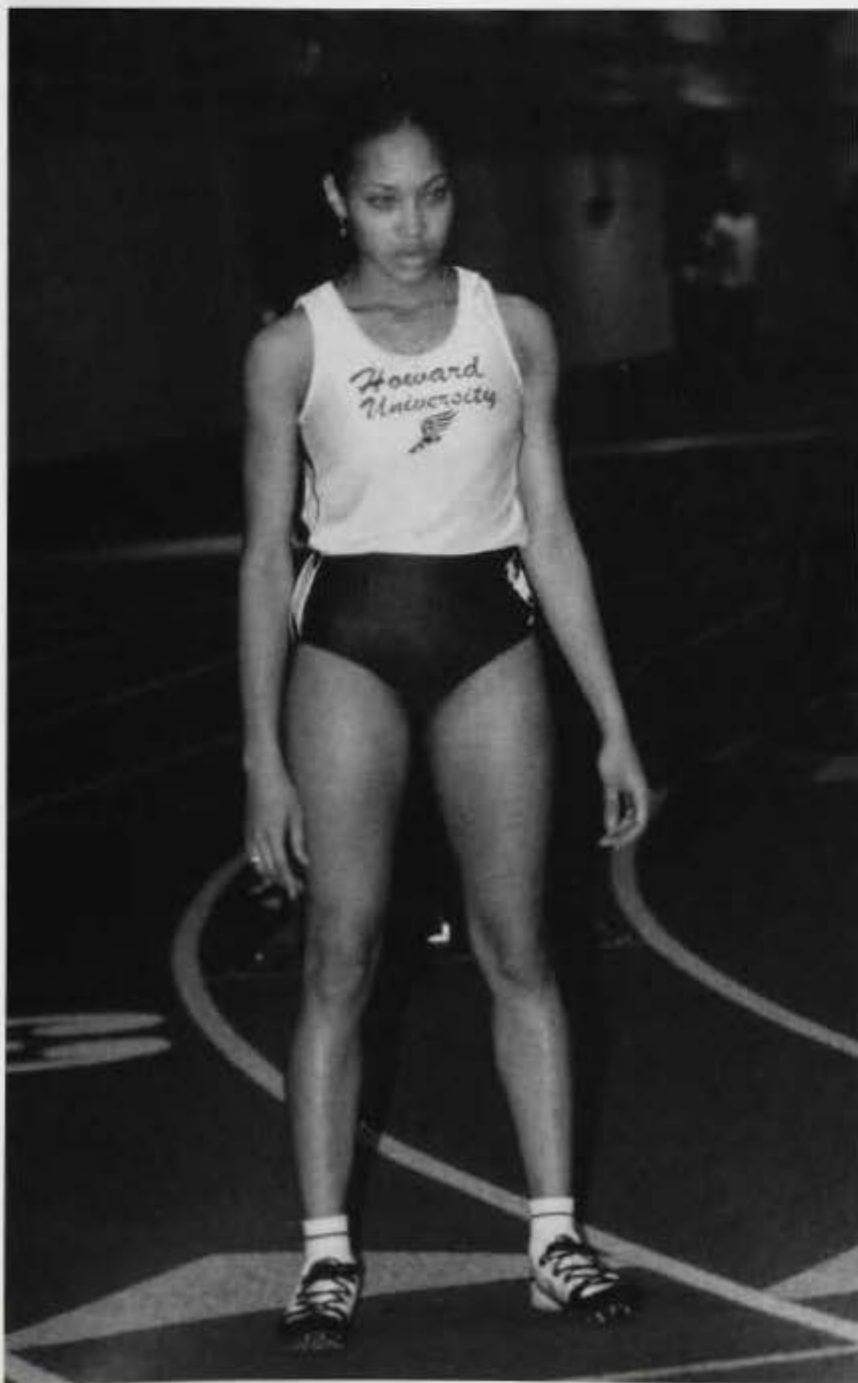
often present a challenge to other schools that place more emphasis on long distance races. Overall, Howard's men and women's track teams have shown that they are equipped to compete with any other school. And with a team this young, they will definitely be stronger in the years to come.





This Bison runner pushes herself to complete the race ahead of the competition.

Bison runners showed a tremendous amount of strength and endurance throughout their season.



A runner sizes up her competition before getting in position.

This runner sets herself up before the race is called.

The Bison Baseball team had an unforgettable season last spring. Led by Coach Chuck Hinton and assistants Chico Hinton and Johan Henderson, the team had a 15-0 season in the Southern Division of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The team brought the

MEAC Championship home to Howard by defeating Florida A&M in Florida last spring. They are determined to repeat.

In order to achieve this, the Bison plan to dominate their regular season games and play exceptionally well in the playoffs. Improving their overall batting and pitching is one of the team's main goals.

With the majority of their starting lineup returning, vacancies were immediately filled by talented freshman recruits such as Isaac Haynes, who is predicted to be a major addition to the team.

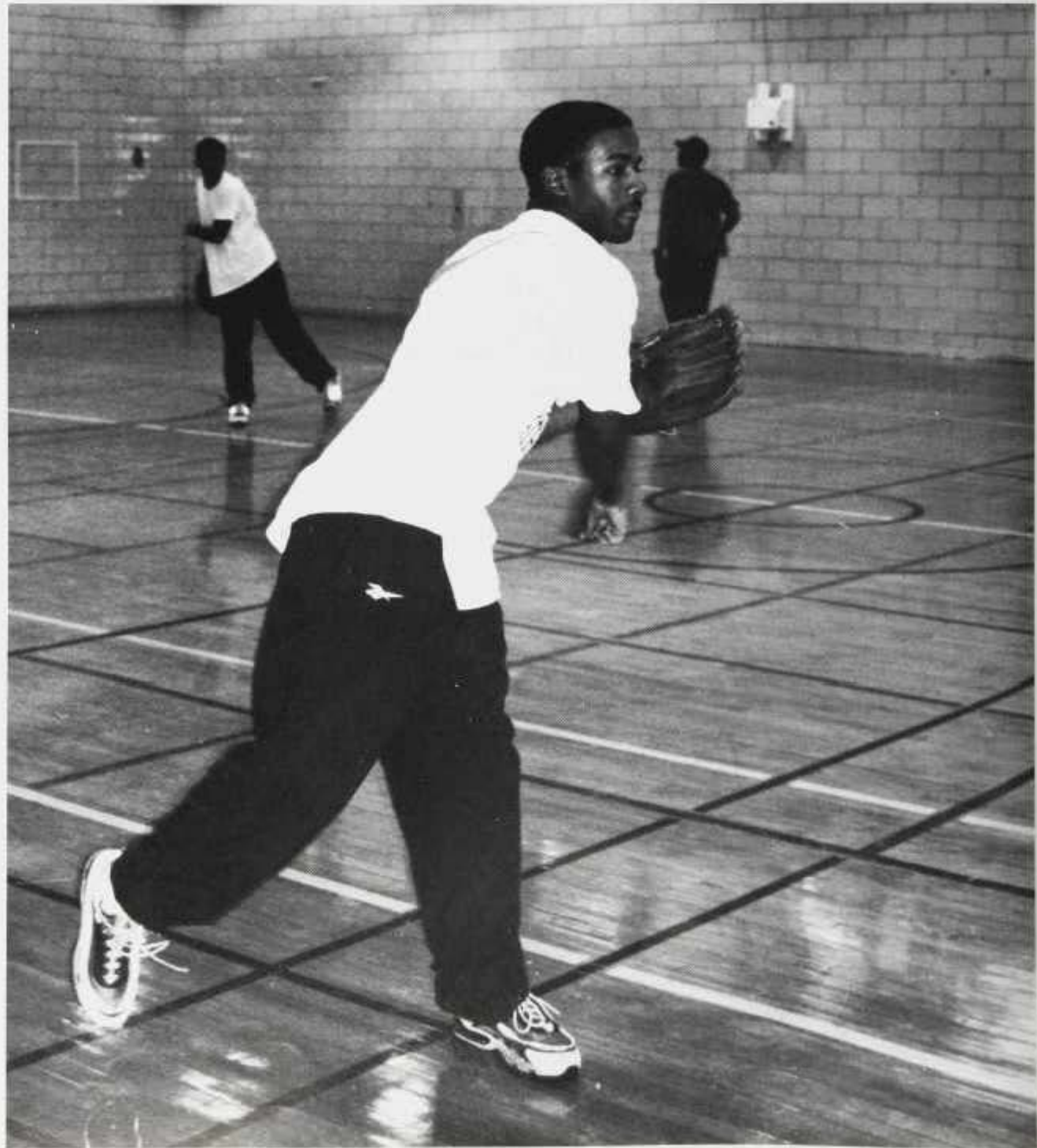
The team has the skill and the talent to repeat last year's accomplishment. They have matured and become a major threat for their opponents in the

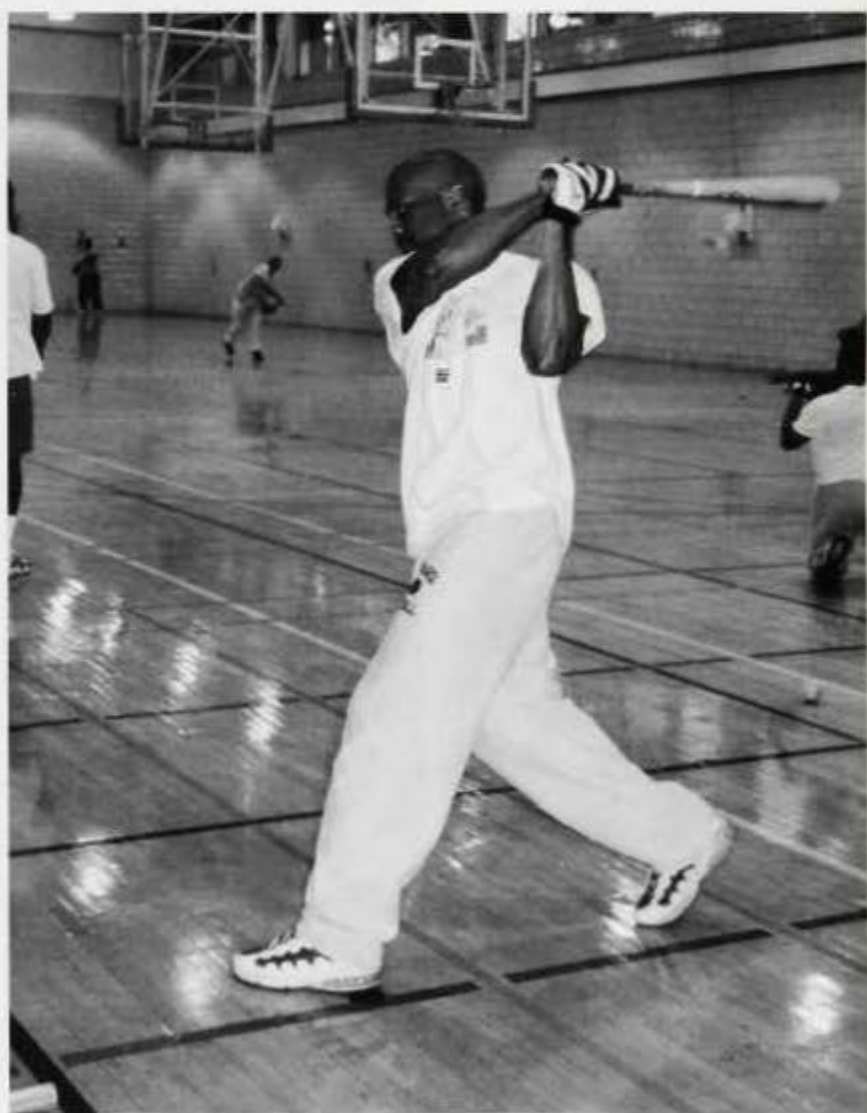
Southern Division. To win one championship is remarkable, but to repeat is amazing. And that's exactly what the Bison Baseball team is - amazing.

Baseball

by Erica Hubbard

All photos by Melissa Valle





The men began their season recently with a convincing win over fellow HBCU Morgan State University. Armed with the experience of upperclassmen leaders like Junior Chad Hamilton, and backed by a core of young talent, the team's aspirations are well

within its grasps. A MEAC championship, defeating rivals FAMU and Hampton, is first on the agenda. Thus accomplished, the men's team would earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The key is dedication. Tennis Bison rise daily at 5 a.m. to greet the approaching morn with two hours of rigorous practice, a stretch of intense classes, and three

hours of mandatory study hall. The team is small in comparison to some other teams, but they are tough, often calling upon team leaders, such as Junior Youseff Salah-Eddine, to play both doubles and singles matches in meets. No complaining from these guys though. They simply want to win. When asked what he has gotten from his experience as a member of the Howard Tennis Team,

freshman Jamal Ahmed responded, "I love the game. As long as I can help my team win, I'm happy."

His words echoed the sentiments of his teammates. Howard Tennis is family. Coach Strickland made it clear, "I am not just a tennis coach, I am an educator and a mentor, helping young men grow. Tennis is simply my arena of engagement."

Men's Tennis

by Jamil Gordon

All photos by Melissa Valle





This Bison tennis player pounds the ball over the net to his opponent.

Fellow tennis team members watch the men's play singles matches through glass windows.



Chad Hamilton walks down the corridor to join his teammates after winning his singles match.

This tennis player moves in to counteract his opponent's hit.

The Howard University Women's Tennis Team spent the 1998-99 season upholding its reputation of dedication and commitment to excellence. Head Coach Larry Strickland, who has been working with the Howard

University Tennis Program for over 15 years, says that his affiliation with the women's tennis team has been a positive and rewarding experience. His experience has also given him the chance to coach and watch his athletes develop into the best players in their field. Coach Strickland is also pleased to work with dedicated athletes who are committed

to improvement and have the potential to do great things.

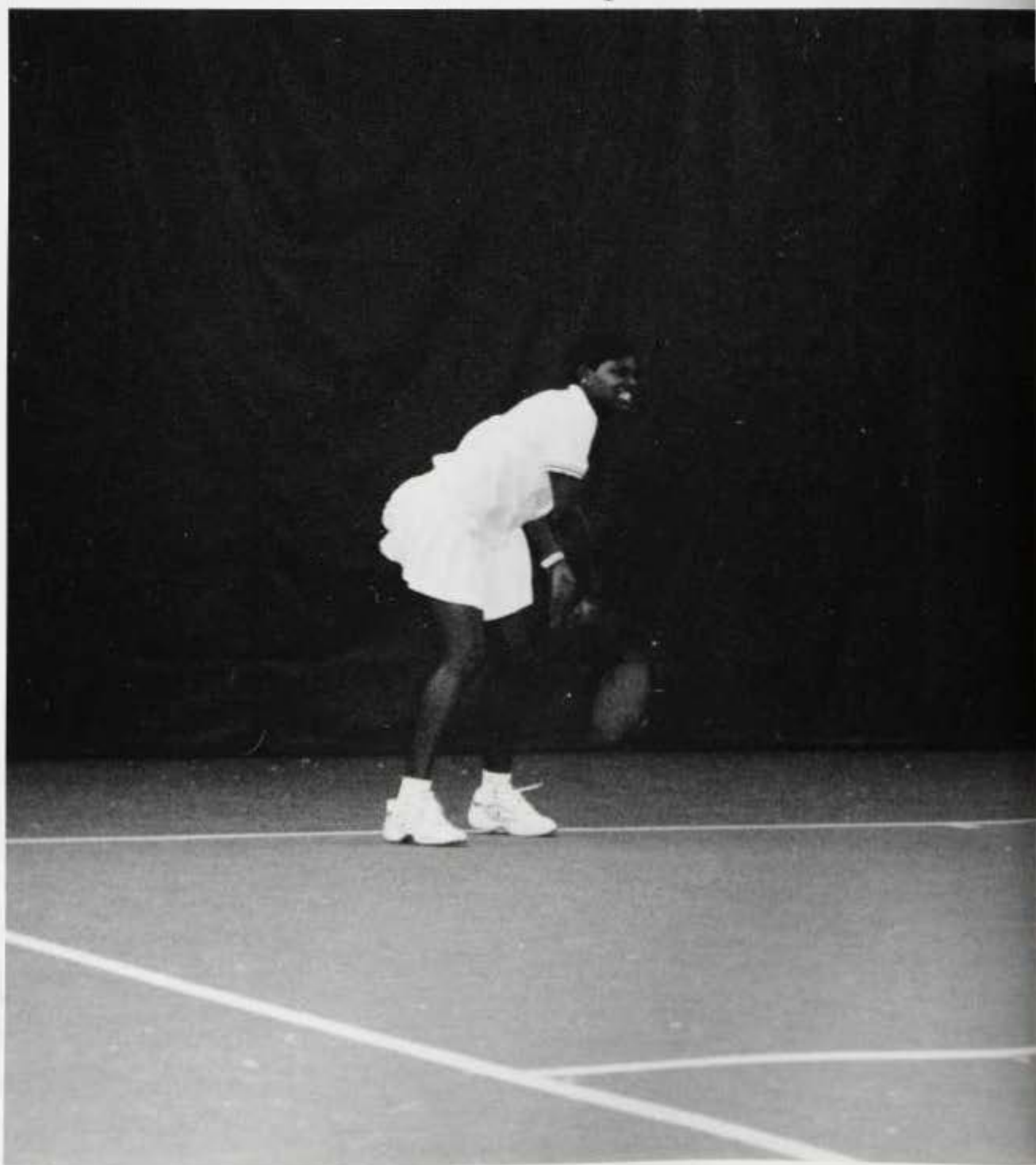
This year's team hopes to be successful in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference this year. Senior Tracey Austin played her final season as a Bison and lead exceptional players throughout the season. And transfer student Lama Alami, a new addition to the team, displayed remarkable and superb

skill throughout the 1998-99 season. Coach Strickland also believes that the women's tennis program here at Howard has some of the finest collegiate players in the country. This year's team has diligently exhibited great improvement and ability.

Women's Tennis

by Teisha L. Dupree

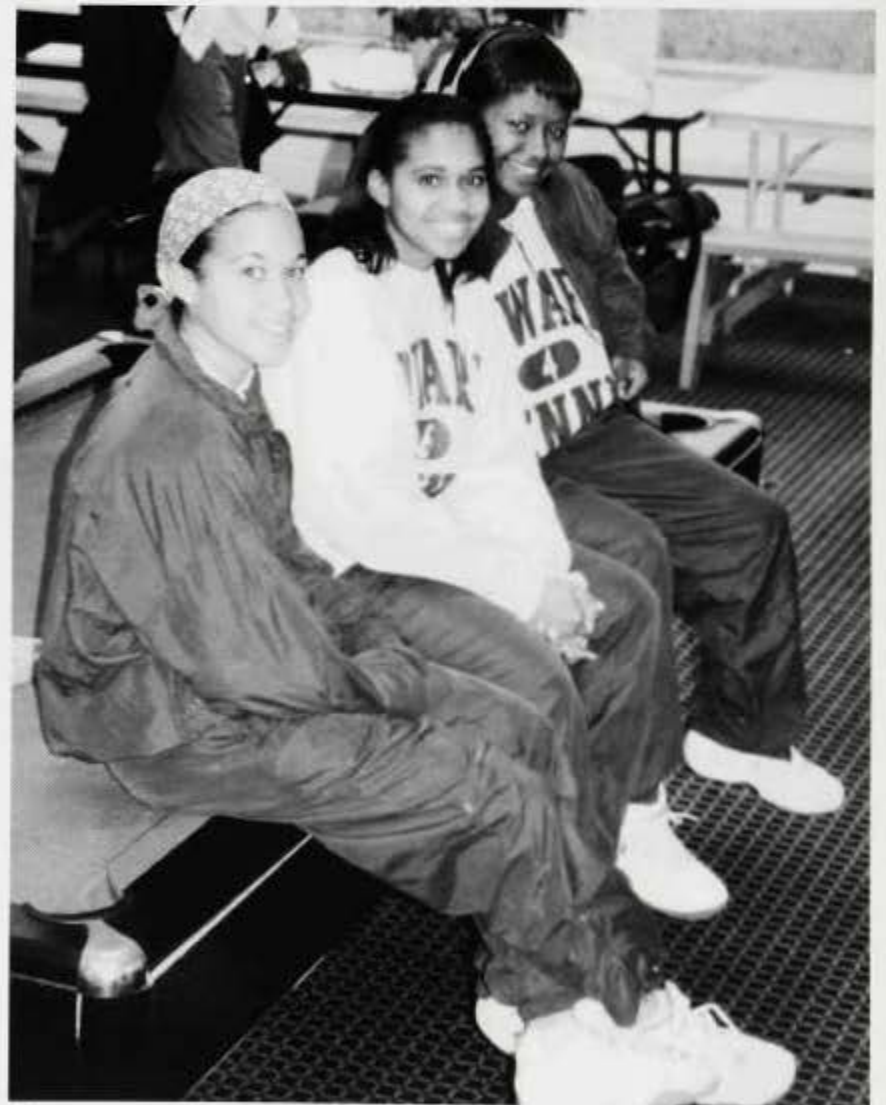
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Tennis team members warm up and watch fellow teammates through a glass partition at a Maryland recreation center.

Three tennis players smile for the camera while two of their teammates are playing a match.



This tennis player pounds the competition with her awesome moves.

This tennis player sets up her opponent with an tough hit.

Organizations



Winter



Spreading Warmth



We are all a part of at least one. Whether in your school, your major or service interests when you come to Howard you have to be involved in something. You have to have the capacity to give of yourself outside of the classroom. Some of us throw ourselves into every organization we can think of, as resume builders or just because we “want to make a difference”. Some of us are in that one special fraternity of sorority to represent in the colors or make the calls or for the love of the organization. No matter why you have joined or what role you have played, so long as you can be identified in the lineup when it comes time to take pictures then we can acknowledge you as a member.

Throughout the Community

ORGANIZATIONS

1998-1999

Absalom Jones
Canterbury Student
Association



African Student
Association



Allied Health Sciences
Student Council





Alpha Omega
Steppers for Christ



Alpha Kappa Alpha
Sorority, Inc.,
Alpha Chapter



American Chemical
Society Student
Affiliates



Annenberg Honors
Program

Spotlight Organization: Undergraduate Student Assembly

The Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA) is the programming entity of the various Undergraduate schools and colleges. It develops, maintains and coordinates programs for the entire Undergraduate student body. UGSA is also the central governing body of the undergraduate schools and colleges. UGSA has coined the phrase "Creativity at Work" as our theme for the 1998-1999 academic year. The theme encourages students to release the potential and cultivate the talents that reside within them. With this in mind, UGSA challenges you to take advantage of all that Howard has to offer, and to in turn, offer as much as you can to the University. We are dedicated to educating, entertaining, and enriching the student body.

Arts & Sciences Student Council



Baptist Student Union



Big Brother/Big Sister





Bisonettes



California Club



Campus All-Stars



Campus Crusade for
Christ

Campus Pals



Caribbean Students Association



Chapel Assistants



Chicago People's Union



Spotlight Organization: Martin Luther King Jr. Mock Trial Team

The Martin Luther King Jr. Mock Trial Team aims to involve students in activities that build an interest, knowledge and appreciation of the legal profession. Students assume roles as lawyers and witnesses to litigate mock civil or criminal cases. These cases are brought before practicing attorney and judges. By competing in various intercollegiate tournaments students are taught how to critically analyze and present cases. Our members continue to "Reside in the Upper Echelons of Excellence."



COBIS



College of Engineering, Architecture, & Computer Science



Colorado Club

Spotlight Organization: Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is an international nonprofit organization that builds homes for low-income families. It is an Ecumenical-Christian effort that was founded by Millard Fuller in 1988. The Howard University chapter is dedicated to educating the students and organizing volunteer groups to assist in the building of Habitat Communities. The goal of the chapter is to raise enough money to fund the building of its own Habitat House.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Alpha Chapter



Florida Club



Frederick Douglass Honor Society





Gentlemen of Drew
Social Club



Georgia Club



Habitat for Humanity



Haitian Students
Association

Hilltop



Homecoming Executive Board



Homecoming Steering Committee



Howard University Community Choir



Spotlight Organization: National Council of Negro Women

The National Council of Negro Women was founded in 1935 by Mary McLeod Bethune. NCNW is a voluntary nonprofit organization helping women to improve the quality of life for themselves, their families, and the community. The Howard University section was founded on October 5, 1993, and has participated in activities such as AIDS Walk, Black Family Reunion, tutoring, feeding the homeless, and a host of other educational, economical and social programs.



Howard University
Student Association



Howard University
Student Association
Executive Board



International Pals

Spotlight Organization: School of Business Team Leaders

The mission of the 21st Century Advantage Program is to prepare business students for the 21st century corporate arena. The team leaders of the program are assigned teams of approximately 20 students and serve as vanguards for the various activities and presentations that the teams initiate. They also serve as liaisons between the teams and their corporate sponsors. The program, initiated by Carol Henley, Director of Special Programs in the School of Business, is nationally esteemed for its excellence and uniqueness.

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Tau Chapter



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Xi Chapter



Ladies of the Quad Social Club





Louisiana Club



Martin Luther King Jr.
Mock Trial Team



Massachusetts Club



Michigan Club

Minnesota Club



National Council of Negro Women



New Jersey Club



New York Limited



Spotlight Organization: Students Organization for United Latinos

The Student Organization of United Latinos (S.O.U.L.) was founded in the fall of 1996. Several students, with the assistance of several faculty and staff members, decided to form an organization that would bring together the Latinos on campus. S.O.U.L. strives to promote Latino culture at Howard University and its surrounding community through cultural and social events, scholarship, research, politics, and community service. Above all, S.O.U.L. aims to unite with other student organizations to promote a greater sense of cultural awareness on campus.



Noonday Prayer



North Carolina Club



Omega Psi Phi
Fraternity, Inc.,
Alpha Chapter

Spotlight Organization: Campus Pals

The Campus Pals were organized by Samuel B. Ethridge in 1946. Mr. Ethridge and some of his personal Howard friends would meet new students and their parents upon arrival. After being recognized as a campus organization in 1947, the Campus Pals began to put on activities that would create fellowship between new students. The Campus Pals mission is to provide new students with opportunities to get to know one another through fun events and to help new entrants adjust to life in the Howard University Community.

Phi Sigma Pi
National Honor
Fraternity, Inc.,
Alpha Tau Chapter



Pre-Law Society



Pre-Pharmacy Club





Psychology Club



Public Relations Student Society of America



School of Business Team Leaders



School of Communications Student Council

Sigma Gamma Rho
Sorority, Inc.,
Alpha Phi Chapter



Southern States
Alliance



Student
Ambassadors



Student Organization
of United Latinos
(S.O.U.L.)



Spotlight Organization: Howard University Community Choir

The Howard University Community Choir was organized in March 1989 under the name Residence Hall Choir by Thomas K. Pierre. The choir's mission is to uplift the name of Jesus Christ through the singing of the gospel, and to minister to the community at large. This year marks the choir's tenth year of service to the Lord through its unique musical ministry. The choir has proudly served on programs with many gospel artists and a host of campus and community activists. Moreover, the choir continues to make meaningful contributions to the students, faculty, and the community as a whole.



Tau Beta Sigma



Texas Club



Ubiquity

Spotlight Organization: WHBC 830AM

WHBC 830 AM is a student-run training facility open to all students interested in the operation of a radio station. Its purpose is to expose Howard University students to all aspects of a commercial station: sales, promotions, programming, news, sports, research, and engineering. From the general manager on down to the disc jockeys, each student plays a key role in the daily functioning of the station.

Undergraduate Student Assembly



Undergraduate Student Assembly Executive Board



WHBC 830 AM



Spotlight Organization: PRSSA

The D. Parke Gibosn Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) is a professional organization exposing students to the public relations industry. As the first HBCU charter, we have received national recognition at the 1998 National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.



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Who's Who's

The Blossoming



This is the creme de la creme. These selected 99 juniors and seniors are the best and the brightest Howard University has to offer.

Many have overcome great obstacles, dealt with extreme tribulations and just plain suffered to reach this point. But as the saying goes, "No pain no gain." This list of nominees for Who's Who for the 1998-1999 academic year are those who showed exceptional achievements both in the classroom and in the community. We salute you who have made your college career more than just getting by and weekends at the club, but an opportunity to expose yourself to the talents and ideas of others. Now let this be a challenge to continue your excellence in the workforce and wherever

else your life may lead you.

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Who's Who Divider137



Weny Atanga is a 1996 graduate of Howard University's School of Business. She has a Bachelors of Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Ms. Atanga is the chairperson of the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges Nominating Committee.

wendy ATANGA
COORDINATOR



Akua Asiedua Aidoo is a twenty-year-old junior International Business major concentrating in Marketing from New Orleans, Louisiana. As a student at Howard University she is a class of 2001 Team Leader in the 21st Century Advantage Program in the School of Business, and Undergraduate Assembly Representative, a Resident Assistant in Bethune Annex, and Ms. Howard University 1997-98. Akua aspires to practice corporate law. Phillipians 3:13-14 is the scripture Ms. Aidoo strives to follow.

akua a. Aidoo



Desma plans to pursue graduate studies leading to a Master of Engineering where her main focus will be on the generation of innovative ideas to produce useful products from solid waste. She will eventually return to St. Croix to aid in addressing their environmental concerns. A few of her awards include the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Mordecai Wyatt Johnson, and Environmental Agency scholarships. Her organizational affiliations include Tau Beta Pi Engineering Society, American Society of Civil Engineers, Golden Key National Honor Society, and the Society of Women Engineers.

desma ALEXANDER



Shamarlas is from Miami, Florida. He is currently working on his Master of Education Degree in Special Education. His hard work and dedication has helped him maintain a 4.0 and is a top doctoral candidate. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa, and candidate for Kappa Delta Pi. His motto is: Life is like a flower, one may bloom and become strong and beautiful another may wither due to lack of love and encouragement.

shamarlas g. ALLENS



Arrelle is a senior advertising major who has aspirations of pursuing a career as a copywriter. She has been a member of the Annenberg Honors Program, American Advertising Federation, School of Communications Student Council, New Jerzee Club and the Hilltop. Arrelle says her foundation is family, determination and "mustard seed faith."

arrelle a. Anderson



Maisha wants to be able to bless others as I have been blessed. Her career plans are to work as a Software Engineer before starting a consulting firm. Activities and achievements include: National Competitive Scholarship, College of Engineering, Architecture, and Computer Sciences Student Assembly Secretary, Baptist Student Union, Phi Sigma Pi, and many others.

maisha ARMSTRONG



Michelle is the 1st Vice President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Chapter, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Fredrick Douglass Honor Society, Student Ambassador, American Advertising Federation, and the Georgia Club. Her motto is "What you are is God's fit to you, what you make of yourself is your gift to God." She plans to become an entertainment lawyer.

michelle ARRINGTON



To Shannon, coming to Howard University has been a blessing in disguise. She is a junior Radio-Television-Film major from Augusta, Georgia. Her activities include the H.U. Bisonettes, Annenberg Honors Program, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, and "Spotlight," WHUT-TV to name a few. She aspires to become a successful editor for television and film.

shannon BAKER



Yolanda is a senior legal communications major, sociology minor from Brooklyn, New York. Her campus activities include MLK Mock Trial Debate Team and youth program coordinator for Vehicles, Inc. Her aspirations are to become a family attorney and to eventually work with the Children's defense fund.

yolanda t. BARKER



Laurie, a native of Montreal, Canada, is presently pursuing her graduate studies in Exercise Physiology, while concurrently working on a Physical Therapy degree. Laurie has a tremendous love for sports and fitness. She is also a volunteer for the DC Special Olympics at Howard. Laurie wishes to pursue a doctorate degree in the area of Sports Medicine.

laurie BLACKMAN



During her years at Howard she has accomplished and experienced many great things. She is on the Dean's List, treasurer of Golden Key National Honor Society, member of Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Honors Fraternity, four year recipient of the Pullman Scholarship, philacter of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, and many other honors. After graduation she will begin a career working for Arthur Anderson in Chicago, Illinois.

arkisha BRIDGEMAN



Latoya is a junior, Broadcast Journalism major from the Tarheel State. She is an active member of Student Council, a resident assistant, student Ambassador with the HU TeleCenter, a staff writer for the Bison Yearbook, and a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in journalism as a foreign correspondent.

latoya j. BROWN



Shatikwa is a junior legal communications major from Brooklyn, NY. Her membership in such prestigious honor societies as Phi Sigma Pi and Golden Key, as well as her active roles as Resident Assistant and School of Communications student council member serve as examples of her active participation at Howard. Shatikwa thanks her mother for supporting her and for teaching her the importance of family and humility in her climb to success.

shatikwa BROWN



Sophia is a student in the school of social work. Since at Howard she has had above a 3.8 GPA, and been on the Dean's List and the National Dean's List for 1998. At Howard's Child Development Center, she participated on a multi-disciplinary team in testing and assessment of children with various learning disabilities. Her future plans include a career providing counseling for adolescents and a principal for her own specialized school for inner city children.

sophia CARRE'



A graduating senior from Detroit, Michigan majoring in Broadcast News, he has achieved many obstacles to reach this milestone in his life. In doing so, he has tried to live by this personal motto: "If you put in nothing you get nothing. However if you put your best foot forward, then everything you want you will receive.

james CARTER



joi CHANEY

Joi is a junior political science major from Orlando, Florida. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is also a member of college Democrats, CASHA, Pi Sigma Alpha, Golden Key, University Choir, The Patricia Roberts Harris Program and the Arts and Sciences Student Council.



mario CLARK

Mario, originally from Atlanta, Georgia, is a senior Political Science major with a minor in COBIS. Mario is a member of Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity, Georgia Club, Southern States Alliance, COBIS Society, Political Science Society, and the Pre-Law Society. He is the general manager of WHBC 830AM and he interns at WHUR 96.3.



karen h. CLARKE

"With Faith, Give Love and Love will Come Right Back Tenfold." Clarke is a management major from Montreal, Quebec. She has received scholarships from C.C. House Senior, the Board of Visitors and the Black Human Resources Network. Karen's dream is to ski the Chilean Andes and her words of inspiration are "imani" and "umoj."o."



amelia COBB

Amelia is a senior Nutritional Sciences major with a minor in Chemistry from Pasadena, California. She plans to receive her MD/MPH to become a public health consultant. Amelia is currently, the Business Manager for the Howard University "Hilltop" and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She has received numerous honors including the Harvard University Health Policy Summer Fellowship, Nellie M. Quander Scholarship Award, Jackie Robinson Award of Merit and the AmeriCorps/National Corporation of Service Award for completing 900 hours of community service in the District of Columbia.



torie COMEAUX

Torie, a native of Abbeville, LA, is an active member of the Howard University community. She is a member of Alpha Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Golden Key National Honor Society, Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society, the Health Professions Club, the Assets Student Mentoring Program and the Louisiana Club. Some of the awards she has received include the National Achievement Scholarship, Dean's List, the Biology Award, the Residence Hall Award, and the Phi Beta Kappa Alain Locke Award. Upon graduation, she plans to attend medical school and is considering a career in pediatrics or anesthesiology.



tiffany CRAWFORD

Originally from Detroit, Michigan, Tiffany will receive a bachelors of Business Administration finance degree in May. Her college experience has been blessed with many accomplishments and achievements: The Howard University Academic Scholarship, Trustee Scholarship, and the National Association of Black Accountants Scholarship. Upon graduation, she plans to attend law school with further hopes of creating and enforcing laws to bring about independence for all African Americans.



jarrett i. CURD

From the day I was born I was ordained a prophet onto this world. One who is to ensure the change and uplifting of his people. The path God has set for me is shaping an ability that cannot be defeated. Once fully prepared, the world will never be the same.



garland j. DABNEY

Garland is a May 1999 graduating senior with a major in Health Management. He is Mr. College of Pharmacy, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. He intends to pursue an M.B.A. degree in Health Services Administration and to become an accomplished Health Care Administrator. Garland believes that the key to success, is putting God first in everything that you do.



Born and raised in Denver, Colorado. Major in Psychology, Minor in Human Development. During her time at H.U. she has been involved in the Alumni Task Force, NAACP, NCNW as well as the president of the Colorado Club. Her foundation of knowledge in her field of study has allowed her to work with children in several school as a mentor. It is her plan to empower our children with the skills they need to thrive.

alva I. DUAPHINE



Giselle is a junior pursuing a career in physical therapy. She is a member of the Howard University swim team, the Howard University Student Association, the Community Outreach office, and three honor societies. She enjoys writing poetry, photography, and outdoor activities. She aspires to gather as many experiences as time and her abundance of energy will allow her.

giselle DEFREITAS



Teisha is a graduating senior History major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her activities include the National Council of Negro Women, Ladies of the Quad Social Club, Chancellor Williams History Club and the Pre-Law Society. She also serves as senior representative for the College of Arts and Science's Student Council. Her motto is "Without Christ I am Nothing."

teisha DUPREE



Nora assisted at-risk students at C.R.E.S.P.A.R.'s Safe Start Program, and is a tutor at D.C.'s Youth & Conflict Center. She also founded H.U.'s Sociology Club. As a graduate student at the School of Social Work, she is currently on the Dean's List. Dedicated to the advancement of black families, Ms. Edwards will develop private practices that provide mental health services to children and families in the U.S. and her native St. Croix, U.S.V.I.

nora EDWARDS



Mojgan is married with two children and is a Pharm D student in the College of Pharmacy. Maintaining an average above 3.5 and making the Dean's List ever since she has been attending Howard, Mojgan is also a member of the Rho Chi Honor Society, Beta Sigma Chapter. She is applying for residency programs at local hospitals as well. Mojgan has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities.

mojgan FARID



Adiah was born in Philadelphia, PA. This junior is an academic scholarship recipient and has involved herself in the Howard chapters of the NCNW and the NAACP. She is also a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Golden Key National Honor Society, and the first class of Ron Brown Fellows. She maintains a 3.8 GPA as an English major and political science minor. She plans on going to law school upon graduation.

adiah i. FERRON



Dame is a graduate student in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. She earned her BS degree in chemistry from Howard in 1997. She is a recipient of a Trustee Scholarship and a scholarship from the National Science Foundation. A current treasurer of the Howard University Community Choir and from Graduate Assistant for the American Chemical Society Student Affiliates.

dame FORBES



Jarvis is a member of the Bions Football Team, Frederick Douglass Honor Society, and Golden Key National Honor Society. he is an Academic All-American for both GTE CoSIDA and Coca-Cola as well as a Burger King Scholar Athlete Award. Jarvis plans to pursue a career in acting, preferably film. He believes you should be afraid to find your place because fear kill, and he wants to give love ot Shirley, Johnny, Jason, the Bison Ball TEam, and the Omnipotent One for all energy.

jarvis GEORGE



Originally from Oakland, Ca, LaToya has been involved in many activities including the Big Brother/Big Sister Program, the California Club, NCNW and the NABA. She is a N Street Village tutor and a mentor at Sojourner's Neighborhood Center. Her honors and awards include Golden Key National Honor Society and an HU Trustee Scholarship. Godley's ultimate goal is to start a non-profit organization that focuses on educating minorites on financial matters.

latoya t. GODLEY



Gordon has served several posts throughout his education: Intern at H.U. Hospital Department of Anesthesiology, Health management advisor for the Student Entrepresneuship Center, and others. He has been bestowed with several departmental and university awards. He aspires to be a Cardiothoracic Surgeon. His primary objective is to perform the will of God via medicine or any other prescribed vehicle.

michael e. GORDON



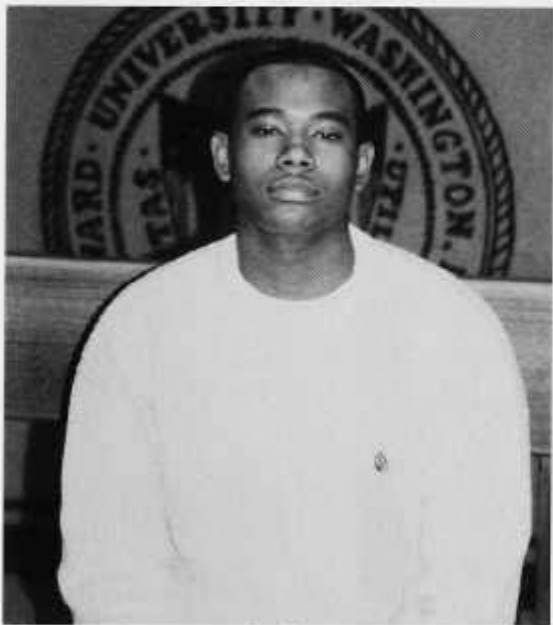
rob HALL

A graduate of Utica Senior Academy at Proctor, Rob Hall is a junior International Business major. He's a veteran U.S. Army Paratrooper and Mr. Howard University. Rob believes that you should measure your ability to become a success by the size of the obstacles that you allow to stop you.



n.laquis HARKINS

N. LaQuis Harkins is a junior public relations major and theatre arts minor from Chicago, Illinois. She is a National Competitive Scholarship recipient and member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and Ubiquity of HU. She plans to create and promote programs that encourage the creative expression, growth and mental freedom of young people.



eugene HARRIS

Eugene is a junior Biology major. He is a member of Beta Kappa Chi and the Golden Key National Honor Society. His mission in life is to help as many people as he can because he feels that true happiness can only come from giving and seeing the joy in the hearts of others. Because of his love of humanity he became a Student Ambassador, tutor for the Biology Department, a mentor at Sojourner's Neighborhood Center. He wants to become a physician for the same reason.



Kimbra S. HARRIS

Kimbra is a senior Biology major who plans to pursue a medical degree specializing in cardiology electrophysiology. She is president of the Howard University Community Choir, secretary of the Texas Club, Senior Representative of the Biological Sciences Society, and has volunteered with handicapped children. Her words of wisdom are from Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."



nicole HARRIS

Nicole is a senior Communications Sciences and Disorders major from Oakland, California. She devotes time to several organizations, including the Annenberg Honors Program, Phi Sigma Pi, and Student Ambassadors as well as serving as a Howard University Hospital Volunteer. After graduation, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's degree in audiology.



lakeasha HART

Lakeasha graduated summa cum laude with an undergraduate degree in psychology from Howard University. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa during her junior year. Currently, she is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Howard University. Lakeasha's achievements include being third author in a research publication and being nominated for the 1998 Williams Cosby Fellowship. Lakeasha believes that her unrelenting desire to excel and her faith in God are her most valuable treasures.



avionne HILL

Avionne is a senior Biology major from Diego Martin, Trinidad. She hopes to attend medical school and eventually start a profession as an Obstetrics/Gynecology physician. At Howard, she is a member of the Caribbean Students Association, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and the Student Ambassadors. Her greatest inspirations in life have been her parents. They have helped her realize her potential to be the best at all of her endeavors.



sparkie HILL

Sparkie exemplifies Howard's rich tradition of student involvement and drive for success. Through her dedication in various extracurricular activities and the acquisition of several honors and awards for her academic achievements. Sparkie feels blessed and deeply indebted to each of her professors and fellow students who have made such a profound impact on her life. Her future endeavors include pursuing MBA and JD degrees. Sparkie is motivated by knowing that "...true character is defined by what you do when you don't have to..."



With a major in Clinical Laboratory Science and Chemistry minor, Taneka will pursue a career in medicine in hopes of promoting wellness and contributing to quality health care. "Special thankd to God, my parents, my sisters--Sparkle and Ambrosia, the faculty of CLS, the Brothers of Phi Sigma Pi, and my friends for their love and support."

taneka HILL



As the Grievance Director of UGSA, Rudyard founded Operation HOPE (Homeless Outreach Program), mentoring area homeless children. He was a three year swim team member and received the NCAA Academic Achievement Award and the Arthur Ashe Jr. Scholar-Athlete Award. With is passion and determination he will succeed in his goal to become a physician.

rudyard HILLIARD



Jamila is a senior Chemical Engineering major from Gadsden, Alabama. She has served as secretary and president of the Student Assembly and as a active member of Tau Beta Pi wiht her collegee; as well as writing and editing for the Howard Engineer Magazine. Jamila enjoyed volunteering at the HU Center for Sickle Cell Disease and as an Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel Assistant. Her plans are to attend graduate school and she hopes to one day make a significant contribution in the area of drug design and delivery.

jamila HOYETT



Zerline, a Print journalism major, photography minor, leaves the Mecca having garnered membership with the Golden Key Honor Society and School of Communications Dean's Honor Roll. Following in the footsteps of her mother, also a write, Hughes has taken her love of writing to great level, writing extensively for Howard's Hilltop, Community News and Interning for the L.A. Times and the Washington Bureau. Hughes hopes to return to L.A. to work for the L.A. Tomes and become a dance critic.

zerline HUGHES



Tracey is an Antiguan fourth year architecture major. Her participation in the refuge of hope organization assisted in the future development plans for a community center on P Street in the DC metro area. Tracey, a member of the national Organization of Minority Architects and vice president of the American Institute of Architectural Student advocates the redevelopment of inner cities that provide public facilities and strategic urban planning.

tracey HUNTE



Junel is a senior Broadcast Journalism major from Miami, FL. She is a member of Army ROTC, the Showtime Marching Band "Flashy Flags", Golden Key National Honor Society, Frederick Douglass Honor Society, and the Florida Club. As an officer in the US Army and a Broadcast Journalist, her goal is to tell the stories of people throughout the world.

junel JEFFREY



Samiayah is a senior Psychology major from St. Louis, MO. During her matriculation at Howard, she has been involved in peer mentoring and NCNW. She is also the current chairperson of the Campus Pals. Samiayah aspires to complete both her Masters and PhD degree in Social Psychology and teach at the college level.

samiayah JOHNSON



Shenita is a senior Public Relations major from Detroit, MI. She has maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 and has been on the School of Communications Dean's List. As a Spanish minor, she plans to develop public relations and marketing strategies for both the African American and Latino markets.

shenita JOHNSON



Morgan is a senior Finance major from Richmond, California. She is a member of Golden Key and Beta Gamma Sigma. She also participates in the HU Finance and Investing Club. After graduating, she plans to work as a financial analyst on Wall Street and later pursue an MBA.

morgan KEETON



"Delight yourself in the lord and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4. Coming from Virginia Beach, VA she was blessed with the opportunity to earn a degree from the most prestigious black university in the nation. Now that she has accomplished this goal, she plans on attending medical school to further her educational aspirations.

shana z. KITTRELL



bienvenido LEBRON

Bienvenido is a junior Radio Production and Telecommunications Management major from Roxbury, MA. HE is active in the Bison Yearbook, Campus Pals, UGSA, Frederick Douglass Honor Society, and Golden Key National Honor Society. He hopes to pursue a career in the radio and television sales industry.



jonelle t. LEWIS

Jonelle is a senior Political Science major from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since entering Howard University she has remained active in student life. She currently serves as the Coordinator of the Undergraduate Student Assembly (UGSA), UGSA Representative for the College of Arts and Sciences and on various university wide committees and boards. She is also a member of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, NCNW, and the NAACP. Jonelle hopes to have a positive and lasting effect on the Black community.



Shantrelle LEWIS

Shantrelle, of New Orleans, LA, is a junior Biology major/Pre-Med major. As an All-American Scholar, National Competitive Scholar, and Ronald McNair Scholar, she serves as President of the Louisiana Club, member of the Southern States Alliance, Campus Pals, and Golden Key National Honor Society. Committed to serving her community, Lewis' future plans include becoming an orthopedic surgeon.



Karyn R. LILLY

Lilly possesses a Bachelors Degree in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and will graduate from Howard University this May with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree. After graduation, she plans to pursue a post-graduate residency in Primary Care/Ambulatory Care. Her future endeavor is to initiate pharmacist-run disease management clinics in the community. Her motto is: I must be about my Father's business." Luke 2:49, KJV



Kimberly LOYD

Kimberly, 21, is a Legal Communications major from Virginia Beach, VA. Her time has been spent volunteering with many Howard organizations. Kimberly will build on her volunteer experiences to advance in the new millenium as a leader and to continue to serve and protect her people.



Sheldon I. LYN

Sheldon is a native of Jamaica majoring in Civil Engineering. Since enrolling at Howard Univesity he has been involved in the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Caribbean Students Association. He is also a member of Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society which he currently serves as Chapter Vice President.



erika MCGONDUIT

Erika is a very enthusiastic Radio-TV-Film major and Theatre Arts minor from New Orleans, Louisiana. She is a member of the Campus Pals, UGSA, National Council of Negro Women, Golden Key National Honor Society, Frederick Douglass Honor Society, Americorps volunteer and the Louisiana Club. Her goal in lfie is to be an actress on a daytime drama and continue to work in the television industry. She firmly believes that in life one should create her own happiness.



jasmin MCDUFFIE

Jasmin is a fourth year architecture student from Seattle, Washington. Some of her hobbies inlcude photography, computer graphics, and drawing. Other than school, she enjoys being a member of different organizations within the School of Architecture, such as the AIAS and NOMA. Once out of school, she hopes to work in the fields of architecture, computer graphics/art or marketing.



As a student in the Division of Nursing, Michelle has received many honors and awards, which include the Howard University Scholastic Achievement Award, Golden Key National Honor Society, National Collegiate Nursing Award, National Dean's List and All American Scholar. After graduating she plans to provide care and assistance to those in need as a registered nurse.

michelle MCKENNEY



This Miami, Florida native is the first college graduate in her family. Merus is a distinguished member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Golden Key, UGSA and the School of Business Student Council. She plans to pursue a joint law and business graduate degree and work towards her goal of owning her own entertainment company. "My parents Susan and Francois Merus are my inspiration and I am proud to be a Bison."

linda MERUS



Stephanie Miller is an International Business and Marketing major with a Japanese Studies minor. Miller is Vice President of the School of Business Student Council as well as Selections Co-Chair and Corresponding Secretary for the Campus Pals. A member of many organizations, Miller is also active in the community working as a mentor at Sojourner's Neighborhood Center and a Metro Teen AIDS Volunteer.

stephanie MILLER



Kia is from Richmond, VA and is the daughter of the Rev. Lorenzo Nicholson Sr, and Mrs. Joyce Nicholson. Kia has served as President of Bethune Hall, and has been a member of the Association of Marketing Students, the National Council of Negro Women, the Virginia Club, and the Entrepreneur Society. Kia's purpose in life is to "always acknowledge God in everything that she does and he shall direct her paths."

kia NICHOLSON



Alexis is a junior Chemistry major from New Orleans, LA. She aspires to be a cardiologist that educates the African American community about heart disease. She intends to open a clinic and name it after her late grandfather, Melvin O. Parent, Sr., who died of heart disease.

alexis PARENT



Leah is a senior Engineering major who has participated in activities such as Big Brother/Big Sister and the DC Youth Orchestra. She has received a Masters of Science Engineering Fellowship. She currently serves as president of Tau Beta Pi and vice president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

leah PATTERSON



Ethan is a senior Marketing major from Los Angeles, CA. During his matriculation at Howard, Ethan has also served as the Intercollegiate Director for HUSA, Public Relations Director for UGSA, 1997 Homecoming Step Show Coordinator, and ISAS Technical Assistant for dormitory computer labs. Ethan's motto is: It's not what you know, but who you know.

ethan POLK



Nadina obtained a B.S. in Environmental Chemistry from UC San Diego and is currently a second year Pharm D. Candidate. She plans to pursue a career in consulting or research within the pharmaceutical industry. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and president-elect of APhA

nadina POWELL



Christina is a senior Administration of Justice major, from Mount Holly, NJ. She is a Student Ambassador and a member of the MLK Mock Trial Team. She is the president of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity and vice president of the New Jersey Club. She plans to attend law school and eventually become a criminal attorney

christina PRESSEY



Kimberly has a B.A. in Chemistry from North Carolina A&T University, and is currently a second year Pharm D. candidate. She is a member of the APhA, SNPha, Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She plans to pursue a career as a pharmaceutical consultant.

kimberly RAINS



faith m. RICHARDSON

Faith was born in Fort Worth, Texas. She is a senior Journalism major, minoring in Sports Administration. She earned her Associate Arts degree in Liberal Arts from City College of San Francisco. She served as HUSA vice president during the 1998-1999 school year and is founder of the Howard University Transfer Students Union.



monique RICHARDSON

Monique is a senior Communication Sciences & Disorders major from Queens, NY. She is a member of the Annenberg Honors Program, Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, and the Howard University Bisonettes. She attributes her success to her supportive family who has always encouraged her.



kenneth RUSSELL

Kenneth hails from Pedro in St. Ann, Jamaica. He has served as president of the School of Communications Student Council, editor of the Hilltop, host of Spotlight. He is also a Patricia Robert-Harris Fellow. He is a member of the Walter Annenberg, Frederick Douglass, and Golden Key Honor Societies and boasts a 3.97 GPA.



rashidah SIDDIQUI

Born in Grenada, West Indies, Rashida is very proud of the accomplishments she has made during her life. She is a member of the Martin Luther King Mock Trial Team, and feels that she has continued Howard's legacy of educating and helping the community. She feels that she is leaving Howard "ready to face anything."



CYNNE SIMPSON

Cynne is a junior Broadcast News major from Sacramento, CA. And aspiring television news anchor, she has worked for KXTV, Newsvision, WHBC, The Hilltop and the Sacramento Bee. She has also studied abroad in Spain and Costa Rica and is fluent in Spanish. She regularly volunteers as a bilingual tutor with underprivileged Latino youth.



MONIKA K. SIMHA

"Perseverance makes obstacles into manageable challenges." Monika Kumari Sinha is a senior occupational therapy major who is actively involved in the community as a tutor at New Community Afterschool and Advocacy Program, VP of the Occupational Therapy Club and an occupational therapy technician at the National Rehabilitation Hospital.



DONTAI SMALLS

Dontai will graduate with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in psychology this May. He has worked at the Congressional Youth Leadership Council and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Dontai plans to attend Howard University Law School where he will obtain his JD and Masters in Public Policy.



LOUIS STERLING

Louis Sterling is a junior Finance major from Chicago, IL. To supplement his business curriculum, he studied abroad in Grenada, Spain during the Spring 1998 semester where he received an "Outstanding Student" award. Because he recognizes the importance of giving back to the community, Louis volunteers his time to speak with at-risk high school students at the Target Hope program.



Stacy is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Kappa Chi, and Golden Key National Honor Societies. She is a four-year athletic scholarship recipient, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She has wanted to become a physician for many years and feels that her many activities have played a major role in her becoming a well-rounded student.

stacy STEWART



Alicia will be graduating with a BS in Mathematics in May of 1999. A Phi Beta Kappa Scholar, Alicia has served as president of the Actuary Science Club, and is a member of Gamma Iota Sigma, Abram Harris Economic Society, and the Math Club. She is also a member of Big Brother/Big Sister, NCNW and ASSC Senior Class Treasurer.

alicia TEAL



Marinda is a native of Daly City, CA. She is a senior Chemistry major who desires to pursue a career in Environmental Chemistry. She plans to attain a doctorate in Environmental Engineering to eventually teach and do research. All glory and honor to Christ Jesus through whom all things are possible

marinda THOMAS



Lelie-Ann is a senior psychology major from Trinidad and Tobago. She has been an exchange student at the University of Salamanca, Spain and a member of the British Universities North American Club. She is also an International Pal, a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, S.O.U.L., and the Caribbean Students Association.

leslie-ann TOREY



Frank is a senior Finance major from Mobile, AL. Frank has been involved in various leadership roles and services including UGSA Representative, Team Leader, and many other clubs on campus. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Executive Leadership Honors Program. He now serves as Treasurer of the School of Business Student Council.

frank TURNER



Chondria is a native of Jamaica Queens, NY. She is a senior Public Relations major, and is the president of PRSSA. She is also a member of the Black Public Relations Society, and the American Advertising Federation. She is also the public relations director for the School of Communications Student Council.

chondria WALLACE



Originally from sunny California, Jennifer earned her bachelors in Psychology from UCLA. She is a Howard University Trustee Scholarship recipient and will receive a Master's Degree in Educational Psychology. She credits her accomplishments to the love and support of her mother and two grandmothers.

jennifer WHITE



A "Gator Country" native, this current Atlantan is a graduating senior in the School of Communications. Too much is never enough seems to be her motto and her campus and community participation is proof of this. Wilkerson's career goal is to be the next r&b diva or have her own television broadcast network.

kacee WILKERSON



Richard is a senior History major from Hustle, VA. He is a member of the National Society of Pershing Rifles Fraternity, Inc., the Campus Pals, and the Howard University Cheerleaders. He is a Resident Assistant and a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society.

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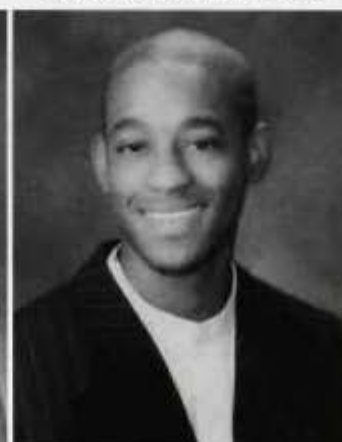
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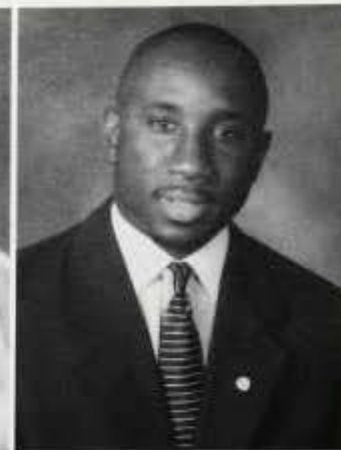
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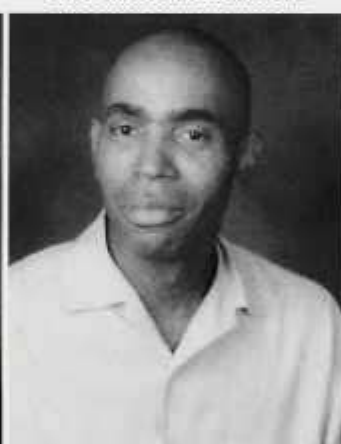
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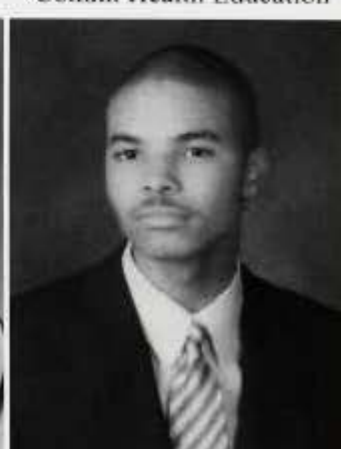
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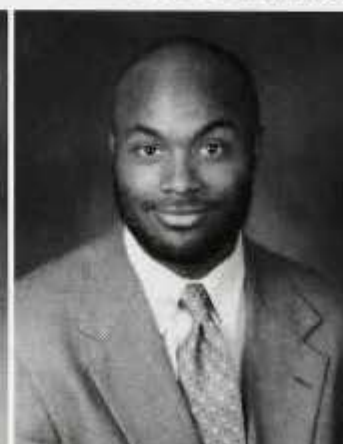
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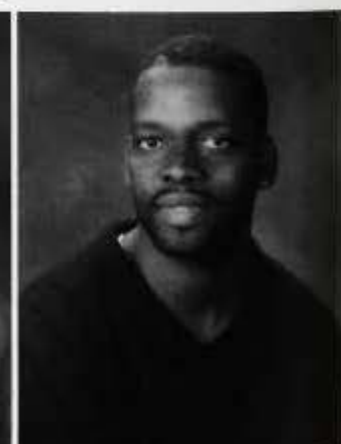
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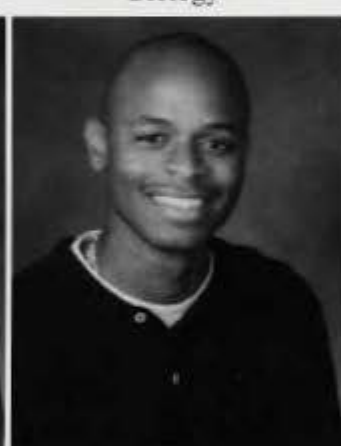
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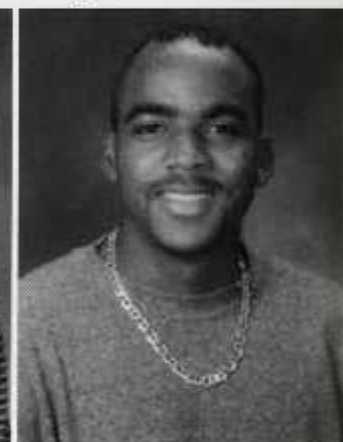
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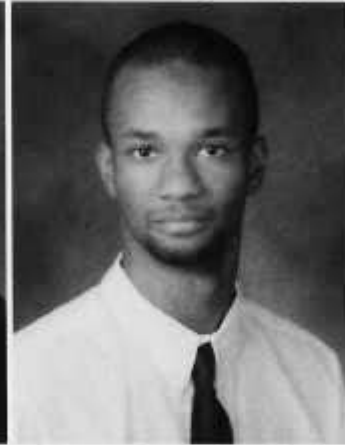
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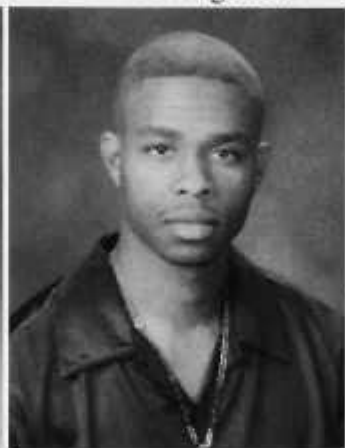
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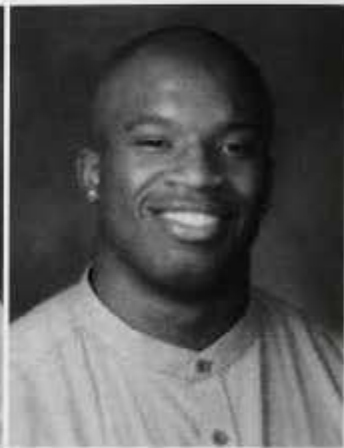
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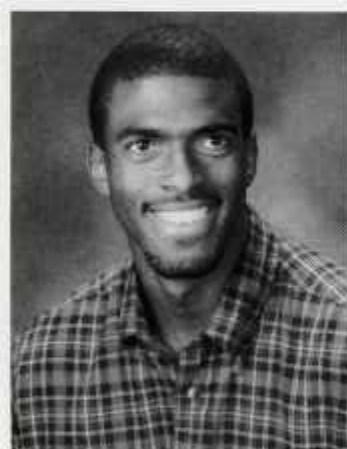
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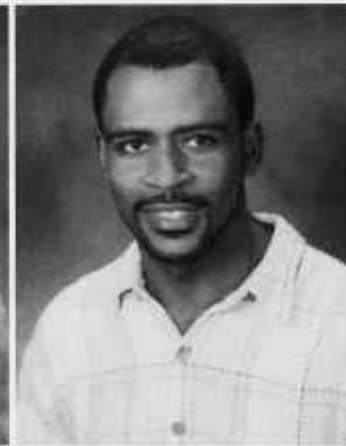
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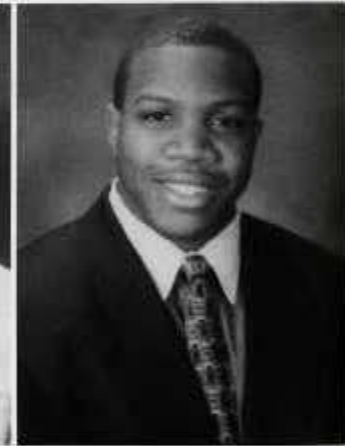
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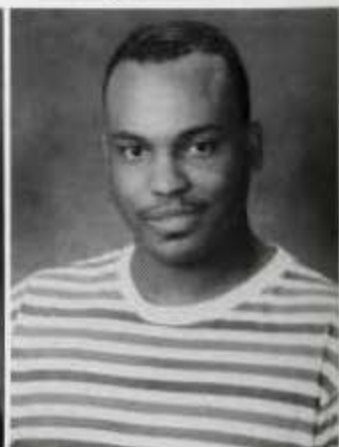
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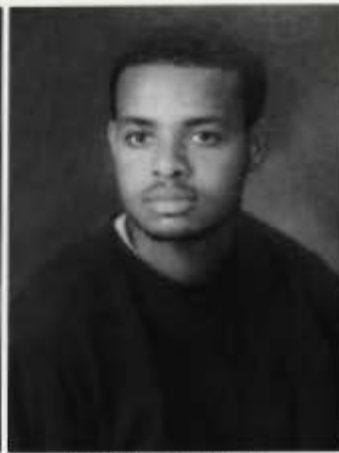
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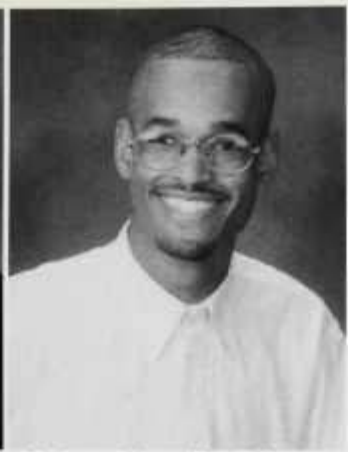
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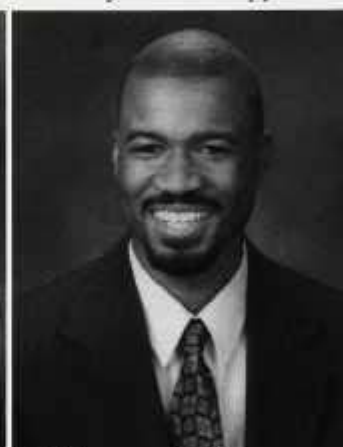
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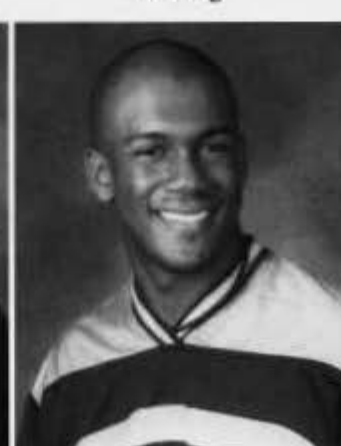
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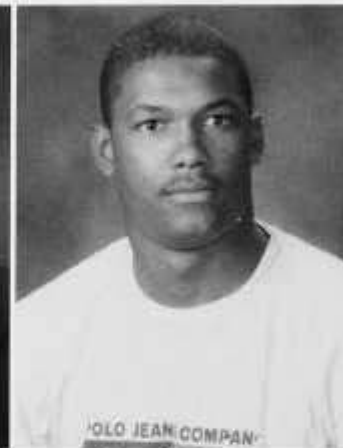
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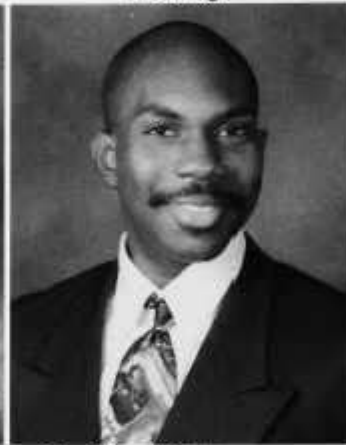
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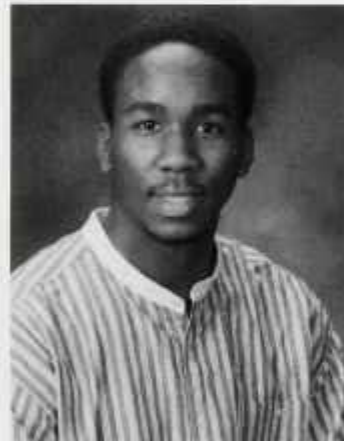
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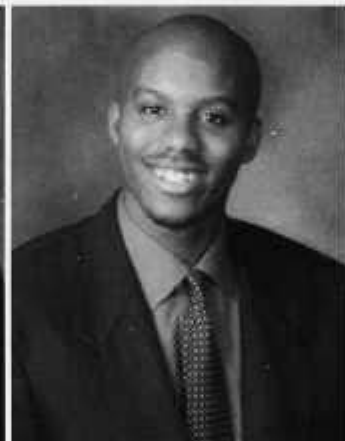
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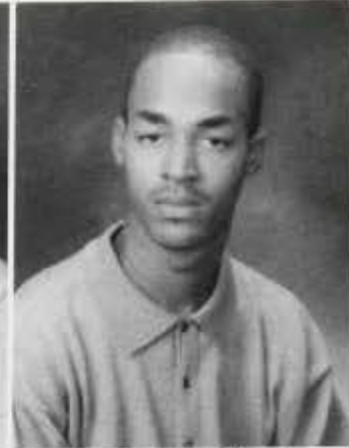
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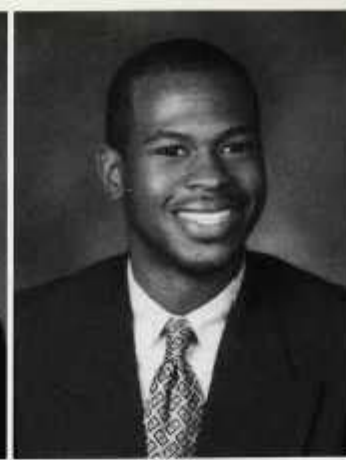
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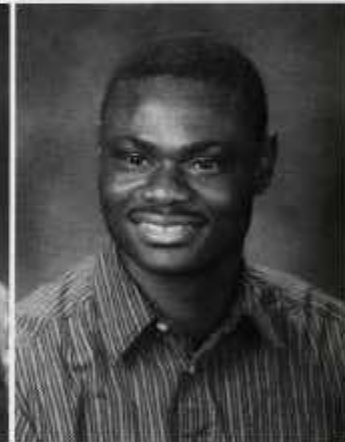
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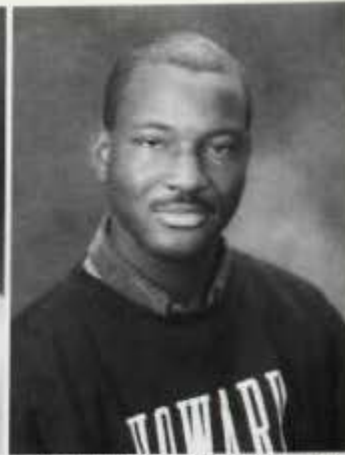
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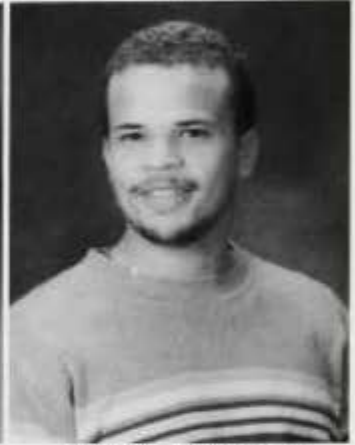
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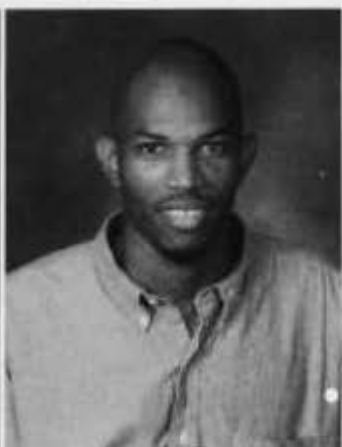
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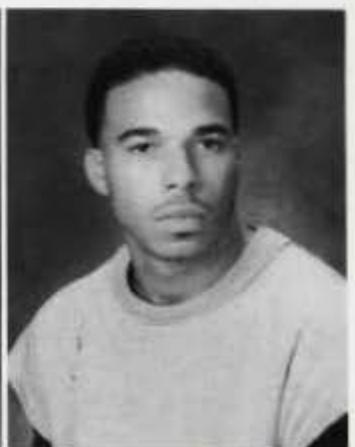
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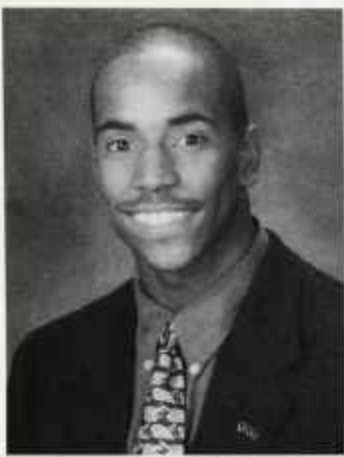
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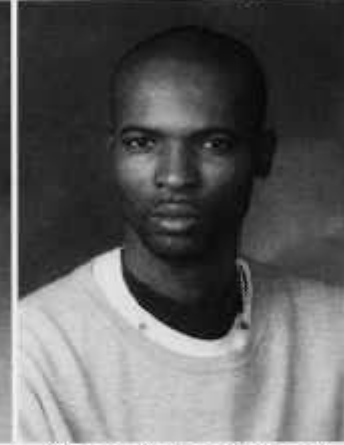
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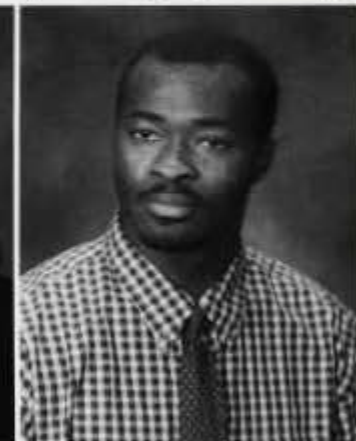
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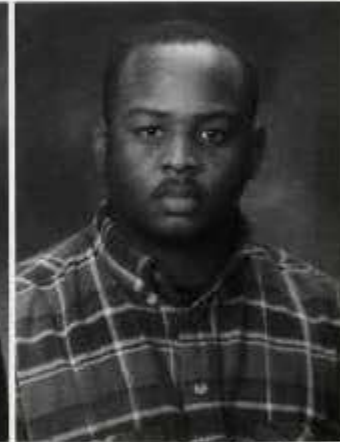
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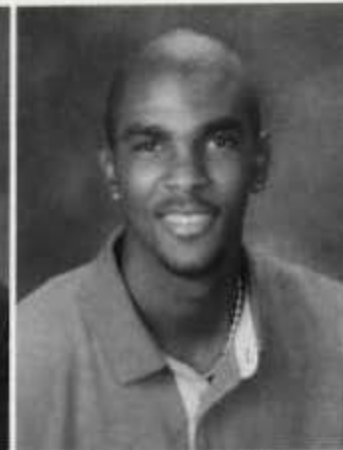
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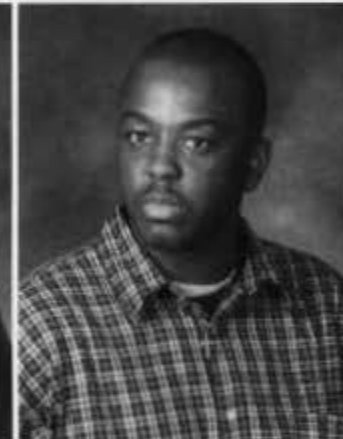
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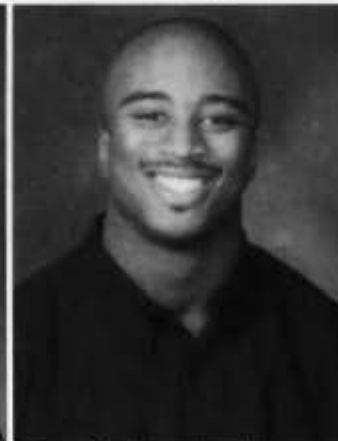
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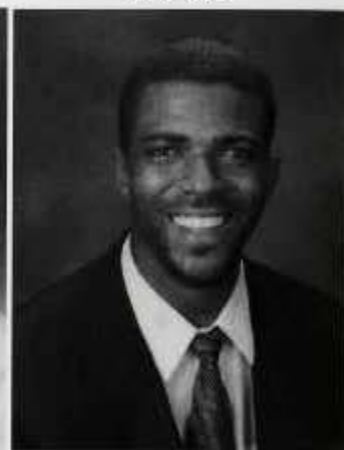
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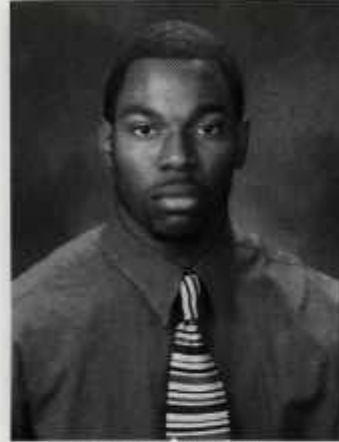
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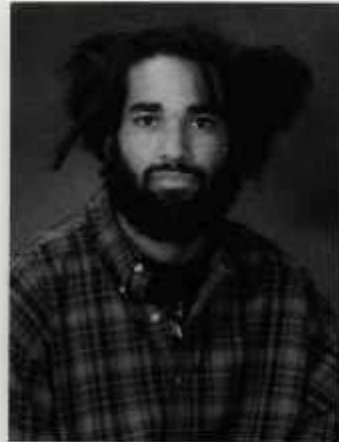
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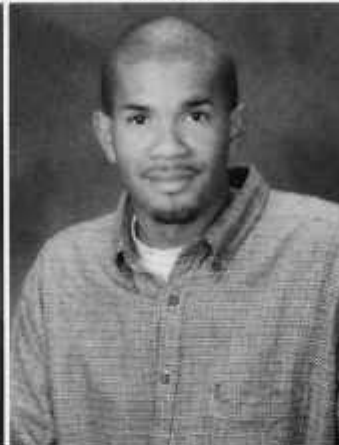
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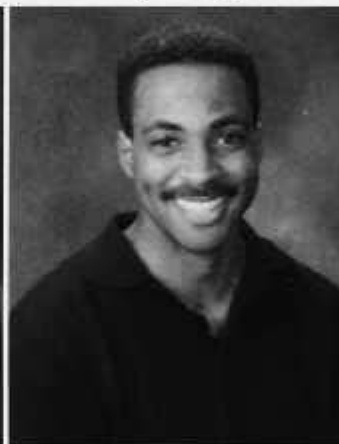
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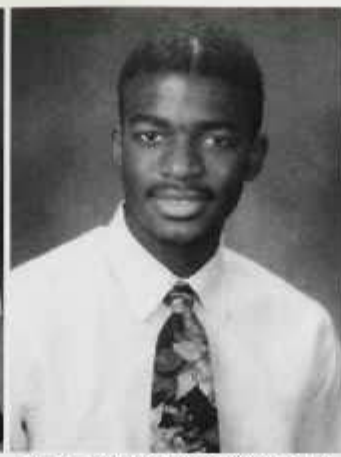
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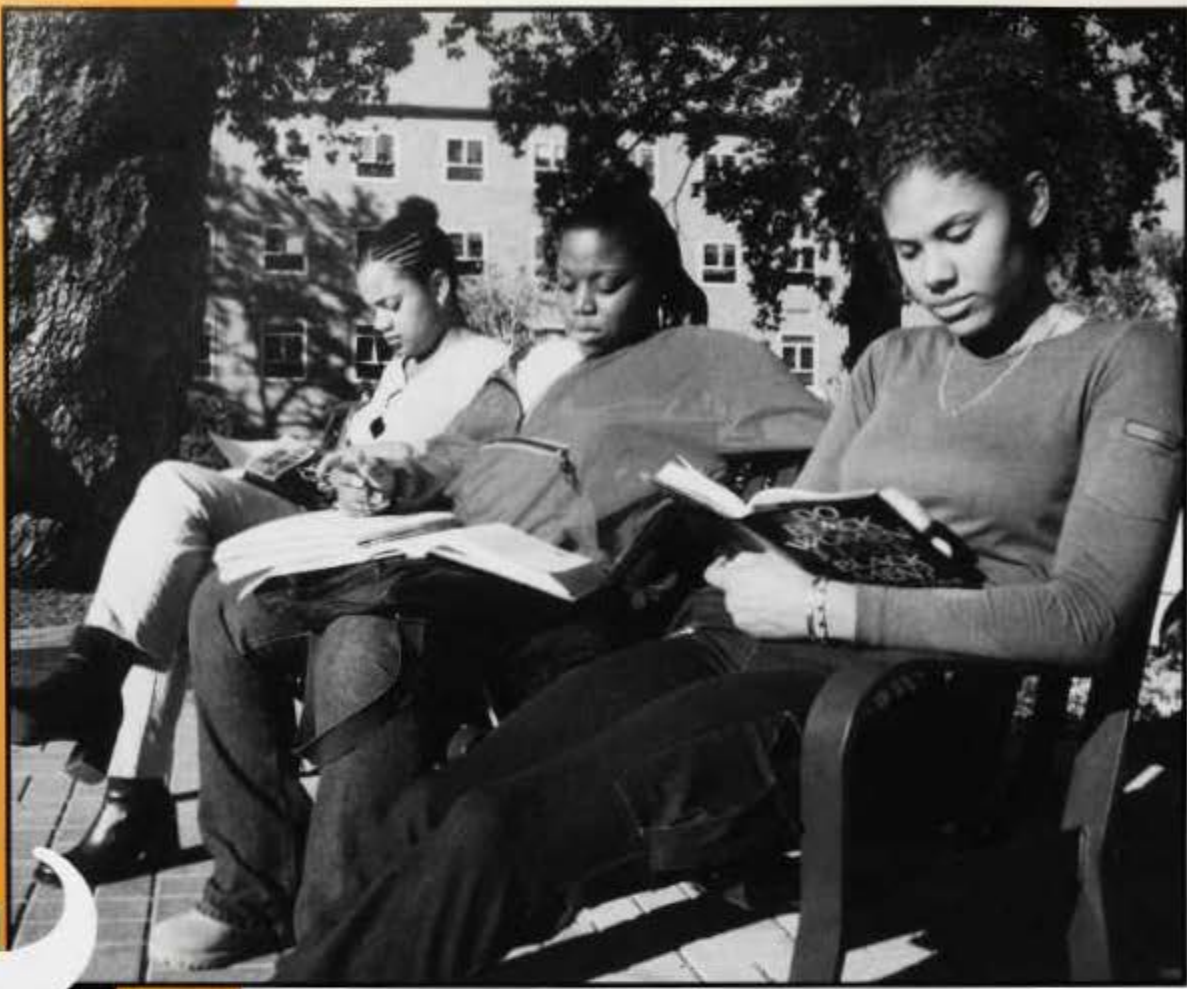


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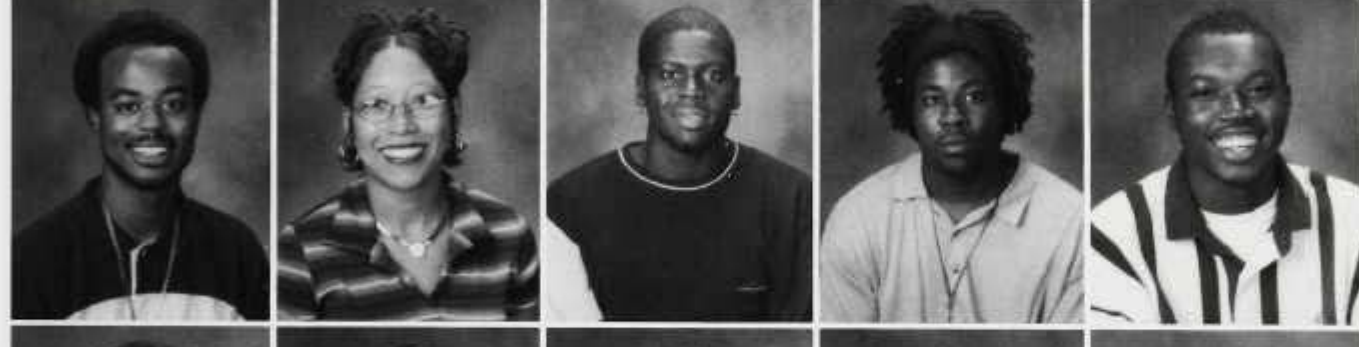
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 Smith, Anya K.
 Somersall, Mia V.A.
 Steele, Kisha Iman
 Stewart, Christina Michelle

Stewart, Yasmee N.
 Stiles, Starla
 Swanson, Kortney M.
 Taylor, Jamila Afiya
 Thomas, Natasha D.



Thompson, Artemis Dante
 Todman, Charmaine M.
 Ughiovhe, Kenrima O.
 Vann, Yolanda R.
 Walker, Ephraim



Walton, Mesi
 Whitfield, Michael.
 Wilson, April Jorie
 Winters, Kayonte K'yun
 Woodard, Kristinza Renee



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 Wright, Bennetta
 Young, Da'Shawn



Members of the Howard Community Choir feel the spirit and rejoice in the spirit of their singing ministry.

Story by Erin Jackson & Shanikka Wagner Pictures by Tremayne Taylor

The Howard University Community Choir was organized in 1989 under the name of the Residence Hall Choir. Its original purpose was to sing in Chapel services during Residence Hall Week. Since then, the choir has grown and gained widespread popularity. HUCC has performed with a variety of gospel recording artists such as Shirley Caesar, LaShun Pace and Karen Clark-Sheard. The choir has also performed for prominent speakers such as Desmond M. Tutu, Bishop T.D. Jakes, and Howard University President, H. Patrick Swygert.

In addition to giving them the opportunity to glorify God and spread the gospel, the choir has also provided many of its members with valuable leadership experience. Joseph Isaac, a Howard alum, served as choir president for six years. Says Isaac, "I definitely acquired leadership skills [while in the choir]." Kimbra Harris, a senior Biology major, presently serves as choir president. She feels that the administrative board is diligent and highly committed to office.



HUCC founder, Thomas Pierre, leads the choir in a heartfelt song.

For many members, the choir also serves as a source of emotional and spiritual support and guidance. Melanese Marr, a junior Legal Communications major, views HUCC as a family. During a period in her life when she was faced with financial problems and subsequent depression, the choir took the initiative to help out. Says Marr, "This is one group that willingly gives in times of need," said Marr. Thomas Pierre, founder of HUCC said, "One of the greatest experiences of my Christian walk is my involvement in the Howard University Community Choir."



Ebony Jackson performs a featured solo for the choir.

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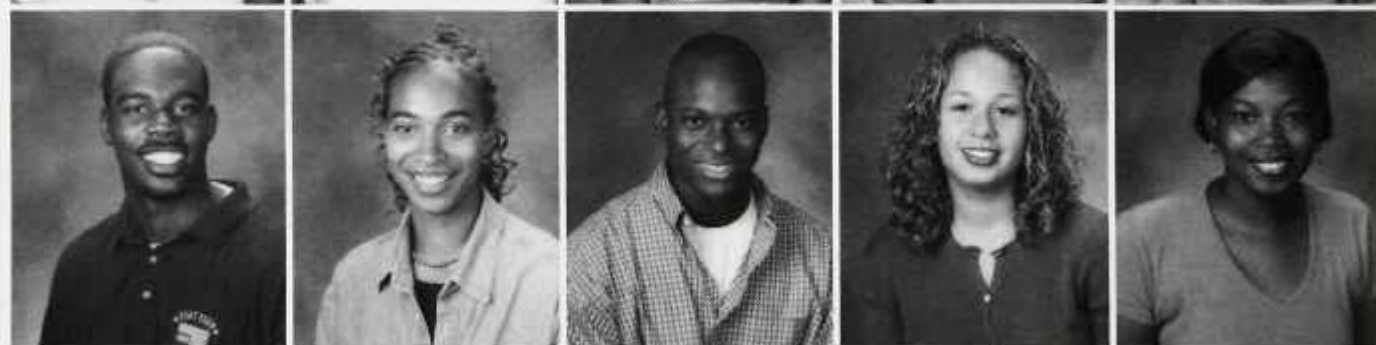
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 Bates, Akosua
 Beasley, Lakeisha D.



Black, Misty
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 Brown, Shawanda
 Brown, Summer
 Cedeno, Shawn



Coleman, Charles
 Coleman, Sabrina
 Cox, Brian J.
 Davis, Lauren
 Edwards, Alexa D.



Etchison, Dremiane
 Ezell, Christopher
 Farrell, Arroya T.
 Felix, Cassandra
 Fleming, Madonna





Francis, Jeaniqua Nicole
Frazier, Olivia R.
Galbreath Jr., George C.
Gibbs, Marva J.
Gittens, Courtney



Gomez, Camille
Grant, Samantha A.
Green, Jarita Michelle
Gresham, Brandee
Hamme, Tene



Handy, Natasha L.
Harmon, Chanel
Harvey, Camille
Heath, Rashanda
Hicks, Timeeka



Hinds, Yolanne
Jackson, Simone
James, Jewel Avril
Jefferson, Nneka LaShelle
Johnson, Brian L.



Johnson, Yanique
July Jr., Issac R.
Law, Sharvette Monique
Lawrence, Dawn C.
Lawson, Nicola Sibi



Lewis, Avra
Martin, Neil D.
Moore, Adrienne L.
Moye, Michelle
Munday, Shakeya Nina

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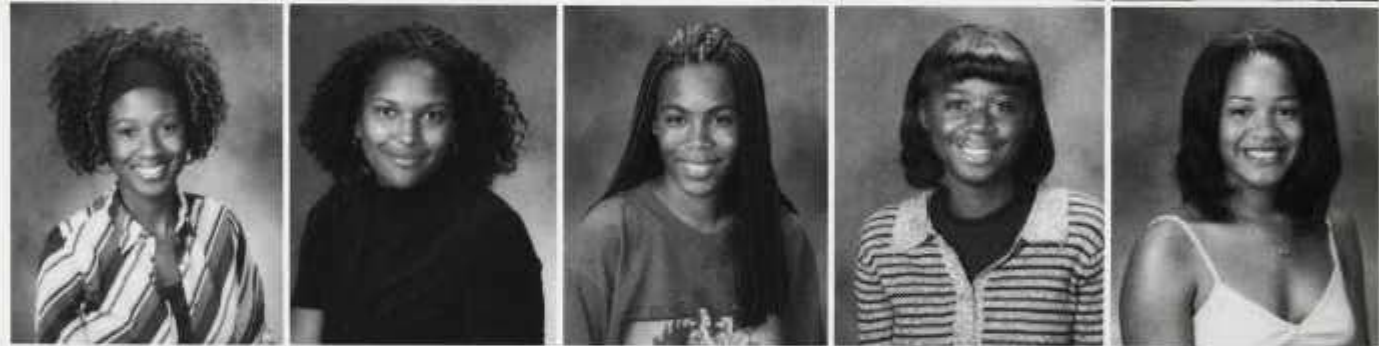
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 Rush, Danielle



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 Skinner, Ginger F.
 Skinner, Ty-Juan L.



Smith, Verna M.
 St. John, Nikki
 Stewart, Deanna
 Theodore, Melinda
 Thomas, Katrina L.



Thomas, Shanel
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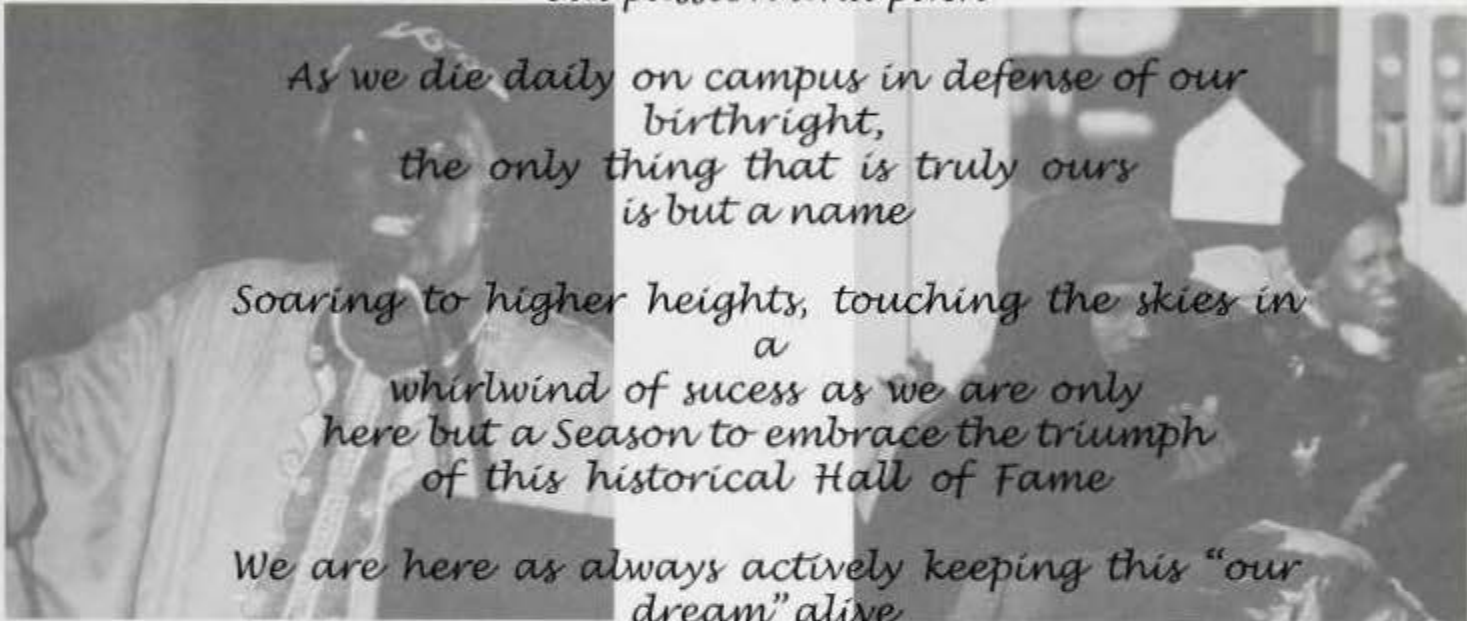




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Zimmerman, Alishia S.

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and our
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expression*

*This is our Season
We are the reason for what remains*

Donna E. Jackson

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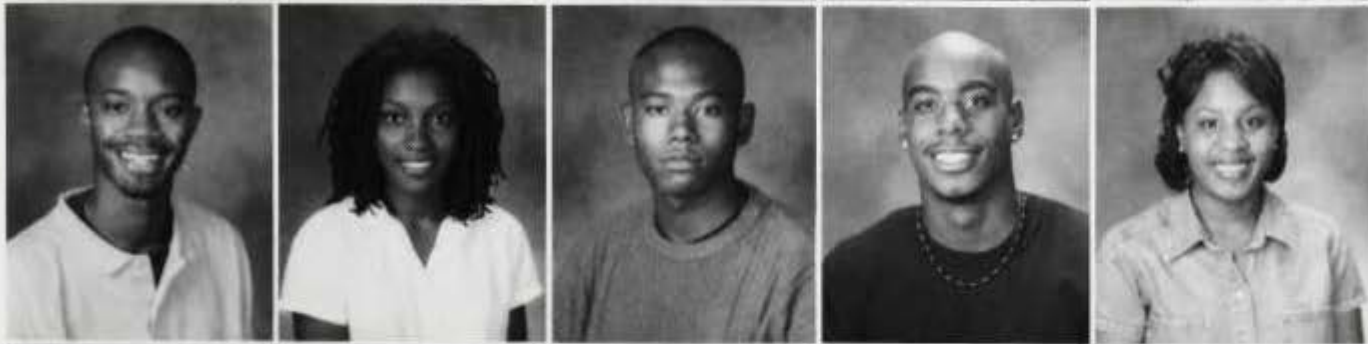


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 Duggan, Oneka
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Ginn, Evette
Greene, Teri Jacqueline
Hall, Eric



Hardman, Arthur
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Hector, Willia



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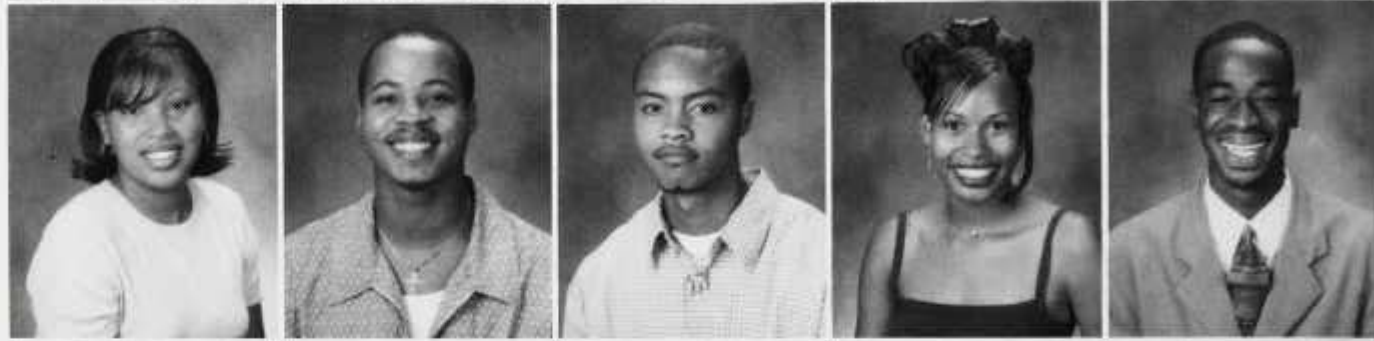


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Newsome, Maiana Love

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 Pearson, Renee
 Perkins, Zalika
 Pierre-Louis, Barbara
 Powell, Monica



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 Riley IV, F. Andrew
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Hilltop Journal

Story by Maya Jackson

After waiting for thirty minutes in the School of Business auditorium, students anticipating the beginning of the Hilltop seminar, began to wonder if comedian Chris Rock was actually coming. Finally, at 11:00, in walked a small group of men. One of these young men, dressed in baggy clothes and a baseball cap, looked very much like a student. But when he looked up from under his cap, those unmistakable eyes glanced around the room of students as if to say, "Good Lawd, there's a lot of people in this room!"

Comedian Chris Rock, the wise cracking funny man from Saturday Night Live, Lethal Weapon 4, and New Jack City, along with four writers from HBO's The Chris Rock show, explained the essence of humor writing during

Graduate Students



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Cunningham, Shay
Hagley, Denise
Hargett, Elizabeth Ann
Lofters, David O'Brian



Parker, Alysia G.
Powell, Stephanny A.
Puri, Oneal Tim
Reyes, Yesenia
Riviere, Lyndon



White, Jason D.

Chris Rock, Dean Dates, and others stop for a quick snapshot.

the first workshop of the Illtop Journal series; a series dedicated to teaching students the basics of comedy writing. The workshop was the first step toward the collaboration between Chris Rock and Howard University in the development of a university comedic magazine called the *Illtop Journal*. Next year, students will have the chance to write for the magazine, whose aim is similar to that of the popular Harvard satirical magazine, *The Harvard Lampoon*.

Jannette Dates, the Dean of the School of Communications, explained why Rock chose Howard as his project cite. "He knows we are serious about what we do here. Comedy is not just funny; it's not just cracking jokes. You've got to learn the craft, so Rock elected to bring some of his staff to help us understand the business of doing comedy." Rock described the Illtop as a tool that will allow Howard students to develop as great humor writers. "There is a lack of skilled black writers in the industry," he said. "I want Hollywood to pick its writers from Howard's pool of talent rather than only recruiting writers from Harvard. There are far more opportunities today but our [black] comedy is lacking. I know y'all liked *Booty Call*, but for the most part, our comedic writing skills are far behind the white man's, so we want to start a magazine."

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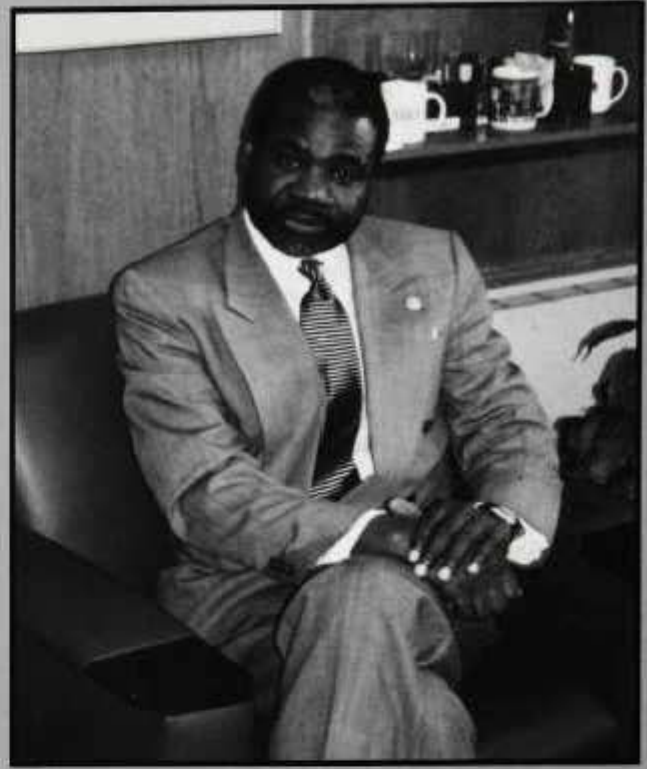
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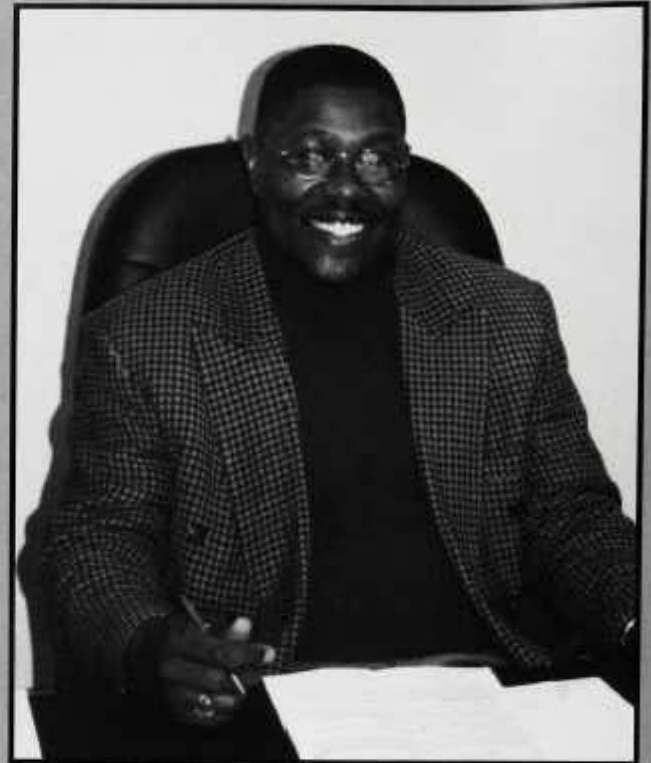
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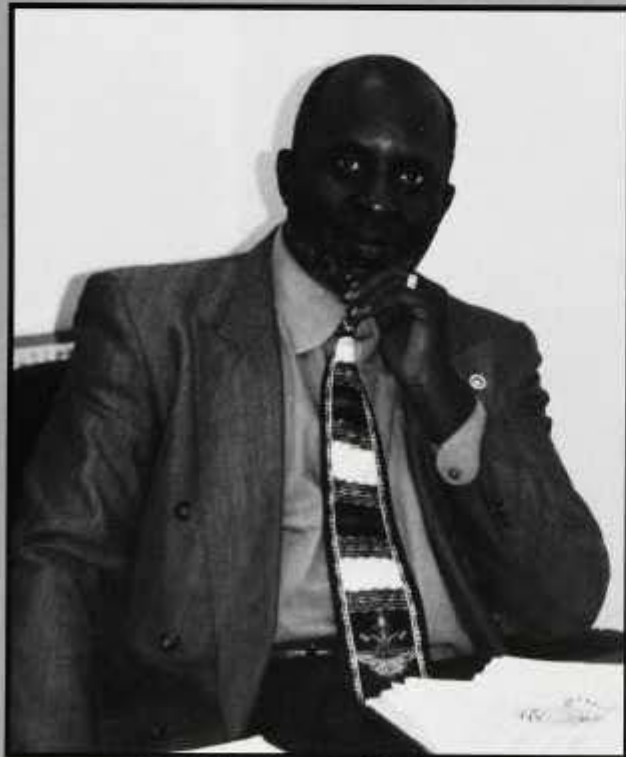
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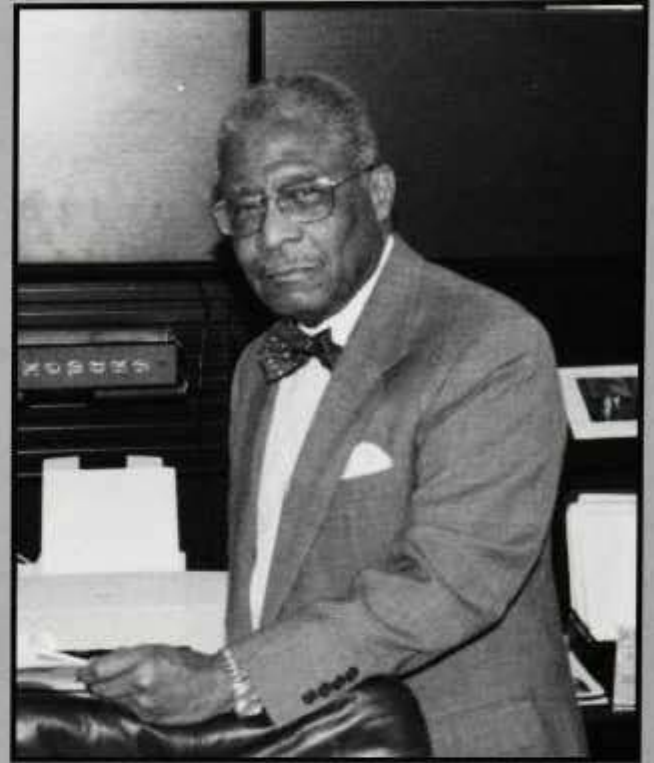
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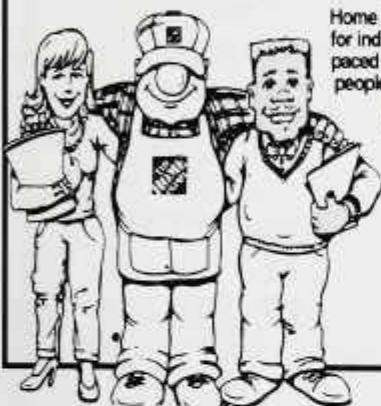


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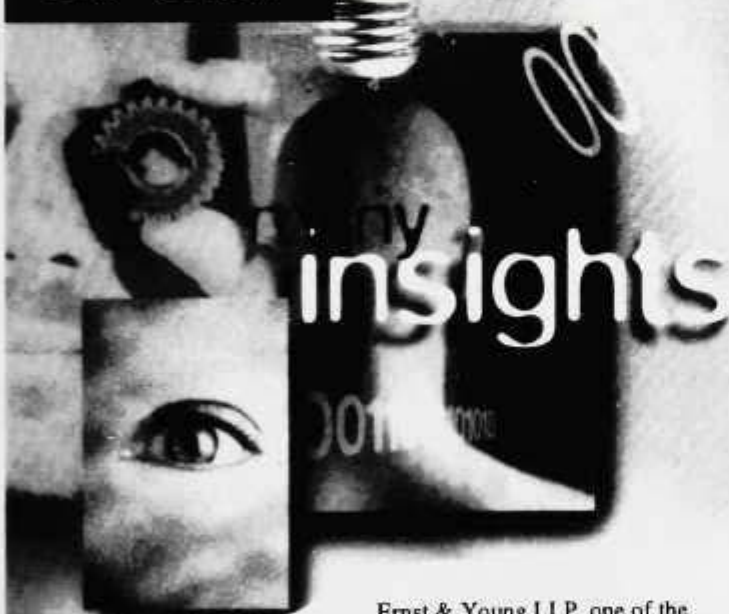
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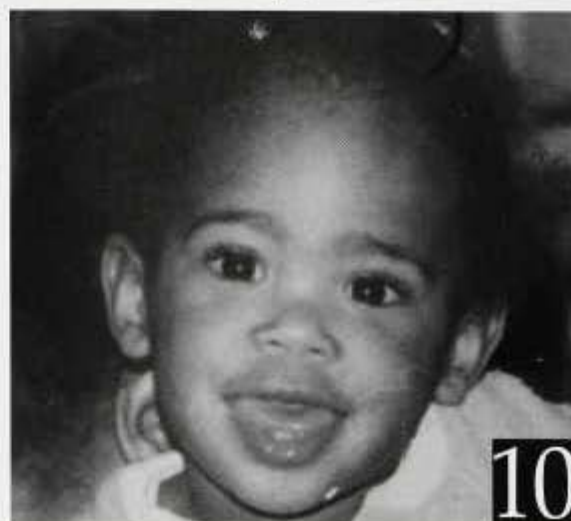
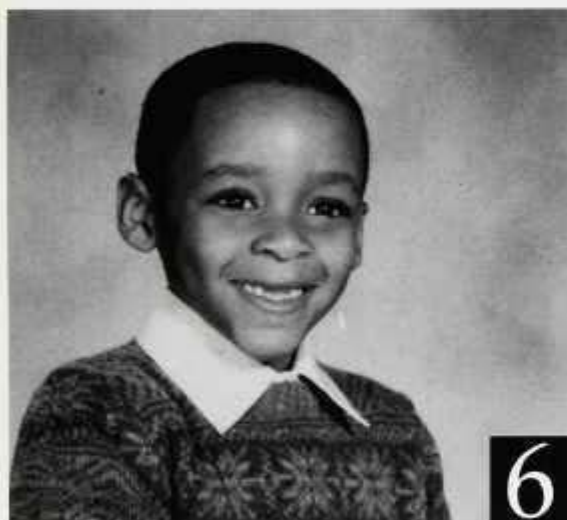
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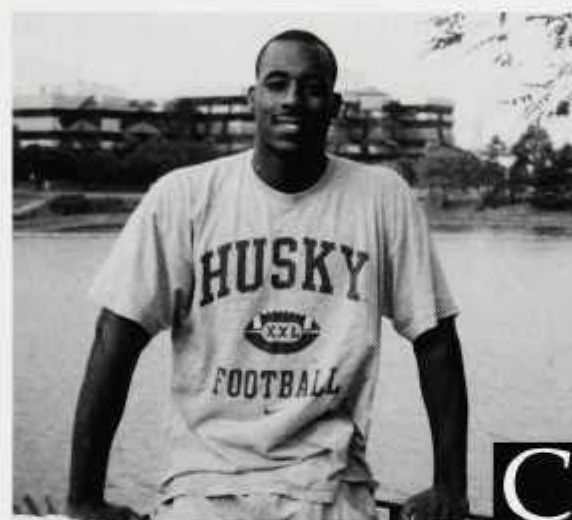


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Howard University. Who would have ever thought I would land here? But now that I'm here I can't imagine leaving. I didn't realize college life was supposed to be like this until I transferred. I had the time of my life. I would just like to thank everyone for helping me adjust. Much Love

bison YB 99'

editor's NOTE:

This has been the absolute longest year of my life. We've had a lot of ups and some really low downs, but somehow through all of this we managed to produce a yearbook. I think in the beginning there were a lot of doubts about whether or not I would make it through this year, and make it through with a complete book. Well, I did it and I think some of things I did this year surprised me too.

I've spent a thousand hours in Suite G-06, I know the Fed Ex man personally (shout out to Robbe'), and I think I know every page of this book backwards and forwards. There are mistakes, I never promised anyone it would be perfect, but I did promise to do the best I could and I believe I did. You'll never know how difficult it is to create a yearbook until you've actually been as deep into it as I have. Thank you to Mrs. Watkins and Vickie for advice, support and love, and Kristen for allowing me to cry. Thanks to those who gave me 210% and when you ran out you gave me even more. Thanks to my family for the support, and thank you Howard University for one of the best experiences of my college life. I hope that you have enjoyed Seasons of Change because I enjoyed producing it. I think this is my spring, so I need a little bit of time to bask in the sunlight.
Forever and Always, D.

managing EDITOR



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This "black experience" that we call the Mecca has been a whirlwind for me. I entered a little girl with "a mess" of preconceived notions and leave here a young woman wise to the way of the world. Thank you Lord for getting me this far. Thank you for bringing such special people into my life, for my Mom and Dad who raised me to know how to treat people and how to be a lady at all times and for all of the challenges that I face daily that make me a better person. I am grateful for all of the opportunities I've had and I hope that my life will be an example for others.



melissa VALLE, photography EDITOR

A moment occurs and passes in an instant. It's the memory of that moment that can last an eternity. This year has been filled with moments of bitterness, bliss and blunders. But what would the Mecca be for us all without times like these? I'm finishing my year as the "wise fool" with a greater knowledge of the ways that Howardites can get down, the good and the bad. These lessons will carry me, camera in hand, into 2000 where more discoveries await me. My only requests are that everybody say "cheese" for the Jerzey girl and party because it's 1999!



erin JACKSON, asst. copy EDITOR

New friends, new responsibilities, and new drama. This year has truly been an experience. Shouts to all my cousins who have become more like brothers and sisters. I've learned a lot from you guys, and I'm a better person because of all of you. We've laughed, cried, and sometimes even fought, but in the end it was always love cuz' we're family. Love ya'll forever for life. Thanks for making this experience so great.
GTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT.





charles COLEMAN
OFFICE assistant

Freshman year I was nickel and dime, but this year I stepped my hustle up. True friends aren't a dime a dozen and I'm blessed to have more change than the average man. Steve-O, B-Rat, April Turnstyle, Montrelle, Black, Ian S., Rich L., "L", Carltan, D. Funny, A. Coop, Kosy, James Brown, Kueta, Terrance, Andre' C. Samuels, and Shantrelle P. Lewis just to name a few. To my C.P. Crew - 24 shine in the '99 - much love. To fuzzy, I save the best for last, much love from Tiger.



bienvenido LEBRON
OFFICE assistant

Yes, junior year is over, but I remember freshman year like it was yesterday. Drew, the Yard, the caf and how could I forget Quigley's. The years have flown by and I still can't believe that May 2000 is just around the corner. I've found some of the best friends, familia and cousins that anyone could ever find and have learned from some of the best. DAMN I LOVE HOWARD UNIVERSITY. I would like to dedicate this book to Mr. Daniel Goodwin. You are truly "somebody's hope," God bless you.



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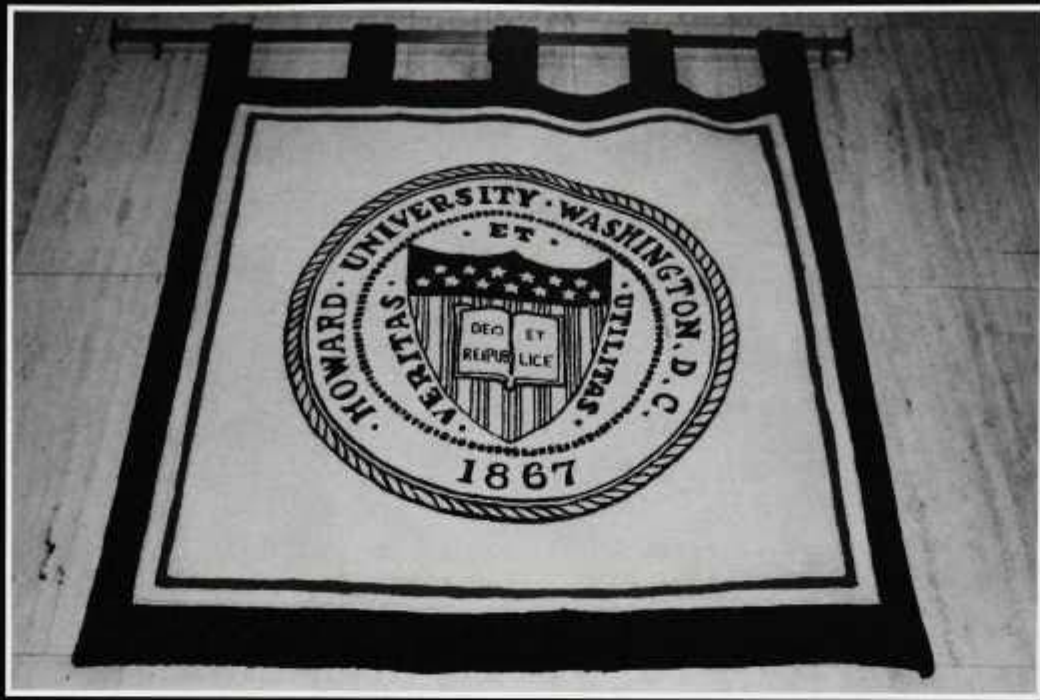
*The lazy days of summer have long
passed. The leaves have fallen and
the mild winter is fast approaching
an end.*

*The spring is upon us. The start of a
new year that brings with it*

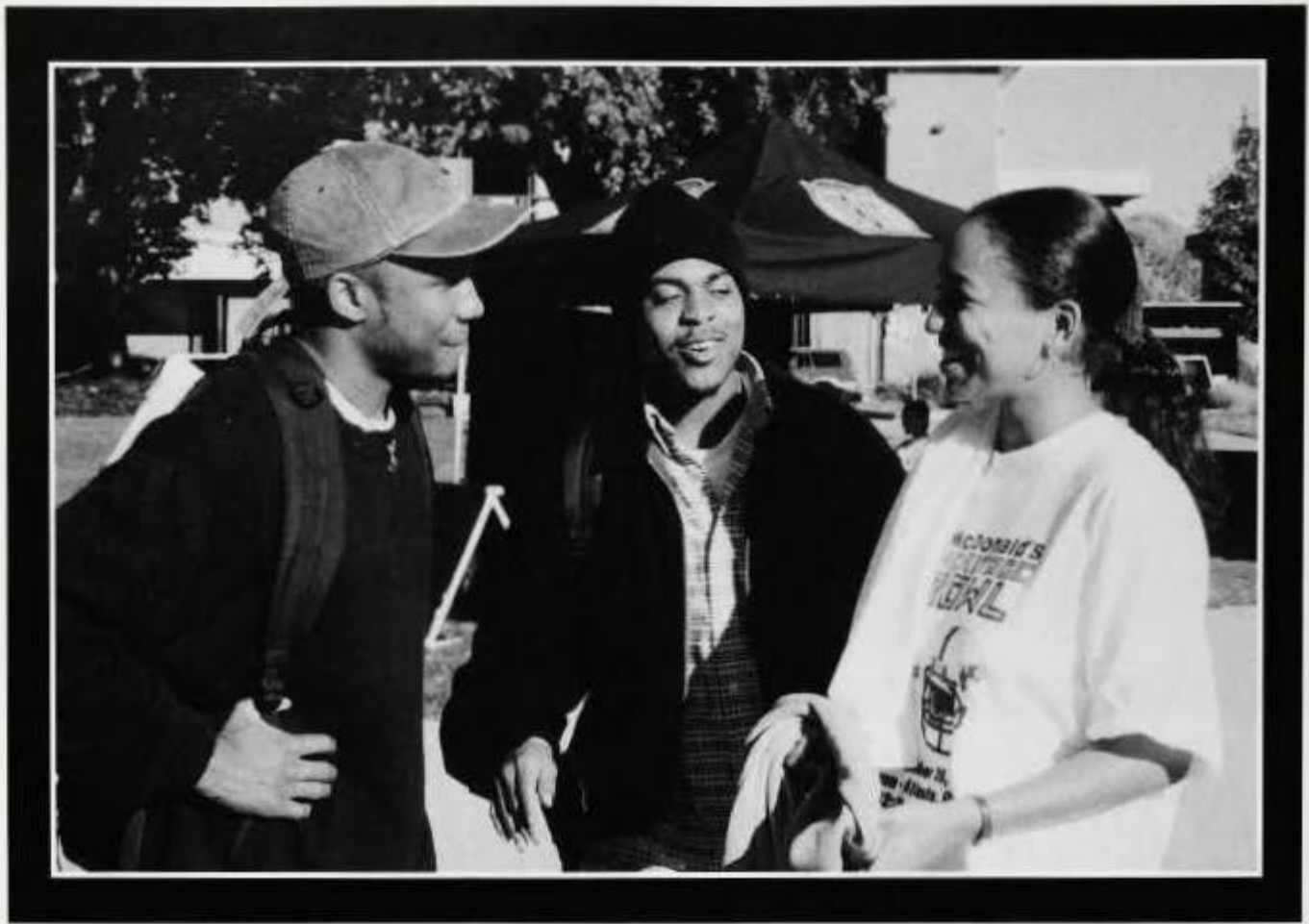


*resolutions, new possibilities, an
awakening of the spirit and an
understanding of self.*

Now is the time when seniors make their way from student to employee and undergrads head home for a summer internship or that 8-dollar-an-hour job. The year has seen the growth of this blossom we call a student, the triumphs and tribulations that only Howard can give us. This is the end to another year on our lifelong journey towards understanding self and those from whence we came. This is when we leave something behind for those after us to see.

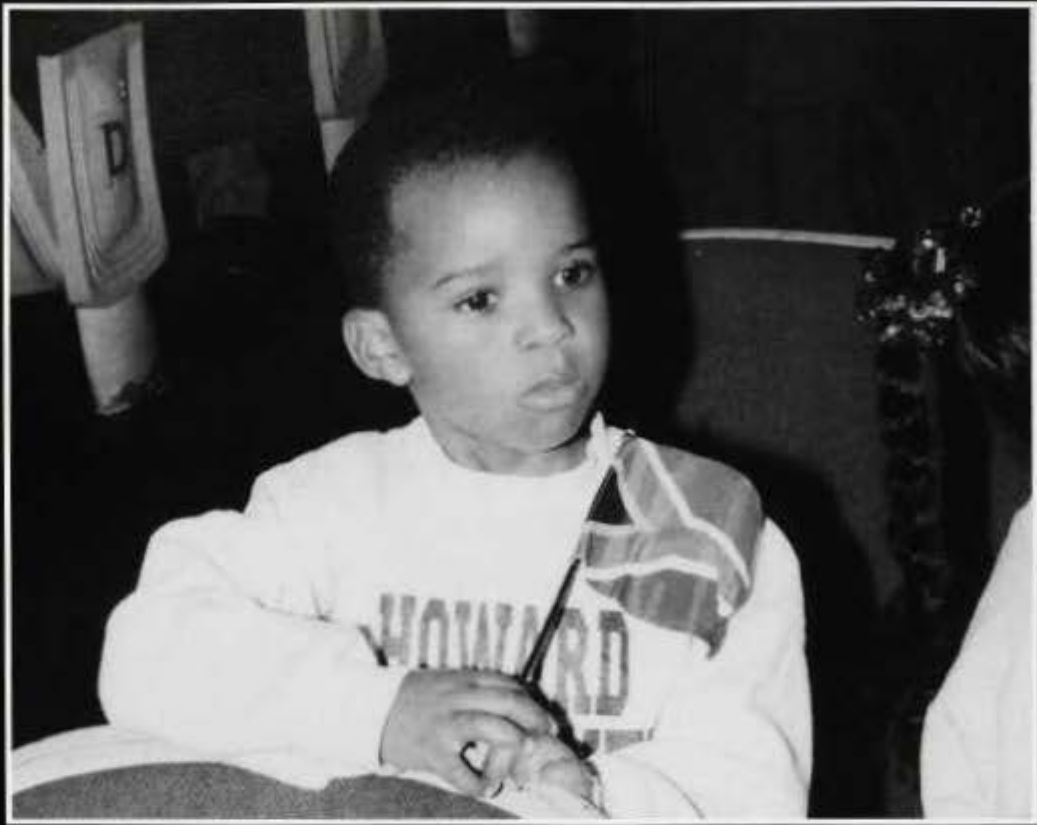


*As we look at this ideal world we call
Howard University we can not forget
that this place that our dreams can be
planted and fertilized, but only after
we take it out into the real world can
we ever hope to see the dream take
root and become a reality.*



*This is a wonderland, to be amongst
our own people. But we know that is
all it is, a stepping stone mixed in
with all the pebbles on our journey.*





*So as we prepare for the next seasons
of life, let us never forget the roots
that ground us and always look
forward to the seeds we have not yet
planted.*

