

March 25, 1968

To improve the general conditions of Bowie State College, the students of Bowie State College, under the auspices of the Legislative branch of the Student Government Association and the American Association of University Professors, presents the following grievances as a result of several decisions effected by the administration: (1) the dismissal of Mr. Irvin Cox; (2) the dismissal of Dean Hill; and (3) the denial of tenure granted to Mr. Virginius Thornton. In order for effective and quality education to continue at Bowie State College, we urge immediate reinstatement of Mr. Cox, Dean Hill, and Mr. Thornton. We further urge that tenure, promotion, and salary increase be given to Mr. Thornton who is one of our most effective teachers.

In addition, the student body of Bowie State College demands that the following grievances be effectively resolved:

1. Inefficiencies in the Registrar's Office
 - a. Mistakes have been made on students' permanent records with no effort made for correction.
 - b. Dropping students from courses prior to notification.
 - c. Juniors and Seniors have been denied their evaluation sheets this year.
 - d. Various students averages have been given out to unauthorized persons.
2. The lack of support on the behalf of the Administration to aid the student body to secure public transportation or school sponsored transportation to the metropolitan areas which surround the college.
e.g. The school bus that goes to Baltimore everyday with the employees on it. We want to know why none of the students cannot ride the bus.
3. Living conditions in the dormitories, especially Tubman Hall and Holmes Hall.

4. A full-time registered nurse employed here at Lowie.
As it is now we are almost given hours in which to become ill.
5. Improper handling of the Veterans Administration. "Request for Approval of school attendance papers."
6. Food problem
7. The telephone exchange needs to be 262 and not 464. Especially since all administrative offices and some faculty residences have enjoyed the lesser rate do to this change.
8. Lack of adequate resources in the library.
9. An explanation as to why obviously inefficient, poorly trained, unqualified teachers are retained, given tenure, promotions, and salary increase while teachers of demonstrated abilities are effectively eliminated from the Lowe State College system.

We further request an explanation as to why we retain professors who read word for word from the text book, use old yellow notes that are not updated, do not know their fields, and do not require students to reason or think.

A positive oral and written response to this petition must be rendered to the students from the administration March 26, 1968 at 12:00 noon. This response must be felt to be satisfactory to the majority of the student body,