

# A Student's Stand On Vietnam Moratorium

In the Ghettos of Watts, Brown and Baltimore the justifications for rebellion abound. In the slums and ghettos the justices of life in American are physically evident in the tenements, in the armies of the police used to patrol the streets, and in the run-down and inadequate schools of the inner city.

The harshness, coldness and poverty of America's domestic policy is evident in the ghetto. Great minds like those of Baldwin, Malcolm X and LeRoi Jones have taken the ghetto experience and gained insights from it. Their insights were and are being used to expose international and national injustice.

To a student body which reacted courageously to the challenge of injustice at the hands of the State authorities we place

a call to give one day to opposition to the international injustice of the war in Vietnam. This committee asks the student body of Bowie State College not to go to their regular classes on October 15th. This committee encourages the students to attend classes rescheduled or replanned by conscientious members of the faculty on the subject of the war in Vietnam.

We on the committee are aware of the legal pressures remaining against the students of Bowie State College. The administration of this college under Dr. Samuel Myers has given approval to the efforts of the faculty to make workable provisions for student participation in the Moratorium.

Any effort to redefine boycott of non Vietnam classes on Oc-

tober 15th as disruption will require unforgivable and in the committee's view nearly impossible backsliding. We are aware that repressive laws lay on the state books to be put at the disposal of college presidents. The president of this college has expressed no willingness to use those laws.

What is the war in Vietnam in relation to America? We see it is a terrible burden, and a terrible price. We have seen the defense budget swell and dwarf the domestic budget. An enumeration of the restrictions placed on the good wars, those against poverty, malnutrition and ignorance due to the expense of the bad war in Vietnam, is not necessary. People generally accept that wars, all wars are bad. What could

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## Welcome Back From Jr. Class

By Linda Clark

The dynamic Junior Class of the year 1969-70 wishes to extend a hearty welcome to returning friends as well as to the many new students and faculty members. To add to our enrollment on campus, we have been joined by Tanya Carter, who is from Virginia Seminary College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

Under the conscientious leadership of their new officers, they are destined to have a very successful year. Proudly they present their Junior Class officers who are:

One of their goals this year is to gain the "Class of the Year" title again but this time as the Junior Class!

In the way of entertainment, they hope that you enjoyed their Jazz Concert which was held on October 16, 1969. The concert featured the well-known Black artist and poet, Lloyd McNeill.



Miss Judy Lynn Bailey proudly wears her Oktoberfest costume.

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The receiving line for the Fund Raising Banquet that was held September 18, 1969-8:00 pm. From left to right is Mrs. Suoregell, Mr. Mumby, and Miss Jemison. In the background Dean Stevens is conversing with some guest.



President Myers receiving donations. From left to right; Mr. William Coyle, chairman of the drive; President Myers; Mayor Leo Green and State Comptroller Mr. Louis Goldstein.

## B.S.C. Coed In Finals

Five black women; Miss Lillian Alexander, Miss Beverly Ming, Miss Judy Bailey, Miss Patricia Broady, and Miss Vernice Tyler, from Bowie State College participated in the Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 27th. Of the five Bowie students, Miss Judy Bailey, a pretty 18-year-old freshman from Princess Anne, Maryland not only placed as a finalist, but was First Runner Up.

The Queens were chosen for their beauty, talent, poise, and figures. During the contest, the black girls did not exhibit their figures. Some of those attending the affair were disturbed by the fact that there was an all-white judging panel, and this meant that the black girls were judged on white beauty standards and not those accepted in black communities.

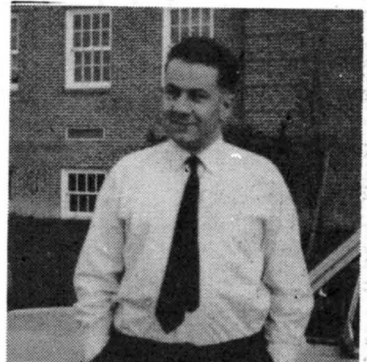
Most of the black contestants said they had no hope of winning when they entered the contest; however, they just wanted people to know that Bowie State College is a part of the community and that it has its share of talent, beauty, and poise.

Lillian Alexander

## Bowie Gets Research Grant

By Mario Schowers

Bowie State College has received a research grant from National Aeronautics and Space Administration to perform research experiments in cosmic ray physics.



Dr. Tornabene

Dr. Hugu Tornabene, a professor at our college, will serve as director of the research program. He has stated that, "The primary goal of these experiments will be to search for the origins of ultra, cosmic or unknown wave and light frequencies from deep space." Dr. Tornabene mentioned also that "experiments of this nature take at least five years or more for results."

## New Frat Comes To BSC

By Mario B. Schowers.

The Beta Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha (AA) Fraternity gave a splendid smoker in September in the Science Building.

Spearheaded by Robert Deshields and Samuel L. Myers Jr., the chapter discussed the qualifications necessary for qualifications necessary for pledging AΦA.

The Alphas introduced an outstanding guest speaker, Mr. Charles Howard Jr., a competent Black lawyer of the Howard and Hargrove Law Firm in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Howard gave a historic background of the Alpha Fraternity. He mentioned such facts (for example), Alpha Phi Alpha was the first Black Fraternity to be founded. Many notables such as Thurgood Marshall, Adam Clayton Powell Jr., the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the worlds first fastest human, Jesse Owens are Alpha men.

An enjoyable sports film was shown to the audience in the capacity filled lecture room. Musical interment was given by the Alpha Sphinx men.

Following the Smoker, refreshments were served to everyone and a dance was given in the home of President and Mrs. Samuel Myers. The Alphas and their sweethearts were given the opportunity to discuss the chapter on an informal basis with interested students.

Indeed, I was truly enlightened from the Alpha Smokers and Bowie State College is looking forward to having Alpha men on campus.

Mario B. Schowers.

## New Learning Resources Center Established

By Gardenia Blakeney

Bowie State College has an exciting new program, "The Learning Resources Center" headed by Mrs. Carolyn Reid Wallace, an associate professor of English. Serving on the staff with Mrs. Wallace are: Mrs. Imogene Robinson, Program Coordinator; Mr. Jake Cox, Audio-Visual Director; and Mrs. Margaret Thiel, secretary. There are also several Bowie students working part-time at the Center.

The objectives of the new Center are:

- to aid the teacher in providing creative and challenging learning experiences through education
- to relieve the instructor of "busy work"
- to allow the individual student to work at his pace
- to fill in the educational gaps of those who had poor elementary and secondary training
- to provide in-service training for students who will teach and must use technological equipment in the school system
- to stimulate the students toward a positive responsiveness to their total school experience through individualized instruction.

The Audio-Learning Laboratory consists of a monitor console and 30 student booths. The individual study room contains booths and desks for individual or group study.

The Demonstration Laboratory is used to view slides and filmstrips, and listen to recordings and lectures on tape by individuals or groups.

The library in the LRC program consists of a collection of cataloged films, tapes and slides.

This material can be checked out for use at the Center or for special classroom use.

The tutorial room is an area set aside for individual or group tutoring. Students needing special help will be referred to a teaching assistant.

The production studio is available to faculty members that wish to record lectures or classroom material.

The seminar room comfortably seats fifteen people. This room is available to faculty members conducting seminars or students working on faculty approved projects.

The LRC building is located in the west wing of Banneker Hall.

## No Lift On Curfew Rule

By Judy Bailey

Mrs. Joyce Ficklin, director of women of Holmes Hall, denounced her support of a lifted curfew for the freshman women. She said "The unsatisfactory conduct displayed by the freshman women during curfew hours with their dates were disgraceful." She also stated that she was tired of the noise and discourteous attitudes some of the women displayed in the hall.

During the interview Mrs. Ficklin was asked if she felt the women would change their minds concerning the lifted curfew. She replied "The young ladies should be interested in advancing their educational opportunities, not a lifted curfew."

## B.I.A.C. Attacks Black Myths

By William Smallwood

The goals and objectives of B.I.A.C. are: 1) To promote a genuine interest in campus and community involvement, 2) To provide necessary forums for Afro-American cultural awareness, 3) To encourage and recommend needed curriculum changes that are relevant to contemporary Afro-Americans.

First what do these statements mean?

To promote a genuine interest in campus and community involvement, we mean, we want the students to encompass the activities on campus and to initiate off campus activities as well.

To invite distinguish authorities to lecture on Afro-American culture, so as to give us some insight on our heritages, contributions to American society and to enhance our overall awareness of ourselves to ourselves, is what we mean when we say we intend to provide necessary forums for Afro-American cultural awareness.

To encourage and recommend curriculum changes we mean, changes in the adoption of courses that specialize in the field of Afro-American culture, for an example, Negro History, African culture and civilization.

Through these courses we will be able to understand the background of the Black Man. These courses will also crumble the long standing myth that the Black is a lazy, worthless creature, and that the white man is the "Supreme Being."



# Editorial

Lst week Bowie was supposed to have been swept into the wave of the Viet Nam Moratorium movement. Surprisingly, or was it really a surprise to those who were aware, the students did not whole heartily support this movement.

Bowie, with its financial problems, housing problems, racial and many more problems that need immediate attention was supposed to have fallen behind the quickie leaders from out of no where and gone into glory with them by protesting against the war in Viet Nam.

Did this committee really expect this? Bowie has and still is fighting for home needs that has been supported mainly by its Black majority.

With Bowie's racial situation how could this committee really expect a majority of support. Could it be because of their lack of knowledge or maybe it could be this "I don't give a damn, I'm doing my own thing," attitude?

For a group of new white students and instructors to enter this college with the absence of awareness of the school's problems and tensions in any area and to set up this committee presenting themselves as the head counselors is a mimic of a scene from the movie Zulu.

Not to say that the students did not support the meaning of the Moratorium, for we have many Black Brothers who are

fighting there. For Blacks have suffered more than their white counterparts in defending the white man's battle in Viet Nam. We, meaning the Black people, did not create the Viet Nam situation but the white power structure as always spearheaded the involvement and now sends our Black Brothers to fight their battles.

There is a feeling among us as Black people that here at home we have a part to play. This part is to give our Brothers something to look forward to when they return, for they come back only to meet the same racial problems. They are equal in Viet Nam for death is definitely not prejudice. Back home they're the same "boys" as they were before they left.

Is it because they are white you ask? Think through this question but also bear in mind that the black-white racial problem has existed in this country since the year 1619 and will continue to exist until we meet on neutral grounds. For whites to come into this school and think of spearheading any program without the involvement of the Black majority and expect to succeed is living in a world of fantasy.

If you're wondering why we take these attitudes then answer the question we have asked you so many years: Where were you when we as Blacks fought for our civil rights, and will you be there to help us when we fight again?!!

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Sir,

I am writing this letter to express my thoughts about a wonderful worker that has left Bowie State College - Mrs. Natalie Ballard. Mrs. Ballard was a wonderful person in our administration. She was a very dedicated and diligent worker that one soon learned to love and trust. Her office was always open and there was always time to listen to a problem that had to be solved. Mrs. Ballard's untiring efforts to work with the financial aid affairs here and her radiant smile will be missed by all who knew her.

I would like to suggest to the women of our college that they place Mrs. Ballard's name as a candidate for "Women of the Year." Never will there be a worker who was as trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent as she. For this reason I would like to suggest that the women of our college pay tribute to such a fine person.

Sincerely yours,  
Oscar William Kidd, III

Dear Editor:

Could some one explain to me why this Viet Nam Moratorium Committee did not bring their views to our Student Government Association on campus before they formed themselves on cam-

pus. If we let one group come in and do their own thing without having some standards to it's validity, then this place would be wide open for any group of people to just step in and take over by brainwashing some of our less informed students. For some of these students just eat anything up the white man tells them. This really bothers me and I know it does a lot of my fellow students.

F.A.T.

Dear Sir:

I've been at Bowie for three years now, I've lived Bowie's problems and even went to jail for them. When a group of white students along with two faculty members decided to take upon themselves the task of establishing a committee to back the Moratorium I was disgusted. We at Bowie during the boycott two years ago could count on one hand the whites who protested with us and they were here probably to look at what was happening. This message is to them: Unless you as whites show us as Blacks that you are sincere in the welfare of our school and of the inhuman treatment the Blacks have been subjected to at this college and throughout the world, don't expect a thing from us.

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## Kappa Sing Turns On School

With songs and the "Kappa Stomp" Kappa Alpha Psi turned Bowie campus on. Wednesday, September 24, the Kappa held a campus sing. Bowie students sat, swayed, clapped, and sang along, as the Kappas showed them their love for their fraternity by showing their talents of singing and dancing.

Dwight Johns and Jerome Deshields were the lead singers as the fraternity brothers sang such songs as "Zoom Gaudi Gaudi," and "This is My Prayer." As they sang, the "oohs" and "aha" of Bowie girls could be heard around the gym.

With tunes to songs and the "Kappa Stomp," students left the gym. They thoroughly enjoyed the evening at the Kappa sing.

## Modern Dance On The Move

The Bowie Modern Dancers got off to a fine start this semester. We now have thirty-five students in our organization. Out of the thirty-five members, we are proud that six of them are men. Though things are still in the beginning stages, we have a lot of activities we hope to accomplish this school year.

First of all, there are two programs scheduled. Although the theme for our Christmas program is still undetermined, we plan to have a Spring program that will include Afro-Caribbean dances, dancing to Jazz, and a little tap dancing.

In addition to these two programs, we hope to visit various high schools in the states of Maryland and South Carolina. It is our ambition to encourage new dancers as well as students to attend Bowie State College in the future. For the dancers benefit, a weekend trip to the studios of professional dancers has been proposed. So, as you can see, we will be very busy.

We encourage any student, male or female, to visit our rehearsals and consider joining the Bowie Modern Dancers. Practice is from 5:00 'til 7:30 on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Also we urge any persons with a talent for playing drums to accompany the group during practices and performances. Keep in mind that membership is open to any and everyone.

## No Time For Sickness

By Sparkie

On September 16, 1969 a closet door fell on and seriously cut the big toe on the right foot of a Holmes Hall resident.

It took half an hour to place a call approximately ten miles.

It took another thirty minutes for the ambulance to arrive on campus. For an hour or more this young lady was in complete misery.

Thus began the 1969-1970 school year at Bowie State College.

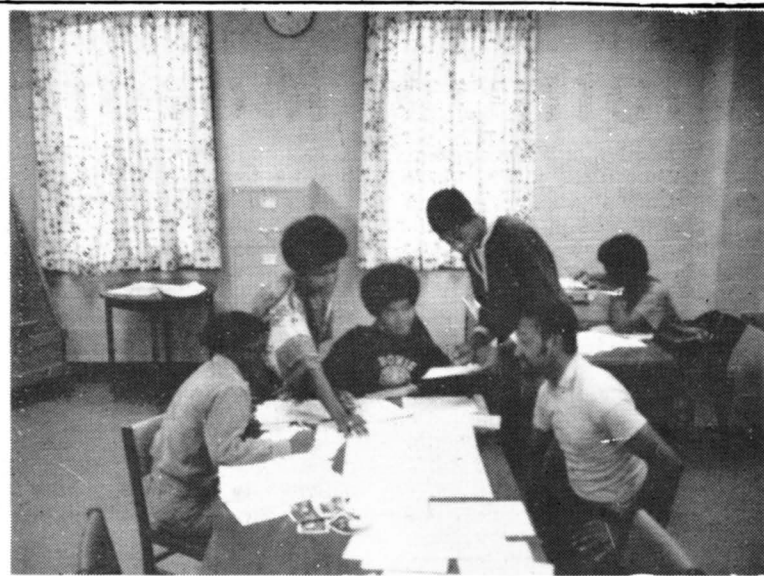
This year the students have been told that they may receive some type of medical treatment Monday through Friday between the hours 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. At all other times (especially on weekends), they will find it impossible to receive immediate medical treatment inasmuch as there is no doctor or nurse on campus.

What all this means is that the students of the College are given a certain time in which to get sick.

Is Bowie State College really changing?

## Bowie, Visited by West African Students

Students from Cuttington College, Liberia, West Africa, visited Bowie State last week as guests of Dean Ida Stevens, who worked at Cuttington for five years. During their stay our foreign neighbors, dressed in distinguished native attire, visited the classrooms and discussed campus life with our students.



Ebony Tree staff putting the present issue of the paper together. From left to right is Ebonie Alexander, Vivian Stovall, Doris Whitehead, Mario Schowers, Raleigh Jackson. At the Typewriter is Sam.

## President Myers Guest On TV

The President of Bowie State College, Dr. Samuel L. Myers, appeared on a TV program, along with the President of Howard University, Dr. James Cheek, and the President of the Washington Technical Institute, Dr. Cleveland Dennard (both of Washington, D.C.), on Friday, September 26th.

A black interviewer posed three specific questions to Dr. Myers. Here are the questions, and the answers stated by Dr. Myers:

Q: What are your feelings about an all-black college?

A: "Well, seventeen percent of our college is white. I feel that integration gives strength, is very wholesome, brings about togetherness and should be considered a way of life. Considering present situations, if an institution was all-black, - it would tend to become weakened."

Q: Do you have an effective Black Studies Program at your College? Is Bowie State a teachers college?

A: "Let me emphasize that BSC is no longer a state teachers college. Bowie has had an effective and extensive liberal arts curriculum since 1963. The contributions made to America by black people have been shamefully neglected. We are now attempting to correct the wrong; to read the unread pages in history. Many people would be surprised to know just how much the black man has contributed. I feel that there are two specific means of getting an effective Black Studies Program at any college:

1. To form a separate department or major in Black Studies.
2. To consider and include every aspect of black contributions in each course such as in history, literature or the arts, etc."



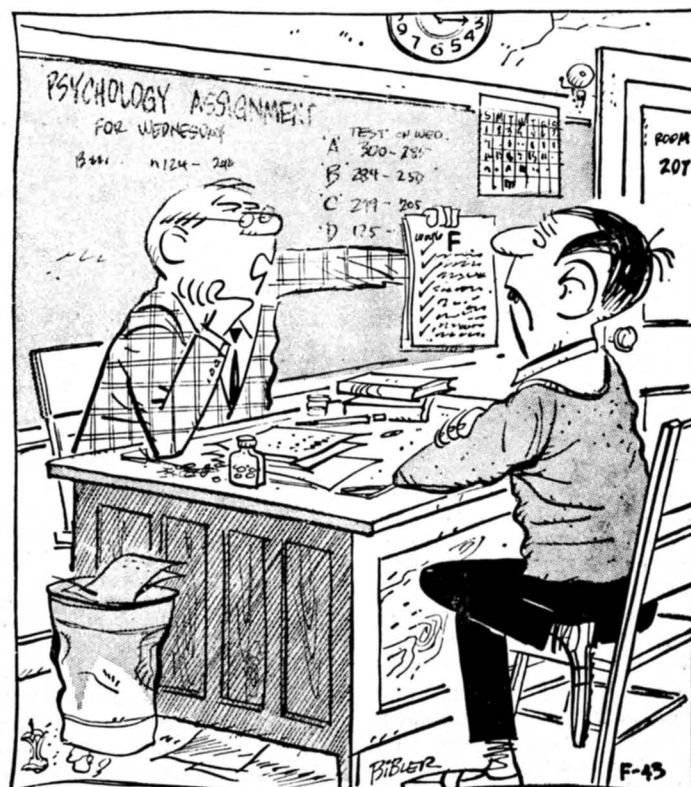
Q: What do you think should be done to curb campus unrest?

A: "First, we must find some solution to preventing it. Students are now and have not been able to voice their opinions on immediate problems and conditions affecting them. We must become more concerned with correcting the underlying problems. Educators have not done their jobs or showed any effort in curbing or arriving upon a solution. We must begin to listen to students and become involved. As far as outsiders are concerned, they must be dealt with according to newly formulated guidelines in the future but this is only a secondary problem. May I stress again that the primary objective will be to correct the underlying problems."

The ideas expressed by Dr. Myers were undoubtedly sincere and he showed a sense of everlasting dedication to conquer these problems immediately. In reality, however, the ideas and suggestions expressed not only during this interview but in past interviews are not being followed through.

Bowie State College has existed for more than a century and yet it seem that the idea of Bowie becoming as efficient as other contemporary colleges are has remained dormant.

Mario Schowers



"IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO SAY YOU'RE STUPID - ONLY THAT THIS 'F' INDICATES THAT DURING THE PAST ELEVEN WEEKS YOU HAVE ACCUMULATED A VAST BODY OF INACCURATE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE SUBJECT"



## Know Your Seniors

The senior class of Bowie State, 1970, is very proud of its president, Carlotta Hardmon. Carlotta, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardmon of Washington, D.C., was a graduate of Spingarn High School and she was a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the Pep Club, the Girl's Sports Organization, and the Girl's Drill Team when she attended school in D.C. Since coming to Bowie in 1966, Carlotta has been a member of the choir, serving as its president in 1968. She has also been a member of the volleyball team and has belonged to the B.L.A.C. and the Disciplinary Committee. Her major is Elementary Ed. and she will be teaching at the primary level. Canada and Kansas have been two of the places she has visited outside of the D.C. area.

Carlotta, who has lived on the campus for four years would like to leave the remaining Bowie students with two important thoughts; she hopes the students will get together as a whole to help improve Bowie, and she thinks it is very important for the students to support all of the activities at Bowie.

Katherine Hollins, one of our prettier commuting students, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hollins of Annapolis, Md. She was born in Annapolis and still resides in the general area, for the family now make their home in Gambrills. Katherine graduated from Wiley H. Bates High School where she was President of her class in her freshman year, Vice President of the Honor Society, and editor of the year book. She entered Bowie in 1966 and is an Elementary Ed. major. She is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the choir, and the Treasurer of the Senior Class. Even with all of these activities, Katherine still finds time to be a member of the Educational Board of The Union Memorial Methodist Church and to also direct the Junior Choir. During the summer, she taught music to the mentally retarded children at The Providence Center for Exceptional children. Katherine would just like to say that she has made many friends while on the campus and that she hopes Bowie will continue to progress as it is doing now.

Sonja Hamilton of Annapolis, Md. is one of the married students who has lived both on and off the campus. She is married to Henry Hamilton who she met while attending Spingarn High School. Henry is now in the U.S. Air Force, and Sonja spends much of her time caring for their daughter Lisa. While at Bowie, Sonja was a cheerleader and a member of the N.E.A. Since her marriage, she has had the opportunity to visit and live in North Dakota and Hawaii.

The family is affiliated with the Baptist Church and they plan to live in Prince Georges County after Mr. Hamilton receives his discharge. Sonja has enjoyed her stay on our campus, especially the first three years when she was a resident of the dorms and she, like all of us want to wish all of the remaining students the best of luck and happiness while on our campus.

That's all for this edition except to say that the entire class of '70 want to welcome the Freshman Class to Bowie. It is the largest class in our history and we hope you will do much to put Bowie in the forefront where it deserves to be.

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Dear Sir:

I know a lot of students have been upset about what happened last week, but I think the Moratorium Committee's Activity was a wonderful sight to see. I also feel if they had gone to the proper people or brought it through the right channels it would have been a success. Knowing Bowie's situations I can understand why the students did not support something that was not relevant to what they are now fighting for.

Pat E.J.

## Catholic U. And Bowie Merge On Afro-Festival

By Doris Whitehead

Hosted by Bowie State College in conjunction with Catholic University an Afro-American Festival is planned for November 17 through 21, 1969.

The program consists of varied attractions designed to deliver a message which is relevant and appropriate to our academic and social advancement.

The program will take the following format:

- Artifacts will be on exhibit throughout the week in a conveniently located area.
- There will be film shows on Africa and Afro-American scenes throughout the week.
- There will be one or two dance groups -- (Destine Dance Group and/or the Olatongs Dance Group)
- Lecture and workshop services. Key Not Speakers.
  - Monday, November 17, 1969 - Bowie  
Slavery As A World Movement  
Dr. Boniface Obichere of the University of California at Los Angeles
  - Tuesday, November 18, 1969 - Catholic University  
The Contemporary Blackman and his place in the Contemporary World  
Professor St. Claire Drake of Stanford University, Stanford, California
  - Thursday or Friday, November 20 or 21, 1969  
Africa Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow  
His Excellency Horr. E.M. Debrah, Ambassador of Ghana to the United States.
    - Ancient African Culture and Civilization
    - Africa's Place in World Economy
    - Africa a Political Mystique
    - 20th Century Africa and International Organizations
    - Foreign Elements in Africa
    - African and Afro-American Heroes and Nationalist Leaders.



Introducing the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. The first time performing on Bowie State College. The new Bowie Chapter turned the crowd on.

## Fine Showing For Bowie In Oktoberfest

The Annual Oktoberfest which usually is synonymous with beer drinking, was exciting and profitable for Bowie State College. The Prince George's County News reported 10,000 people jammed the scenic recreational area, and Bowie was in the heart of the action. The crowd was greeted by the Bowie State Parking Envoy, which directed all of the cars to the assigned areas. The students also conducted beverage booths, and all of the comments were admirable in the fine way in which they did the job.

The prize for "best decorated booth" was shared by Bowie State College and the Latter Day

Saints Church. Miss Judy Bailey, freshman from Princess Anne County, was first runner-up in the Oktoberfest Beauty Contest. Miss Bailey's charming personality and talent were contributing factors to her victory.

The students, are already planning for the next Oktoberfest with new designs and even greater participation with new innovations in booth designs and working closer with the community in plans for internal involvement. President Myers said "This is the type of community involvement Bowie State strives to achieve."

## Art Dept. Chairman Plans His Own Exhibition

Professor White is listed in "Who's Who in the South and Southwest." Before coming to Bowie State College he was Associate Professor of Art at Florida A & M University, Tallahassee, Florida. He was also President of Florida Craftsmen, state representative for the American Craftsmen's Council of New York and a member of the editorial board of the Florida Art Education Association.

Amos White, IV, works in high-fire stoneware clay bodies and his glazes are in deep muted earthen tones. His one-of-a-kind objects are fired in a "reduction" atmosphere which tends to produce a closer union between the glaze and the clay body resulting in muted earthen tones caused by the disintegration of metals and oxides. This technique, used by the ceramists of the Sung Dynasty in China, has delighted collectors and connoisseurs for many centuries.

Professor White says, "It is my aim to create works of art which satisfy the needs of aesthetically sentient persons who wish to surround themselves with objects that reflect their own individuality."

Amos White, IV, Chairman of the Department of Art at Bowie State College in a one-man exhibition of ceramics.

Professor White joined the faculty of Bowie State College September 1, 1969. He received his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Southern California in 1961.

His ceramics have been shown extensively throughout the United States. The following are a few of the many shows, galleries, museums, colleges and universities in which he has exhibited:

Professor White has won numerous awards including awards from General Motors, Detroit, Michigan; The Museum and Gallery Directors of Florida; Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, California; and The American Craftsmen's Council, New York City.

He has given many lectures and ceramic demonstrations to colleges, universities, museums and art galleries. He was recently commissioned by the College Art Association to write a guide for the organization of a curriculum, studio and facilities for college ceramic departments.

## A Glance At Your Student Gov't

by David Byers

Instructions for using a pressure cooker: ignore the whole thing till it explodes, let it boil over until it loses its head of steam, then transfer to same old pot and overcook. These pointers may not work, but the S.G.A. is giving it the old high-school try.

Not that the leaders are incompetent in fact, they must have set a few efficiency records. It all began, this year at least, with President Norman Parran's irresistible force defeating a telephone pole, a guard rail, and two more poles. Moving to more relevant issues, the first legislative meeting, September 23, produced committees and chairmen: Elections (Marshall Blackman), Homecoming (Judy Washington) Constitutions (David Byers), and Grievances (Herta Lewis).

Among the grievances mentioned: lack of dormitory repairs, lack of taller court shelter, the automatic \$1.25/week "bus fare" for the Seat Pleasant apartment students, the absence of bus service, the rural pay phone system, faculty and administrative incompetency, and the bloated and degenerate book store.

The idea of moving both store and storage out so that students might really use the "Student Union" for student activities once in a while came up again. I know this is boring all Bowie veterans, but as one student leader said, if the freshman are going to be part of this school going to be part of this school, they should know what they're going to jail for.

If this brings back memories the 227 students imprisoned in the War of '68 might possibly take comfort from a report that students may be individually cleared of charges by calling 727-0340 (details later). Plans were also announced for a benefit dance 3 weeks in the future,

for which the Madison Room of the Presidential Arms Hotel will be rented upon receipt of the money guaranteed.

Wednesday brought the first joint sessions. There were 17 major appointees confirmed in office, including 6 student court Justices, 4 attorneys, the court clerk, and all important appointed S.G.A. officers. As usual, yesterday's problems remain, but new things were happening.

The Homecoming Committee's co-chairman, Oscar Kidd, reported on prospects for this year- it looks like the main dance will be held Feb. 21, at the Race Track, owing to the condition of "our" gym tiny and obsolete. Coppin's hopes to switch dates for homecoming - theirs, that is caused some confusion, which multified as the group closed out by deciding to pay the S.G.A.'s officers, then tabled all discussion of the details - when, how much, whose money.

In spite of this appearance of "the same ole mess," more plans were spelled out, including a time and date for the Constitutional Committee, and a plan for class selection of Coronation Ball committee members. Plans are also on the way from the Miss Bowie Committee, which must produce an election by October.

It is almost traditional by now to write exclusively about the S.G.A. as unaware, unimaginative, and vegetating. Norman Parran and Cynthia (Sam) Jemison led Tuesday's meeting into a hard look at the B.L.A.C. as an advisory group (not to mention the Grievances Committee) they have established in those epic words from the hill - "a proper and operative mechanism." And when faced by Wednesday's trivial issues, the S.

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## Truth About The Union Raspberry Be Little Black Press

The Student Union, popular name for the college center snack bar, is the informal campus meeting place. Equipped with a juke box and a variety of vending machines, the Student Union offers the students and visitors tasty sandwiches, potato chips, pastry, and varied fountain items at reasonable prices.

Visitors to the Student Union find a variety of activities going on amid the filth, refuse and garbage which characterizes this quaint college meeting place.

Card players are perhaps the most noticeable feature of the Student Union. Amateurs who might wish to participate in some "Bid Wiss" games being played should be wary. The reputations are often high and there often exists the possibility that there is a better way to loose your seat at the table.

Alcohol, although not a very familiar aspect of the Student Union, is unofficially gaining in popularity. Even though alcoholic beverages are not expected to replace the student's between class coke or cup of coffee, it is significant to note that a coed was seen puking recently after she had gotten herself "juiced up."

Student vocalizing also goes on in the Student Union. It's done in proportions, there is no dissent involved but merely rowdy and uncontrolled behavioral spasms of individuals who feel that the louder they scream the better they'll be heard.

No one has yet complained of food poisoning as a result of eating Student Union food but the possibility of such occurring should be greatly reduced if improvement in certain food handling practices and the storage of certain perishables is bought about.

by Baby Jane

William Raspberry, Washington Post Columnist spoke to several enthusiastic Bowie State College students Oct. 14, 1969, concerning "The Black Press-It's Purpose, It's Problems." He was the guest of Mr. Clyde Reid's Journalism class.

Mr. Raspberry was born in North East Mississippi. After receiving his formal education from Indiana Central College in 1952, he worked with the Indianapolis Recorder as a reporter.

During the Lecture, Mr. Raspberry was questioned concerning his style of writing. He stated "I try to write material objectively to interest and inform the public."

As the evening approached an end, Mr. Raspberry implied the Black Press was not up to standard with the white press, because of poor techniques used by black editors and publishers. Miss Bailey, a member of the Journalism class challenged his statement. She commented "If you don't think the Black Press does a satisfactory job, why don't you quit the Washington Post and get a job with the Black Press."

Mr. Raspberry said "This Hit's Home." In his further statements he implied that he remained on his present job for economical reasons.

Judy Bailey





Wandra Brooks reigning Queen of the Junior Class. Refer to story for more information.

### Miss Junior

By Linda Clark

What a charming young lady! Miss Wandra Brooks. She has many talents and ambitions. Wandra lives in Acquaco, Maryland, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Brooks, three sisters, and two brothers. She is a graduate of Gwyn Park Jr.-Sr. High School. Some of the activities that Wandra enjoys are sewing, bowling, softball and dancing.

At Bowie, Wandra is an Elementary Education major and plans to teach kindergarten upon graduation. Also after her graduation, we should be hearing at old familiar tune! I found a Job! Congratulations Wandra -- our "Miss Junior."



Congratulations to Miss Mary Martin the 1969-70 Senior Class Sponsor.

### Miss Senior

Hello! I am Miss Mary Lee Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Martin of St. Michaels Md. on the Eastern Shore. I am the oldest of five children.

I am a senior here at Bowie State College and I have been a member of the modern dance group for two years, and a member of the Wesley Fellowship. My major at present is Elementary Education. I later plan on furthering my field by going into elementary counseling.

My gratitude for being chosen Miss Senior can not really be expressed in words, but I will do my best to uphold the title of Miss Senior for this school year 1969-1970.

## Message To Your Class

It is with great pleasure that the Senior Class announces the name of its class sponsor. She is a well-known and well-loved faculty member. She will walk hand in hand with us until "the footsteps of us all, echo down the halls and disappear." Miss Courtney Harris is the Senior Class Sponsor - "we love you."

In September, 1966, the Halls of Bowie State College were trampled under the footsteps of the present Senior Class. When the members of this class planted their feet on the first step of the ladder of higher education, they knew they would have to "Climb Though The Rocks Be Rugged."

We offer the following Food for Thought to the classes we shall leave behind.

To the Freshmen, who are taking their first step:

"So here has been dawning Another blue day; Think, will thou let it Slip useless away?"

To the Sophomores, we hope the following will not apply to you as you reach the second step of the ladder:

" 'Tis the voice of the sluggard; I heard him complain, 'You have wak'd me too soon, I must slumber again. As the door on its hinges, so he on his bed, Turns his sides and his shoulders and his heavy head.'"

To the Junior's, remember this as you place your feet upon the third step of the ladder:

"Men of thought! be up and stirring, Night and day; Sow the seed, withdraw the curtain, Clear the way!"

The Senior Class of 1970 offers one last thought.

"BE STRONG, WE ARE NOT HERE TO PLAY, TO DREAM TO DRIFT, WE HAVE HARD WORK TO DO AND LOADS TO LIFT; SHUN NOT TO STRUGGLE, FACE IT, 'TIS GOD'S GIFT BE STRONG."

## Workshop For 400 Councilors Held At State

Bowie State College has invited 400 senior high school councilors from nearby Maryland counties to participate in a two-day workshop October 29 and 30 on the Bowie campus.

The three-fold purpose of the workshop, according to Jasper Trigg, Director of Admissions, is to acquaint public high school councilors with the college, to inform them of the college's educational opportunities and to improve communications with the high schools.

Throughout Maryland, a concerted effort is being made to integrate the state colleges. Bowie State College, which has a predominantly black enrollment, has an impressive number of white students and is actively seeking students of both races.

At the workshop a student panel consisting of black and white students will give the visitors a basic idea of how integration is progressing at Bowie State. An integration counselor, Jeffrey Whitmore, was appointed this fall to help recruit white, as well as black, students. Mr. Whitmore

# An Outlook On Sports

By Mario Schowers

I, your Sports Editor, wish to welcome all new and continuing students to Bowie State College. The overall outlook on our school's sports program is, in my opinion, fairly dull. Morale seems to be the biggest problem we face. When speaking of morale, I am including the morale of our coaches, our players and of you, the spectator.

There have been many players-coach disputes over trivial matters. Many players feel a need for more desirable coaches. I am not saying, however, that our college doesn't possess good coaches. I am pointing out that many of our former athletes feel a change has got to come.

Our players have their problems also. Whether its the love bug, academic declination or work, no one can tell. If a good player makes the team, sometimes he feels he's too good to attend practice daily. He may begin to take "brief vacations." Upon being reprimanded several times, he is eventually ousted from the team. Indeed he truly deserves what he gets.

I personally know many talented athletes at Bowie State. Those who work earnestly to make the team, who practice diligently and perform to their maximum against all opposition are finally letdown by you, the spectator.

It seems ridiculous for an athlete to find (during home game) that the opposing team not only have more support from their spectators but are winning the game.

The athlete will take a defeatist attitude. His morale will decline and his pride and sense of value is completely taken away. He in turn, can not put forth his finest performance and our team eventually loses the game.

The previous remarks are just a hint of the numerous underlying factors throughout our sports system. I am sure that many students will undoubtedly have to find these things out for themselves.

I sincerely hope that our sports activities will be better than last years and that next years show will be much better than this year's.

will be assisted by Mrs. Mildred Eason, who will be concerned with the integration of the white students when they arrive on the campus. Mr. Ronald K. DeSouza is the Associate Director of Admissions.

(Letters Continued)

Dear Sir,

I noticed this year that everyone except the Mentors were allowed to work and counsel the incoming and new students during Orientation Week. If the Mentors are not going to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities to the school as a club, then they should reorganize and become a new club with different aims and objectives. I also believe that firends should stop selecting their close friends and associates to work when an organization just carried 32 members on the last line.

Thank you,  
Sincerely yours,  
Shen K. Johnson

## Bowie State Track Team Shows Promise

Thus far our Cross Country team has won one out of the four games they have competed in. The team showed determined spirit in competing with a squad from York College, in York Penn. Although York's team ended with a victory of 27-30, our team placed as follows: Frederick Robinson, second; Walter Pendleton, third; Isaac Creek, fourth; Gene Powell, tenth; and Kirk Banks, eleventh.

Because of our teams first defeat, they began looking forward to conquering their next opponents. By journeying to Fairfax Va. and competing against George Mason College, our team reigned over the event 21-34, with Fred Robinson playing second, Sonny McGee third, Isaac Creek fourth, Walter Pendleton fifth and Hamilton Hawkins seventh.

Our team lost the next home game against Eastern Mennoite College 20-35. The team did well considering the strength of the opposing team. Sonny McGee finished third, Fred Robinson fifth, Isaac Creek eighth, Arvin Lane ninth and Hamilton Hawkins eleventh at Harrisburg Va.

Their last game unfortunately ended in triumph for the team from Delaware State College, Dover Del. Delaware is another forceful team that places very well in the CIAA Conference annually. However, this meet was the closest meet held thus far. Our team lost by one point, 27-28. Freddie Robinson placed second; Isaac Creek, third; Sonny McGee, sixth; Gene Powell, eighth and Arvin Lane, last.

Even though the team lost by numerical points, one could say (in a sense) that we win.

When each man performs his maximum competitively, and puts forth his best effort no matter what the outcome, he wins.

Our team lost the game against Western Maryland who has a fairly strong team but one can see that we had stronger individual performers. Freddie Robinson finished first; Isaac Creek, third; Walter Pendleton, fourth; Arvin Lane, tenth; and Gene Powell finished last.

The students at Bowie State salute the track team but still waits for inevitable victory.

Editors Note: Special thanks is given to Coach Reginald Pearman for information given.

## Student Gov't

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G.A. was reasonably active. But it's a long way from a mild anti-war resolution to getting the student body together in the war of the racist South. If Norman is going to win the freedom and conditions to make this a black university he will need the awareness of Tuesday's meeting and the activity shown in Wednesday's. It won't be easy because the people in these 2 meetings are so different and so hostile. But we can't get it together if we can't live together.

## BSC Basketball Schedule

DATE	SCHOOL	PLACE	TIME
Dec. 4	Frostburg College	Home	8:00
6	Lycoming College	Away	8:00
9	Delaware State College	Away	8:00
15	Messiah College	Away	8:00
18	George Mason	Home	8:00
Jan. 7	St. Mary's College	Home	8:00
9	Gallaudet	Away	8:00
17	Salisbury College	Away	8:00
20	St. Mary's College	Away	8:00
22	Messiah College	Home	8:00
24	Coppin State College	Away	2:30
28	Eastern Menonite College	Home	8:00
29	Salisbury State College	Home	8:00
Feb. 2	George Mason	Away	8:00
4	Gallaudet	Home	8:00
7	Delaware State College	Home	8:00
9	Lincoln University	Away	8:00
13	D.C. Teachers	Away	8:00
17	D.C. Teachers	Home	8:00
19	Frostburg	Away	8:00
21	Coppin State College	Home	2:30
26	MIC		
27	MIC		
28	MIC		

### 1969-70 SEASON

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make this a bad war.

Vietnam could be a bad war because we are not winning. Vietnam could be a bad war because we do not know exactly why or how we got in it. Vietnam could be a bad war, worse than other wars America has been in, because in Vietnam we are in violation of our stated intentions, in violation of national and international law. Time and time again it has been stated we are in Vietnam to defend the right of self determination. The man we put in Vietnam, Diem, refused to hold the elections provided for in 1956 by the Geneva accords of 1954. Prior to that time guerilla activity in South Vietnam had halted in accordance with the Geneva agreements.

The late General Eisenhower stated in his memoirs Mandate For Change, that 80% of the people would have voted for Ho Chi Minh in 1954 if given the opportunity. They never got that opportunity thanks to Diem and the American governments who have backed him and his kind in Vietnam. It is apparent that 80% for the communists is not a mandate significant enough to agree with international law. It is equally apparent that the less than 35% of the vote the Ky, Thieu ticket acquired in the recent elections is felt by President Nixon enough to give Thieu and Ky America support for as long as they want it.

If we are in Vietnam to support the people in Vietnam in their efforts to get self determination, why did we get involved in Vietnam to stop the elections

of 1956, the agreed upon vehicles of self-determination. And for this tens of thousands of Americans have died. For this the people of America are told to halt criticism of President Nixon's war policy. No, we must decline as students and as citizens to allow this mistake to feed off of our nation. This is no manifesto, no call to arms but a call for your individual and group approval and participation in protest to the war in Vietnam.

The platform of the Moratorium Committee calls for the government to state that it will end American military involvement in Vietnam quickly, within the year called for by Senator Goodell. We ask that that call be supported on October 15th. We ask that the government of the United States end the international justice in Vietnam in order to get back to national justice in America.



The soul line of Delta Sigma Theta steps proudly at the Greek Rush.



Phi Beta Sigma draws enormous applause from the crowd.