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## Adm. Demands W.S. Checks



Work study students wait in vain for checks.

On Friday, October 16, 1970, Mrs. Joan Ballard, acting under the directions of Mrs. Alonia Sharps, Director of Financial Aid, demanded that students sign and leave their work study checks in the Business Office. This demand was made of Bowie students without prior notification.

Prior to such action, work study students had only been informed that a portion (not a specific amount) of each check must be paid on their open bill until such a bill is paid in full.

This date marked another day of chaos, confusion, and lack of communication at Bowie State College. Students were told that they could secure their checks

at 1 P.M. at which time Mrs. Sharps had left the campus to attend a meeting in Baltimore. Thus, her secretary, Mrs. Ballard, attempted to answer the many questions asked by the students.

Mrs. Ballard stated that the Financial Aid Office had obtained from the Business Office a list indicating the students owing money to the college and the amount owed by each student. "To find out the amount which each student should pay out of his work study check in order to have his bill paid in full by the end of the semester," explained Mrs. Ballard, "each stu-

dent's open bill was divided by the number eight since work study students will receive a total of eight checks during the first semester. Many students, however, had to leave their entire check because they did not pay anything on their bill upon receiving their first check. Today they received their second check."

Although this is the statement of Mrs. Ballard, the checks of students who had paid their bill in full were still demanded. The students object to this demand which has been made of them. They further object to the fact that the Administration is once again attempting to take action upon the students without prior discussion of the action with the students. Inasmuch as the students have not signed any documents which compels them to pay a specific amount of their check to the college, they question the legality of this action.

By Doris Whitehead Editor-in-Chief

## Rep. A.A. King Speaks At BSC

By Fred Buckine Associate Editor

Mr. Arthur A. King, the first Black state legislator elected from Prince Georges County spoke for the Political Science department to many interested students at Bowie State College. Mr. King represents the 2nd district of Prince Georges County with a 90 percent white constituency and ten percent Black. Immediately after his election four years ago, Mr. King tried to set up a meeting of all-black lawmakers in the Maryland General Assembly.

He was rebuffed. Of the fewer than a dozen blacks among the 185 legislators, and all except King and Aris T. Allen, R-Anne Arundel, were from Baltimore City.

"I was an outsider, and they got a little nervous," King recalled.

Today, King is no longer an outsider and the only people he is making nervous are the anti-integration whites in the General Assembly.

The 38 year old Prince Georges Democrat is the undisputed leader of a coalition of black members of the House of Delegates and white liberals who are waging a successful holding action against a bill to prohibit busing or pupil assignments to promote school integration.

Mr. King's speech was based on the "Black Involvement Relating to Politics" and the "Role of the Black Elected Official." On black involvement relating to politics, Mr. King gave a clear and enlightening recapitulation of the black man in politics from

the reconstruction era to the present. Interesting to note that in 1867 there were over 700,000 reinstated black voters, and many blacks were in positions of decision-making in virtually all the southern states. By the 1900's the black vote was nonexistent. Sixty-five years later, the Voting Rights Act again reinstated black voters. Today, the Nixon administration has attempted to water-down the effects of this Act. Mr. King then went on to say that he was willing to "play the game," but warned, "don't change the rules in the contest, when you see me winning," as has been done in the past.

King clearly stated what he felt to be the "Black Politician's Role." He believes that 'realism' in terms of observing and defining what is happening is the first and main rule. Secondly he feels that he, as an elected official, is a 'broker in the commodity of power.' Thirdly, he feels that all black elected officials should be aware and responsive to the 'mood of the black community.' He stated, "I believe that the black community is less hopeful than it was five years ago. 'I feel that a black politician must produce positive and observable results.'" "This must be done without a loss of principle, and constantly maintaining one's political integrity." Mr. King then gave his campaign as an example. "I ran on a platform appealing to the voters in general, not appealing to racism." I further believe that

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Miss Linda Clark

## "BOWIE STUDENT GOES ABROAD"

Miss Linda Clark has been chosen to represent the United States and the United Nations as a correspondent student to Argentina. Miss Clark is a senior majoring in Anthropology/Sociology, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and a fourth year Cheerleader.

When asked how did it all happen, Miss Clark replied, "I went with my class to a lecture and visit to the United Nations, and while talking with United Nations members, it was mentioned that correspondent students to represent the United States were needed, so I applied."

Linda was totally shocked upon

notification that she had been selected to represent the United States abroad by members of the United Nations Association who work for a better understanding of the world as a whole. Linda stated that she is very honored to have been chosen by the members of this country and that she is looking forward to it. She feels that the personal experience will help her to better understand the problems of other countries. She also feels that the exchange of students from country to country is a wonderful way of helping people to understand others from a different country and with different ways of life.

## GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

By Barbara Smith

News Editor

our students may consult in order to become better acquainted with graduate schools and their offerings. The students will also be given helpful hints on how to apply for graduate study, how to prepare a plan of study, and how to conduct themselves in a personal interview. In addition, we are having regular meetings with Seniors, and later this year, we will schedule meetings with Juniors bringing to their attention the services of this office. Throughout the year, this office will contact and host recruiting

agents from graduate schools throughout the country. From these visits, our students will be exposed to first-hand information regarding a particular institution."

There are a great number of opportunities that can and should be taken advantage of by the Bowie Students. The Graduate Fellowship Program is a great opportunity, especially for Black Students. However, Dean Guilford cannot do the job alone. We must take advantage of this program. Some of the National financial opportunities now available to Bowie Students are:

1. American Association of University Women Fellowship
2. Doctoral Fellowship for Black Students (Ford Foundation)
3. John Hay Whitney Fellowship
4. Martin Luther King Fellowship
5. National Defense Graduate Fellowship
6. National Medical Fellowship
7. National Science Foundation
8. Rhodes Scholarship
9. Woodrow Wilson Fellowship

For those who are interested and would like more information, contact Dean Charles A. Guilford, Associate Dean of Men as soon as possible. Please don't let this opportunity to further your education pass you by. Remember the Fellowship deadlines are usually around the first of the year.

## New Ed. Program

By Sarah Rice Staff Writer

Mr. Cortez Walker, formerly director of Business and Finance, is now director of the Cooperative Education Program.

The Cooperative Education Program is a work-study program that will give interested students the opportunity to alternate periods of academic study with periods of fulltime employment in a related field. The employment will be related to the students major academic studies, and it will be a full-time paid experience.

The object of this program is to develop the student in such a way that by the time he graduates, he will not only have

completed the academic requirements, but also completed at least one year of full time employment in a field related to his academic training. This will enable the graduate of Bowie State College to be better equipped to compete in the job market.

At the time of the vacancy for the position of Director of Business and Finance, there was not one black person available for the position. The president had no alternative other than to select a non-black with the best qualifications to insure the continued success and growth of Bowie State College for the benefit of all concerned.

# EDITORIAL

On October 8, 1970 at 7:05 P.M., the Student Government Association Vice-President, Mr. Tony Prout, called to order the 6:30 P.M. legislative branch meeting.

Observing at 6:40 P.M. that there were only five members present and only seven present at 6:50 P.M., Mr. Prout deemed it necessary to disassociate the most inactive organizations from the Student Government Association Legislative branch.

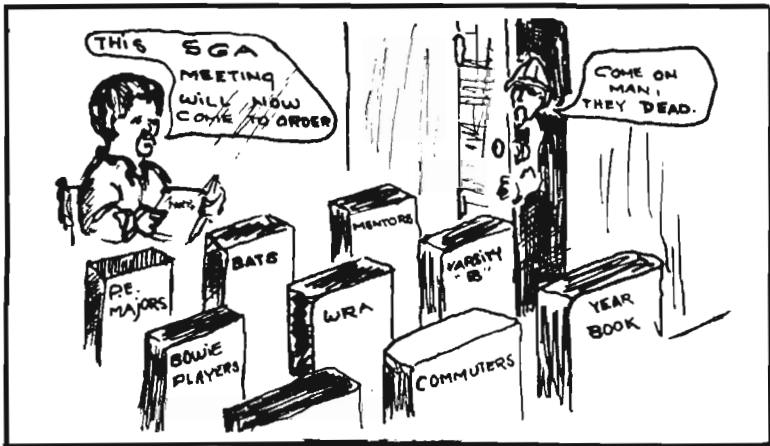
As a result of making such a deduction, a total of fifteen organizations were left. Although two other representatives had straggled in, the meeting still could not begin since the SGA constitution states that a quorum, two thirds of the total number of participant organizations, must be present in order to hold a meeting. It was of the utmost importance that this meeting be held inasmuch as the last scheduled meeting had not been held at all.

"If we could only get one more member," stated Vice-president, Prout, "we could start the meeting." Mr. Prout, stating "Don't anybody leave," left the room to search the Student Union building for that vitally needed tenth representative.

Approximately 7:00 P.M. the Vice-President returned with the tenth representative. Thus the SGA's legislative branch meeting, which was no different from those of previous years, began.

There was discussion about important things such as "THE CONSTITUTION," the Snow Ball, the band, catering, decorations, flowers, and the program. They also discussed who is being harassed by whom, who should monopolize the selling of refreshments at the sport activities, untabling and dismissing John Doe and Mary Ann, etc., etc., etc....

About midway through the meeting someone decided to leave. You guessed it. Without a quorum, the meeting could no longer continue. Important matters could no longer be discussed and a motion for adjournment could not be made. The members dispersed.



Why don't we support our SGA? We don't seem to realize that the SGA represents us, 1,310 full-time day students. So often, a student will say, "The SGA isn't doing anything relevant for the cause," without realizing the full meaning of the statement. What he is really saying is "I am not doing anything relevant for the cause."

We also seem to forget that each and every one of us has paid a \$25 activity fee and that the SGA has the privilege of spending approximately \$31,500.00 as it sees fit.

Let us not wait until the end of the year to become interested in our Student Government Association and the spending of our money as we did the last year. This is our Student Government Association. Let's support it.

## The Ebony Tree

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# Meet The Editor

By Beverly Holbrook



Editor - In - Chief  
 Doris Whitehead

Miss Doris Zene Whitehead is a resident of Washington, D.C. and a graduate of McKinley High School. She comes from a family of eight children of which she is the oldest. She is presently a Senior at Bowie State College and she is majoring in English with a minor in math. Miss Whitehead has been very active in campus activities.

During the past three years she has been a functioning member of the Student Government Association, the former treasurer of the Junior Class and present treasurer of the Senior Class, a member of the Mentors, a faculty assistant, the treasurer

of Eta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a member of the Women's Disciplinary committee and the editor-in-chief of the college newspaper, The Ebony Tree.

In her first year, on the Ebony Tree Staff, Miss Whitehead was selected for the position of Feature Editor. She also received a great deal of help and instructions from Mr. Clyde Reed, a journalism instructor and the former consultant of The Ebony Tree. Both of these endeavors have given Miss Whitehead the foundation and background for her present position, editor-in-chief.

Miss Whitehead is also an honor student and she was nominated by the Senior Class to be a candidate for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Her future plans definitely include graduate school and she hopes to get a doctorate in Journalism. When asked about her objectives here at Bowie State Miss Whitehead replied, "During my last year here at Bowie State College my main objective is to help produce a relevant college newspaper of maximum caliber. Notice, I said "to help produce." Producing a college paper is not a one man job. Many determined, working, dependable, responsible students are necessary in order to put together a qualitative newspaper. Such a staff, I feel Bowie has."

The Ebony Tree is honored to have such a sincere and persevering editor-in-chief.

# New Board Introduced

By Doris Whitehead  
 Editor-in-Chief

Approximately a year ago a Board of Visitors to provide guidance, counsel, and assistance to the Presidents and the State Board of Trustees was established for each of the colleges under the control of the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges.

Each Board of Visitors consists of nine members: seven Maryland citizens appointed by the Governor; one faculty member of the college, elected by the faculty of the college; and one student of the college, elected by the student body of the college.

Bowie State College Board of Visitors members are: Dean Charles Stallings, Mrs. Annie Reed, Mr. Milton Bulluck, Mr. Sidney Sheppard, Mrs. Helen Koss, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mayor Leo Green, Mr. James Cusins Jr., and Dr. William A. Barnett.

The Board of Visitors has the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Assist the President in the determination of the goals of the college and in the evaluation of progress toward such goals.
2. Review budget proposals as developed by the President, make recommendations, and advice and assist in the preparation of the annual budget.
3. Advise and assist the President in the development of college facilities.
4. Assist in the conduct and development of community related programs.
5. Assume leadership in the development of community and private support for the college.
6. Carry out such other responsibilities as delegated to it by the Board of Trustees of the state colleges or the college President.

## Shape or Ship

Mario B. Schowers

Foreign students met recently with Mr. George L. Stump, an official from the United States Immigration and Naturalization Bureau, who reviewed the procedures for entering or leaving the country. He informed the more than thirty students present about passport requirements also.

"There are more than 60,000 aliens in the state of Maryland alone and only forty immigration officials to meet their needs," he said. "Whenever a foreign student fills out an application of request, he must be sure it's been completed accurately and that it's legible." The U.S. I.N.S. must be informed of an alien's whereabouts at all times." Because of situations such as the Jordanian or Biafran occurrences, aliens must be totally aware of immigration regulations.

Also mentioned during the meeting were work requirements for the foreign student. He must work on a part-time basis only; his work must in no way interfere with academic endeavors; and, economic necessity is the only valid ground for securing permission to work.

Dr. Samuel L. Myers, Father Whedbee and the Counseling Staff were present for the hour-long briefing.

# Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
 Why is there always so much discussion about the Freshman Class? Each year a new class comes in and the upperclassmen and some of the faculty members claim that they are so upset about the conduct of the Freshman. Weren't they Freshmen at some point in their educational careers? Didn't they have to make adjustments or were they completely perfect and without sin? What's the big confusion over the Freshman Class?

Give them a chance to orient themselves to their new college environment. We must also remember that there have been many changes in our society's norms and folkways since many of those who are so critical were once Freshmen. So give them a chance to develop, just as you developed.

A student who was once a Freshman

Dear Once A Freshman,  
 There is nothing wrong with the conduct of the Freshmen. They just refuse to be hypocrites and products of society. You should have stated "Give

those who are doing all the talking a chance to develop."

Dear Editor,  
 What's wrong with me? I was given the wrong information when I enrolled at Bowie State College. I didn't realize that the tuition I paid also included maid service in the cafeteria.

I can't understand why our students leave their trays on the tables in the cafeteria for someone else to clean up. They would not do that at home, or would they? It's most disgusting to come into the cafeteria and have to clean off a table before you can even eat your meal. If some students want to eat in filth that's their business, but there are those of us who do have some home training. What many students fail to realize is that if this practice continues, our fees are going to increase. I am not going to have my fees increased for a situation that can and should be alleviated. Something needs to be done about this situation and the sooner done the better.

Hometraining

I agree.

# Students Formulate Latin America Club

By Nathaniel K. Daniel

"The Latin American Club" of Bowie State College has begun taking shape. A group of students, with the assistance of Dr. Glasgow and Dr. Asuncion, gathered to consider the formation and objectives of a proposed "Latin American Club."

The club has as its prime objective the dissemination of knowledge about Latin America in order to eradicate misconceptions and promote a better future, and problems of that region.

To achieve the above objective, there will be social gatherings, films, guest speakers, discussions and other events. Of course, as the club develops, the scope

and the number of activities will be extended.

The "Latin American Club" which is open to anyone, presents an opportunity for individuals to widen their horizons and to enrich the academic life of the College. The success of the club depends on the support and active participation of students, faculty and administrators.

Interested students can obtain information from Dr. Glasgow (Rm. 037, Science Bldg.), or from Robert Aceituno, Provisional Chairman.

The next plenary session is scheduled for October 28 at 2 p.m., in Banneker Hall, (Rm. 124) and everyone is invited to attend.

# Dr. Myers Foresees Perceptive Students

Throughout the year I shall repeatedly discuss one major trend in contemporary American society which has a profound effect upon Bowie State College. It is the rapidity of change. Knowledge is accumulating at an unprecedented rate; technology is changing rapidly. Look, for example, at the computer. Physiologically, man's image of himself has changed. Look, for example, at heart transplants and the synthesis of the gene. Man's horizons have broadened; the exploration of outer space continues.

Life-styles are changing. Walls that separated blacks and the poor from sharing equitably in the fruits of progress are crumbling. Within a few months, most of our seniors, and within a few years many of our freshmen, will be placed in slots of leadership in the society which is moving ahead at an accelerated pace.

To prepare these students to live a rich, full and satisfying life individually and to share generally in giving direction to society in the future, a number of changes have been made at Bowie State College now. In addition to the four senior officers who typically answer to the President (Dean of the Faculty, Dean of Students, Director of Business and Finance, and the Director of Development) a fifth officer, the Director of Educational Technology reports to, and works closely with, the president in developing new approaches to supplement and support the academic experiences of students in classrooms. Independent study laboratories are currently being

developed by a number of departments to shift emphasis to independent learning by the student outside the classroom to supplement the teaching by faculty members in the classroom.

The College is currently using some syllabi developed by three of our faculty members in cooperation with a number of other colleges to test new ways of teaching basic English to students. Another faculty member, assisted by a Federal grant, is developing a broad program to meet the needs of all students whose background was weak in order that they might catch up quickly.

Our social work program has already involved a number of students in the Huntington community. Two of our students are practicing teaching in New Jersey; a staff member is currently traveling to a number of centers in the country to identify industrial and governmental agencies in which our students might work, so that they could earn money and credit concurrently. Other faculty members are working on projects to enable our students to travel overseas and receive college credit for their experiences.

Our new Director of Placement is seeking nontraditional career opportunities for our students.

These activities illustrate that Bowie is a vibrant, dynamic institution which itself is changing rapidly as society changes. More important, however, Bowie is attempting to prepare its students to meet the inevitable changes to which they must adapt, and that in part they will direct.

## A. A. King

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all people have similar problems in general; those that I can assist in solving." King stated that politicians often give in to "the smell of the grease paint and the roar of the crowd," forgetting that "emotionalism" then replaces logic, thereby making their political actions ineffectual.

In response to the question of what are the most important problems facing blacks in Maryland at present, King replied: "Employment, not just a job, but meaningful employment and the position of decision making." "Power and money run the world and we need more of both." The second problem as King sees it is the need for black political involvement on the local and state level. "If Congress recessed tomorrow it would not affect your day to day life but, if the country and state officials stopped, they you would immediately feel the pinch." The role was further defined as the giving of nickels and dimes to the campaign of local officials, helping in the headquarters, voting and being aware of the general injustices and the desire to correct them.

In response to the question of what a young black should do to enter politics today, Mr. King replied; "get yourself together with the education bag," then with the proper approach and financial backing, off you go. "Know who you are and what you want to do and do it, I let them know that I am coming and where I am coming from, and they had better move or be run over." King credits his entry into politics to his family. His mother once served as president of the Prince Georges chapter of the NAACP and King himself is a former chairman of the county's Council of Human Relations. "My brothers allow me to indulge in politics at the present, because the salary of a state legislator, cannot support one's eating habits." In addition to his legislative duties, Mr. King is president of Jeja, Inc., engaged in biomedical research on monkeys, baboons and chim-

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# SGA President Comments

"Where are the Black people? As I walked around the campus I asked myself this question. I see a lot of people with black skin, natural hair and African garb, but with their asses on their shoulders. There is a certain feeling that exists when Blacks are together. I can't describe it, but I know when it is about. This feeling has only come to me when I am around Blacks and not often enough at Bowie. When I go to D.C., to Howard, FCC, DCTC, I get that feeling immediately upon arriving at these schools. I keep wondering why my Black brothers and sisters want to become invisible people. I just know it is not the social bag that they are coming from, because no matter how high class they get they will still be called 'niggers.' So, brothers and sisters, I am asking that you remove that invisible paint and 'express yourself.'

"I was simply amazed that Bowie had so many rich students enrolled. As I walked through the dining hall one day at about one o'clock, the tables were piled up with trays. It is obvious that the students who left these trays had maids and butlers in their homes. I know these students would not be doing anything different at Bowie than they would be doing at home. Right now these students, quite possibly, are creating a job for someone, a job that is really unnecessary since it will also raise student fees again. Think about it, brothers and sisters.

"Last Saturday I attended the opening of Bowie State College's football season. After so many years of bickering and bullshitting, somebody finally got off their posteriors and did something. With nothing exciting to look forward to on the weekends, to exhibit their school spirit, the students finally took action. They sent out a petition



Brother Larry King

to all the students to find out if they were willing to support a football team. Of course, there were students who did not want football. These students did not live on campus or take part in any campus activities. The students who were suffering went to Howard, Morgan and Federal City College to watch a football game. They had to go to another school to enjoy themselves on Saturdays afternoons during the fall. So they finally got together and said, 'Why can't Bowie get a football team?' The answer that they got was the Bowie students didn't want football. So a petition was passed around and this statement was found to be untrue. It was found that Bowie

students were unaware that they had the power to get football at Bowie. So wheels started turning and Bowie had spring practice in the spring of 1971, then played their first game in September 1971.

"You can make this a true story, unless you want to sit around doing nothing during the fall football season and wait for basketball season. Why not have an interest in your school the year round? This is your school for four years, why not show some school spirit? Support a football team and broaden your collegiate interests."

Brother Larry King  
SGA PRESIDENT

## Political Awareness

By Alona Briley

The Political Science Department, headed by Dr. Betty Bernstein is attempting to make Bowie State more politically aware.

I, as a student, am very much involved with this political move, because I can see the advantages Bowie would have by supporting certain candidates in this election. If our supported candidates are elected to office, we have ready-made friends in Maryland's legislature. We would have an ace-in-the-hole. So far in this campaign, Bowie students have been successful in voter registration efforts.

Last May we held actual registration in West Hyattsville. Faithful students like Arleathia Lang, Herita Smith, Theresa Smith, Kalvin Smith, Jerome Hawkins, Andrew Foronoff and I acted as registrars and registered 133 people in less than fifteen hours. We were stationed outside of liquor stores, supermarkets and banks. These students devoted their time without any type of reward, because

they cared.

This year the students set forth again to make the community politically aware. Saturday the 2nd of October, Juanita Baines, Barbara Kilgore, Frances Holbrook, Janet Allen, Rosalyn Brow, Jacqueline Ringgold, Vanessa Boyd (my younger sister) and I went door to door from Fairmont Heights to Seat Pleasant. We were cursed, we had doors slammed in our faces, and were treated just plain rudely. But all of this didn't disturb our little group; we kept on trying. Out of the hundreds of people contacted we only received about 20 positive responses. Foot weary and pride crushed, but spirit high, the group pledged to me their help and support next time.

My plans for the future are to support Delegate Arthur A. King, the only Black delegate from Prince Georges County. My advice to others is to get up off your apathy and get us some friends in the legislature.

## National Black Solidarity Day Set For Monday, November 2

"The Black community today is highly conscious of the immediate threats against it and knows that it must unite to survive."

With these words, Professor Carlos Russell, Chairman of the Black Solidarity Day Committee, officially announced that November 2, will be observed as Solidarity Day "Wherever Blacks live in this country."

Russell, who was joined by leaders of organizations representing the full spectrum of ideologies and approaches existing in the Black consciousness, outlined several of the Committee's goals for this year.

He said, "We are moving to establish a national day of awareness to build within our

people a belief in and commitment to the idea that we are a force within this country.

Call For Strike

"We are again urging all Blacks to remain at home, so that our presence will be felt by our absence."

The Committee also urged Blacks to set up seminars on Solidarity Day and devote time to discussion of methods of establishing new directions and effective coalitions within the Liberation Movement, placing particular emphasis on the adoption of the Declaration of Black Independence.

Inquiries should be forwarded to: Black Solidarity Day Committee, P.O. Box 593, Brooklyn, N.Y. (212) 780-5367; (212) 368-1100.

## Career Planning and Placement

By Barbara Smith

News Editor

The office of Career Planning and Placement is on its way to achieving new goals for the students of Bowie State College. This year the Career Planning and Placement office not only has a new program but also a new Director, Mrs. Ida G. Brandon, the wife of our former Acting Dean of Students, Mr. Joseph Brandon.

Mrs. Brandon is a graduate of A & T State University where she received her B. A. Degree in English with a minor in French. She completed her graduate work in Education, with a concentration in English, at Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va. A few of Mrs. Brandon's accomplishments include being the Chairman of the English Department of Peabody High School, Dean of Girls of Petersburg High School, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Under Mrs. Brandon's direction the office of Career Planning and Placement Service is available to all students for consultation about specific career opportunities, planning a job search, as well as more general counsel to assist in the formulation of career directions. Assistance is also given to students and graduates in securing the most desirable professional positions. Employers from various organizations visit the campus each year to interview students from all disciplines and to discuss a diversity of employment opportunities with interested students.

In addition, the office receives numerous listings of full-time, part-time and summer employment opportunities. A job listing and referral service is provided to assist students in finding suitable employment.

Further, the placement office provides information about programs of professional, technical and graduate study in many fields along with scholarship and fellowship material.

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## All College Assembly

By Vera McLeod

To prepare the students psychologically for rapid changes occurring today, and to prepare the students as tomorrow's leaders, Dr. Myers, on Thursday, October 1, 1970, at an 'All College' assembly, began his address to members of the student body, the faculty, and the administration.

With the inching in of students as the assembly wore on, the President commented on the 65% growth rate of students from September 1960 to September 1970. Our student body soared from 756 students to 1254 in this short period, not counting part-time students. With the increased enrollment stand inconveniences which include increased classes, overcrowded residence halls, lack of books, and, of course, the registration jam. With a note of hope, Dr. Myers stated that the residence hall situation should be corrected by December 8. The president commended our 'fine' faculty, which numbers approximately 90, with 34 doctorates.

After speaking of the 1966 boycott against poor residence halls, Dr. Myers gave his interpretation of what students really want at Bowie. These twelve points, which were emphasized in the 1968 boycott, include a 'quality education' and 'quality resources' as two primary issues.

In reference the coming events on campus, the president spoke of the code of behavior for students and faculty which is in the process of being drawn up, and should be completed by December 1, 1970. Also, as an item of future concern, is our preparation for the Middle State's Evaluation which will occur between March 29 thru March 31.

In conclusion, Dr. Myers again stressed the importance of preparing ourselves for the rapid changes occurring at Bowie and throughout the world.

## The Communication Gap

By Nathaniel K Daniel

The sudden disappearance of the "Ebony Tree" from the library shelves and its non-circulation around the college campus has given rise to a series of thoughts. One school of thought held that the College Administration was not willing to accept criticism while the other school emphasized student inability to run the press. Willing or unwilling, able or unable, the one thing of paramount importance is that the "Ebony Tree" is once more in circulation, hence, the line of communication between the students and the Administration has been reconnected.

It is most disheartening to note, however, that this same line of communication is urgently needed within the student body as a whole. Speaking from a foreign students' point of view, this line of communication is very essential--in that it helps the students (those who are not from English speaking countries) to learn and speak of the English language.

Nevertheless, the advantage of this line of communication are not limited to foreign students alone, but to all of us as citizens. It is a well known fact that the world is made up of countries; within the countries we have people and among the people we have cultures and norms--these are generally based on beliefs and traditions. From the practical as well as the most objective points of view, cultures and norms of different people are best studied, as well as learned, by direct contact with the group of people concerned. There are a lot of things we read or hear about and the only way we can have a balanced idea or opinion on these things is to make the best use of the opportunity of getting direct information when this is available.

We, at Bowie, are blessed with the opportunity of having students from all parts of the world.

As I sit pondering this issue, in came Mr. Cafepariat looking so dull and gloomy. Having been his close friend I know that it will really be a very sad thing to make a man like him lose his self control and shed tears. The conversation was as follows:

Nat: Hi, Cafe, you seem to be terribly upset.

Cafe: Yes, Nat, it is disheartening to have your kindness thrown back at you.

Nat: What are you talking about? Cafe: I tried to bring the students together as one family; provide them with food and shelter as well as the atmosphere for mutual discussions.

Nat: Cafe, I have seen the students make use of these things you talk about.

Cafe: Oh NO! NO!! that is not what I mean. Bowie is basically a teachers college as a result, graduates are going out to teach your children as well as mine, but how can they teach in the right perspective when they still cling to the age old ideas and beliefs?

Nat: How can they get rid of these rigidly planted ideas and beliefs?

Cafe: There are lots of foreign students in the school from whom they could ask questions and obtain answers to the right picture of things or events.

Nat: Now I can see why you are upset. The foreign students stay with each other, exchange information and ideas while the native students are seen mainly with each other.

Without doubt Mr. Cafepariat and I are not the only ones who have observed this ugly and disheartening situation--you have too! The question now is, how can we bridge or close completely the gap between the foreign and non-foreign student? It seemed as though Bowie is just the right place for cultural diffusion. Alas! some who see the opportunity think it is not worthy a trial; others do not see

## Students Should Demand The Best Education

By Fred L. Buckine

The best education possible should be the objective and the demand of every student. The very best the student himself can give, the very best the faculty can offer, and the highest degree of efficiency from administrators, should and must be demanded and these demands met. The above statement will undoubtedly be met with hue and cry of: "I'm passing," "The faculty is "teaching," "The administrators are administrating," and "What's more to demand?" "I should be demanding to be better educated than whom?" These are all valid statements. I shall attempt to deal with the statement, "I'm passing," and in doing so, reveal the answers to the other questions as well.

The statement, "I'm passing," reveals many hidden and subconscious notions, all of which should be either improved or replaced. First, for one to "just pass" implies that someone else is better than you are. Second, it implies that your future and your destiny is being determined and will continue to be determined by someone other than yourself. Third, that you have mentally lulled yourself into a semi-permanent state of 'sec-

ondness.' Fourth, that you have unconsciously relinquished your natural obligation of self destiny to someone else, (presumably those students who are doing better than "just passing"). The flip side of the "I'm passing coin reveals a long history of carefully planned social, cultural and environmental conditioning, the effects of which most of us are not consciously aware. It would be needless to belabor the start of the afore mentioned con-

ditioning process; history has taught us of the 'situations' of non-whites prior to the last fifty to one hundred years. But are we all aware of its present effects and its future effects upon us?

By addressing ourselves to the 'process' of conditioning, I hope to paint a clear and vivid picture of its present effects upon us, which in turn causes the temporary acceptance of the

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## New Dean At BSC



Dean Elizabeth Tipton Acting Dean of Students  
By Ernest Waddy

## Career Planning

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The Office of Career Planning and Placement has five immediate goals:

1. To provide an opportunity and a continuing service for all students at Bowie State College to gain information and experience pertaining to vocational objectives as a part of the student's total education and development by:

- A. Collecting, maintaining and disseminating information pertaining to the types of jobs available;

- B. Providing experience in the procedures of applying for and accepting employment,

2. To provide undergraduates with information concerning expanding career opportunities now available and to encourage them toward early career exploration,
3. To arrange interviews for graduating seniors with campus recruiters in all areas of employment,

4. To assist in the counseling of graduating seniors who wish to go on to graduate and professional schools, including scholarship and fellowship materials;

5. To assist alumni by providing information concerning job vacancy notices which are filed with this office and by making referrals in line with their training.

Mrs. Brandon has arranged for various recruiters to visit our campus during the coming school year. Watch the bulletin boards for additional information concerning Career Planning and Placement. The following is a list of scheduled events that will take place in November:

Job Opportunities Schedule  
November, 1970  
Thursday, November 6, Graduate School of Business  
Place--Student Union  
Tuesday, November 10, United States Navy  
Place--Student Union  
Wednesday, November 11, Brown University, Providence, R. I.  
Place--Student Union  
Tuesday, November 17, Fort Belvoir  
Place--Student Union  
Thursday, November 19, Board of Education, St. Mary's County  
Place--Student Union  
Monday, November 23, Board of Education, Anne Arundel County, Annapolis, Md.  
Place--Student Union

## Dinner With The President

By Vera McLeod

Bowie's annual series of dinners with the president of Bowie State College and his wife began on September 23, 1970, at five o'clock p.m., when members of the Student Government Association and members of the Board of Visitors to Bowie convened informally in the faculty dining hall. After the opening of a general discussion with individual introductions the students asked questions of Dr. Myers and of the Board of Visitors. Interrogations centered around registration, funds for cultural and academic activities, transportation to and from the District of Columbia and surrounding areas, faculty-student-administration gap, visitation hours for the trailer units, improvement of roads surrounding Bole, and the purpose of the Board of Visitors. Mayor Leo E. Green of Bowie, Maryland, and a member of the Board of Visitors, related the purpose of the Board which includes using its influence in securing those things for Bowie which involve local, county and state government.

Dr. Myers, in reference to changes and improvements, referred to the employment of an auto-mechanic to render the necessary services to the Bowie busses. Reference was also made of the "cultural activities" planned for each Sunday evening.

When Miss Joyce Dorsey insisted, as many others have done previously, that the infirmary be opened on weekends and during

## BSC Students Involvement

By Elaine White

As part of an effort to help the children of the Huntington area, several students of Bowie State College are involved in a tutorial program. The program is operated by Walter Planet at Samuel Ogle Junior High School. In a training session held Monday, October 12 at 7:30 p.m., a Board of Education representative suggested various methods of teaching remedial reading. Tutors who had been involved in the program from its inception spoke of their experiences and exchanged ideas with prospective students from Bowie State. Another meeting will be held Monday, October 15 at Mr. Planet's house. Transportation will be provided. For further information, call Elaine White at 262-2147.

the night, the president replied that our budget includes a salary for a night-duty nurse, but no one has applied for such a position.

Dr. Myers then resolved that many of the problems which confront us here at Bowie have arisen from the 65% enrollment increase and should be improved by December 8, 1970 with the opening of Tubman Hall.

In conclusion, the president invited the students to resolve some immediate issues. These included a request that students remove trays from the cafeteria tables and to end the misuse of the newspaper vending machines.

The dinner ended with traditional "fruit-grabbing".

never take for granted the rights and the freedoms we have in our possession."

Co-ed Living

"Co-ed living?" Was Dean Tipton's response when asked about co-ed living. I refuse to answer on grounds of what it may do to me. Dean Tipton could not comment on co-ed living at Bowie State College because she is new here and needs time to study the situation.

Parking Area

"This year we have several hundred more students and the parking situation is a problem. You know how hard it is to park during emergencies."

Academic Help

"If a student needs it, a student should have it. No student should be left out in the cold or without guidance."

How Dean Tipton Feels About Doctor Myers

"He is a wonderful man and has given himself to the students wholeheartedly. He is available at all times to hear your part of the story. He has a remarkable way of helping people in need and is one of the most likeable men on campus. Doctor Myers is Bowie State College and always will be, because he has his heart in every building and in every room on campus. He is a true leader and a gifted, talented scholar."

Dean Tipton is one of the great leaders of the college and she is highly respected by the people who know her personally. She will always find the students at BSC willing to help her in anyway possible.

Asked how she felt about her job she replied, "I don't. I mean I have not had any time to feel, but I like my job and the people who are associated with me and I love the college. I'm going to give it all I have because the person who has the position I do is and should be willing to do the job. The job is one of great social relations. I look forward to a challenging year here."

Changes

"I feel that changes is necessary to become a part of the times and we as a people must be willing to bend and become a part of the future. There are some changes that will take place and for the benefit of the students, and we as future teachers and scientists intend to arrive there."

Student Needs

"Time for the students should be encouraged to be used in a more advanced form; that is, students should have their fun but a time should be allotted for each activity. Students should be given the necessary facilities to function as a student body, but, we do not want to spoil anybody do we?"

"We are grown men and women. We must realize that we must take a firm responsibility about ourselves and make the job we do the best. We should

# BSC Black Organizations News

By Ernest Waddy

The crowd was large and the students responded with great enthusiasm. The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha performed their short dance for the students and time after time the students responded happily and gratefully. The crowd was responsive when other fraternity brothers arrived. The ladies especially showed a great deal of excitement at the sight of the fraternity performing and it seems that the men in the fraternity were well respected and liked by them. "Up mighty Alpha, Alpha up," was one of the statements that warmed the crowd and the response was remarkable. The young men had the crowd going and it was the first time I have ever seen and felt the real meaning of a fraternity. Alpha Phi Alpha had the students at Bowie State College find it very pleasing to torment and openly insult the white minority; the fact that these students are white is, to blacks, a reminder of black slavery and injustice. This I say, is not black. This is not beautiful. This is injustice and ye shall reap what ye sow. Black men and women must stop hating whites, in order to begin to respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters who are living in a world of enough hate and confusion. Black respect is remembering what our fathers and mothers went through, but making sure no other man or woman will ever go through it again. This is black and this must be made known.

It is also fact that some black students at Bowie State College find it very pleasing to torment and openly insult the white minority; the fact that these students are white is, to blacks, a reminder of black slavery and injustice. This I say, is not black. This is not beautiful. This is injustice and ye shall reap what ye sow. Black men and women must stop hating whites, in order to begin to respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters who are living in a world of enough hate and confusion. Black respect is remembering what our fathers and mothers went through, but making sure no other man or woman will ever go through it again. This is black and this must be made known.

Black respect must be just to all, or we, as a people, have no right to fight for freedom or seek black control of any position. History has shown the black people of this nation that slavery is the seed of death and we must, as black students at Bowie State College, be aware of all seeds of slavery: injustice, mental slavery, physical slavery, hatred, emotional slavery, unnatural slavery, separatist slavery due to hearsay, and dead slavery.

## Nothing But The Truth

Black respect must come out in the open; without knowledge of it the black people will lose faith in one another. For we are a people of justice and we fear not the injustice for they hide not under our truth.

It is the obligation of the college newspaper to bring to you, the readers, the truth and only the truth, the raw facts and nothing but that. I will, for as long as I am Feature Editor of the people's paper, give you just that. The newspaper should be free to function on facts and truth to make our college great. I cannot stress enough the power of the word and how it can be controlled. So often you read about the bad happenings and so rarely the good facts; you as readers must play a priceless part in all news. You are the news makers and as long as there is you, there is news. We must try to do our best to make our college great and to contribute to its growth and stability, by improving our morals and the standards by which we will reach our aim. As a student body you must know the facts and be given the truth in order to become a better man or a better woman. I, as feature editor, ask only one thing from all, the facts and the truth.

Thank you and Happy Reading  
Feature Editor  
Ernest Waddy

want to see it come to a screeching halt. It just can't happen."

Mr. King's theme is "get yourselves together," or for certain "it will happen." Let us, here at Bowie, all "get it together" from a cultural, economical, and most importantly, an intellectual standpoint or perspective, so that we can overcome our ills and accomplish our aims. Mr. King educational inspiration is the best, if not the only, answer to becoming politically adept and possessing a greater sense of awareness.

There is a lot to be said, so let's say it. Black students have found it hard in the past to enter a white college but here at Bowie State College the black student is in the majority and the white student in the minority. This is fact. Let us consider what has happened to some of our black brothers who fought to get in an all white college. On entering they were escorted by a national guardsmen with orders to protect black students at any cost. The black student in an all white college finds it hard to be recognized as a man and also finds very little to respect in white people. This is fact.

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Ernest Waddy,  
Feature Editor

## A. A. King

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panzees. He is also a fulltime student at Catholic University's Law School. "I like the law, having been involved in making it for three years, I think I can be more effective by studying it as well."

Mr. King's overall view of the system in America was stated as: "I believe you can't change the system or make it work from the outside. I tried the other way--picketing and the demonstrations--but that doesn't work. This is the best system that I have seen."

Despite his differences with most of the other Prince Georges members of the House, King has had no difficulty in working with his colleagues. "They have a different point of view, and I respect them for it. We fight on issues but I try not to get involved in personalities." King is 'disappointed' with the mood of the House this year, especially on racial problems. "I think a number of members are misreading their constituents. Maybe it's the National administration's 'slow down' attitude that's causing this."

"Once people have started making progress after hundreds of years, you can bet they don't

He also stated that the Groove Phi Groove is a non-greek organization. Alvin said that the people who make up the fraternity are young men who are striving to do good for the black community. Groove Phi Groove stretches from Maine to the western parts of the country. Also the fraternity has the largest membership in the south. The main purpose of the fraternity is to keep in trim with the new black thought.

I have listened to this group in rehearsal and they were great. The Gospelaire are always increasing their number. At last count, there were 37 members and this membership continues to climb.

The Gospelaire are a part of the new Bowie and should be supported by the students of Bowie State College, because they are trying to give to the students a new look at the great coming gospel choir of the future. Mr. C. Worthington, who is director, is doing a great job with our college gospel choir. Mr. Worthington takes his time in developing songs and conducts the Gospelaire with a high degree of precision. Mr. Larence Sherman is the pianist who does a great job of playing as well as singing. All of the members are just beautiful and very highly respected by the college.

## Columbians Live BSC

By Mario B. Schowers

The Columbians, a vocal ensemble from the Anacostia ghetto area of Washington, D.C., provided a meager but zealous audience of Bowie student with a delightful evening of native African and West Indian music, plus two sensational encores.

The President and Mrs. Samuel L. Myers were on hand for the occasion. President Myers informed the audience that this was the first in a series of Sunday evening entertainment line-ups formulated by a student cultural committee for the purpose of providing more entertainment for students.

During the show's first half, the Columbians, under the direction of John F. Bradshaw, sang arrangements of "Everybody's Gonna Pray," "Black and Brown," "We Shall Overcome," Ahmad Jamal's "Cry Young," "Minor Mood," and "Oh Happy Day."

Harmony is the key to the Columbians. The Bowie students marvelled at sight as well as sound. The attractive female members appeared in identical V-necklined dresses, while the Afro'd males wore "baby-blue" shirts with colorful apache scarves and grey flared bottomed slacks.

During intermission, contemporary numbers were executed by the group's instrumental trio with Elton Chungosing on piano, David Williams, guitarist, and Victor Anglin, a beautiful conga drummer.

During the second half of the performance, the Columbians reappeared before the audience in authentic Afro garbs. They sang many West Indian tunes in a strikingly native accent which could have reflected, to some of us, the manner of the late Sam Cooke. These songs included "Mama Look A Boo Boo Day", "Jamalca Farewell", "Coconut Woman", and the group's finale, "Matilda". They received a standing ovation along with a monotonous chant, "We want more". The Columbians delivered "Banana Boat Song", and upon a second request from the audience, sang "The Lord's Prayer", Calypso style. Refreshments were served as a departing note.

## Do You Know

By Nathaniel Daniels

Do you know that Swahili is not spoken by all Africans?

Do you know that there are over eighteen languages spoken in Sierra Leone (West Africa) with a population of a little over three million?

Do you know that there are over one hundred languages spoken in Nigeria (West Africa) with a population of over fifty-five million?

Do you know that in East Africa itself, where Swahili is predominately spoken, that there are well over a hundred other languages?

## Bowie's Night Life

After dinner comes the time for television, a chat with a friend, or a gripe session about the cold water in Holmes Hall. Then after an hour of study, around about 8:30, the campus search for the weak mind of a broken-hearted woman who needs companionship begins. That's life.

### LEARNING

It seems as though learning is a part-time job. The students of BSC are taking a lot for granted; should they?

### RESPECT

I have watched the men on campus and it's not books that are on their minds, but "broads." I must say that some of the women on campus could respect themselves a lot more than they have been doing.

### USING YOUR HEAD

Learning is a gift that needs to be developed to its fullest, or it will lose its natural sense of development. The trouble at BSC is that everyone is willing to learn, but by themselves and with little or no regard for their companions. It does not make any sense at all to have to listen to a lot of vulgar words and fly away conversations that will not get you a passing mark in any school. Is there such a thing as peace and quiet? Oh, 'ya,' where is it after 9 p.m. around the trailer court on campus? Listen men, some of the students that you call friend, or brothers are on probation. It is not easy to try and study with a lot of noise and fooling around going on. I think you should have a lot more respect for your friend than to have him losing out just because you are faster, make it a little better for a fellow future brother. The time you take to consider the situation is time enough to understand what you had to go through, and in this time, while you are thinking, make it a little better for someone else. You will find that you may "up" your grades.

Peace and Quiet,  
Waddy

## Have You Checked Your Neighbors Recently?

Barbara: "Hi Kathy. I just came by to borrow your sociology book."

Kathy: "Oh, I just loaned it to John. I'll go upstairs to see if he's finished with it."

What's this? John lives in the same building with Kathy? Yes, John lives in the same dormitory that Kathy lives in. So does Mary, Sonya, Paul and Steve. You see, Bowie now has a co-ed dormitory, Kennard Hall.

Kennard Hall is now the dormitory to house junior and senior men and women. This transition was made because of the large number of freshmen that were accepted and the shortage of housing.

The young men of Kennard Hall now reside on the second floor, where as the women occupy the first and third floors. There are a few freshmen and sophomores also living in the dormitory.

The residents of Kennard Hall seem to be enjoying the situation but for a few minor problems. There seems to be a problem keeping the facilities clean. The second floor is constantly littered with trash. The second floor bathrooms are in bad condition as far as cleanliness is concerned. The kitchen, which is on the second floor, has been closed down because the students neglected to keep it clean.

When some of the residents were asked how they feel about co-ed living thus far, their comments were as follows:

Walter Flamer: "It's disgraceful when mature college men keep the halls in such a deplorable condition."

Margaret Chase: "The co-ed living in Kennard Hall seems to be progressing very nicely. The students in the dormitory have proved their maturity in handling the situation."

Sharon Christy: "The only thing I don't like about Kennard Hall is the way the young men mess up the kitchen. Otherwise I think the dormitory is running very smoothly."

Joan Pauls: "I think it's very nice. The fellows look out for us. The only bad thing is that outsiders come into the dormitory. We don't have any rules and won't need any unless some very serious incidents occur."

Carl Jackson: "I'm glad to see things are situated the way they should be. The students realize they have the responsibility of making co-ed living a success."

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# An Outlook On Sports

## The Athletic Office "Ball of Confusion"

By Mario B. Schowers Sports Editor

It appears that the Athletic Office at Bowie State College is not functioning effectively enough to meet its primary obligation--the needs of the students.

It seems grossly unfair that only Administrative heads and one or two persons in this office should monopolize all the decision making authority and control the use of funds in the most flagrantly ineffective manner. This will ultimately affect the outcome of many sports activities. That will affect, in many instances, whether we'll have a winning season or a losing one.

Evidence should be brought forward to verify this claim and, in effect, prove that criticism of Bowie's disorganized Athletic Office is in no way an attempt to slander the name of any given personality with a host of prevarications.

The problems undisputably result from a conglomeration of mis-management, ill-advised decision-making and downright bad procedures due to a lack of proper organization. To cite typical examples:

Our Cross-Country Team lacks badly needed uniforms which were supposedly ordered around July, 15th. Sweat suits and Running suits are vital to the athlete. Without them athletes run the risk of catching the more common discomforts of a cold or a more serious illness, pneumonia. At the present time our Cross Country team is wearing borrowed basketball garbs and demoralizing "hand-me-down" Bowie uniforms which were used by past teams of this College more than a decade ago.

"Tuff-Skin," a medicinal ointment used to protect the feet of running athletes has yet to be ordered. Our athletes must continue to be annoyed by aching, itching, skin-breaking feet and, possibly, athlete's foot. The

Cross Country team lacks athletic socks also.

It's obvious that the person in charge of ordering and securing desperately needed equipment and supplies for our team is not doing the job. One must realize that it takes more than an athlete's performance to win in competition. He must be provided with the necessary essentials which will enable him to excel in his particular field of sports. If a person in charge of executing operations falls his tasks because of incompetence or negligence, that person should terminate his leadership position or step down.

The Athletic Office should be given an elementary lesson in economics also. Dig this: The Ebony Tree found that the University of Maryland at Baltimore County (UMBC), uses a state owned vehicle to transport its Cross-Country team to other meets. Funds are provided by UMBC only for the purchase of gasoline for the vehicle. The Athletic Office at Bowie State, however, has to rent a forty-one passenger bus from a private firm for fifty-five dollars to carry nine members of the Cross-Country team to a given meet.

This sounds totally illogical and utterly ridiculous when the Athletic Office could have saved at least three-fourths of the money by requesting or requisitioning one of Bowie's state owned buses.

This author feels firmly that the purpose of the \$25 student athletic fee required from every undergraduate student should be re-defined. It feels also that a comprehensive athletic committee be formulated to give students an active and equal voice in decision-making policies and to insure students that no student funds are abused, misused and squandered unnecessarily.

### DEMANDS (Continued from Page 4)

"I'm passing" idea. For brevity and clarity, let us divide this process into three phases, giving the effects and giving suggestions for overcoming these effects.

The first phase of the process is the 'surface appearance.' Long and brutal conditioning gives the surface appearance of 'the man' giving you a chance (said to be a better chance than you had before) for an education and you not wanting it. This really disguises the truth. Stripping away disguise reveals the truth that a higher education (or even an education) is presently being denied you via politics. These political actions are manipulated to give the surface appearance that you don't want an education, (at least, not bad enough to vote for it, in effect, you have no voting power). In answer to those who will immediately yell, Lies!! Lies!! you do have votes, (but not voting power). Let me give an example to prove my point.

Funds have been approved and appropriated for the widening and remodeling of Shirley Highway, (U.S. Rt. 95 leading from suburbia Virginia to D.C.) thereby allowing ease in the daily travel of suburbanites to and fro. As an added benefit (like giving away green stamps) there will also be buses to make this run (while most suburbanites own two or more cars). These buses will have the added attraction of carpets on the floors. These buses alone will cost in excess of two million dollars, money desperately needed to fund educational institutions in D.C. Federal City College and Washington Technical Institute are in des-

perate need of less than half those bus funds to continue operation, but there is no voting power to direct those funds to those institutions. The idea behind this action is not to close them (politically unwise) but, rather to starve and cripple them slowly to death (political manipulation). This action can be later rationalized as "We gave you these institutions and you let them die," when this is not the truth. The inferred logic behind this is, you would much rather dance (carefree little children) and live on welfare (unable to care for yourself) and try to imitate 'the man' (proof of your inability to create). This is clever manipulation of the facts.

Learning began in Africa with the very first man. They are not giving you a chance for education, but returning what has been forcibly taken from you earlier, (the gift idea serves to create gratitude toward the giver). The appearance that you would rather not learn, is not freely determined, it's the mans' manipulation of social, cultural and environmental patterns forcing you into this appearance.

The man's logic behind this process is: first, I contend that you, as a people, are dumb, that you have no ability, that you further have no desire, that you have no creativity. Second, to prove my first contention, I have given you the opportunity to go to school (even now to my schools, by court order, of course) and you do not and can not take advantage of the grand opportunity I offer. Therefore, you by your actions and inability,

## Cross Country

### An Optimistic Approach

By Mario B. Schowers

Bowie State's 1970 Cross Country Team promises to be much better than it's been in previous years.

Coach Reginald Pearman, a veteran at B.S.C. since 1951 said, "The team shows a definite promise and improvement in developing their running potential. This year we'll have eight runners and two managers. I couldn't evaluate the team's strengths and weaknesses because they've yet to perform on a competitive basis. They have been running pretty hard on a 3.2 mile course during work-out and daily morning sessions." Last year our Cross Country Team finished with a 3-4 record. This year, 7 meets were scheduled but their Sept. 29th engagement with George Mason College was cancelled.

The Coach seemed somewhat disenchanted over the fact that only one student had been recruited to the team this season. "I think our students should become a little more involved in not only sport endeavors but in all phases of student activities. All of our teams should receive more student support. Student patronage at sport events can boost the morale of players and, consequently, cause more winning seasons."

A 2.0 cumulative average is necessary for any interested male student to join the Men's Cross Country Team.

prove my first contention to be correct. This is a lie, based on circular logic

Let us investigate the facts. Having snuffed your natural curiosity, debased you into a state of inferiority, intimidated you into a near state of blind obedience and meek submission, I now can rationalize as follows: I have given you all the grand opportunities that I gave my own people (a hundred years earlier, or course) but you, by your 'natural' inability, your 'natural' aversion to learning, your 'natural' present condition, have proven yourselves to be inferior ingrates. This is a lie, but your present condition proves this to be true, does it not?

The author contends that there is not one ounce of truth in the 'naturalness' of ones' present condition. However, there is truism in the 'present mental state and conditioning!' How then does one overcome this mental state and conditioning? Or, for the satisfied few, why should they? This leads us into the second phase of the process.

Having acquired an idea of what the question is now, how to overcome. You have taken the very first step here. The second in the individual's efforts to become consciously aware of the aforementioned conditioning. Third, is to rid yourself of all degrees of negativness. You are what you think you are, you can do what you think you can do. Think big, act big, be big, this is self awareness. Only the best education possible will develop your latent talents, allowing you to reach your fullest potential from which will come bursts of new creativity. Personal creativity will, in turn, demand working toward perfection and discovery, goals will now be set by your own newly developed standards. The first realization of this tremendous power of creativity and perfection will emphasize the need and the power of 'togetherness,' (the seeds of political awareness can

# Athletic Office Blunders Again

By Mario B. Schowers

Even though our Cross-Country and our Soccer Teams lost both competes at York College in York, Pennsylvania; I would like to give you a recapitulation of what actually occurred to us before and after the engagements; a truth that could have had bearing on our team's inability to win.

The Athletic Office purchased one of those blue and gray buses again; this time for the price of \$150.00. First, the bus arrived at ten thirty a.m., a half hour past the scheduled departing time. The bus was dirty, old and run-down. Many of the seats were uncomfortable and in dire need of repair.

On a highway about twenty miles from our give destination, the bus was crippled when it's left-front wheel blew out. The bus then pulled onto the shoulder of the highway. Any layman could tell that the tires were aged, recapped and as a bald as a baby's "head." But the driver insisted something of this nature, "These tires ain't recaps. We just put them on and they're practically brand new." Since the driver did not intend to make repairs, I don't know why he pulled onto the shoulder in the first place.

Passengers were recruited on-board the bus as it slowly hobbled to within the city limits.

Once within this elevated and rustic town, we were transported to a nearby diner. There, we waited an hour and a half for the driver to return without repairs. The impatient passengers boarded the bus once again and we eventually got to York College nearly an hour late.

To briefly summarize the two sports engagements; the Soccer team played a fine game with

Ramon Koker scoring three of their four goals and Fred Salimi scoring one. Our soccer team lost, unfortunately, with York's squad overpowering them 6-4.

The Cross Country didn't perform as well, losing 48-17. Freddie Robinson and Ed Davis could be singled out as our most effective runners but the entire team proved well under tremendous odds.

The bus departed for Bowie at about 4:30 p.m. It suffered further complications from the previous flat tire and came to a complete halt on two occasions during the journey back to Bowie State. To make a long story short, the bus was finally escorted to a service station and the blown tire was replaced with another bald one. Fortunately enough, we reached B.S.C. a little before 11:00 p.m.

The Athletic Office has done it again. Our players and our coaches are constantly subjected to these types of conditions. Because the Athletic Office is so interested in being thrifty; in seeing that student capital is being spent un-needlessly; the office fails to see what happens when one is too much of a "tightwad." There's a good possibility that every passenger on the "pile of junk" could have been killed because of the frightening conditions of it.

The office seems bent towards getting anything for our athletes. One would be prompted to wonder why is the Athletic office constantly purchasing so little for almost nothing. Is it because someone's pocketing funds or because someone's saving or investing student funds for better or more useful purposes in the near future. I think this deserves some thought.

now be implanted in fertile mental soil).

Why must one overcome this mental conditioning? One must overcome this mental conditioning and demand the best education possible for survival. Survival as humans, survival as individuals and survival of the group as non-whites. How is this to be accomplished? It is to be accomplished by political awareness and involvement. This leads us into the third and final phase of the process.

The best education possible will lead to acute political awareness. What is this political awareness? Political awareness is the knowledge of the forces that have created the environment, cultural and social conditions that have forced you into your present mental condition of accepting the ideas of "I'm passing." Political awareness, the force that will rid you of those who present determine your destiny. Political awareness, that intangible force that will pave the road to real freedom and bring about the desired togetherness necessary among the oppressed populace. Political awareness is the only arena of life that will demand at all times the highest degree of excellence, individual perfection, creativity and education, for here one finds the keenest competition of all. Political awareness is the revelation of your adversaries, (who formally proclaim to be your friend) the awareness of those whom you must be better educated than. Political awareness is the answer to 'what's more to demand, the answer to 'what's the best.' Political awareness is the idea, the process, the objective of the best possible 'quality of life,' not merely the highest possible 'standard of living.' Political awareness can only be attained by the hunger and drive for the very best education possible, by insisting that this demand be ever present and met.

How then does the best education possible do all these things for us? The best education possible allows you to develop a marketable talent or trade. This statement will be greeted by social revolutionists as an attempted sell out to the cause of capitalism. I flatly deny the 'sell out,' but I do support the idea of 'capitalism,' the world's economic machinery is lubricated by the oil of money. Only those who can help themselves can help others. Acquiring an education is a difficult, non-ending process, but the rewards are well worth the efforts. An education, once acquired, imposes several obligations on self, school, community and other humans. The obligation to self is to upgrade, inform, refine, define and develop self. The obligation to school is to find, correct and institute new and better methods for those persons who will follow. The obligation to community, (via political involvement) is to produce, direct, aid and plan the destiny of your fellows. The obligation to fellow human is to strive for 'quality of life' for all men, not just a high standard of living for a (politically involved) few.

## Board Meeting Re-scheduled

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees of Maryland State Colleges has been changed from Wednesday, November 4, 1970 to Thursday, November 5, 1970.

The 2:00 P.M. meeting will be held in Dunkle Hall, Room 218 (Lecture Room) at Frostburg State College, Frostburg, Maryland.