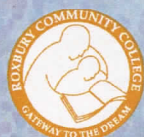


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Dear Friends:

Thank you for joining us at the Reggie Lewis Center's 10 Year Anniversary Gala. This event is a momentous stage in the history of Massachusetts. For 35 years, the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association lobbied to get the funds allocated to have this facility built, and for that reason, it is fitting that we collaborate on this milestone.

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The Reggie Lewis Center at Roxbury Community College not only serves as the primary site for the Massachusetts public high school track and field competitions and Roxbury Community College athletic programs, but it has quickly become an integral part of the surrounding community. Fitness and wellness programs for youth and senior citizens, along with sports clinics, have positively impacted the community and will continue to do so in the coming years.

The success of the Center could not have been achieved without your support. For that, we thank you. Lastly, we congratulate the honorees tonight as these individuals have made extraordinary efforts to ensure the success of this great facility.

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Welcome From the President:

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center @ Roxbury Community College 10th Anniversary Gala. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Roxbury Community College

family I thank you all for attending and your support over the years. It is hard to believe that 10 years have already passed since the Center opened its doors. Entering my third year as President of Roxbury Community College, I can tell you this facility has enhanced our campus and the surrounding communities.

While you are on our campus, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about Roxbury Community College. The primary mission of Roxbury Community College is to serve the needs of a diverse Greater Roxbury area and the surrounding Boston metropolitan communities. Roxbury Community College offers an industry sensitive curriculum, quality post-secondary higher education learning opportunities in the liberal arts, and sciences, career transfer programs, workforce development, and private and public sector training. Please come and visit us and meet our caring faculty and staff by calling (617) 541-5310.

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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it is my honor to extend warm greetings as you gather to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

Since opening its doors in 1995, the Reggie Lewis Center has witnessed seventeen World and American records. It has been the state's top venue for public high school track competitions, and has provided a fitness facility for all ages and a place for community organizations to meet.

I commend the Center for fulfilling the goals of its namesake. As Reggie Lewis was, in life, a staunch advocate for the youth of the Boston community, the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center has worked tirelessly to carry on his mission.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mitt Romney".

Mitt Romney



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Dear Friends:

I congratulate the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College on its Ten Year Anniversary celebration.

The success of such a great facility is a benefit to the City of Boston and the entire state. The City of Boston has first hand knowledge of the benefits of collaboration with the Center. Through the numerous partnerships, we successfully collaborated on many youth programs with the Boston Center for Youth and Family Services All Girls Sports Festival, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League, and the Boston Public Schools athletic department. The center has also hosted many other community organizations.

Since it opened its doors in 1995 the Center has served the community very well. It is the primary site for all Massachusetts public high school track and field competitions. The facility will also host the USA Track and Field Championships and the NCAA Track and Field Championships.

I am especially pleased to congratulate the Representative Marie St. Fleur, John Thomas, Frank Mooney and the McIntyre Family for their role in the success of the Center. I wish you continued success for many years to come.

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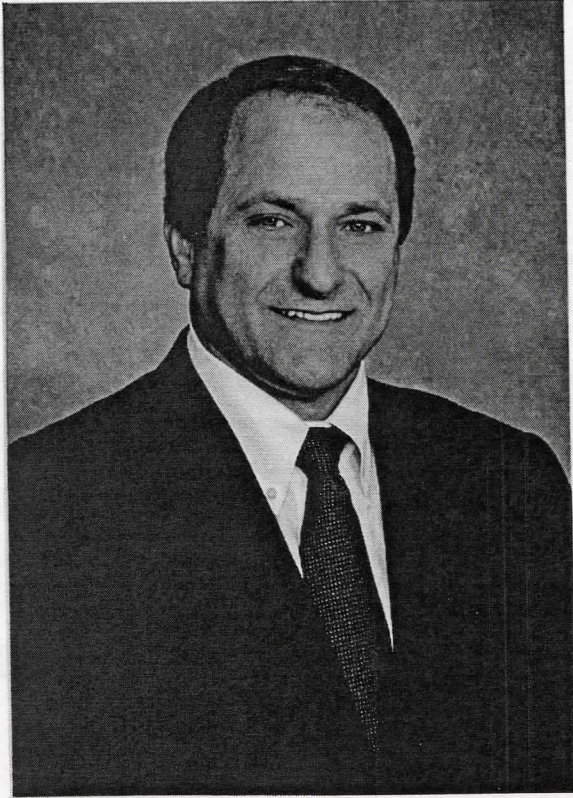
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**Congratulations on your  
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**Thanks to all who have worked at "the Reggie" and served our young men and women track athletes over these 10 years. You have helped make the "Reggie" experience a very positive one and have helped the sport of track and field grow tremendously in our state.**

**Thanks to all those who have worked our meets, your long hard days of officiating or working at our meets have been appreciated.**



(Right)Larry Ames (Middle) Governor Michael Dukakis, (Left) John Carroll

## *It's time to build the track*

### **Chronology of The Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center**

1958- Discussions begin for new high school track facility.

1962- Governor Endicott Peabody signs appropriation for indoor track facility.

1964- Bill No 395 passes House of Representatives calling for a school track facility to be built at Cleveland Circle.

1965- Judge denies injunction barring start of construction of track facility at Cleveland Circle.

1966- Boston architectural firm says \$1.3 million school track facility will be ready by 1968. It will be dedicated as the John A. Ryder Memorial Track named in honor of the late Boston College track coach.

1970- Bill instructing MDC to build \$3 million track facility passes both branches of legislature and is sent to Gov. Francis Sargent.

1972- MDC agrees to construct track at Neponset site.

1974- House of Representatives in capital outlay budget, approves \$2.3 million for purchase of land at Neponset. It also approves \$3,987,000 for school track facility, park and recreational facilities, bicycle paths and boat and canoe launchings.

1974- Gov. Sargent, calling his announcement "a victory night for the young people of Boston." Says construction of track facility will begin in March 1975.



1975- On Dec. 30, MDC announces plans for massive athletic complex at Neponset. Gov. Michael Dukakis says, "I remember the debate on this way back in the early 1960s. It was needed then and it's needed now and I'm delighted that after all these years we're finally going to be able to go ahead with it."

1976- Unless there is an additional \$1.4 million the school track project could be in danger of falling through.

1977- Many area residents back Neponset site for track. Rev. Msgr. Gerard Shae says complex will provide "something worthwhile for the young people to get out and exercise instead of standing around drinking." However Neponset residents drop objections to facility because they're promised new MDC hockey rink.

1978- Rep. John Finnegan of Dorchester plans to go to court to block construction of \$7.4 million track, accusing Dukakis of "breaking faith" with the legislature and the community by directing the legislature to go ahead with the track project.

1979- Finnegan, chairman of Ways and Means Committee, introduces amendment which strikes school track facility from Neponset site. The amendment is approved.

1980- Finnegan begins discussions with Northeastern University. With state aid the university could build a facility which would house the track facility.

1983- Northeastern students vote more than 9-1 margin to pay student activities fee which would help build athletic complex on campus. Certain objections by Boston Redevelopment Authority and MRTA stall project.

\*Information from the Boston Globe 1984

1985- Interest in track revived, with state Reps. Joe DeNucci and Kevin Fitzgerald spearheading the drive at the State House.

1987- Gov. Dukakis announces plans for track on Columbus Avenue.

1987- In November, Gov. Dukakis files construction bill for track

1988- On January 5, 16 minutes before final session of Legislature, \$35 million is appropriated for facility

1988- On July 16, Legislature approves construction of the project by the turnkey method.

1990- On April 4, project goes out for bid and draws six development teams

1991- Agreement with Northeastern is finalized but Gov. William Weld indicates he will not authorize construction of track at Northeastern

1992- Gov. Weld and Speaker of the House Charles Flaherty file bill for \$17 million track at Roxbury Community College. Bill passes House and Senate by July and Gov. Weld signs it into law. Three sites are chosen but all are inadequate.

1992- Mayor Flynn and BRA director Paul Barrett sell city parcel, located at New Dudley and Tremont Streets, to state. In December, BRA votes to hand over parcel to the state.

1993- Groundbreaking for track

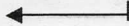
1995- Track completed the summer 1995; the opening ceremony was November 5, 1995 and the first meet December 23, 1995.

2003- RLTAAC hosted The USA Track and Field Indoor National Championships.



Hundreds of high school athletes take part in the RLTAAC "Do It" track clinic held on March 26th, 2005.

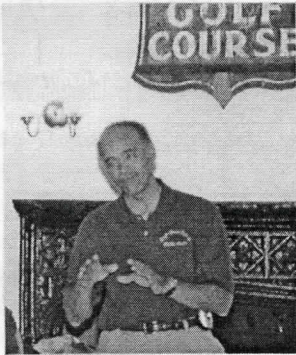
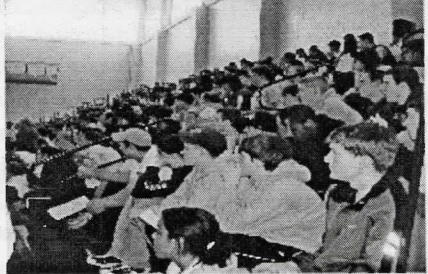
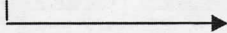
60 meter women's hurdlers at the 2005 Reebok Indoor Games.



Athletic trainer attending to an injured high school track athlete.



RCC President Dr. Terry Gomes addressing participants of the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament held on August 26th, 2005.

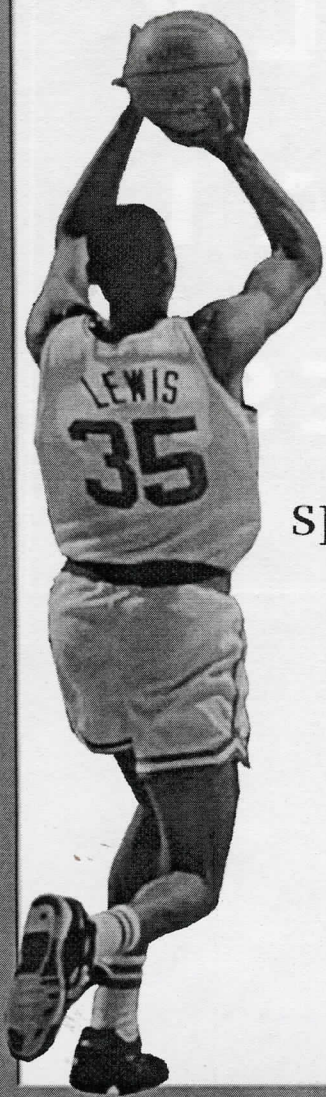


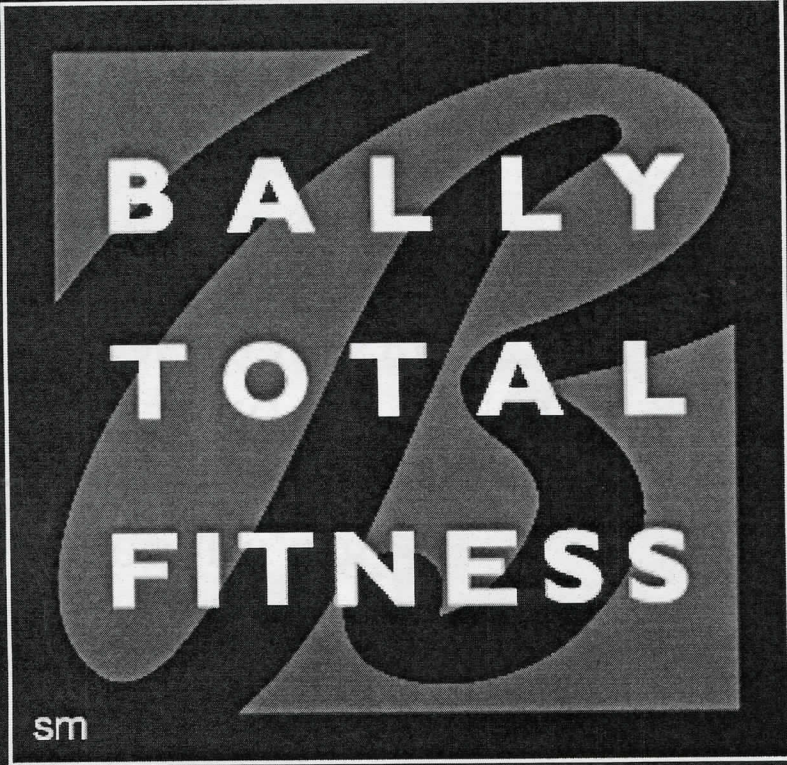
Physicians and athletic trainers involved in the Boston Public School Sports Medicine Collaborative joined by Mayor Menino at the first high school football game under lights in 2004.



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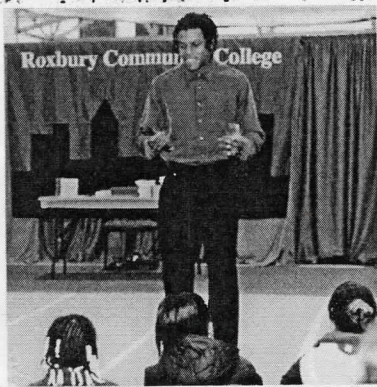
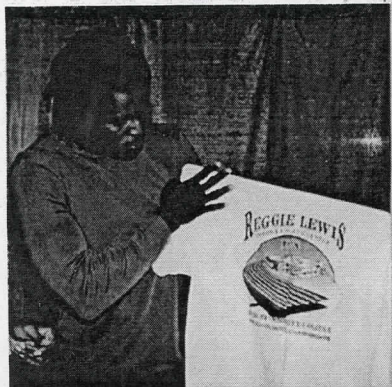


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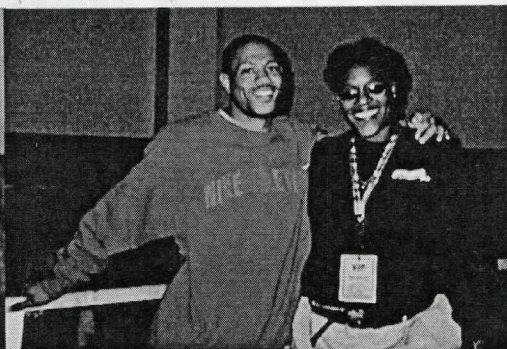
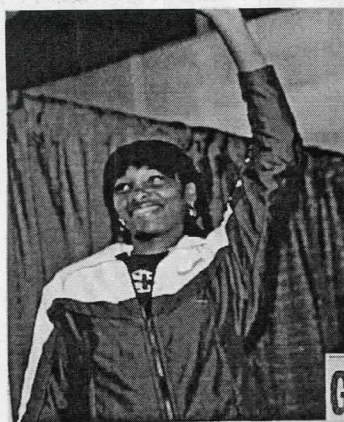


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# Carl Lewis Visits Roxbury's Reggie Lewis Center



On many occasions several prominent sports figures visit the Boston area. One of their more frequent stops is at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College in Roxbury.



## Greene cruises to 60-meter win

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# Moments in Time

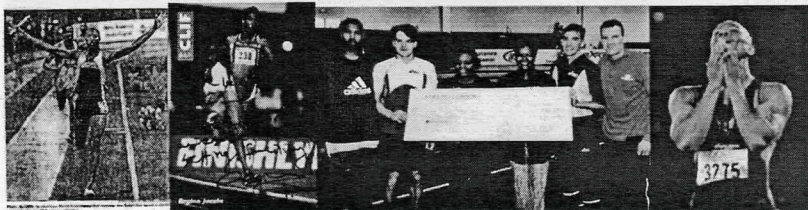
**Records Made, Records Broken,  
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For years the Reggie Lewis Track  
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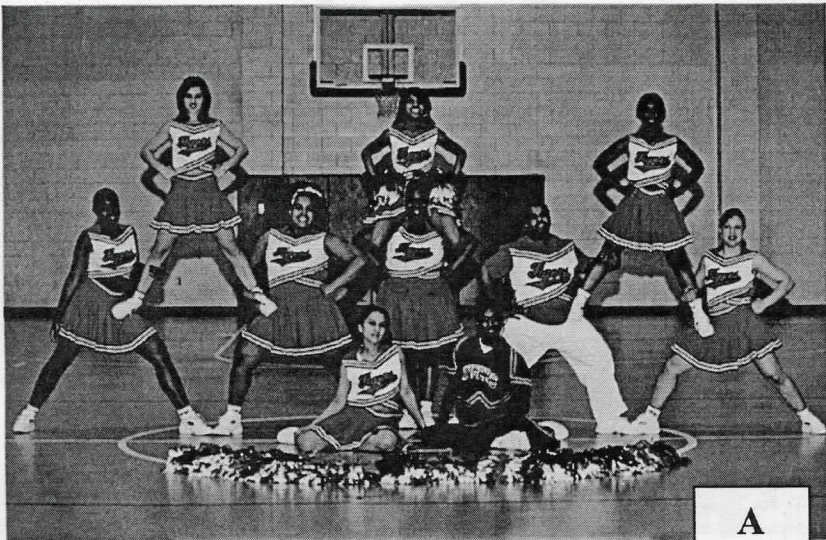
## **RLTAC Top 10 Moments for Collegian and Open Athletes**

- 2004 - Worlds greatest runner, Ethiopian Haile Gebreselassie runs at Boston Indoor Games
- 2004 - Gail Devers sets US Record in 60 meter hurdles at the USA Nationals (2004) Stacey Dragila sets an American Records in the Pole Vault at the USATF national Championships
- 2004 - Jen Toomey of Salem MA wins the 800 / 1500 double in the USA Indoor National Championship meet.
- 2004 - Laura Gerraughty brakes the Collegiate record in the Shot Put.
- 2002 - Regina Jacobs sets three World Records over the years – 1500m 3:59.95, 1000m 2:35.29, 2 miles 9:23
- 2002 - Everett Hosack first competing in Masters Nationals at 100yrs old.
- 2000 - Global Athletics foursome established a World and an American Club record in the 4 by 800 relay- 7:13.94
- 2000 - ALiann Pompey sets collegiate record in the 500m
- 2000 - Tirunesh Dibaba took the facility and World Record in the 5000m run.
- 1999 - Maurice Greene established a new US all comers record in the 60m dash which was the fastest time ever on American soil at that time.

## **RLTAC Top 10 Moments for High School Athletes**

- 2003 - Ari Lambie of the Bromfield School sets a national record at 1000 meters - 2:45.46 - in the Mass. State Meet
- 1999 - Franklin Sanchez, Andy Powell won the 2 and the 1 mile race at the National scholastic Meet
- 1998 - Angela Williams sets National scholastic record at 55m in 6.68
- 1997 - Maureen Griffin of Idaho tosses a High school Record in the 20 lb weight 60'10 1/2
- 1997 - Jonathan Riley wins both mile and 2 mile at Scholastic Nationals
- 1997 - Kenny Evans (Arkansas) clears 7'2" to win the Scholastic Nationals, tying him for 6th highest schoolboy ever in the event.
- 1996 - Muir (California) High School team set 4 by 400 relay record (3:13.34) Sprint Medley 3.24
- \*\*Samantha Shepard wins pole vault 4 consecutive years in High School at the National scholastic meet.
- \*\*Boston English high school athletes Abdi Mohammed and Said Ahmed record some of the best ever state and national times in middle distances over their career.





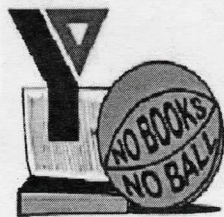
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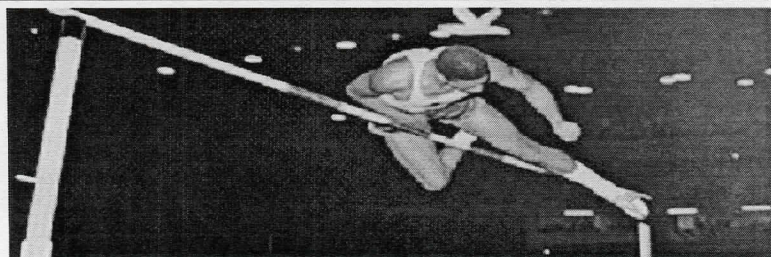


## Roxbury YMCA No Books No Ball Basketball Program



We would like to congratulate the Reggie Lewis Athletic Center on your 10th Anniversary. Your organization have touched many lives in our community. We also would like to thank you for continuing to support the No Books No Ball Basketball Program and for helping us to continue to grow. God Bless, Tony Richards and the YMCA Family





## **John Thomas** **A Legend in the World of Athletics**

By: Zara Northover

The ingredients to success are to be talented, dedicated, hardworking and devoted. These adjectives are also used to describe John Thomas. Thomas was a talented athlete, dedicated coach, hardworking businessman and a devoted athletic director.

Making an impact was never an issue for Thomas, the record-breaking high jumper who managed to make history at the age of 17. Born on March 3, 1941 in Boston MA, Thomas went on to amass undefeated records in the high jump became the first man in the world to clear 7 feet. As a high school New England champion in both the hurdles and high jump he turned down hundreds of full scholarship offers in order to attend Boston University. During his tenure at BU, Thomas was undefeated. He was selected 4 years to the all American track team, claimed 5 New England Outdoor Championship titles, 6 indoor and outdoor IC4A championship titles, as well as 6 NCAA championship titles. As a freshman, in college Thomas jumped 7 feet 1 \_ inches to claim the world indoor record. As a sophomore, he broke the world record 8 times with a best jump of 7 feet 3 \_ inches and made the U.S Olympic team where he brought home a bronze medal. A few years later he became known as the man who cleared 7 feet or higher a colossal 191 times, losing only 8 competitions and placing in two Olympic Games bronze in 1960, silver in 1964 also winning 9 national titles.

In order to sum up Thomas's athletic experience, he might just say "Thomasism" which meant believing in himself, setting goals and going after them. Thomas, who was satisfied athletically, realized that he had more to offer beyond competition. Immediately after graduation in 1963 Thomas accepted a coaching position at his alma mata Boston University taking charge of both the men's and women's track and field programs. Thomas claimed that even though formally he finished 15 years of coaching at BU, he continued to help those who wanted to be helped. "Coaching is something that is done throughout life whether it is giving of advice or aiding with technique," he noted; advising to many that, "competition is 70 percent mental. Therefore, one should prepare at practice and then go to the meet and have fun."

Thomas's feats did not stop at a coaching level. From 1964-1985 he was inducted into 6 halls of fame, most notably the Boston University Hall of Fame, Helms Foundation Hall of Fame, U.S Track and Field Hall of Fame and the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. He has been a role model to many children, teens, and collegians, often giving speeches and seminars in order to reach out and give back. Venturing off into the business world, he ended right back within athletics by accepting the Athletics Director position at Roxbury Community College in 1994. In order to turn the program around, Thomas used his athletic background, business mindset and compassion for student athletes to ensure that the Roxbury Community College athletics program became nationally recognized. Thomas states, "There was no greater feeling than taking home the 2000 National championship title when the Men's Basketball team captured victory at the National Junior College Athletic Association Basketball Tournament." Having never missed an athletic activity, award ceremony or graduation, Thomas has been there for his students and coaches. He will be missed as he retires to relax and finally take a break. However, don't be surprised if he is in the stands proudly watching a flourishing athletic program that he started, with student athletes who continue to make him proud.



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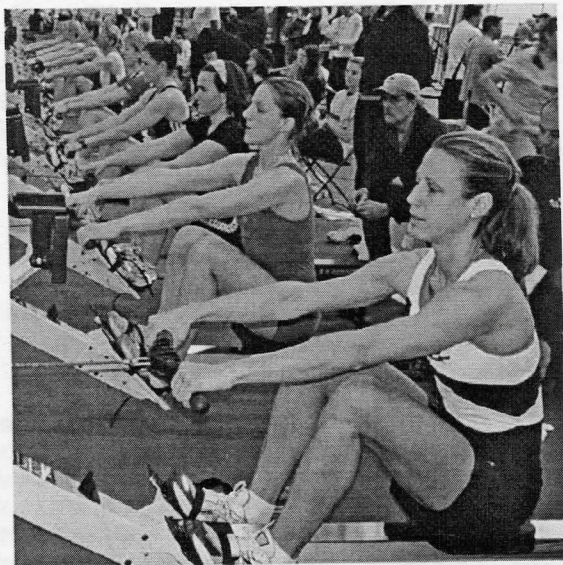
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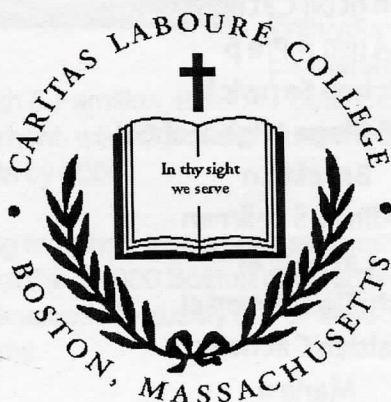
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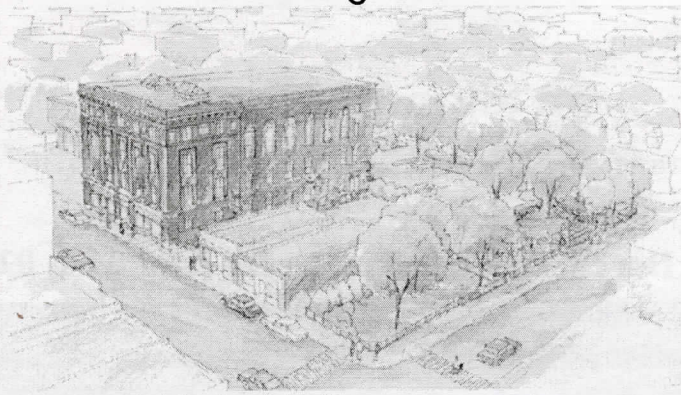
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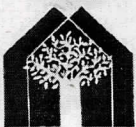
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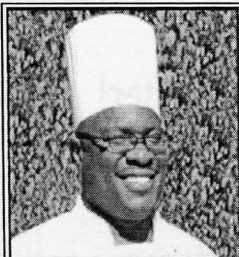
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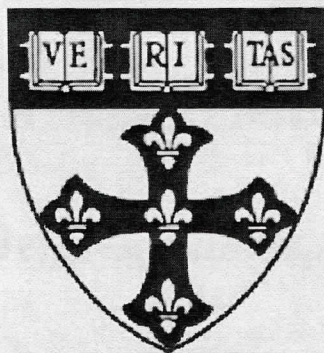
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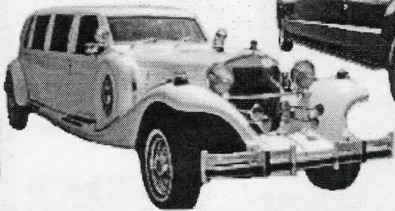
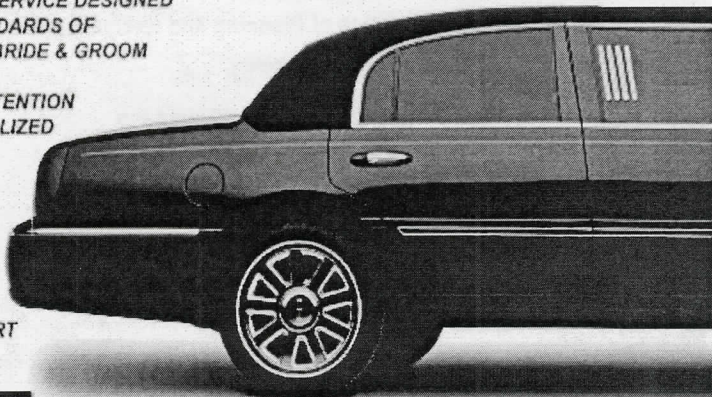
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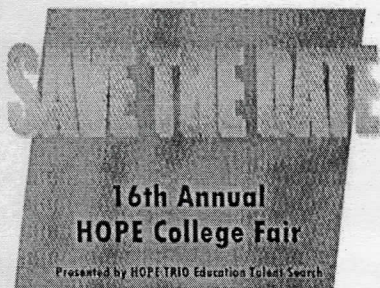


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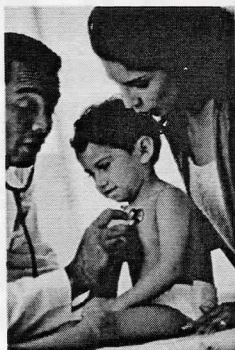
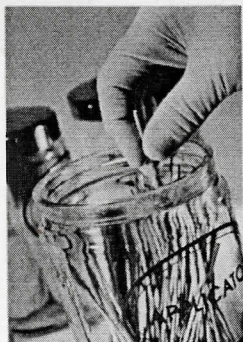
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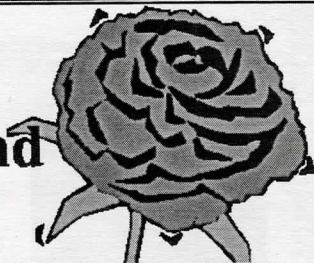
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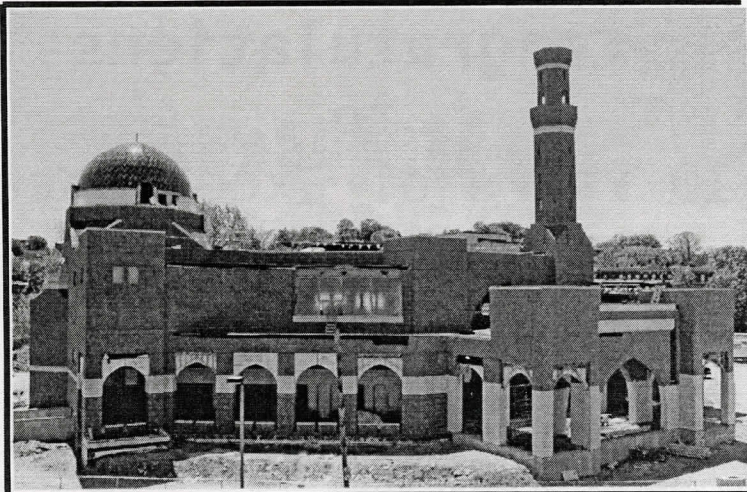
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