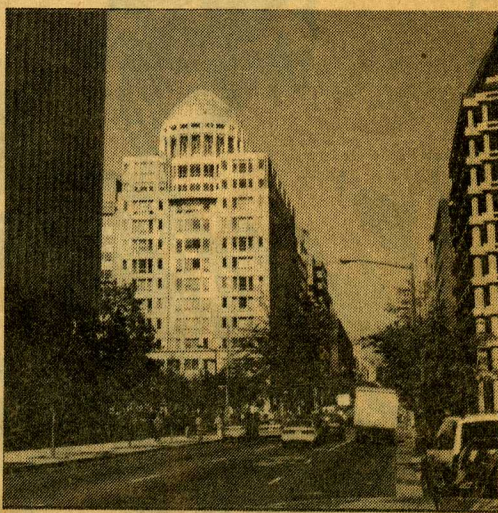


1969 Dunbar High Graduate In MCI's Top Management



William D. Wooten in his MCI Office, Washington, DC



MCI's Corporate Headquarters Bldg., 1801 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, DC

William Daniel Wooten graduated in 1969 as salutatorian from one of the last classes at Dunbar before all high school students in Lynchburg were transferred to E.C. Glass. While at Dunbar, Bill was recognized for scholarship and leadership. With respect to these attributes, little has changed. However, a lot happened prior to his high school years and since then.

Bill, the only child of the late William D. Wooten, Sr., and Augusta Davis Wooten, was actually born in Philadelphia, PA. His parents divorced prior to his kindergarten year and his mother moved back with him to Lynchburg to live with her sister, Virginia D. Jefferson, and her husband Malcolm. They lived as a happy family until Bill's mother died suddenly of an aneurysm when he was a sophomore at Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts. Bill is the nephew of the late Maggie Wooten Harris who was for many years a teacher at Dunbar High.

The Jeffersons have always treated Bill as if he were their child, but they admit that in the toughest of years, it was Jo Anne Lyons, his college girl-

friend at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, close to Amherst College.

Following college days, Bill and Jo Anne have made great strides, professionally and otherwise. After graduating from Amherst, cum laude, in 1973, he joined Hecht's Department Stores, and after several years there took a position with The National Bank of Washington. When The National Bank of Washington was bought out by Riggs National Bank, Bill claimed DC he made the career move of a lifetime by joining up with MCI.

MCI Communications is headquartered in Washington DC. It is now the second largest long distance telecommunications company in the US. Mr. Wooten serves the company as Senior Vice President in charge of Human Resources. As Chief of Human Resources, Wooten's responsibilities encompass 55,000 employees who generate more than \$18 billion annually in revenue.

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Bill's point of view, anyone who links up with MCI will be a winner.

Bill's wife, Jo Anne, is Executive Director of The National Association of Black Journalists based in College Park, Maryland. The Wootens have one daughter Ayanna, who is a third year student at Stanford University in Palo Alto California.

When asked how to get into and remain in a corporate giant Bill says modestly "Prepare academically, don't be afraid of hard work, be loyal to your organization, and don't be afraid to speak up."