The image shows a decorative book cover. The background is a deep blue with a white and light blue marbled pattern, resembling marble or stone. This central area is framed by a thin gold border. Outside this border, there is a wider blue border, and at the corners of this outer border, there are small gold diamond-shaped motifs. The title "Photographic Essay" is printed in a gold, serif font. The word "Photographic" is on the top line, and "Essay" is on the bottom line. The letter "P" in "Photographic" is significantly larger and more ornate than the other letters, extending downwards into the space between the two lines of text.

Photographic
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SEALS DEPARTMENT

Maxine Allen*

Photographic Essay



James Costen preaches his Senior Sermon, Johnson C. Smith Seminary (then in Charlotte, North Carolina), 1955.

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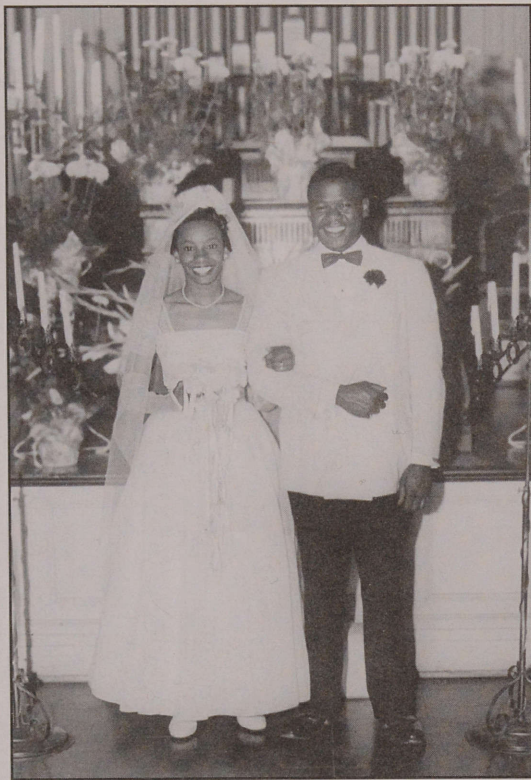


A mischievous ten year-old contemplates his next financial venture.

SEAS DEPARTMENT



Johnson C. Smith Gospel Team, April 1955 (left to right): Clarence Lennon, James Costen, Franklin D. Wilson, James Hampton and Orval Black.



James H. Costen and Melva Wilson became husband and wife, May 1953, Johnson C. Smith University Church. The couple's ceremony occurred on Baccalaureate afternoon the year of their graduation from college when the chapel would be fully decorated. The Seminary Dean, Arthur H. George, conducted the wedding with Ms. Anne Hawkins, the Dean of Women, serving as Director of the wedding.



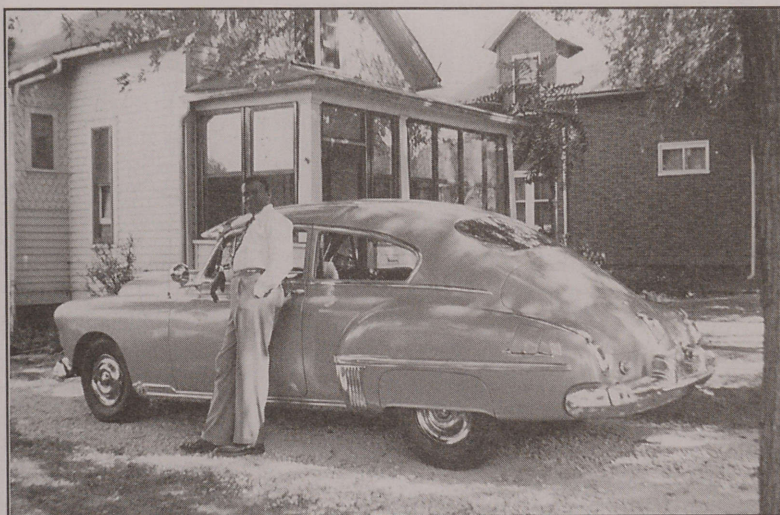
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity probationary group, Winter, 1950, Costen (second from right).



During his first pastoral appointment, Rocky Mount, NC, Jim, Melva, Ms. Sellars and Mr. Miller (left to right) enjoy a church reception.



Jim (standing, extreme left) with a young Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (seated, left) following a rally at which King spoke, gathered at the home of Rev. George Dudley, pastor, Liberty Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, NC. Melva Costen (third from right).



Always a fancier of fine automobiles, Jim admires older brother William's new Oldsmobile 88 in front of the family home in Omaha.

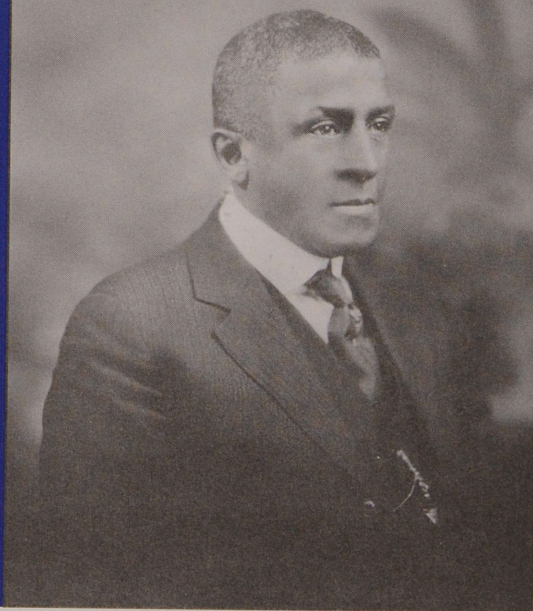


During his tenure at Calvin Church, Omaha, Dr. Costen (left) shares the worship experience with his mentors, Dr. Charles Tyler (right) and Rev. William Johnson (center). Photo courtesy Wilda Stephenson, Omaha.

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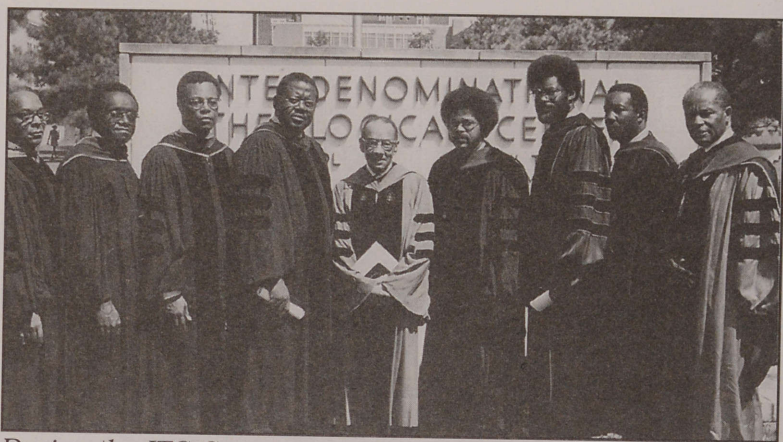
Mary Lou Brookings Costen, mother of James Costen, taken about 1960. William James Costen, father, 1940 (below).



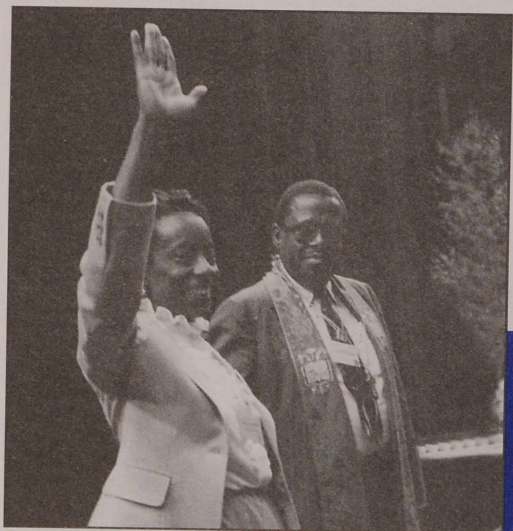


Johnson C. Smith College freshman class, 1949. Costen (second row, second from left). Eva McPhearson Clayton, Congresswoman, North Carolina (first row, second from right).

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During the ITC Convocation, Fall 1975, the deans of the ITC constituent seminaries gather in front of the school sign. Left to right: The Very Reverend Quinland R. Gordon, Absalom Jones Episcopal Seminary; Rev. Oliver J. Haney, C.H. Mason Seminary; Dr. Alvin L. Dopson, Phillips School of Theology; Dr. Costen, Johnson C. Smith Seminary; Dr. Harry V. Richardson, founder and President of ITC; Dr. Bobby Joe Saucer, Morehouse School of Religion; Dr. Cecil Wayne Cone, Turner Seminary; Dr. Charles J. Sargent, Director of Development; Dr. Major J. Jones, Gammon Seminary.



Elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1982, Costen is escorted during investiture by proud wife, Melva. Photo courtesy A.D. Publications, Inc., New York.



During their sabbatical in 1991, the Costens are in Africa representing the Presbyterian Church (USA) and ITC. The Costens (left) are with missionaries in Blantyre, Malawi and Rev. and Mrs. Silas Ncozana (right of Costen) of the Presbyterian Church of Malawi, East Africa.

During lighter moments of a 1970 African study tour, Costen dances with church representatives. Dr. Thelma Adair, former ITC Board Member, is third from right.



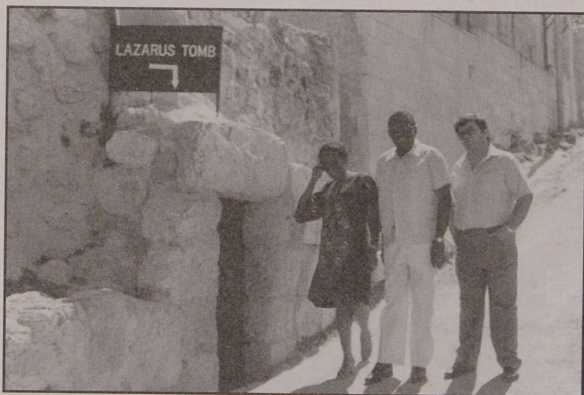
In 1994, Rev. John Gatu received an honorary degree from ITC. He was Moderator, Presbyterian Church, East Africa. Here, Costen and Dr. David L. Wallace bid farewell to the Gatus at Atlanta's Hartsfield Airport.





During a 1990 conference to Israel, Dr. Costen looks over the Golan Heights.

The Costens in the Dead Sea.



With Israeli tour guide, the Costens visit Lazarus' tomb.

**THE INAUGURAL CONVOCATION: A CELEBRATION
SISTERS CHAPEL, SPELMAN COLLEGE – 3:00 p.m.
John W. Waters, Presiding**

ORGAN PRELUDE
Improvisation on Afro-American Melodies
Joyce Finch Johnson

****PROCESSIONAL**
"Crown Imperial"
W. Walton
Joyce Finch Johnson

***THE INVOCATION**
Charles Judson Child, Jr.

SCRIPTURE READING
William B. Meekins, Jr.
Carolyn L. McCrary
Old Testament—Ezekiel 34:1–12
New Testament—I Timothy 6:11–19

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION**
"Once to Every Man and Nation"
James Russell Lowell

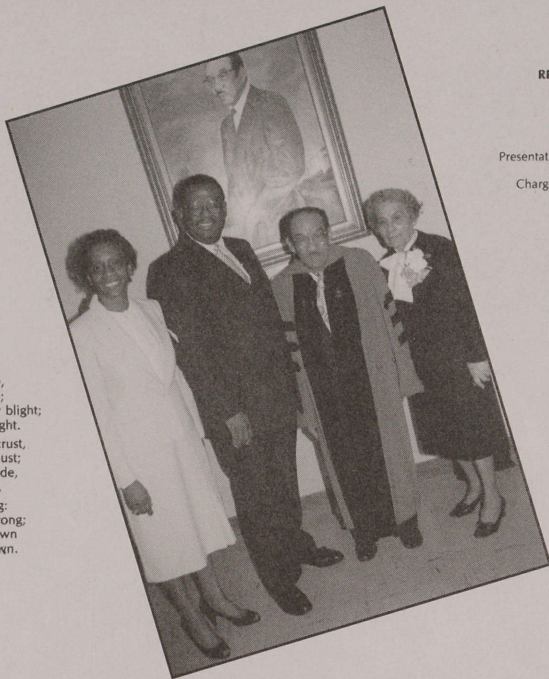
Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood, For the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, Offering each the bloom or blight;
And the choice goes by forever, 'Tis that darkness and that light.
Then to side with truth is noble, When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit, And 'tis prosperous to be just;
Then it is the brave man chooses, While the coward stands aside,
Till the multitude make virtue, Of the faith they had denied.

Though the cause of evil prosper, Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold, And upon the throne be wrong;
Yet that scaffold sways the future, And, behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow, Keeping watch above His own.

WELCOME
Joseph C. Coles, Jr.

ANTHEM
"Shout Joyfully To God"
(based on Psalm 66)
Melva W. Costen
The ITC Chorus

GREETINGS
Thomas J. Pugh
Earl F. Dabney
Charles Merideth
J. Oscar McCloud



At Dr. Costen's Inaugural Convocation, ITC administration building was renamed in honor of Dr. Harry V. Richardson. Dr. Harry and Mrs. Selma Richardson (right).

SOLO
"O, Divine Redeemer"
Arr. Hall Johnson
Cynthia Clarey-Gardner

RECOGNITION OF OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES
John H. Adams

THE ACT OF INAUGURATION
Presentation of President – Frank T. Wilson
The Investiture – John H. Adams
Presentation of the Presidential Medallion – Emmanuel L. McCall
Charge to the President – Harry V. Richardson
Charge to the Seminary Community – Thomas W. Gillespie

SOLO
"Ride On, King Jesus"
Cynthia Clarey-Gardner
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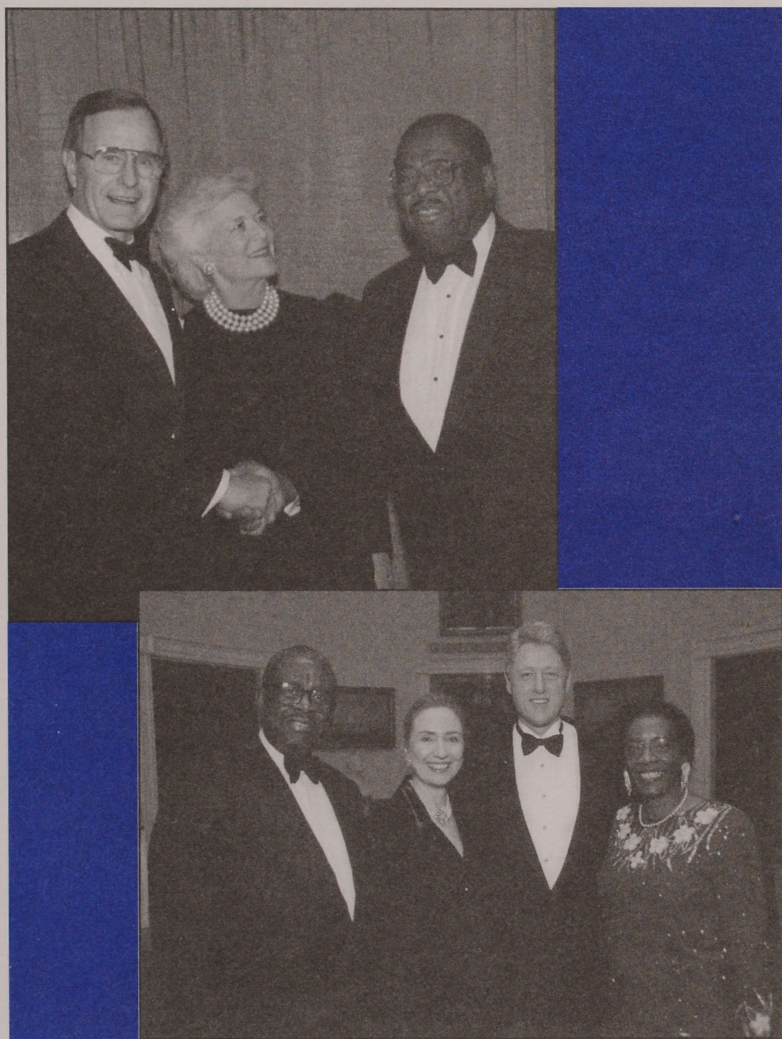
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Its Context, Content, and Conduct"

INAUGURAL PRAYER
J. Randolph Taylor

***SCHOOL SONG**
"Struggling, Ever Marching Onward"
Ernest Augcombar, Lyrics
Melva W. Costen, Music
Struggling, ever marching onward,
Stalwart faith and ceaseless prayer
For through Christ our lives are guided,
At an Institution rare,
Just as Christ, our humble Shepherd,
Bore a cross to set us free
Now we share it with many nations;
Ever onward, ITC
Staff, administration, leaders,
All support and lend a hand,
For we know that we are family,
And ingranted in God's plan.
Ever onward, reaching upward,
Adding knowledge, growing strong,
ITC, God's Institution;
To ourselves and Thee belong.



U.S. President William "Bill" Clinton honors the Presidents of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities at a black-tie dinner in Washington, March 1996. Costen (fifth from the right).



Dr. Costen visited the White House on several occasions. Top, with U.S. President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush, March 1989. Lower, Jim and Melva with U.S. President William "Bill" Clinton and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, January 1996. Courtesy White House Photographs.

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ITC Charter Day Banquet, 1992 (right to left): Juanita Baranco (Mistress of Ceremony), Billye Aaron (banquet speaker), Melva and James Costen, Helen Robson Walton (recipient of Outstanding Community Service Award), and Joseph Gaston (Dean, Johnson C. Smith Seminary).



Dr. Helmar Nielsen (left) presents Dr. Costen with a check to establish the Helmar Emil Nielsen Chair of Music and Worship, July 4, 1985.

ITC Commencement, 1985 (left to right) President Costen, Dr. Allen A. Boesak (South African anti-apartheid leader), Dr. Harry Richardson, Bishop John Hurst Adams.





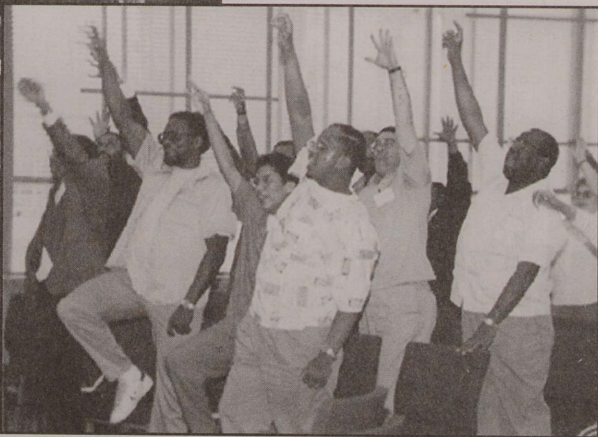
The "Big Six" basketball team, Morris Brown Charity Basketball Game, December 17, 1986. From left, Rev. Timothy McDonald (First Iconium Baptist Church), Rev. Charles Scott, Bishop Cornelius Henderson (Florida Annual Conference, United Methodist Church), Rev. Andrew Young (former Atlanta Mayor and Ambassador to United Nations), Rev. Charles Stovall (Dallas, TX), and Dr. James Costen. Photo courtesy Harmon Perry.

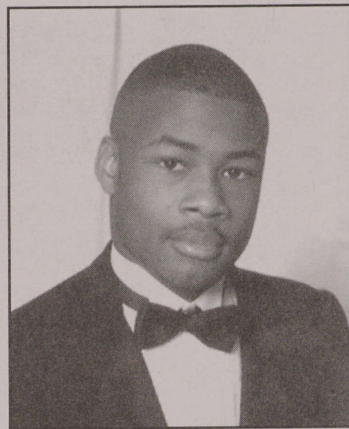


James Costen (center) takes a break with students on campus, Spring 1985.



Costen (right) joins a liberation chant during Conference on Black Men in Prison, October 1989.





The Costen family gathers at the dedication of the James H. Costen Lifelong Education Center, part of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic legacy. From left, front: Jordan Lamont Costen, Erica Nicole Costen, Takara Aisha Clay, Maranda Jade Costen, and Zettler Cleveland Clay, IV. Back row (left to right): Cheryl Leatrice Costen-Clay, James Costen, Craig Lamont Costen, Melva Costen. In rear: James H. Costen, Jr. Top right: Josef Costen, grandson, freshman, Johnson C. Smith University, alma mater of grandparents. Bottom right: Costen with his brother William T. Costen, and wife, Thelma Costen.



Dr. Costen is presented the 1992 Congress of National Black Churches Award by Virginia Governor L. Douglas Wilder (left) and Earl Graves, Editor, Black Enterprise.



Jean Paul Aristide, President of Haiti (center) and members of the Haitian government with James and Melva Costen.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Atlanta University Center Olympic Promenade, April 1996. Costen (second from left). Photograph courtesy of Mary Smalley, Atlanta University Center, Inc.



Ground breaking for James H. Costen Lifelong Education Center, June 1993. Costen (third from right).

MASTER PLAN

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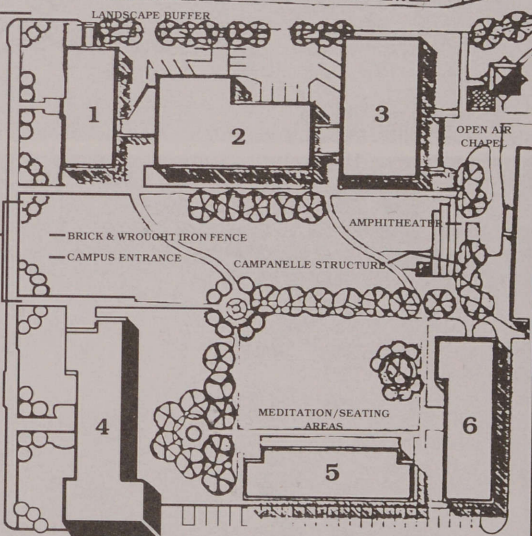
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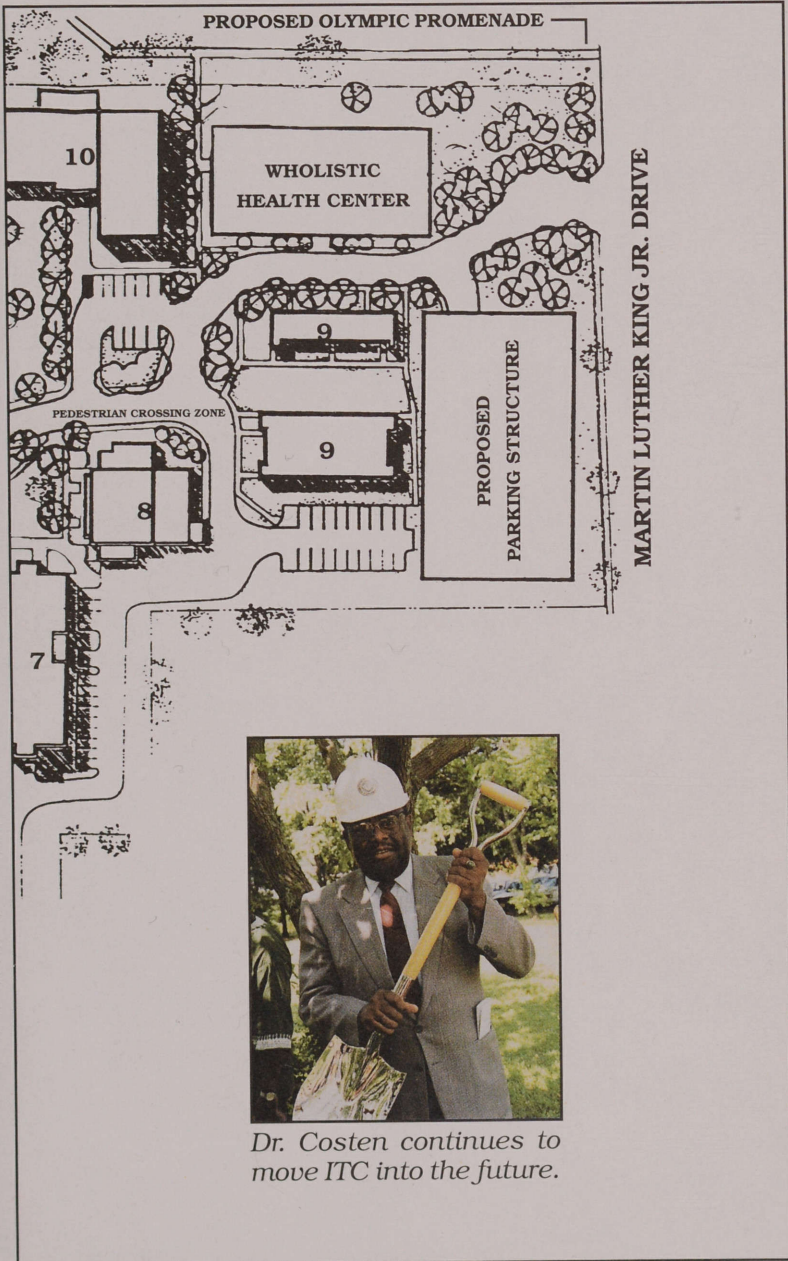
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Provide distinctive landscape character

BECKWITH STREET



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2. CLASSROOMS
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5. MOREHOUSE SCHOOL OF RELIGION
6. PHILLIPS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY
7. TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
8. CAFETERIA
9. STUDENT HOUSING
10. LIFELONG EDUCATION CENTER



Dr. Costen continues to move ITC into the future.

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