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IKE SUGGS
Advertising Manager

Ike Suggs has been the Ebony Tree's Advertising Manager for the last two semesters. During this time he has been able to expand the advertising format of the paper without relying solely on the routine hamburger shack ads from Bowie and Belair.

Ike is a business major specializing in management. His future goals include achieving a law degree and a Master's Degree in Business Administration. When asked what his actual career commitment is, Ike responded, "I intend to become an aviation manager, probably in a foreign country, preferably a country in Africa. I've had this interest in aviation for several years now and as a commercial pilot, I think that Africa offers the best opportunity for advancement in this area."

Ike is presently running for the Presidency of the Student Government Association. When asked why he decided to run for this position, Ike replied, I see Bowie State College as being a college on the move; we must now take time to reunify the student body because we'll never make it without unification. Fortunately, history has taught us that without unity there can be no strength and I'm basing my campaign solely on this premise, particularly where blacks are concerned. Through unity we can have a vehicle for social and political development.

Whether Ike will win or lose the election depends upon the will of the student body. However, he has been an invaluable asset to the "Ebony Tree."

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EDITORIAL

Too often students criticize the central structure on campus, which was developed for the benefit of the entire student body - the Student Government Association. The officers have been "put down" because some feel that they are "power happy" and they act only in the interest of themselves. Others believe that the SGA is comprised of a bunch of dean's list students who know nothing of the real problems around campus and whose interests lie only in making those high grades. Some fellow-students even consider the SGA members to be too bourgeois to be tuned in to the black cause or revolution. And finally there are those who say "the whole SGA is a lot of "bull shit". Upon being asked if they ever attended an SGA meeting the reply is quite often negative.

If one does not like the system, one should move in and examine exactly what he does not agree with and then take the necessary steps to change that system. All these complaints that exist may very well be quite valid; however, it is highly unethical to criticize without a representative amount of facts. So, if you have never attended an SGA meeting, how can you knock it? If the SGA is for all students, surely you, as a student should make it the way that you want it to be.

Of course you should criticize! But, make your judgments worthwhile. Let that which you disapprove of be known and then take definite measures to make things the way that you feel they should be. Merely sitting around and complaining will not produce desired improvements. Your involvement is necessary! But,

be certain that you do not let personality clashes come into the picture when you evaluate the Student Government Association. Examine the individual's actions and not his personality.

Now that the time is near for the SGA elections, please use your power. Get out and vote for Somebody.



A LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT MYERS

By Emmanuel Oluyitan
Photographer

Have you ever had the opportunity to lunch with the President? If not you are missing something.

Maybe you are willing to be invited for lunch when next Dr. Myers will select the special

group. Well, it's no big deal. Here are the suggested tips. It is important to know that you must make a grade point of 3.10. To make that, you have to spend less time in the Union Building playing billiards, table tennis or soul than you are spending now. Love is beautiful but when you spend the major part of your time loving your girl or your boy instead of your book, you may be far from lunching with Dr. Samuel Myers.

ELECTION FEVER IS HERE AGAIN!

Well folks, as if it was not just yesterday that Buckine and Briley were elected into office as President and Vice President of the Student Government Association. It is now time for the old order to change its yielding place to the new.

In a couple of days, prospective candidates for the would be vacant offices will be seen in and around the campus canvassing for students votes. However, unlike the previous elections where only a handful of students did participate, this coming election is one with a difference - considering the scope of which it is being discussed.

Seeing this unusual political awareness among the students, I became thrilled and delighted for the simple reason that black people are becoming aware of the power of the vote. As the old adage goes, "Curiosity killed the cat," my own curiosity did not kill the cat, but unveiled the fact. For the first time in the history of Bowie State College, a white student is running for the office of Vice President. This move is totally welcomed in a college like Bowie that is becoming highly integrated at a terrific rate. Integration or no integration, every student in the school has the right to run for any office once he or she meets the required qualifications. Sensing this to be a rather controversial development, I set out on opinions seeking mission.

MISS PHYLLIS CLARK, an upper freshman majoring in Elementary Education, has this to say, "Personally, I do not see anything wrong in a white student running for an office, after all he is a part of the student body. However, I am

happy that this happened as it will "ginger" up we blacks to go out and vote. Although the better side does not always win - yet I am going to vote for my black brothers."

KWAWU ADADEVOH, a graduating senior majoring in Accounting from Nigeria, has this to say, "Americans are too color conscious and it is about time the young ones learn to live together for the good of the human race. Students should try to work together and try to correct the mistakes of the older generations. Casting of votes depends on individual opinions - mine depends on what mood I am in."

MISS REBECCA SPRINGER, a junior majoring in Political Science, says, "Color in actual fact should have nothing to do with votes. However, as the situation is, color has been given an unusual weight. Being white has nothing to do with my vote. I will definitely vote

for who appeals to me most as being capable."

Without much adieu, one can vividly see that this election is really an eye opener, but the sacreligious might say God sent.

CANDIDATES

President

Ike Suggs
Gregg Turpin

Vice President

Lavetta Alston
Jim Morrissey

Solicitor General

Rogers R. Gross
Justin Parker

Miss Bowie

Martha D. Alston
Anastasia Askins
Judy Bailey
Valerie Sims

Candidates-At-Large



-ELECTION FEVER - Candidate Profiles



GREGG TURPIN was born in Salisbury, Maryland and has attended Bowie State College since 1969. He is a junior, majoring in Political Science and carrying a 3.55 average. Gregg is running for the office of president of the Student Government Association.

"On the surface, and this is what I am addressing myself to, the proportion of Black faces to White faces is dwindling; however, I believe this turn may prove to be for the good of Bowie. First by running with a White, I hope to prove to all of BSC as well as to the surrounding area that we at Bowie can accept change. Secondly, the change we are accepting is one which incorporates the feeling of the historical aspects of Bowie with the fact that Bowie is a part of a drastically changing college community.

Under no circumstances would I or my running mate attempt to ignore or undermine Bowie's position as historically being the mecca for numerous Black Marylanders seeking college training. In fact, it is our hope to spread the name of Bowie State College so that more students, both Black and White, may be afforded the opportunity for college training which may not otherwise have been available."

"I sincerely hope that you, my fellow students, can foresee this trend in Bowie's chang-

ing community. I would also hope that you possess the fortitude to take a stand and vote for the team that will make this transition period a rewarding experience for all — the team of Gregg Turpin and Jim Morrissey.

JIM MORRISSEY, a four-year veteran of the Marine Corps and longtime resident of Bowie, is seeking the office of vice-president of the Student Government Association of Bowie State College. Jim is a Political Science major and carries a 3.80 average.

"The Black struggle must realize that the help of young, understanding Whites will be needed to penetrate and change the present White power structure. For the Black students at Bowie to attempt to ignore the increasing White enrollment is to ignore valuable monetary, political and educational potential.

The same potential can elevate Bowie to the level of other prominent Black schools where Black, White and other ethnic groups have produced an effective united institution.

The University of Maryland, a predominantly White school, has for its SGA president a Black man, showing that at the state's largest educational institution, the requirement for responsible leadership is capability — not color.

As vice president of the SGA, I will be totally dedicated to a responsibility to the students of Bowie State College. I feel it is time for the SGA to once again become the government of the students and for the students.

The question of a Black and White coalition for the benefit of all students is upon us. Shall we deal with the problem now

or table it? I say tackle the problem now so that in the coming years new students will have a unified base from which to direct themselves to the greater problems facing society."

JUSTIN PARKER is a transfer student who came to Bowie the spring semester of 1972. Being a 1969 graduate of Anacostia High School, Justin attended Hagerstown Junior College before coming to Bowie. Psychology and Science are his two fields of study. After completing his undergraduate work, Justin states . . .

"I feel I want to hold the position of Solicitor General for a number of reasons. First of all, I myself have benefited from the student court and I realize the importance of the Judiciary branch. I feel that students should have the privilege of having a court made up of their own peer group as to have a more just trial. Lack of a student court would mean that all cases would be presented to the administration or some other body who I feel would not be as qualified for the position as the students themselves. If elected to this office, I will do my best to continue this court system on a regular basis. I will also make known to the student body the rights of the students and the procedures of the student court. I ask only for your vote in the election on May 18, 1972."

- Candidate Profiles



IKE SUGGS and LAVETTA ALSTON **Ask YOU a Question:** **Isn't It Time For A Change?**

IKE SUGGS and LAVETTA ALSTON are presently pursuing the presidency and vice-presidency of the Student Government association.

Both candidates have consistently demonstrated their capabilities as *effective, honest,* and *diligent* innovators on Bowie State College's campus.

Ike's individual effectiveness can best be proven by his participation as Advertising Manager of the "Ebony Tree." He was quite successful in broadening the advertising base of the "Ebony Tree" by obtaining unique ads from unique businesses.

Ike is also the secretary of the Veteran's Club and has been instrumental in promoting a Veteran's Club Scholarship Fund for needy students.

As a student representative to the All-College Assembly, Ike has taken a stand for the student body's interest without compromise.

Ike has expressed outstanding leadership qualities both on and off B. S. C.'s campus. As a former army officer, Ike was instrumental in lessening racial tensions in an overseas command. As president of a college N. A. A. C. P. chapter in New York, Ike initiated a developing rapport between radical and conservative campus factions so that a unified student body appeared at the 1964 N. A. A. C. P. Convention.

Lavetta has performed *ex-*

cellently within the Legislative Branch of the S. G. A. as the Legislative Secretary. Her performance won her the honor of being elected Legislative Member of the Month. Most of Lavetta's extra-curricular activities deal with improving the functions of the S. G. A. She is specifically interested in making the S. G. A. truly a powerful and representative vehicle of the entire student population. Lavetta steadfastly opposes the idea of a cliquish S. G. A. whereby all student views may not be adequately presented. Lavetta has also performed duties as the Executive Secretary of the S. G. A. and, thus, her past experience has given her the rare opportunity to comprehend S. G. A. administrative procedure and operations.

Both Ike and Lavetta are honor students and with your support, Ike and Lavetta will implement the following programs:

1. Free sickle-cell anemia tests for all Black students.
2. Free Tay-sachs tests for all concerned.
3. Development and incorporation of a birth control clinic.
4. Expanded book store operation to include used book exchange.
5. Establishment of a General Information Center for education, scholarships, grants, employment, housing, etc.
6. Day Care Center
7. Increased health benefits for students by the institution of a new and innovative insurance program.
8. Increased rapport with our State Educational Committee in Annapolis.
9. Bring state of Maryland to task in regards to repair of the Merkel Road entrance to B. S. C.
10. Development of a community liaison committee.

"Not only do IKE and LAVETTA intend to listen, they intend to act by relating *theory* to *practice*."

I, ROGERS R. GROSS, am presently running as a candidate for Solicitor General for the school year 71-72. My major is Business Administration and I classify as a junior.

I have been actively involved with school activities and with the Student Government Association since my freshman year. I have witnessed and experienced its progress throughout my 3 years here. Being an active member of the Legislative Branch for 2 years and the Judicial Branch for 1 has really enlightened me to the problems and structure of the S. G. A. We have come a long way, but there is even a longer way to go in terms of how we progress.

My main objective and concern is for the welfare and concern of the Bowie Student. I am constantly on the lookout for anything I can do for the betterment of Bowie State College everyday and I intend to get things done, in or out of office.

As Solicitor General, I have seen some of the major problems and complaints of the Bowie Community as a whole. Currently, I am involved as Resident Hall Complaint Manager for the betterment of living conditions for the Resident students and with the traffic problem for commuters. These are only two of the things that I am currently actively involved with as far as the betterment of the school is concerned. In addition to actively working with the All-College Carnival, All-College Assembly, Senior Week Planning Committee and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

If I am elected as Solicitor General on May 18, I intend to continue these programs and many more for the betterment of Bowie State College and for the Bowie Student.

MALE VISITATION -

Love It or Leave It?

By Arlene Morris

When I came to Bowie State College, I was a commuter who really didn't care about what the dormitory students were putting down regarding visitation because I had my own reliable transportation and I could see whomever I wanted when I wanted. This semester I am a dormitory student, and I find that my individual right to see whomever I want when I want was a precious option which is now a ten foot long ball and chain.

Visitation for resident women seems to be a subject which has more or less been made a mountain out of a molehill. To some extent I can see the reasons against visitation. The primary reason being that accidents may happen that will cause a woman to discontinue her schooling temporarily or permanently. However, the majority of women in my particular dormitory know what preventive measures to follow and what to do at the right place at the right time. It is only the case of women who are too lenient, that cause the whole dormitory to be given a derogatory label.

It seems ridiculous that the whole dorm should be penalized for a few women's violations. Wouldn't it be more

logical to have only these women's privileges more restricted?

The constant change of visitation regulations, which has occurred since the beginning of the semester is an annoyance which not only causes problems for the women living in the dormitory, but also for the male guests who would like to spend some time with their female companions.

The regulation requiring that an I. D. card be left at the office before entering any floor of the dormitory does have its function, which is to make sure that the male guest does leave when his visit has ended. But what of the male guest who does not attend Bowie State College or who just happens to forget his own personal identification? What happens to him?

There isn't much privacy here at Bowie for male and female rendezvous. And since Bowie is in an isolated area, visitation is just about the only redeeming activity that will help preserve the student's sanity if he is not the type of person who's prone to participate in sports or any other extracurricular activities.

It is true that men should not enter the women's bathroom, and even though the women in my particular dorm

have gone out of their way to make sure this rule is followed, this regulation is constantly being violated, especially on weekends. When such is the case, wouldn't it be easier to put aside or install a bathroom strictly for male usage? It is true that men are not allowed to walk through the halls unescorted, but it is the personal duty of the young lady being called upon to escort her guest out of the building. If she does not, and thereby breaks the dormitory regulations, her own individual visitation should be at stake, and not the dormitory's on the whole.

If it is true that men enter through the back doors during evening hours, it is the responsibility of the dormitory mother to make sure that the back doors are locked after a specified time. If the back doors are locked, leaving only the front entrance open, it should be made certain that there is a reliable person to check the men entering and leaving the building. And there should always be someone in the office during the day and the early evening hours.

For those who really don't care one way or the other about the topic of male visitation — do your own thing. For those who want male visitation and have no visitation infractions — keep up the good work. For those who want visitation but don't follow the rules - leave the dormitory or get yourselves straight and stop penalizing the rest of us who do follow the rules, no matter how ridiculous these rules may be! !

"Breezing" Through College

By Vera McLeod

Fellow students! Are you experiencing difficulty in getting back into the swing of it each semester? Are you having problems in convincing yourself to open those textbooks and stay awake in class? If this is you then do not feel alone. These have been the complaints of many of us. I offer you a solution to these problems. If you will kindly adhere to the following ten steps, you will find yourself breezing through your stay here at Bowie.

1. Arise each morning at 6:00 a. m. and give your body the pleasure of 100 pushups and various other exercises.
2. Be dressed and off to breakfast by 7 a. m. Take the longer route to the cafeteria, thereby exposing yourself to the freshness of a new day and the agony of arriving and finding the dining hall doors closed.
3. Don't drink milk - it clogs one's throat. Eat slowly and carry on several conversations. Doing this will prepare you for class-discussion that will get off the subject, since you did not read the assignment.
4. In class, say whatever you are thinking, that way you will not lose interest in what an instructor is saying-even if his voice does have a monotone quality.
5. If you have breaks between classes, do not run to your room for a nap! Take a walk instead and think about what you're going to do with your life upon graduating. Then, run to take a nap.
6. Take vitamins at all times since you will seldom be able to eat what is being served in the dining hall.

7. Get involved in two or three or twenty extra-curricular activities.
8. Visit the library or some other "Quiet" place to study and find complete chaos.
9. Use the Center for Educational Technology.

10. Go to all Sunday evening events to avoid boredom.

Okay, those are the steps to prepare oneself for a full academic life at Bowie. Follow this advice and you will find a new person - you, a changed individual who has seen the bright light that will enable you to breeze through college.

AN OPEN LETTER To My Sisters

It is a general belief among the majority of black sisters that most African or foreign students do prefer white girls to them - to this I say no with emphasis.

The position of a foreign student in any new surroundings, among strange people and within a strange culture is one that could only be described as an "Alice in Wonderland." He is bored by being home alone and frantically looks for someone to stretch out an arm of friendship. As it often is said that a beggar has no choice, in a like manner, a bored foreign student has no choice as to whom his friend should be - white or black makes no difference to him. Funny enough or as fate would have it, it is always the white girls that usually come in handy during this time of boredom. Various reasons for this relationship have been given. Some give as their reason the curiosity of the white girls while others are of the opinion that the white girls were out to hurt their parents or "kick" against the society by dating or having black boyfriends. Whatever could be the negative reasons for this emerging relationship, there are positive ones which place the black foreign students in a situation of having to choose the lesser of two evils.

It is rather amazing, surprising and disheartening to note that within the black community there are some phony

blacks. How will one feel on hearing his black brothers or sisters making a statement such as "You don't know how to treat those Africans - all you have to do is just pretend that you like them." What will one friend do if a black sister is scared of going with one for fear of not wanting to go to live in the "jungle," or of what the other brothers and sisters say? What choice has one if the white girls do not care about what other people are going to say, and are anxious as well as curious to go to the "jungle?" After all, what is the difference between the physiological as well as genital make-up of black women and white women? - nothing but mere pigmentation of the skin and the genes. Why don't we stop and think - think of how to bridge the gap created between Africans and Black Americans by what is being shown on the television and not widen it? It is an unquestionable fact that it is a highly difficult task to make a grown up lady disbelieve what she has been seeing on TV since she was a child. But what is education, if we cannot open up our minds for the search of truth?

The foreign students know that all that glitters is not gold and hence can easily sift truth from falsehood, enemies from friends, and mere illusion from reality.

Nathaniel Daniel
Foreign Editor

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Discrimination and Oppression of Undeveloped College Students

The following allegations against higher education are in fact true and are presented to you in resentment. There is no student in higher education who is more subjected to the deliberate professional neglect in quality education than the low-achieving student. The low-achiever is asked to study books he cannot read, write themes about subjects that are irrelevant and are of no interest to him. He is assigned to a curriculum that is nothing more than a mixture of remedial measures not specifically designed to meet his needs. In addition, attempts are made to make the student adapt to the rigid demands of college. This objective is implemented when the student is counseled to change his habits and to have him dismiss what he believes without having his beliefs replaced by other ideas he may consider to be important. The collective attitude of the majority of his instructors is that he cannot learn. Think about the psychological effect this will have on the student. Educators treat him as though he were a villain rather than the victim.

It is a damn shame that the average college in this society is not structured with the low-achiever in mind. For example, the remedial student is admitted to college; perhaps an open door policy exists. All this for what? So he may be hit in the face with a tremendous amount of overwhelming odds, such as the academic rigidity required in college, weakness in study and reading skills, and the immediate adjustment to a new social environment. This type of discrimination and oppression should be corrected.

To this present day, one need remains constant always,

regardless of the pacifying changes: students need instructors dedicated to the duty of making other human beings better than they are; and the remedial student, which makes up a considerable part of the college population, needs those professional practitioners more desperately than ever. Providing enough good teachers can help a college fulfill its mission of a quality education for all.

By Reginald Walden

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

DEPARTMENT TO

WIDEN SERVICES

The department of Foreign Languages is planning a program to widen its services to the entire student body at Bowie, particularly to majors in areas in which a good reading knowledge of pertinent foreign language would increase the student's work effectiveness and enhance his economic opportunities.

The Department has in mind the organization of practical foreign language reading courses tending to increase the student's ability in the nomenclature, vocabulary, idiomatic range, and technical equivalents within the field of his specialty. For example:

A student specializing in International Studies will be working with language material in the proposed courses that will enable him to conduct his work in the native language of the group within his area of operations.

English majors, mathematics

majors, history and sociology majors and physical science students will learn to manipulate the foreign language in terms of their specialty not only for advanced study but also for teaching purposes in bilingual areas should their life's work lead them into this field.

Students uniquely interested in bilingual education will be taught to utilize the foreign language vocabulary in connection with teaching arithmetic, algebra, history, general science and other elementary courses in the foreign language to the foreign born.

The purpose of the proposed foreign language program is to utilize the practical aspects of foreign language skills as vital adjuncts for students in a competitive society rapidly becoming bilingual.

It need hardly be stressed that students entering post-graduate studies will be aided in the most practical way by their enrolling in one or more of these foreign language reading courses.

The Department of Foreign Languages seeks the advice and active cooperation of the other departments on campus in organizing and tailoring these courses uniquely in conformity with their students' interests.

By Leticia T. Forbes

Coed To Represent BSC In Glamour's Search For Ten Top College Girls



Miss Judylynn Bailey was selected to represent Bowie State College in Glamour Magazine's contest to find the Ten Top College Girls of 1972. Chosen by the College Union Board, Judylynn is one of the finest of today's active and involved college women.

An honor student, Judylynn was selected to appear in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She serves as Chairman of Bowie's Sickle Cell Anemia Fund-Raising Drive, and is a member of the College Union Board. She is a Sweetheart of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

On the local scene, Judylynn was chosen Miss Black Eastern Shore of Maryland for 1971-72. She was also 1st runner-up in the 1970 Oktoberfest Queen Contest in Bowie, Maryland.

The Ten Top College Girls of 1972 will be photographed by leading New York photographers and featured in Glamour's August Issue. During summer vacation the ten winners will be invited to New York to meet the Glamour staff and will receive a prize trip to Europe. Last year the winners were the guests of the magazine for a trip to Portugal.

Judylynn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Bailey of Princess Anne, Md., will compete with winners from campuses across the United States.

SGA Sponsors

Miss Bowie

My name is Lorra E. Rhodes - I am a senior, majoring in Elementary Education and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

I was sent on the European Tour by the Student Government of Bowie State College as a gift for being Miss Bowie State 1971-72.

I felt very honored and flattered that the SGA would give me such a dream!

During my travels I learned a lot about people in general, their customs, life and their own self respect as a race. It took me a while to get adjusted to their foods, customs, and the people in general in all the countries. I saw so many beautiful cities, churches, small towns, and the people themselves.

For once in my life I have learned what the song "America" really stands for. The people here in the United States of America have no real reason to complain about our way of life.

I saw so many hungry, deprived children and older people as well, with the look of pain in their eyes. (I saw how lucky we really are, and how thankful to God we are surviving). Those children had nothing - no shoes, and hardly any warm clothes, but yet they were still trying to survive with what they had.

I saw parents sitting out on the streets, sending their children out to beg. What could we do? This was the saddest thing I have ever seen, and yet beautiful to see them survive with what they had. When we stood up one night and sang the "National Anthem," I realized how great home really is.

The United States is beautiful, believe me. Once again thank you all for letting my dreams come true to travel abroad. I will never forget what I have learned, and how beautiful the sights were. Be thankful for what you have, "I am."

People's Action Team Asks For Support

Robert Spencer
Executive Director
Peoples' Action Team

Peoples' Action Team is in the middle of a struggle to bring human dignity, political involvement and economic development to 110,000 Black residents of Prince Georges County, Md.

As a matter of background, Prince Georges County, Md. has an estimated population of 700,000 (18% Black), is the fastest growing county in the United States, 13th largest county in the U.S. and the largest county in the state of Md. Prince Georges County, Md. borders Washington, D.C., the Nation's Capitol, home of the President and U.S. Congress. However, as far as the Blacks of Prince Georges County are concerned they are not involved in the political and economic process that controls and develops the county.

There are no local offices of S.C.L.C., Urban League, I.C.B.O., Core or other Civil Rights organizations, the N.A.A.C.P. does have a branch office in the county, however it provides no office, paid staff or listed telephone, to serve the public.

Peoples' Action Team (P.A.T.) was formed to service the needs of the Black citizens of Prince Georges County, Md. We have a paid staff, an office that's open daily and 24 hour answering service.

We rely solely on contributions and self help economic development activities to meet our expenses, we would appreciate any support you or your organization may offer; be it cash, equipment, technical assistance, publicity, fund raising, letters of support, or political help. We urge you to join us in our effort to bring dignity and economic progress to the minority citizens of Prince George's County.

BLACK EXPRESSIONS

RESPECT

Respect me as a woman
Not as a slobbering sibling of
sympathy
Raise my head to affection
and pride
Don't Lower it to wandering
thoughts and eternal
"I'm sorry's."

The next tears that I cry will be
those of deep hurt
or the unexplainable flash of the
climax of love.

Give me the strength to trust
that which I worry about so
unnecessarily;
worriment grows gray hairs
and I love the prospect of
staying seductively "BLACK."

V. L. S.



IT'S A BITCH, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH

It's a bitch man, that kids have
to get locked up for shoplifting
and face the hells gate while
their mother lay pregnant in
some ghetto rat hole.
Ole black nigga runnin' around
with some silly lookin' white
hoe, takin' her money, and not
giving me a cent,
But yet, Ah gotta go to court
tomorrow cause Ah done dropped
a candy wrapper on Fifth Ave.
And then, Ma Puerto Rican
neighbor calls himself my friend
cause he done dropped some
garbage out the window and
missed me by an inch.
While borther what's his name
is rappin to that fine sister about
school and stuff, and the player
over there is getting as much
cock as he can, thinking that
it's gonna make him a man.
That's what you call a hit and
run nigga.
And as I sit in ma room lonely
nights, rappin to these sheets
of paper and getting into these
books, whitey's daughter is get-
ting strung out on dope.
Then when whitey starts to
realize that it's a bitch, he
starts doing something about it.
Thanks a lot motherfucker, but
it's too late, my daughter is dead
goddammit.

Douglas Stewart

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EPIC OF A DYING MAN

I'm going Down Down

For the last time.
I have worked your field,
and I have made your wine,
and seen the blood.
Most of which was mine
I'm going Down Down

For the last time.

I'm going Down Down

For the last time.
How I cook the boy,
and I tie the lime.
How its in my stream
and I feel fine.
I'm going Down Down

For the last time.

Martin

IN MY OWN BLOOD RUNNING RAIN

I want to hide my pain
But can I look dry while
standing and drenching
In my own blood running rain
I hurt others while I hide my
hurt
But can I be clean with my
conscience renching
Inside beating brothers into dirt
Beating sisters in the thighs
While slowly my manhood dies
I want to hide my pain
But can I look dry while
standing and drenching
In my own blood running rain
Beating sisters in the thighs
While my manhood slowly dies.

- Dozier

MOVIE REVIEWS

"DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER"

By Arlene Morris

"Diamonds are Forever" is considered by professional film critics to be the best James Bond film which has ever been made. I, however, don't feel this way at all.

This film has less of the exuberance and action which was contained in the other Bond films such as "Goldfinger" and "Thunderball". The action found in "Diamonds are Forever" is very limited in content.

Sean Connery looks good as Bond, but alas, his years of absence from portraying 007 have made their mark. He's not as exuberant in manner, and he has developed a slight "pot belly". However, clothes do make the man because his wardrobe in the film hides almost completely his excess epidermis.

For the life of me, I can't understand why the persons responsible for casting, chose Jill St. John to play the female lead. Her acting is below minimum standard, and even though she tries very hard in the film to give a good performance she lacks terribly in acting ability. Maybe she just tried too hard in front of the camera. Even if the female lead had been chosen solely for beauty in physical appearance, casting should have chosen anyone other than Jill St. John. Time too has taken its toll in years for her. Jill St. John also has a fair amount of excess baby fat, yet she has the nerve to prance around in bikini pants and bikini bras, not to mention the very obvious age lines on her face when given close-up views by the camera.

"Diamonds are Forever" may last forever, but not in my mind.

"STRAW DOGS"

By Arlene Morris

"Straw Dogs" is the most recently released film starring Dustin Hoffman, and as expected by his audiences, he gives another great performance. His role is that of a passive uninvolved human being who can be prone to uncontrollable violence when provoked.

An American mathematician and his wife seek escape from the pressures of society by settling down in a small British town in Europe, but find an outburst of hell by their fellow neighbors. In most cases the antagonizing is brought about by David's (Dustin Hoffman) wife Amy (portrayed by Susan George) who has the reputation of being the "tart" of the town. "David, I don't like the way those men keep staring at me." David - "Why don't you wear a bra?"

Susan George gives a commendable performance which adds a better scope to her acting than her last film "Sudden Terror," in which she and her younger brother were inadvertently involved in the assassination plot of a high dignitary in international affairs.

Sam Peckinpah, the director of "Straw Dogs", has put together a brilliant, brutally jolting study of man's destructive propensities and passions, no matter how concealed they may be, culminating in an orgy of rape and violence, artistically justified. This film is not for those repulsed by stomach-turning candor.

"TOGETHER"

By Arlene Morris

Stag time U. S. A. Save your money!!!!

"HAROLD AND MAUDE"

By Arlene Morris

To give you an idea of how out of tune with conventional life rich, twenty year old Harold is, the only woman he finds who is on his wave length is Maude (Ruth Gordon) about to turn eighty. Fortunately, we are spared the specifics of their love-making although we do see them in bed on the cozy morning after.

Since one can never really accept the basic situation, the humor in the film, and not the philosophy, is all that prevails. There is much that is really funny, if one accepts as humorous gags a gung-ho exmarine with an arm missing who manages to salute with his jacket sleeve.

Harold, played with studied indifference by Bud Cort, likes to feign suicides to upset his mother, who doesn't take him seriously anymore, whether he's dangling with a rope around his neck or fully clothed and face down in a pool. These incidents make for some macabrely hilarious moments, gagged up further when Harold seemingly self-destructs to scare off a series of girls his mother insists on his meeting. He has eyes only for Maude, spryly and playfully portrayed by Miss Gordon, who has eyes only for him.

The movie turns out to be primarily a string of sick jokes, some funny, some not so funny. Whatever clicks is the underlying idea about discovering life, and also the music of the film which was arranged and composed by Cat Stevens.

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"THE HOSPITAL"

By Arlene Morris

Paddy Chayefsky has created a powerful, grim, and often hilarious study of the dangerous foibles of a big city hospital. The film's style is one of black humor and the incidents which occur in the hospital in the course of two days (for instance the death of two doctors and one nurse), hint at the aspect of a homicidal killer on the prowl, be it doctor or patient.

George C. Scott gives a fair performance which really isn't up to his acting abilities as seen in "Patton" and some of his other portrayals, but it is his performance, limited as it may be, which keeps one interested in what is happening on the screen.

There are a few segments, such as a night duty nurse giving an intravenous feeding to the wrong patient (who happens to be one of the doctors in the hospital's employ) thereby causing his death, and a surgeon performing a hysterectomy (removal of the female reproductive organs from the body) on the wrong patient, that might cause one to worry about his own physical well-being if he happens to have the unfortunate luck of being admitted into a major hospital for major surgery.

Though it is possible that these drastic mistakes may happen in any hospital, please keep in mind that such mistakes are in the minute percentage, and only happen on rare isolated occasions.

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straight from The Grapevine

By Veronica Letsinger

Bowie is noted for two things:
Cow Roads and Rain Storms

A certain Delta isn't as innocent as she acts.

A certain Delta likes a certain Que, and that Que digs on a Swing? So what more do I have to say?

A certain young lady declared her ex-roommate as polluting the 1st floor of Holmes Hall during the First Semester.

Advice goes out to a certain young man who lives in Room 210 of Kennard Hall. Getting Stoned is not your thang.

To: Duck of the lotas - "Angela loves you."

To: Sweet-Sweet Back of Glen Cave, New York who thinks he's Hotstuff - but a certain AKA says he isn't Hot enough.

To: A certain young man on the second floor of Kennard - P. Hall wants to know what do you mean by "Walkie, Talkie?"

Questionnaire:

Q: Who are the spies with the multiple eyes?

A: Holmes Hall

Q: What did the stork bring a certain Groove for Xmas?

A: A future Swing.

Q: What is Bowers?

A: Something you do number two in.

Q: What girls were attacked Saturday night (Feb.12)?

A: Certain members of the Jive Five

Dedications:

To: "Salt" of the Ques

Song: Lady Lay

From: A certain AKA

To: A certain Que

Song: "Love is, and Now Its Gone"

From: Squirrel

To: No. 15 of the Iota's line

Song: "I will find a way"

From: No. 15 of the Swing's line

To: Whiteman

Song: Friends by day, lovers by night"

From: Lady of "Strawb erry Hill"

A certain AKA's old-old flame was at the Dawn Dance.

"LOVERS"

1. Bruce & Baby Doll

2. Cheryl & Russell

3. Sarah & Bobby

4. Ivan & Girdie

5. Sonie & John.

6. Pat & James

Greek Corner

To the delight of many people; teachers, pledges, administrators and fraternities as well as sororities, the yearly pledge season is finally at a close. For those who "made it over" this is indeed a season of rejoicing and happiness - for those who didn't "make it over" there is either the prospects of next or the year after or the name of "Eternal" staring them in the face - and depending on how one views the situation there is even honor in being "Eternal."

Nevertheless, congratulations are in order to the new "frats" and "sorors." What follows is a list of those who crossed those "burning sands": (this list was given to me by representatives of the various organizations)

DELTA: Gladys Shades-Elementary Education, Avis Thurman-Elementary Education, Leila Johnson-Physical Education, Linda Jones-Elementary Education, Felecia Lanham-Elementary Education, Brenda Jones-Elementary Education, Linda Iveson-English, Denise

7. Barbara & Omar

8. Lyvette & Greg

9. Cissy & Richard

10. Chuckie & Gloria

11. Lynette & Granger

12. Polly & Riff

Gheryl Piper would like to welcome all the new members to the Eternal Club, the largest club on Campus. They are:

1. Two Squires

2. All the Centaurs

3. Four Ivies

4. All the Lampados

5. One Pyramid

6. All the Ladybugs

7. Four Archonians

Induction will be held in Gheryl's room in Kennard Hall, Room 204.

By Gregg Turpin
Staff Writer

Cannon-Social Work, Jackie Hollis-Social Work, Corine Shorter-Physical Education, Cheri Rhines-Psychology, Juanita Baines-Elementary Education, Dortha Harman-Elementary Education, Ivia Brooks-Elementary Education, Janice Brown-Elementary Education, and Barbara Robinson-Elementary Education.

AKA: Mary Rice-Social Work, Joanne Johnson-Social Work, Gail Jones-Math, Gail Pinkey-Elementary Education and Grace Kirby-Art.

ZETA: Gail Proctor-Social Work, Patricia Carter-Elementary Education, Pheocdia Powell-Elementary Education.

KAPPA: Ivin Bowser-Physical Education, Harold McNeil-Physical Education, Gary Hyman-Sociology and Michael Isaacs-Elementary Education.

SIGMA: Roger Scofield-History, and Robert Freeman-History.

On behalf of all the prophytes of B.S.C., I welcome all the neophytes into the world of Greekdom.

Say man, can you help me?
I'm in the dark about how
I can fly coast to coast for
half price, get a summer
job in Europe, get info on
charter flights to Europe,
or buy a car for \$100 over
dealer cost.

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beers, luggage tags, insta-
matic film, and discounts
on rail fares in Canada and
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didn't know that you must
be out of it.

So what do you think,
man?
I'm beginning to see the
light.

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Middle States Commission Reaffirms Accreditation

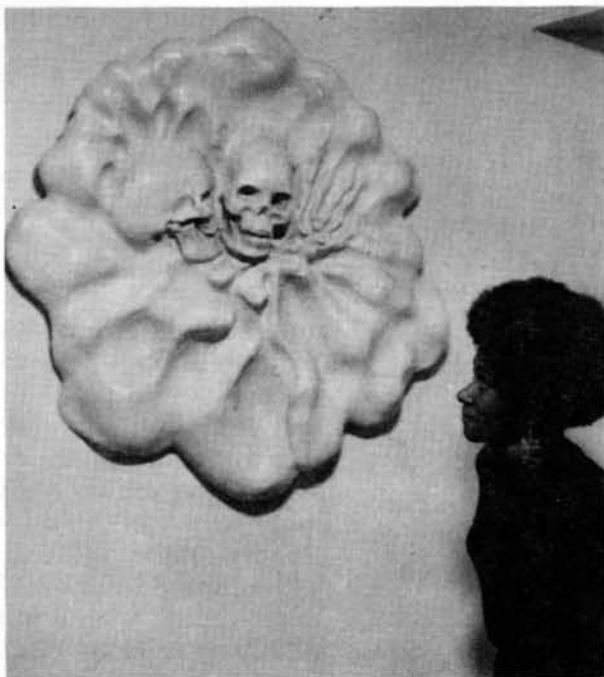
The accreditation of Bowie State College has been officially reaffirmed by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Universities. This accreditation decision covers both the undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Commission made this decision after reviewing the report of the evaluating team that visited Bowie in the spring of 1971. The next scheduled eval-

uation of the College will be in 1981.

The Chairman of the Commission stressed that "the action taken in reaffirming the accreditation of Bowie State College reflects our confidence in the contribution Bowie is making toward higher education and our belief that Bowie shall continue to strive to improve the quality of education offered at the college.

Art Instructor's Works Featured In Group Show



Miss Evans and one of her works

Some of the works of Miss Helen B. Evans, an assistant professor of Art, were featured in a group show at the Washington Gallery of Art from April 3-26, 1972. The works of four contemporary Black Artists were also featured.

Miss Evans, born in Texas, is presently living in Laurel, Maryland. She received her B.A. and M.A. from Ohio State University and Florida

A and M University. Before coming to Bowie, Miss Evans was an artist in resident at Palm Beach High School in Florida.

Having a fairly large number of group and one man shows in Washington, D.C., Ohio, Georgia, Florida and Maryland, Miss Evans' future exhibitions include a B.S.C. Art Faculty show and a Bowie Public Library show.

London Student Chorale In Concert

The London Student Chorale presented a concert on Monday, April 17th in McKeldin Gymnasium. The performance was free and opened to the public.

The visiting chorus is one of fifteen international groups participating in the Third Lincoln Center International Choral Festival. They will also perform at the Kennedy Center as a part of their two weeks of activities in this country.

The London Student Chorale was founded in 1963 by its director Roy Wales, and is made up of students of the University of London. Mr. Wales is also principal conductor of the English Concert Orchestra and the Pro Arte Singers, and has been guest conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

About half of the selections presented were by British composers, including Byrd, Purcell, Vaughn Williams, Britten and the immigrant George Frideric Handel.

Towards A Better Relationship Between African and Black American Students

By Kola Akinleye

I have been in the United States for a little over 3 years. I'm sorry to state that my impression of Bowie State students has been one of frustration and disappointment - the relationship between Black American students and African students is completely strained, and to my chagrin, African students relate more to the white students in Bowie, than to their Black American brothers and sisters.

My disappointment stems from the fact that when I came to Bowie in February, 1969, this gap was existing and I am now leaving Bowie with the gap still widening.

Some of the underlying factors responsible for this sorry state of affairs are what I can refer to as "cultural differences" coupled with the inability of either side to make certain concessions or accommodations. Black students in Bowie usually refer to their African counterparts as proud, unfriendly, and above all as "Uncle Toms." African students on the other hand regard their Black American students as proud and very unfriendly. I am not sure whether this is the general feeling of all Black Americans towards Africans, but these feelings are so widespread in Bowie, and are responsible for the frictions between both sides.

As far as I know, Africans are generally friendly, warm-hearted, hospitable and generous, and I am very sure that those at Bowie are no exception. However, there are certain factors which make the Black Americans in Bowie arrive at their conclusions about Africans, and these reasons are as a result of what I called earlier,

"cultural differences."

When I came to Bowie in 1969, I noticed that most of us who came during that time (about 15) did all we could do to associate with the Black students on campus. We took part in almost all school activities, tried to copy the behavioral patterns of Black Americans, and above all we tried to make as many friends among them as possible.

Some American students at that time were ready to know certain things about Africa and Africans; they were particularly interested in knowing about our "jungles" about the way we used "to fight with those animals" (lions and tigers), and about our "sleeping places" on the trees. They were eager to know whether we had ever seen cars; whether we had ever put on pants and jackets, and how we came to the United States - whether on foot or on horseback. Many went to the extent of asking whether we didn't have schools to go to elsewhere and why we had decided to come to Bowie. They didn't know that African students in Washington universities numbered more than 800.

All these questions, although some of them insinuating, were answered to the best of our abilities. Many African students usually get upset about these questions, but many of us usually explain to them why these questions are so paramount in the minds of Black Americans and why they need first hand information to dispel the wrong information which the Tarzan movies and the conservative books that they have read about Africa have provided them.

Later on I discovered that the more Africans tried to be friendly with their Black American counterparts, the more they

were disillusioned, and one by one each began to form his opinions. Certain incidents, however, helped in their decisions; first, they found out that their language became the object of ridicule by Black American students. When people from elsewhere spoke their language there was no problem. But when Africans spoke, there were usually snickers and mimics by the students.

Secondly, we find out that when two or three Black Americans sit in the Student Union and an African opts to sit among them, Black American students would stand up "en masse" leaving their African brother embarrassed and completely overwhelmed with degradation.

From these experiences, each African started forming an opinion. An average African is so culturally proud that he will never allow any aspect of his culture to be ridiculed nor like to feel that he's become an object of ridicule.

There is one other misconception that Black American students have about African students in Bowie - there is this general belief that every African in Bowie is a millionaire, and that each of them has a gold or diamond mine back home. It is disturbing that college students should form this opinion. Perhaps an over-zealous and egotistic African has made this type of statement, nonetheless, I would think that an average college student would know that this could not be true.

Some of us usually work menial jobs in the summer to pay our way in school, and we supplement this with the 20 hours of part-time jobs which the Immigration Office allows each fulltime student. Many of us,

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out of the paltry sum of money that we make, are also forced to carry some family responsibilities from here. In other words, I am saying that each of us works hard to get any of the things that you see us with and that the gold or diamond mine belief is only a myth - a stereotype.

This misconception leads Black American students in Bowie to be envious of the Africans, especially of those who have cars. Why should he come from Africa and obtain certain things which I, an American, do not have? This is prevalent in their thoughts. Also, when many of the men see a lady talking to an African, they usually accuse her of trying to go with an African because he is "rich". Where is the money? Not all that glitters is gold!

All these experiences permeate our attitudes with both Black American ladies and men. We find ourselves caught between Scylla and Caribdes, and we know not where to turn. Some Americans can be violent if they see you "messing" with their women, and since we don't want any trouble, we just have to split. These incidents lead us to cultivate the isolationist attitude which the Black student minority usually cultivates in predominantly white institutions. Perhaps the white minority in Bowie noticed our desperation, and since it appeared that we shared the same problem, and since they found it more secure to associate with us, they were forced to choose the better alternative. The African in actual fact is not exposed to direct racial conflict in Africa other than that he reads about before coming to the United States.

Does this make us "Uncle Toms?" I don't think so. We relate to whites in the same way that they relate to us. If

they relate to us negatively, we will also do so. But since they don't, we have no choice. This fact does not mean that we accept white supremacy - not in the least. We have a common oppressor in the white man, and until racial discrimination is wiped from the face of the earth, I believe that all men of color will always fight for their inalienable rights.

I have decided, though belatedly, to write this article because, although these feelings between the two sides have been apparent, nobody has been bold enough to speak out.

Secondly, some students who are in positions of responsibility in the college are planting seeds of discord in the minds of other students. Yesterday, it was the fear of white takeover of Bowie, today it is the fear of African takeover.

Thirdly, I believe that the administration is struggling to build a strong and dynamic Bowie. The administration is doing all it can to make foreign students in general feel comfortable, and it is achieving its objective through an understanding and reliable foreign student advisor. But this hoax, perpetrated by some students and aided, though regrettably by a very few members of the administration and faculty, might serve as a stumbling block to such efforts.

Very soon, the election for the Student Government Office will be held. Prospective candidates have been going around; they want foreign student votes. In the past two years African and other foreign student votes had always made the difference between defeat and victory. Larry King won in the 1970 election by 6 votes. I did not know then, but just after the All College Assembly in 1970, I was leaving the gym with a group of African students (about 8) when a lady attending the ballot which had been moved to the exit of the gym, (to give those who had

not voted the opportunity to do so) called us. None of us knew who Larry King was but the name struck us and I persuaded the others to vote for him. I believe we cast the last votes and Larry King won by 6 votes.

The following year Buckine actually campaigned for foreign student votes and he got them one hundred per cent. Although he won that election, 2-1, I am sure he owed his election to the African and other foreign student votes. It is regrettable that one of these administrations is responsible for the widening of the gap that is existing now between Black American and African students. I am not going to mention the particular administration, but those concerned know themselves.

In the impending Student Government Association elections, I will advise the potential candidates to find ways of bridging the gap between African and Black American students in Bowie. More things unite us than separate us. Efforts must be made to find the cure for the differences - we cannot afford to be apart.

I don't know what is happening between Africans and Black Americans in other institutions, but the impressions which African students carry away from Bowie to other institutions will definitely affect their attitudes towards their Black brothers and sisters elsewhere, and this may precipitate a chain of events that might have far reaching effects. Reciprocally, any developments at Bowie may also mean much to other institutions that might have similar problems.

Bowie is a small college, and it is lucky to have a large collection of students from foreign countries. There are students from Africa, Asia, Middle East, etc. From these students, I think there are several things which the student body

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stands to gain. American students can share from their culture. They can perceive first hand a lot of experiences which they may never be privileged to come across in books.

Individually, Africans are skeptical about giving any cultural display. About three years ago, some African courses were incorporated into the college curriculum. After three years, I am sure that fewer than 12 Black American students have taken advantage of these courses so far. After all, background information gained in these courses will help very much to dispel some of the wrong information which had been passed to them in grade schools.

I am not trying to put the whole blame on our Black American brothers and sisters. Africans too have their own share of the blame. A lot of us have forgotten that we are no more in our own environments. We have forgotten that there are certain limits to which we carry our cultural loyalties. We have

failed to realize that cultures differ from country to country, and that where there are cultural differences, a spirit of give and take must prevail. What we think are values in our country might be vices elsewhere and vice versa. We have held so tenaciously to our beliefs and have failed to try the other side. We cannot know or realize our mistakes if we isolate ourselves. We can only learn from our mistakes.

Let us therefore start some meaningful dialogues with a view to saving the situation. Although cultures and beliefs may differ, we must remember that we are one. If we stand united, we stand a good chance of solving a lot of our problems. If we stay divided, then all must be considered lost.

TO THE EDITOR:

Every opinion expressed in this article is entirely mine, and does not in any way reflect the general opinion of the African students.

students. It is rather revealing to find out that while some instructors in some departments have about fifty five (55) students others have ten or twelve. The most amazing part of the whole episode is the case of a particular instructor teaching two sections of the same course; while one class was overcrowded, the other was virtually empty. Talking to some of the students in the overcrowded classes, it was found that a lot of them were sophomores and freshmen taking junior and senior courses. When asked as to their reasons for taking these courses, (Junior and Senior) their answers varied from "My advisor made me take it" to "It suited my time and perfectly fits my schedule".

However, a few of the administrators spoken to do have some good excuses as to the students preferring one course hour to the other and also preferring one instructor over the other.

Preference of time as well as instructor is for the students, but there is an established machinery to control the registration procedure and the actual registration itself.

With these existing problems of (1) incompetent advisors, and (2) students choosing courses without regard to their classification and (3) uncontrolled numbers of students registered in a course before it is overcrowded, it will be terribly difficult to associate overcrowded classroom growth.

Nathaniel Daniel
Foreign Editor

Overcrowded Classrooms — Sign of Growth?

"Hey Jerry, you haven't finished helping me in solving the statistics problems." "I know John, but I have to run down to my next class or else I won't be able to find a seat, not to talk of a convenient one (seat)." Dialogues of this nature which were once foreign to our campus are now common place.

A couple of years ago availability of a convenient seat was not a problem. Students could just walk in at the nick of time or sometimes a couple of minutes after the lecture had started and still find a convenient seat — that was Bowie of yesterday.

Today's Bowie is character-

ized by overcrowded classrooms as well as overflowing with students in the Union building (lower level). This change has been attributed by some to current intake of students without adequate preparations while others attribute it to wrong advice given by some advisors. It is this diversity of opinion as to the real cause of the problem of overcrowded classrooms that gave birth to this investigation.

My investigation carried me through the personal rosters of instructors in various departments and personal appearances in some of the classes as well as discussions with the other

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Working for a Unified, Terrified Team



By Gerard A. Tilley
Staff Writer

No individual on Stanley Jackson's team has earned the right to be publicized in any paper according to Bowie State's new football coach. But, after the fundamental practices and the strenuous work of formulating a unified, terrified team, each member of the 60 men team will earn glorification.

Practice is not easy for this team who seeks rapid recognition by the better known football teams in the area. But, as with all new teams, a spectacular performance during the season will enable the Bowie State Bulldogs its well deserved praise.

So far the team is scheduled to play six experienced teams during the 1972 football season. October 7 - Virginia Commonwealth at Richmond, Oct. 14 - American University at Bowie, Oct. 21 - Gallaudett College at Washington, Oct. 28. - Frostburg State College at Bowie, Nov. 4 - D. C. Teachers at Washington, Nov. 11 - Bowie's Homecoming against Cheyney State at Bowie.

NBA Interested In Ike Creek

By Gerard A. Tilley
Staff Writer

Ike Creek who holds Bowie State College's rebound record is considered one of the best basketball players the college has ever had and is being considered by the NBA Basketball team - the Chicago Bulls.

A protege of the Athletic Department of Bowie State College, Creek averaged for the 1971 season 19 points and 17 rebounds per game. As well as being remembered as one of the best basketball players of Bowie State, Ike Creek will also be remembered as an individual respected by his peers and coaches.

In his last game for Bowie State against Luther Rice College, Creek scored 30 points and was recorded with 22 rebounds. Even though Creek has had the handicap of playing under four different coaches during his Bowie Basketball career, his consistency and determination has enabled him to be a prospective pro-draft choice.

As a freshman at Bowie State, Creek exhibited high qualities as a rebounder and in his sophomore year, in addition to improving his rebounding skill, developed a jump shot that enabled him to be selected to the PIC All Conference Team.

Ike Creek is an alumnus of Southern High School in Lothian, Maryland where he played exceptionally good varsity basketball.

Tips On Athletic Conditioning

By R. A. Pearman

I offer the following for future publication so that we can get our athletic teams together here. All is offered in the spirit of good faith. If athletes are to do their thing they have to be consistently right.

1. One should get into shape before the season. Your mind may be built up by cross country running. Calisthenics contribute to good body development.
2. Start slowly in building self up. This is a gradual procedure. Before engaging in strenuous activity, make sure you are in condition.
3. Buy a good pair of shoes, for sport you are engaging in. Your feet need such in order to help eliminate foot trouble.
4. After work out in your sport, put on a jacket, sweater or sweat clothes.
5. Be sure and shower after each practice. Also, be certain your hair is dry before going out into open air.
6. In order to prevent boils, keep your equipment clean. It is best to change your socks, towel and jersey daily. It is unwise to lend these to anyone on team. This also applies to athletic supporter.
7. If you are tired tell your coach. It is better to do this than to have a tired man participating.
8. Be sure and see a doctor immediately after an injury received in the sport.
9. During season, if you feel stale, ask your coach to

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let you stop participating for a while. You could be going stale from overdoing it. As a rule, a short rest will bring you back to normal.

10. Make sure your meals are well balanced. Fish, eggs, and meat are builders of tissue. Starches, cereals, and sugar produce energy. Meat fats, oils and butter are heat producing foods.
11. Sleep in a room that is quiet and well ventilated. Get between 8 and 10 hours sleep nightly.
12. Since rich foods cut the wind, avoid them. This also applies to fried foods.
13. Use water very sparingly during workouts but drink plenty of it.
14. Before participation in your sport, eat only light foods that are easily digested, if any. After your game or activity workout, do not eat a hearty meal within 30 minutes.
15. Meals, normally should be eaten at regular hours. Do not over eat. Going from meal slightly hungry is much better for your body.

Tennis Team Ready To Go

The tennis team of Bowie State College must be either crazy or anxious to play. According to Coach Williams, the practicing on the court in 30 degree weather indicates an over-anxiousness to play as well as a special love for tennis.

With their six travelling members - Russel Stanley, Alvin Jones, Chris Papavisiliou, Michael Fletcher, Robert Roebuck and Burke Mikulis showing signs of consistency, experience and enthusiasm, Coach Williams is sure that this season will be a better year than the 9-4 record last year.

Coach Williams, who was a number one tennis player in the Air Force and Sheppard State Teachers College, thinks highly of his team which also includes Millree Williams, Thomas Helmer, Henry Dalley, Ricardo Moore, Justin Parker and Douglas Stewart.

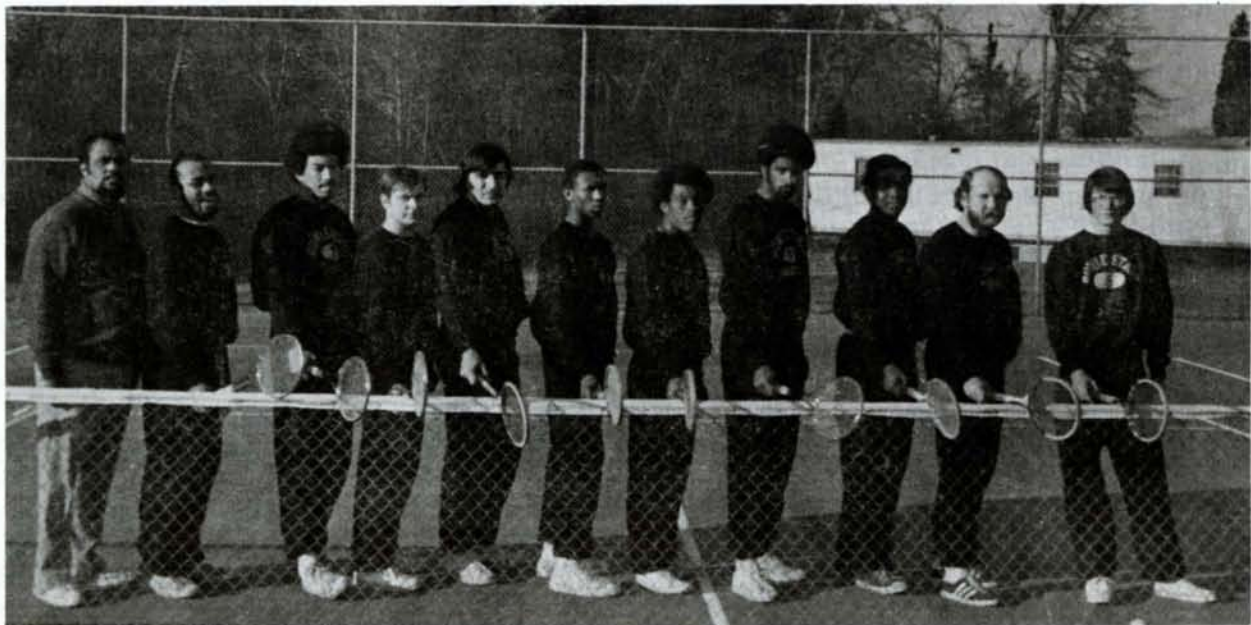
The team on a whole has

no real difficulties but practice does make perfect. With enthusiasm, experience and consistency behind them, the Bulldogs await their victims like the hawk awaits its prey. The students of Bowie State maintain support and await the fine exhibition of the players.

The schedule follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Mar. 23	Md. State	Home	3:00
Apr. 6	George Mason	Away	3:00
Apr. 8	St. Mary's	Home	1:00
April 10	Md. State	Away	3:00
Apr. 16	Gallaudett	Home	1:00
Apr. 18	Morgan State	Home	2:00
Apr. 20	Coppin State	Away	2:00
Apr. 23	Gallaudett	Away	1:00
Apr. 25	Salisbury State	Away	2:00
Apr. 27	Lincoln	Home	2:00
Apr. 28	D. C. Teachers	Away	3:00
May 2	D. C. Teachers	Home	3:00
May 4	Coppin State	Home	3:00
May 6	Delaware State	Away	2:00
May 11	George Mason	Home	3:00
May 13	Morgan State	Away	1:00

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A Native African City: Ibadan

By Emmanuel Oluyitan

Eighty-five miles away from the Atlantic Ocean of the Bight of Benin on the West Coast of Africa the largest city in West Africa, Ibadan is situated.

Ibadan is the Administrative Centre and Capital of the Western State of Nigeria, covering an area of 33 square miles of hills and valleys with a population of about 650,000.

Today it is a cosmopolitan city with an historical background of early warring tribes who fled their homes to find a new settlement where they could farm in peace.

The principal tribe of Western Nigeria, the Yorubas were great warriors in the 19th century. Lagelu (La-ge-lu) one of the sons of Oduduwa (O-du-du-wa), the legendary father of all the Yorubas' rulers was the great leader of the tribes which first settled in Ibadan. It was a plain grass-land which is called odan in Yoruba language. Settling near the field odan the place of settlement was referred to as near the field which is the meaning of the name given till today to Ibadan.

Although Ibadan has moved away from the 19th century farm life to one of industry, commerce and learning, its farming community still commute daily or weekly between the city and the farms. It is the centre of the main cocoa producing area in Nigeria. Linked by an extensive network of road to the whole of the Western State and the rest of Nigeria, Ibadan, commands the only railroad route that runs from Lagos, the capital of Nigeria, to the rest of the country.

Today, thousands of the inhabitants of Ibadan are engaged in one trade or another in the city's market, open air stalls, shops and department stores.

Ibadan is a distributive center to other towns of Western Nigeria.

Ibadan is unique among African countries. It has the headquarters of one of the longest co-operative movements in Africa. The Co-operation College which was formally opened in 1963, provides courses for students from all parts of Nigeria and from Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gambia and the Cameron Republic.

The first University in Nigeria was established in Ibadan in 1948 with a population of 3,000. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, pharmacists and teachers from the university are already serving in different parts of Africa. Ibadan is an international center of training for nurses and doctors. Free primary schools, teacher training colleges, secondary schools, trade and technical colleges are scattered around the city.

Ibadan is an attractive city for the tourists. The clock-tower built in memory of the Nigerians who died in the Cameroon and the East African campaigns during the first World War, the Bower's towers with its spiral steps representing the highest point in the city and the Mapo Hall standing like a sentinel over the city are all places of interest that attract visitors from other parts of Nigeria and outside.

Other landmarks include the Agodi Gardens which is a game reserve, the University of Ibadan campus, the 27 story Cocoa house on top which spectators from all over the world had watched the late Dick Tiger of Nigeria defeating Gene Fulmer of the USA in the first world boxing fight ever held in Nigeria.

Ibadan is served by two radio broadcasting stations and a television station - the first in Africa. The network provides news, cultural enter-

tainments, educational programs for their schools as well as facilities for commercial advertisements.

Providing a variety of entertainment are the chain of night clubs which play high life music, jazz, calypso, juju, sakara, apala and classical music among others. Lovers of table and lawn tennis, golf, billiards, cricket, polo, hockey, rugby, swimming, basketball, net ball and soccer have adequate facilities all over the city to satisfy them. So also are cinema houses which show British, American and Indian movies mostly.

If you are thinking of a visit to Africa, Ibadan is a city that is worth seeing.

Community Involvement

A group of concerned B.S.C. students are tutoring youths in the Huntington Community for an hour on Mondays and Wednesdays in the areas of English and Math. The program, instituted by Mr. Morgan, Chairman of the Social Work Department, in cooperation with Mrs. Williams of the Lion's Den Club and the Parents and Children of the Huntington Community, is coordinated by Mrs. Louise Hawkins, a Junior Social Work Major.

Those students involved in this one-to-one basis volunteer project include the following:

Cynthia Allen, Patricia Anderson, Eleanor Brandon, Wanda Brinkley, Stanley Burton, Trecita Campbell, Valerie Cane, Ardeth Cane, Barbara Dunn, Patricia Diggs, Cassandra Hall, Diane Key, Martina Kent, John E. Lucas, Vera McLeod, Patricia Middleton, Carolyn Moye, Darcel Moore, Pariece Pinkney, Victoria Quarles, James Rogers, Michele Robinson, Barbara Snowden, Doris Neal, Deborah Wilburn and Carolyn Williams.

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