SPOTLIGHT

Morehouse, Alabama A&M tops in SIAC track

Morehouse College and Alabama A & Rattlers to the title. Her 161-3 effort in the Carolina State, North Texas State, Virginia Mills Stadium in Albany, Ga.

ahead of Alabama A & M and Albany State points. who wound up in second and third place respectively.

Dione Bruff led the way for the Lady

Top performers in the men's division were: Tony Williams of Albany State --Most Valuable Track Athlete; Ft. Valley State's Tyrone Federson was chosen Most Valuable Field Athlete; and Morehouse's Napoleon Cobb was voted Men's Coach of

Top performers in the women's division were: Albany State's Ketchia Smith and Sabrina Life. Smith was the Most Valuable Track Athlete and Life captured honors as the Most Valuable Field Athlete. Alabama A & M's Joseph Henderson was voted Women's Coach of the Year.

Track sweep for FAMU

Florida A & M made it a two-way sweep as both the men and women's teams won MEAC team championships in track and field. While the Rattlers won only one event (William Banks in the 800 -- 1:52.48). they placed in 14 of the 17 events to total 99 points. Howard University finished second with 94 points.

the meet's Outstanding Coach for both the record at press time was 18-4. men's and women's division.

The Bison's John Branch set new con- 1 in Division II with a team record of 17-3. ference records in both hurdles races. He

M came away as the victors in the SIAC discus set a new conference record. She was Tech, William & Mary, and Virginia. Track & Field Championships held at Hugh voted as the meet's Outstanding Performer.

In the team standings, FAMU scored The Maroon Tigers captured the men's 120 points to pull away from South Carolina title by accumulating 141 points to finish State, who finished in second place with 106 Morehouse took the men's trophy over sec-

Hampton rules tennis

Hampton University continued their The Lady Bulldogs of A & M overcame dominance in tennis as they ruled the CIAA Savannah State totaled 12 points. a huge deficit entering the second day of Tennis Championships with an iron hand, competition to edge second place Albany downing Livingstone College 6-0 in the final men's singles when Morehouse's Darren State 182-176. It was A & M's 10th women's round at the conference championships in Polite retired due to injury. Because of that Hampton, Va.

Dogs with five first place finishes. Bruff to the nationals and another opportunity to Davidson because of a forfeit. Saunders was won the high jump, 400, 400 intermediate win a national title. Last year, they finished named Outstanding Male Player, while TU's hurdles, and ran legs on A & M's victorious second in the team standings at the Division Henry Holbert was chosen Men's Coach of relay teams in the 4 x 100 and the 4 x 400. II nationals. This year, they were ranked No. the Year.

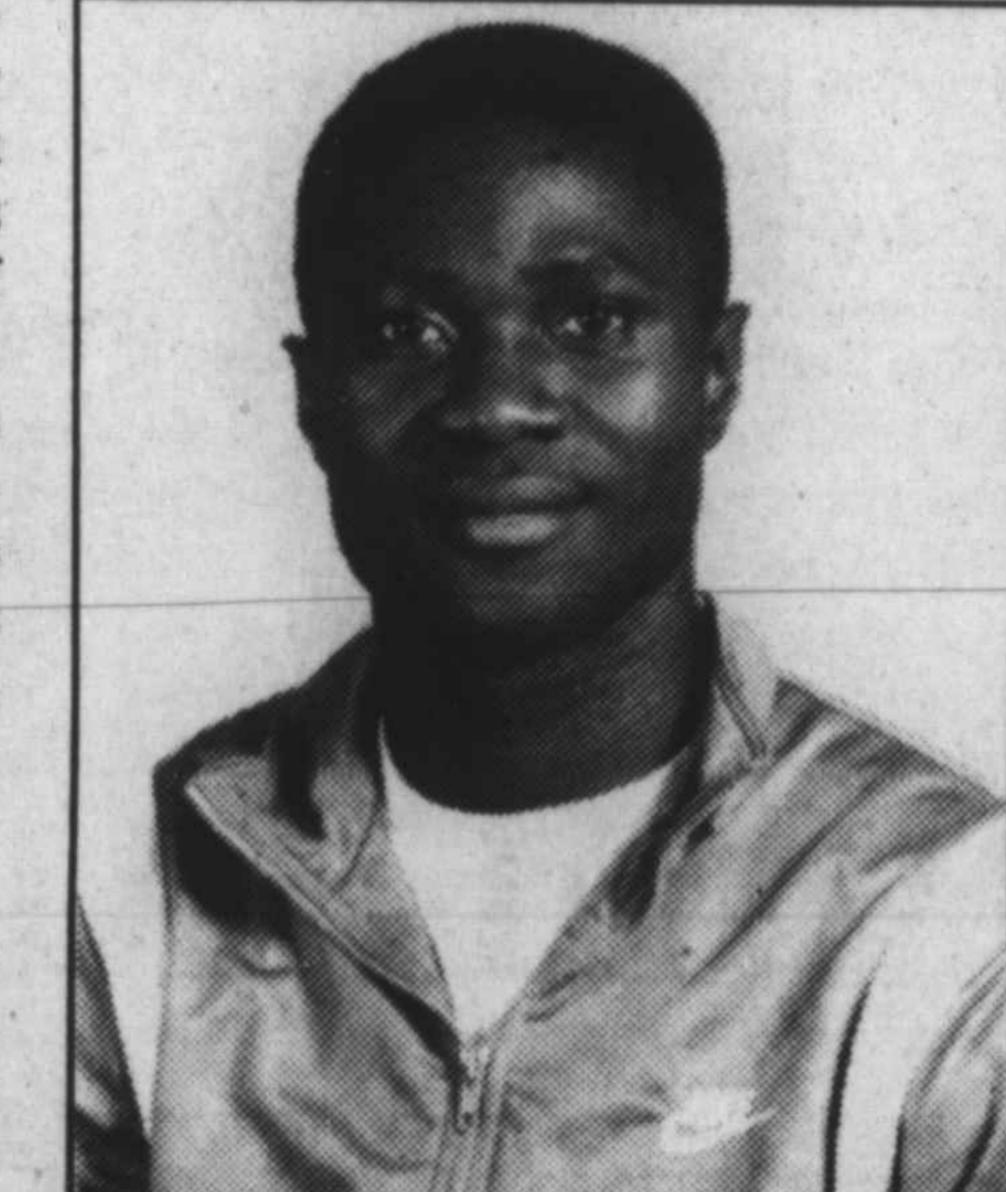


Photo Courtesy of Hampton University of the Year). Innocent Madica is the Pirates' Rattlers' coach Bobby Lang was voted No. 4 player. The Nigerian's court

All of HU's losses have come at the and sped to a 50.31 in the intermediates. defeats could have very easily been wins FAMU's Tiffany Daugherty won the 5-4). But in the meantime they have dusted a the U.S. Basketball Writers' Association. shot put, javelin, and discus to lead the Lady few Division I foes, which include -- North

SIAC Tennis Championships Morehouse and Ft. Valley State won the SIAC tennis team titles in Albany, Ga. ond place Tuskegee, winning by a 19-16 margin. Ft. Valley dominated the women's division with 23 points, while second place

Tuskegee's Dirk Saunders won the Tuskegee's pair of Saunders and Brian Ran-The Pirates are primed for another trip som won the doubles over Polite and Brad

Jeanette Guyton of Ft. Valley won the singles finals over Savannah State's Rosalyn Dike, 7-5, 6-2. However, Dike teamed with Marilyn Amina to win the doubles championship over Guyton and Cheryl McClendon, 6-0, 2-6, 6-4. Guyton was voted Most Outstanding Female Player and Iolantha Spencer of Tuskegee was voted Women's Coach of the Year.

BCSIDA All-Americans

The Black College Sports Information Directors' Association (BCSIDA) recently honored the best of women's black college basketball at their annual awards luncheon i

Heading the list of those honored were: Patricia Hoskins of Mississippi Valley State Miriam Walker-Samuels of Claflin College (College Division Player of the Year); and Anne Thomas of Tennessee State (Freshmar

Coaching awards went to Mississippi Valley's Jessie Harris (University Division Coach of the Year); and Nelson Brownlee of Classin (College Division Coach of the

This past season, Hoskins led Division I clocked 13.72 in the 110-meter high hurdles hands of Division I competition. Two those in scoring (34.0 ppg) and rebounding (15.9 rpg). She was also a finalist in the Female (lost to Florida and Oklahoma by scores of Player of the Year in Division I as chosen by

Walker-Samuels has led Claflin to two

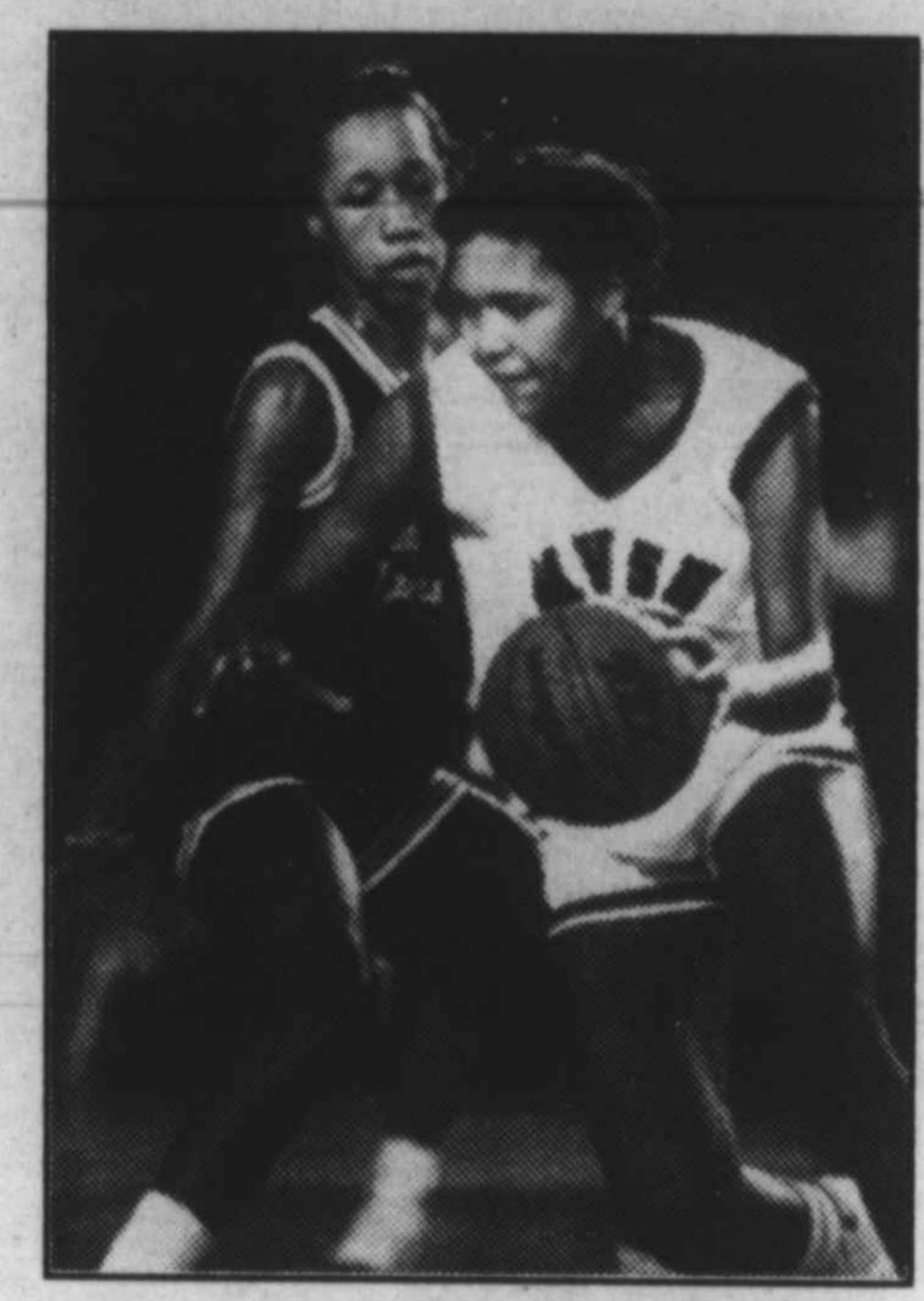


Photo Courtesy of SWAC

MVSU's Patricia Hoskins led the nation in scoring and rebounding

consecutive runner-up finishes in the NAIA women's nationals for the past two seasons. Last season, she averaged 34.8 points, 4.2 rebounds, and 3.5 steals per game, while leading her team to a 31-0 record. The following women were voted to BCSIDA's first team, All-America squads.

University Division: Barbara Burgess (Delaware State); Karen Wilkins (Howard University); Patricia Hoskins (Mississippi Valley State); Neacole Hall (Alabama State); and Thelma Lyles (Coppin State).

College Division: Melissa Stephenson (University of DC); Kimberly Oates (Ft. Valley State); Vernessia Giddings (Wiley College); Miriam Walker-Samuels (Claflin College); and Jackie Dolberry (Hampton Uni-

All-Freshman Team: Anne Thomas (Tennessee State); Tami Varnado (Alcorn State); Bridgitt Brown (Alabama A & M); Shervon Hunter (Delaware State); and Kimberly Watson (Jarvis Christian College).

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-Shawn Ricks

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the big tournament goes a long way in what may transpire in the following rounds. You just never know what will happen. That's why they play the games in the first place.

Case in point. Alcorn State is still the only black college to ever win a game in the NCAA Tournament. The Braves have won three times, all in the opening round (1980, 1983, and 1984). They won because they were seeded against teams that were closer in status to their program. In '80 they whipped South Alabama (70-62). Thre e years later they triumphed over Xavier (Ohio) 81-75 and in '84 they romped over Houston Baptist, 79-60.

Since that time, it seems that the seeds black colleges those games in person. Invariably, black college teams additional bucks from the huge NCAA money pie. If seeding was done on a more equal basis, black colleges would stand a better chance of advancing past round one.

Given the state of financial affairs concerning the vast majority of black colleges, you should realize that their white "have-nots" counterparts have a little more than they do. As a result, they are able to get more funds and even be more competitive with the big boys every now and then.

And perhaps you haven't seen some of these first round tournament games where the black colleges play the elite schools. To get the true flavor, you have to witness

have gotten, almost always guarantees that they won't get rarely get the benefit of the doubt on questionable ref's past the first round, which means the school won't earn calls. Some have been so blatant that even the players sitting on the bench of the white schools find themselves

> Based on what I've seen as a sportswriter, I am convinced that a Marshall University or an Eastern Michigan has a much better chance of pulling off major tournament upsets against the Arizonas, North Carolinas and Michigans. And that's not because of a school's size, but because of the school being predominantly black.

> Yeah, I know it all sounds very old. But it's true and I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that.

> > Craig T. Greenlee BCSR Editor

MILLER LITE CONFERENCE UPDATE

Brought to you by Miller Lite. The proud sponsor of the CIAA, MEAC, and SWAC conferences.

Just because basketball season has ended doesn't mean that black college sports isn't still running at full throttle On the contrary, there have been scintillating performances in track, golf, and tennis. Here's a brief update.

SWAC - Texas Southern is making some noise in Division I track. At the Drake Relays in lowa, the Lady Tigers made believers out of observers as they won the women's 4 x 100 relay with a time of 44.20. Hope Obika, Linda Eseimokumch, Dyan Webber and Mary Onyali blistered the opposition, defeating Nebraska and LSU who finished second and third respectively.

1/2). For the men, Maude Ado finished second in the 800 (1:48.81).

CIAA - Livingstone College had no mercy on opponents as they rolled to victory in the conference golf championships. The Bears shot back-to-back rounds of 301 to record a score of 602 and win by 40 strokes over second place

St. Augustine's. Al Montaque led the Bears by firing an even par 144 (73-71). St. Aug's Gregory Blanks was the runnerup behind Montague with a 150.

MEAC - Florida A & M swept titles for men and women in the conference track and field championships. A & M won just one event, but placed in 14 of the 17 events held. The Rattlers scored 99 points, edging Howard, who had 94. The Lady Rattlers outscored South Carolina State 120-106 to win their championship. A & M's Bobby Lang was Obika placed second in the 100-meter hurdles (13.61) and Beatrice Utondu finished third in the long jump (20-2 voted the meet's Outstanding Coach.

In tennis, Howard University had the sweep. The men beat out South Carolina State 28-27 to take the title. In women's play, the Lady Bison won all singles and doubles matches, totalling 27 points, while Morgan State ended the tournament in second place with 12 points.

Lite Beer Athlete of The Month.



Debra Alexander

Black College Sports Review is proud to announce that Hampton University senior triple jumper Debra Alexander has been selected as Miller Lite's Black College Athlete Of The Month.

Alexander is an accounting major at Hampton who will receive her bachelor's degree this month. Her career aspiration is to be an internal auditor.

The Winston-Salem, NC native is the captain of Hampton's women's track team this year. She finished third in her specialty in this year's NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships with a leap of 39-7 3/4 to earn All-America honors and the Lady Pirates finished third in the team

Alexander is set to lead her team to the Division II Outdoor National Track & Field Championships which will be held at Hampton University, May 25-27. She is viewed as one of the top triple jumpers at the Division II level.

With the nationals coming up on Hampton's home turf, the 21-year old, soon-to-be graduate, is prepared to have her best collegiate performance.

Miller Lite honors Debra Alexander as the Black College Athlete Of The Month.

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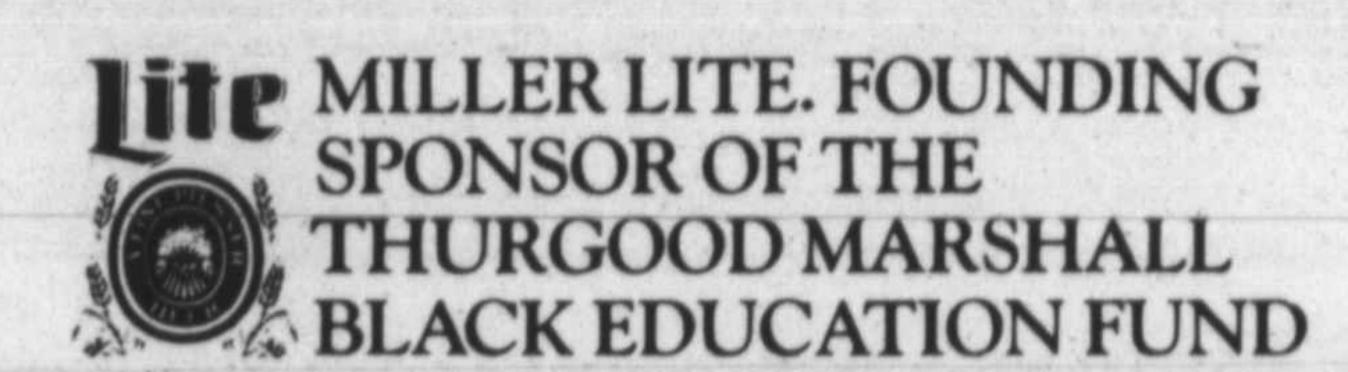
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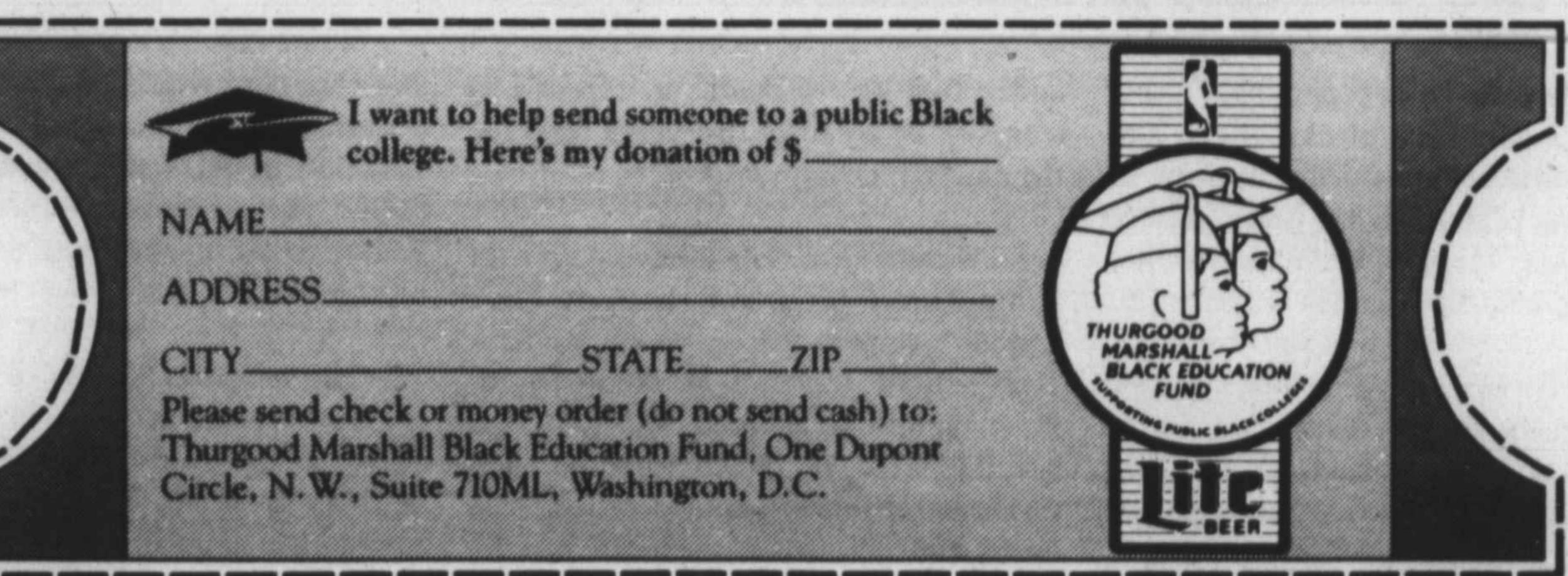
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