

# THE COLLEGE JAR

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## CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE RECAP

The Constitution Committee, appointed by Student Government President, William Jarmon, held its second meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 1966 at 2:00 P.M. in Mr. Jones' Laboratory. As of the second meeting, the rewriting of the Constitution is nearing completion; however, the new constitution must be submitted to the Student Government Legislature for approval before the entire student body will have an opportunity to ratify it.

The "merit system" has been revised in order to be explicit in designating the rights and responsibilities of the students in campus affairs. Also, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer will no longer be appointed by the Student Government President. Instead these Executive officers will be elected by students at the year end elections.

For further information concerning the committee's progress please contact Mr. Rozier Crew - President of the Junior Class, or Louis Edmonston - Chairman - Constitution Committee.

## Student Government Recap

The Student Government held its special sessions on Wednesday, January 12, 1966, to formulate procedures for regulating Homecoming activities. It was resolved that each member of the Student Government would act as a monitor in regulating the procedures for admitting off-campus guests to the activities. The meeting also discussed the agenda for the Intercollegiate Conference scheduled for Sunday, January 16, 1966.

## Press Club Meetings

In the future, the Press Club will meet every Wednesday at 5:30 in Room 111. Positions are still open to students who sincerely desire to contribute their talents to the "College Jar" or "College Eye".

## WANTED: PYROMANIAC (S.T.R.U.C. OFFICERS)

The President of the Student Gov't has issued an "AWARD" for the apprehension and conviction of the individuals or individual responsible for breaking the college tradition by lighting the BONFIRE prematurely. The "AWARD" shall be called the William Jarmon Student "AWARD" for MERIT SERVICES rendered by anonymous students.

#### WHO'S EVER HEARD OF BOWIE?

Bowie College, that is, not the racetrack. Perhaps if you went to high school in Maryland, you've heard about Bowie from your teachers. Bowie, despite its liberal arts program, is still primarily a teacher's college, and teachers aren't well-known for setting the world aflame. Bowie's fame can grow only as its graduates make significant contributions to society. Since the role of the teacher is assuming a new status in the community, Bowie's graduates will have the chance to honor her name by assuming a greater portion of community responsibility.

How strong is your commitment to the pursuit of excellence? Are you a slipshod student, content with C's and D's? Have you decided that hiding away at college for a few years is easier than getting out and working or fighting in Vietnam? Are you in college merely because "it's the thing to do"? You won't make Bowie well-known this way. Nor will you be contributing to your intellectual development.

With a new semester and a new year, let's resolve to re-examine our motives and our goals. To paraphrase the words of a great American, 'ask not what your college can do for you - ask what you can do for your college.'

Sol Landers

#### N S A CONFERENCE

Just a reminder that Bowie State College is scheduling an Intercollegiate Conference to be held at Bowie on January 16, 1966 at 12:30 P.M.

This conference will attempt to consolidate and collectively resolve the diverse student problems at each of the small "sister" colleges represented. This is an excellent opportunity for the small state colleges of Maryland to learn how other similar colleges are solving their problems. The conference will consist of three work-shops, one on tutorials and community action programs, one on campus publications, and one on student participation in college policy formation. This is an excellent opportunity for the different class and club representatives to learn what classes and clubs are doing at other schools.

Louis Edmonston - Chairman

#### THE NEWMAN CLUB

Father Paul Gossins invites all Christians at Bowie to attend the weekly Newman Club meetings. The purpose of the Newman Club is to disseminate religious knowledge, but above all, to apply this knowledge to our daily lives.

Members are free to suggest any outside activities in the interests of active, public-spirited Christians. Students have already volunteered to work with the retarded children in Washington during their free time. What can you do?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHOULD A TIE BE COMPULSORY IN ORDER TO EAT YOUR SUNDAY DINNER?

I firmly believe a tie promotes individual character, leaves a favorable impression upon tie-viewers, and gives the tie-wearer a certain feeling of distinction.

At Bowie State College a tie worn on Sundays seems to represent a tradition to which everyone has conformed. A tradition may be defined as attitudes, beliefs, customs, and practices handed down from ancestors without written memorials, but generally accepted and practiced, when tradition are made compulsory, they no longer are traditions, but a form of dictatorship. A good example of abuse of traditionalism can be spotted when one vainly attempts to secure his Sunday dinner in the school cafeteria without the presence of a neck-tie. I, a student of this institution, feel it is unfair because: (1) it is a denial of individual rights of the pursuit of happiness granted to all individuals in the Declaration of Independence; (2) it is a denial of the individual's board which has been paid upon entering the school; (3) and finally, it is not mentioned in the school catalog or school constitution that a tie is compulsory upon the receiving of one's Sunday dinner.

This is my opinion! What's yours?

Franklin Smith

Reply

I find that I must agree that failure to wear a tie does not justify missing a meal. However, even though it is not a violation of the written rules of the colleges it does violate the traditions of the college. It is entirely possible that their tradition began as a means to end "sloppy" Sunday dressers when social pressure failed to curtail the practice.

Dear Editor,

Where is the N.E.A. Club? When and where does it meet.? I've paid my dues; what am I getting in exchange?

Reply

Mr. Langston Funn is the N.E.A. President. He has told me that the organization is "defunct" for this semester, because of its initial late start and lack of interested students. For this semester, at least, it appears that you are receiving membership in a potentially powerful organization, and a subscription to the official N.E.A. Journal. Is this a fair exchange?

Dear Editor,

Where is our bus system that is so badly needed and promised?

Reply

## THE RIVALS

On January 7, 1966 Bowie State College witnessed its first realm of independence in the field of Drama. This isn't to say that the participants were in rebellion, but only that they are capable, young adults in more ways than one. The production "THE RIVALS" was refreshingly new and stimulating. It was produced and directed by Richard Purnell, Paulette Gaines, and Maxwell Mitchell. The one act play was unique in that it established the idea of a "freezing system". This effectively showed the sub-conscious thoughts of the character.

I'm sure that all who attended the play will agree that it was a tremendous success. The audience's response to the play was evidence that it was a hit. Bowie Students have the potential and ability to do various things if given the proper incentive and opportunity. Our hats go off to Richard Purnell, Paul Scollan, Paulette Gaines, Tony Jews, Gloria Morris, Roland Smith Jr., and Agnes Jackson who were members of the fine cast. Without a doubt they were INSPIRED..

Sandra Johnson

## ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

The assembly committee is composed of one representative from each class and three faculty advisers. They are Miss Elam, Mr. Bessicks, and Dr. Brown.

Some of the objectives are;

(a) Present programs from religious, cultural, and entertaining aspects.

(b) Practical Purposes-announcements to body

(c) School spirit and support

(d) Better relationship with our own student government as well as on the National level

Students are urged to attend for their own enrichment. Your attendance reflects your school interest and spirit. Do you have either of these?

Joanne Bowie

## THRU THE THICK AND THIN

The Bowie Bulldogs have been through two severe games. Although they were real competition teams Bowie was fighting all the way. The enthusiasm of the student body kept the team on the ball. On Jan. 8, 1966 we lost to D.C. Teachers and on Jan. 10, 1966 Delaware State beat us with a score of 87-76. However, it is felt that these teams will long remember such names as Larry Ross, Butch Owens, George Moss, Bernard Smith, Herbert Ballard, and Stanley Yeldell. Butch Owens made 23 points, Larry Ross 18 points and Herbert Ballard 15 points. Saturdays HOMECOMING GAME will prove to be exciting and rewarding for Bowie. People have been heard to say: Hey there team, what you gonna do? Reply: We'll going to win for you. O' you can't win. O YES WE WILL..

Sandra Johnson

## WHY HAVE FINAL EXAMS?

Let's face it, final exams are a nuisance to both students and teachers. The good student is handicapped because he has more to lose than to gain. In other words, the good student who faithfully attends all his classes must risk <sup>annihilation</sup> in the final appraisal. One-third of the student's grade is squeezed into two hours; two hours preceded by anxiety, frantic reviewing, and cross memorization. Certainly the finals are of greatest benefit to the student with low grades. He can contently sit on his haunches all semester, and still compensate for his laziness on the final despite his insufficient knowledge of the material. The desperate and unscrupulous student may take recourse to cheating on his final while his dishonesty is well worth the risk. The teachers are needlessly overtaxed with deluge of paperwork which must be corrected in a short period of time. Is this day of reckoning worth all the worry, confusion, and the all-night book vigils? I am sure if the student assimilates all the material required of him, it will be evident on the tests and quizzes throughout the semester. What if God said, "Alright everybody - you have two hours to reconcile with Me"?

Paul Scollan

## PROGRESS IN S R A POWER AND SPEED

Dean Sanders made the statement that from the results of the Comprehension test given to students in this course that there is a steady improvement.

After checking workbooks he concluded that many of the students are taking the program seriously, but there are a few who are getting behind. Both programs, he stated, are progressing very well.

So to those who are not putting their best foot forward, let's get on the ball. An evaluation of the program will be made after the final exams of the S.R.A. These will be given on the 17th of Jan.

## H OMECOMING HOME COMING HOME COMING

Jan. 14, 1966 BON FIRE 6:30 P.M. RECORD HOP 9:00 P.M.

Jan. 15, 1966 1:00 COFFEE HOUR 4:00 A.M. DAWN DANCE

2:30 P.M. HOMECOMING GAME COPPIN VS BOWIE

8:00 HOMECOMING DANCE

Jan. 16, 1966 12:30 P.M. MSA Intercollegiate Conference

4:00 P.M. VESPERS

INQUIRING REPORTER \* M. BAILEY

Question: Do you think burning draft cards is a legitimate means of protest? Is the punishment too severe for this offense?

Answer: No, because you can't get away with it. If the punishment was any lenient, then everyone would burn draft cards and it would be few left to serve our country.

Ruth Lee

Protest is one of the freedoms of the people of the U.S. As far as the young men are concerned, this <sup>is a</sup> means of protest, even though it is illegal. But the burning of draft cards is a less painful protest than that of the Pacificist or demonstrators. Therefore burning draft cards is the young men's form of protest since they can't march against the draft board. I don't think this punishment is too severe, at least they probably will get out of jail in one piece.

Deborah Dyson

All male citizens of America are compelled to serve in some branch of the service for the good of our country, but because of the seemingly countless number of useless deaths in the Vietnamese War, I feel that servicemen are justified in burning their draft cards. The penalty of 5 - 8 years is unduly harsh.

W.M.

The first Amendment of the United States Constitution gives American citizens the right of free speech, like other freedoms, this is not an absolute freedom. Since the right to protest is a means of free speech, it is legitimate, but protests by means of burning draft cards is illegal because there are certain limitations placed on the right of free speech and this type of protest is not keeping within the constitutional framework. I don't think the punishment is too severe because if it was made less severe, it would probably encourage other men to participate in future protests of this nature.

Barbara Maxton

EASTER VACATION

Please note the following calendar change:

- April 7, 1966 - Thursday. . . . . Easter recess begins at 5:00 P.M.
- April 12, 1966 - Tuesday. . . . . Classes resume at 8:00 A.M.