

The campus of Wilberforce University.



University of the District of Columbia—VanNess Campus.

In 1879, Miner Normal School became a part of the public school system for colored pupils. Miss Martha Briggs became the first Black principal. Boys were enrolled for the first time during the 1887-88 term. Lucy E. Moten, a graduate of the Massachusetts State Normal School, was the principal. Later she entered the Howard Medical College and became a physician.

## The Dream Fulfilled

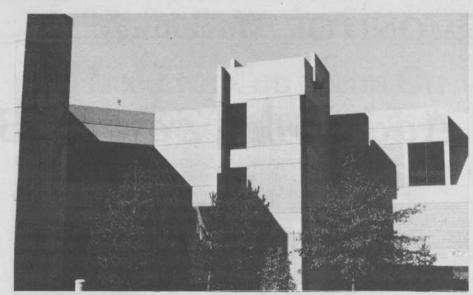
HE DREAM of Myrtilla Miner reached complete fulfillment when (as the mayor had feared) the building known for years as Miner Teachers College was erected on Georgia Avenue at Euclid Street, N.W. in 1913. By 1927, the school had become a three-year college. Wilson Teachers College was established in 1873 as a training school for White teachers. Both schools became four-year degreeconferring colleges by Act of Congress on July 1, 1929. They were the only public institutions of higher learning in

Washington, D.C.

Under the leadership of Dr. Eugene Clark, Miner Teachers College received the highest ratings from the nation's accrediting agencies. Between 1943 and 1953, one-third of all of the college-bound graduates of Dunbar High School became students of Miner Teachers College.

In 1955, after the Supreme Court's anti-segregation ruling, Miner Teachers College and Wilson Teachers College united to form D.C. Teachers College. Federal City College and Washington Technical Institute were established in 1966. On August 1, 1977, D.C. Teachers College (Miner and Wilson), Federal City College and Washington Technical Institute became the University of the District of Columbia.

Today, Myrtilla Miner's dream lives on in the building which bears her name. This is only part of the interesting and historic sites that await you on your visit to the University of the District of Columbia.



Another view of the campus of Wilberforce University.



Miner Teachers College now part of the University of the District of Columbia.

## **UDC's Campus**

HE UNIVERSITY of the District of Columbia currently occupies 25 temporary or permanent buildings in three areas of Northwest Washington: at Georgia Avenue and Harvard Street, Mount Vernon Square (downtown area), and Connecticut Avenue and Van Ness Street. All buildings are easily reached by public transportation.

Location in the nation's capital offers students (and visitors like you) access to cultural, intellectual and political activities unequaled anywhere in the United States. The three branches of the federal government, the Library of Congress, the Smithsonian Institution, numerous galleries, museums, halls for the performing arts and other facilities of the capital provide a rich setting for educational endeavor.

The Washington metropolitan area features numerous parks, woodlands, beaches and mountains. Bicycle

paths, hiking, and bridle paths and historical sites are found throughout the area.

Pennsylvania's Black Representative William H. Gray III's remarks in the U.S. Congress on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of Cheyney University are a fitting closure for this historic trip. On Wednesday, February 4, 1987, Rep. Gray said:

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to bring to the attention of this body a tribute to Richard Humphreys, the founder of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania...which is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding this year....

The sesquicentennial not only examines the university's historical value as a place for higher learning for black Americans, but celebrates all historically black colleges and universities and the significant role they all play in providing national leaders and major contributors to our society.