Architects trained

Hampton Institute's architecture school offers students five year degree program

"A commitment to providing high quality professional training to a predominately black student body," is one of many strong points that the Hampton Institute Department of Architecture possess, cites the National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB).

Hampton Institute offers a five-year program which leads to a bachelor of architecture degree. With an enrollment of approximately 120 students and a full accreditation by the NAAB, Hampton Institute joins the ranks of the 78 other accredited schools, according to John Spencer, department chairperson.

The architecture program focuses in on the building problems of the urban environment and it is also filling in the need for black architects in society.

Although there are no specializations, students explore the materials of construction, structural systems and building technology as well as architectural and art history. Summer apprenticeship positions in the offices of architects are made available through the department.

Many students go on to advanced degree architectural programs upon completion of Hampton at schools such as Princeton, Pennsylvania, Ohio State, and Berkeley. Others go into the areas of urban planning, interior design and still others become licensed architects.

In addition to the architecture program, Hampton offers a unique and comprehensive learning experience in the engineering dual-degree program with George Washington University. The five-year dual-degree program provides students with an opportunity to acquire a much broader background in the unhurried environment on Hampton's campus for their first three years.

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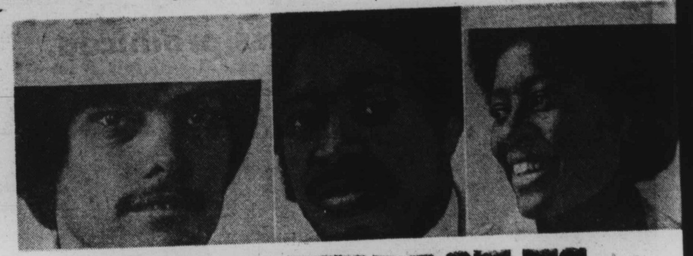

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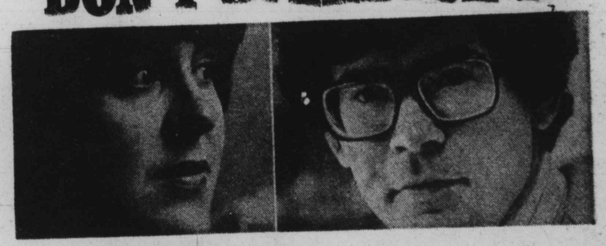

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Howard University Medical School has graduated more black doctors than all other medical schools in the US combined

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A lot of you may think that you can get a good medical education only at the so-called "big name" medical schools. And some of you who have considered Howard University's College of Medicine may think of it as a "second-rate" school in comparison to those other schools.

Well, think again.

Howard University's College of Medicine has graduated nearly as many black physicians as all the other medical schools in this country combined. And while those other famous schools undoubtedly deserve their reputation of providing top-quality medical training, we at Howard provide medical training that's every bit as good as at those "name" schools.

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There's also an Early Entrance Medical Education Program which permits college sophomore and junior students who have completed the basic premedical requirements to gain early admission.

The Shortened Medical Curriculum Program allows selected students to complete the requirements for graduation from the College of Medicine in three years instead of four; and for those who want to get a graduate degree as well as an MD, there is the MD-Ph.D. Program, in which the student studies for both degrees simultaneously.

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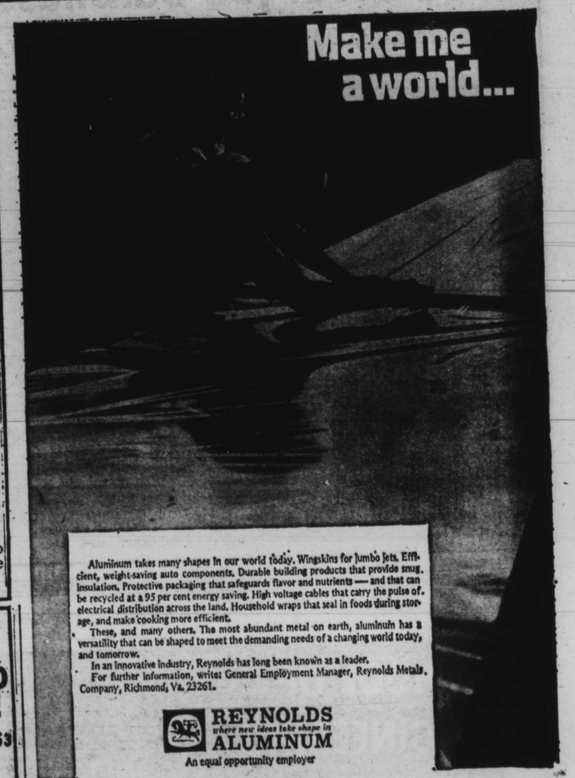

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