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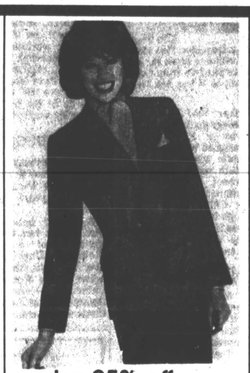
Entire stock of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves. Solids and fancies in wool and acrylic. (D.245/045) **sale 4.99 to 15.99**



extra 25% off
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From Anne Klein for New Aspects, Pendleton, Ellen Tracy, Lloyd Williams, Gant, others. (D.302/348/403/743/744/745/754/762/763/747/748/713/640)
sale 11.18 to 81.68
*All stores except Manassas, Salisbury, and Northwood. Denim is not included.

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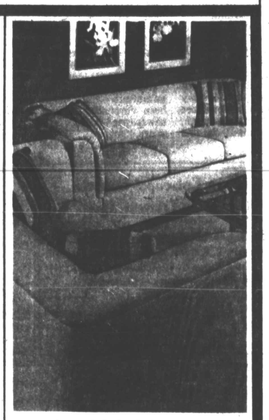

sale 699.99
Contemporary sofa and loveseat
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Save 50%. Covered in stain-resistant Olefin, handsome yet practical. In natural. Accent pillow add to the comfort. (D.093)

sale 12.99
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sale 4.99 to 32.99
Entire stock of women's gloves
Orig. $8 to $44

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From Dexter, Regal, Levi's and Hush Puppies. Includes slip-ons, oxfords, and boots. (D.157) **sale 7.18 to 50.38**
Not available at Manassas, Laurel, Howard St., Northwood, Reisterstown, Golden Ring, Salisbury

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sale 19.99
Misses' furblend sweaters
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Save 50%. Our own lambswool/nylon/angora-blend sweaters. Choose from a variety of stripes in soft pastels. (D.144)

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Save 20% to 33%. Entire stock of mufflers. Speical group of headwear including caps, fedoras, and berets. (D.008)

sale 4.99 to 15.99
Children's Healtex playwear, activewear
Orig. $7 to $20

Save 20% to 25%. Includes tops, overalls, slacks, jeans, skirts, sets. Infants, toddlers, boys 4-7, girls 4-14. (D.771/779/778/780/040)

sale 69.99
Turnover sleep chair
After sale $100

Save 30%. Chair measures 26x32x25", opens to 26x74" bed to sleep one. In Herculon olefin nylon, or cotton corduroy. (D.117)

sale 19.99 to 24.99
Misses' fall and holiday blouses
Orig. $32 to $38

Save 25% to 35%. Choose from an array of styles and colors by famous makers. Different selection in each store. (D.100/605/409)

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Orig. $3 to $10

Save 20% to 40%. Special group of socks in solids and patterns. Warm-up boots in solids and prints. (D.388/147)

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Orig. $500

Save 20%. With programmable 14-day/8-event timer, mid-band cable capable, freeze picture, slow motion, and more. (D.182)

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Your choice: Alsy and Cycle II lamps
Reg. $125 to $135

Save 45% to 50%. Pick a pair of mix and match. Choose solid brass table, wall or floor lamps. Solid brass or solid colors. (D.164) **sale 69.99 ea.**

sale 19.99
Misses' wool skirts
Orig. 29.99 to $40

Save 33% to 50%. Special group of fall skirts in a variety of solids and patterns. Some fully lined styles. (D.404/441)

extra 20% off already-reduced prices
Men's famous maker fall neckwear
Orig. $10 to 17.50

From YSL, Wembley and others. Choose from a colorful array of solids, stripes, and prints. (D.322/349/350)

save 50%
2-for-1 open stock cookware sale*
Reg. 11.75 to 51.99

Buy one, get another at no extra charge. Includes saucepans, skillets and more from Regal, Farber and Revere. (D.365)
sale 2/11.75 to 2/51.99
*Special group, restrictions apply

save 20%
Entire stock of boxed candles
Reg. 75¢ to 17.40

Semi-annual sale from Colonial Candle of Cape Cod. Choose from a wide variety of styles in 24 colors. (D.079)
sale 58¢ to 13.88

save 30%
Women's cold-weather boots
Orig. $28 to $56

From Parigi, Kaysam, Sporto, Revelations. Nylon, some fleece-lined, choose ankle to calf styling. (D.115) **sale 19.58 to 39.18**

extra 20% off already-reduced prices
Men's fall sportcoats
Orig. $135 to $240

Includes herringbones, tic weaves and barleycorns in pure wool and wool/poly blends. (D.168/318) **sale 79.98 to 119.98**
Not at Northwood or Salisbury

sale 49.99
45-pc. dinnerware set
Open stock value $100

Save 50%. Choose "Peking Garden" or "Rebecca New Moon" patterns. Includes eight 5-pc. settings, plus serving pieces. (D.178)

sale 99.99 5'6"x8'6"
"Birjand" Oriental design wool area rugs
Reg. $400

Save 70%. Machine woven in Spain of richly dyed wool yarns. Choose ivory Ardebil, rust Kerman, ivory or navy Ming. (D.061)
All rug sizes approximate. Limited to stock on hand.

extra 10% off current sale prices
Special group 14kt gold Italian jewelry
Reg. $160-$3800, currently 79.98 to 1899.98

Necklaces and bracelets. Heavyweight, some hand-made, and hand-detailed. Not all styles in all stores. (D.727/827)
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extra 20% off already-reduced prices
Entire stock men's winter slacks
Orig. $28 to $65

Choose from winterweight corduroy, wool and wool/poly blends, cord jeans, too. (D.220/320/775/783) **sale 15.98 to 39.98**

sale 49.99
Feather and down comforters, all sizes
After sale $100 to $175

Save 50% to 70%. Choose twin, full/queen, or king sizes, all at one low price. Available in blue or beige. (D.006)

sale 19.99
Budget Store misses', women's suits
Orig. 69.99

Save 70%. Entire stock on sale. Wool/poly/acrylic blends in grey, black or navy. Choose funnel neck or shawl collar. (D.530)
Not at Landmark, Lakeforest, Montgomery Mall, Towson

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The New Booker T. Washington Jr. High School

Ultra Modern, yet in a Traditional Mode

By R.B. Jones

Memories haunt the hall of Booker T. Washington Junior High School, despite the multimillion dollar renovations and the ultra-modern equipment and decor. The hardwood floors that this reporter took for granted in his adolescence, but later learned to appreciate, are covered with tile. The windows, once large and offering a view of the city on the upper floors that was spectacular, are smaller now. Yet they still provide a panoramic view. The halls are brighter and the classrooms more modern, but the history and grandeur of the building remain.

Students reentered Booker T. on Nov. 1, 1983 after an absence of four years. The school closed in 1979 for renovation. The work was supposed to be finished in two years, but it took longer because of uncertainty on how the renovations were to be made. The school board approved the renovations in 1974. There was some consideration of building a new school on the present recreation lot and then razing the present building. Community disfavor ended that consideration.

The next option that was seriously pondered was the demolition of one section of the building and the construction of a series of ramps connecting the other two sections. Booker T. consists of three buildings, the 1895 building at Lafayette Ave. and McCulloh, the 1910 building at Lanvale and McCulloh, and the 1951 building at Madison Ave. and Lanvale St. The ramps were planned to connect the 1895 building with the 1951 building and the 1910 building was to be demolished. The ramps were to make the building accessible to the handicapped. That plan was scrapped as too costly.

"While these considerations were being made, some problems developed," said John B. Daniels, the principal of the school. "The longer the construction took to get going, the more inflation ate away at the funds. For two years nothing was done to renovate. People in the community saw workmen go into the building, but they weren't fixing the building up, they were taking things out. Plumbing was taken out and even some of the roof. People in the community became very active, because they knew that if the work wasn't done soon there would not be a Booker T," he added.

Community groups and parents crusaded in 1980 to get the renovation work started. In one of their flyers they likened the situation of the Booker T. students being in the Calvert Adult Education Center on North Ave. to the situation of the American hostages in Iran. They charged that the facilities were inadequate and that the students were being shortchanged on their education.

The 700 plus students of Booker T. now have an up-to-date spacious facility to learn in. There is a computer lab with 5 TRS 80 computers. Students in the computer basic skills class learn rudimentary use of the computer and then use it as a tool to bring up their grade levels in their classwork. The lab has two para-professional aids and a facilitator who supervises them. Parents of the students who are taking the computer class are welcome to come in and take the same instruction as their children. There are two days, Wednesday and Thursday, when class periods are set aside for the parents. "We find that when a parent takes the same course as the child, he or she is better able to motivate the child to do well and help the child with homework," said Sheila Holly, the facilitator.

Parent involvement is strongly urged at Booker T. "Parents are always welcome to come to the school and participate. We have set aside a room for them very close to the front door so they won't have too far to go when they come in. The coffee pot is always on," said principal Daniels. "Our parent advisory group is very active and they are a core group we can put our hands on when we need something done for the school. Now they are working on developing support for the Civiletti Commission Report," he added.

The students of Booker T. seem to appreciate their renovated school, as well as they might, for it is an ultra-modern facility. There are clocks with intercoms in all the rooms with the correct time. Modern instructional instruments abound. The modern equivalent of the old school library, the media center was well put together. During this reporter's visit, a group of ninth graders who had passed the California Test of Basic Skills, were watching a video of RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK as a reward for passing the test. "We believe you have to reward students for accomplishment so that they'll be motivated to do even more," said the principal.

The halls are painted bright colors that reflect the light much better than the nondescript green motif that dominated when this reporter walked the halls. Not one speck of graffiti was seen during the tour nor were any handprints seen. Despite the unfinished condition of the building, it was clean both in the classrooms and in the hall.

There was no loitering in the halls. During the tour, when classes were in session, the halls were clear. The classrooms were orderly and quiet with only a slight rise in volume when the AFRO photographer was spotted. There is an order in the school that belies the recent publicity implying that city junior high schools were places of danger and disorder. Principal Daniels moved comfortably about the school and the strong admonitions he gave out during the tour were for departing male students to remove their hats until they exited the school.

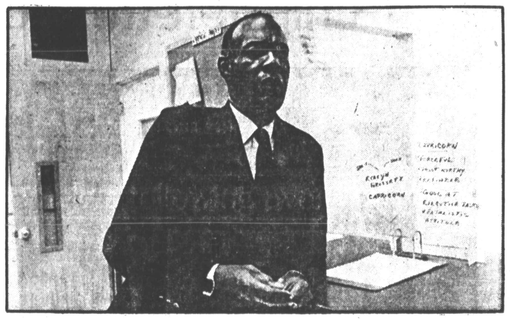
"I believe students respond to what you demand of them. If you demand that students be orderly and learn and you provide an atmosphere that promotes that, the majority of students will behave. Children don't like disorder, even though they might appear to like it. They want to have limits, but it is up to the adults to set them," said the principal with complete confidence. "It really bothers me that this school has a bad reputation for being a blackboard jungle. This school has been under control for a long time, but because it is an inner-city school people say, how can you work over there. It isn't fair to us. When students come here they by and large follow the rules," he added.

The tour continued down into the basement where this reporter hastily consumed plate lunches that were by today's standard both generous and dirt cheap. What was in earlier times the cafeteria, is now the industrial arts section. The cafeteria is now in what used to be the girl's gym. There is also a graphic arts department that has a photography darkroom and printing equipment that will allow Booker T. to print its school paper in-house. The rooms were incomplete, but several of the ultra-modern machines were there.

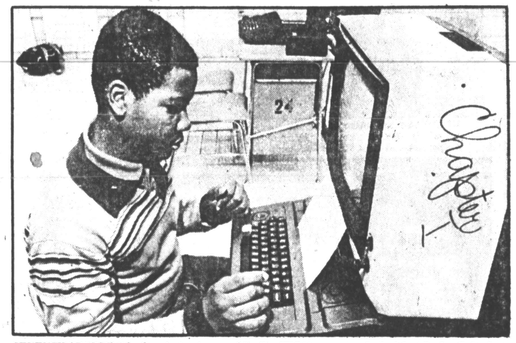
In the cafeteria there is a large mural on the wall that is visible as soon as one enters the dining room. It depicts Booker T. Washington stretching out his arms and inspirational educational scenes. It even depicts him talking with a man who very much resembles W. E. B. DuBois. "The young people see an inspirational message every time they come to lunch," said the principal as he proudly pointed to the mural which was done by local artist, Pontella Mason.

"We're very happy with our new facility and I think the students appreciate what they have. We have problems like everyone else, but we are striving for excellence. Our test scores are not as high as we would like them, but you can't judge education by test scores alone. You have to see what's going on in the classroom. We lose our top eighth graders to the city-wide high school programs and this affects our test scores, but we are making progress."

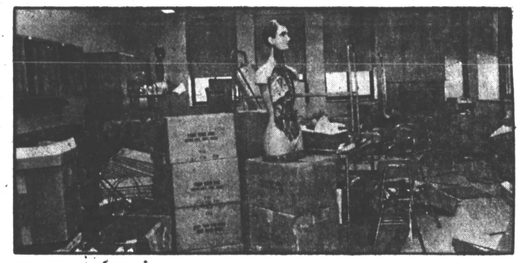
Booker T. Washington Junior High School has changed a great deal after its long awaited renovation. Although appearances have changed, the halls are haunted by memories: memories of Beatrice Myers teaching English to students so thoroughly that her instruction is now equivalent to a college composition course; memories of Naomi Hardy exciting students about History, the much avoided subject; memories of Mr. Barnes, the shower attendant, who hosed down slowpokes in the shower so that they would be both clean and on time for the next class. These memories are but the set that this reporter has. There were generations before and after that have their own. The new Booker T. will be dedicated February 24, 1984, and all those who attended the school will be welcome. Like Douglass High, which was fed by Booker T. in the days of segregation and after, Booker T. is a historic black institution that staged a come-back because of community support.



PRINCIPAL JOHN B. DANIELS is an administrator who "makes time available always for young people at the school who have problems. That's one way of keeping things from getting out of hand."

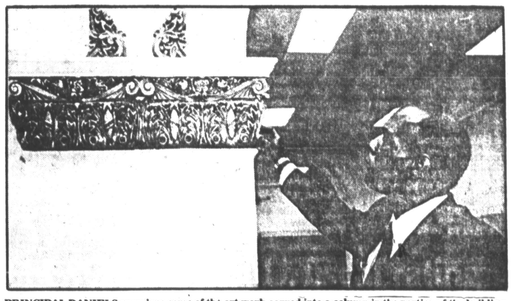


SEVENTH GRADER John Grant operates one of the five TRS 80 computers in the lab at Booker T. Students use the machine to learn computer literacy and to supplement their work in other subjects.



AN ANATOMY MODEL missing several parts, rests in an unfinished science lab at Booker T. Very soon the entire building will be operational.

SEWING TEACHER Mrs. Larsen tells seventh graders how to put finishing touches on canvas bookbags that they made in class. The sewing room is large, well lit, and equipped with many new machines.



PRINCIPAL DANIELS examines some of the art work carved into a column in the portion of the building built in 1895. Some of the touches of the old building were retained.

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LIFE SCIENCES is taught to seventh graders at Booker T. Marilyn Williams, a science teacher, instructs eager students on the use of the microscope.

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