

# Integration with SGA

By David Byers

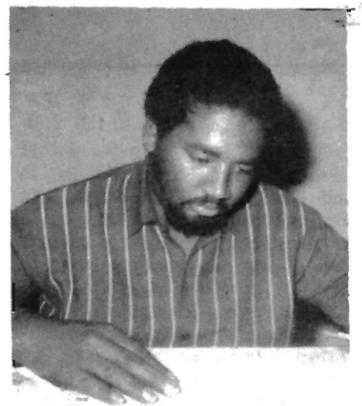
In a tense hour long war of words, the S.G.A. dug into the racial policies of this college during its meeting with Mr. Jeffrey Whitmore and Mrs. Mildred Easson on Tuesday, November 4, 1969. Also invited by agreement were two Bowie students active in the recent moratorium, George Murphy and Mike Dunn. The subject was brought up by Mr. Norman Parran, President of the S.G.A. He briefly described the decision by H.E.W. (the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare) which ordered the State of Maryland, among others, to carry out sufficient integration or risk loss

of all Federal funds, such as the N.D.S.L. and E.O.G. programs. Under Maryland's set of guidelines, all state colleges received "integration" officers of the "minority race" in that particular school. After saying these things, Norman introduced us to Mrs. Easson, the integration counselor, and Mr. Whitmore, "the integration coordinator", and he called for our questions. There were, shall we say quite a few. Mr. Whitmore fielded most of the questions, including a generous number that were not exactly hit in his direction. He started out with a quick look

at his job which he gradually amplified in the face of repeated questioning. He said that he came to Bowie in July as "Associate Director of Admissions" and remained in that post until September 18, when the office of integration opened. As he explained and emphasized, his job is recruitment. Mrs. Easson, who has been working closely with Mr. Langston Funn of the Personnel Office at times, is in charge of helping the new student after registration with any problem related to integration. OK, but how does Mr. Whitmore's job work? As he said, Mr. Trigg and

Mr. De Souza help out. They divided the state of Maryland into three pieces. One section contained Baltimore and Central Maryland, another Baltimore County and the north, the last Bowie area and the west. Then came questions on how Mr. Whitmore worked in this area (the West hasn't been won in Maryland yet) Very few people liked the answers. Why did he choose to work in this area? Because "each man should cover the area he knows best". So they were covered through "personal efforts" and "personal contacts"? Right! Very little student participation. And most students concerned with the recruitment were white? Right!!! It was suggested to Mr. Whitmore that

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Tony Prout preparing grievances which were presented to Board of Trustees on Nov. 3

## Bowie Greets Bd. of Trustees

By Lilian Alexander

The Bowie State College Board of Trustees's November meeting began promptly at 2 P.M. However, two of the Board members arrived late.

The entire Board of Trustees was present, including the Presidents of Frostburg, Towson, Coppin, Salisbury, Morgan and Bowie State Colleges, along with a large and enthusiastic body of Bowie students.

The meeting continued in the usual manner until the Chairman asked the President of Bowie's SGA to speak and Mr. Tony Prout, substituted for the President.

Mr. Prout in a most dramatic manner presented a long list of student grievances. He cited the lack of dormitory space, the need for building repairs, the inadequate trailers that are used as housing, the dilapidated condition of the cafeteria. He also underscored the fact that classes are being held in a condemned building.

Mr. Prout's pointed remarks were well received by students and the members of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Meyers followed Mr. Prout by suggesting that the Board find the money to begin restoration of the buildings—particularly Tubman Hall. He followed this with a suggestion that the Board press hard to have the schools entire budget—request funded this year.

The President of Salisbury College, in a rather unusual move, urged the Board not to compare his school to Morgan or Towson insisting that his school is as bad as Bowie with eight of the dormitories overcrowded.

Several members of the community also addressed the Board, requesting it to act on Bowie's stated needs.

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## Bowie State Called Ghetto

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Sir: I am the mother of four kids and my oldest daughter enters college this fall. She applied to Bowie State College in Bowie. At first I was the skeptical one about letting her attend but the counselors at her school, along with representatives from the school, informed her of the many advantages of Bowie State College.

Just the other day, I received an anonymous letter from a student of the college that really made me see the light. The letter informed me of the horrid conditions at the college. Being an inquisitive mother, I decided to take a tour of the college and I was truly shocked. The place is a mess. The dormitories are truly obsolete and so is everything else.

There is only one building for classes and the housing conditions are really ridiculous. I was informed that in September there will be three and four in a room, rooms that in some cases is hardly bigger than my bathroom. I don't see why college kids should be forced to live in such conditions. I feel that the students who stay there should be commended. If I were in their place I would surely quit school rather than put up with such foolishness.

The largest dorm is closed because of renovations, but I was informed that the dorm will still be closed this fall. I took a sneak tour of the old dorm and it actually made me sick. I was informed that the males live in trailers - the cheapest ones on the market that resemble Resurrection City.

I can see why the students boycotted in 1968. When people read about boycotts, they mostly blame the students, but in this case it is definitely the state and the administration. The state of Maryland should be ashamed to even consider this a college; instead it should be called a college ghetto. As of now I am actually inclined to withdraw my daughter; I would rather see her work than to go to a rut of this sort.

I sincerely hope that someone of importance goes down and investigates this place with sincere mind because it really needs help.

Mrs. Tom Sam

## 'Flash'

By Langy Poo

"Agnew's library burned today. All two of his books burned and he hadn't even finished coloring the last one!"

"Spiro T. Agnew is now suffering from a rare foot disease—'Foot-in-Mouth.'"

## J. Hobson Speaks At BSC



By Doris Z. Whitehead

Mr. Julius Hobson, Civil Rights Leader, spoke to several Bowie State College members. His topic of discussion was "Philosophy, Economics, and Justification of Slavery."

Mr. Hobson stated that "Slavery, as I understand it, had its origins from economics." He proceeded to say that even though we are not enslaved physically, we are enslaved mentally and psychologically. There is this "yard stick" that represents those who have the latest and most expensive cars on the market, \$30,000 homes, a minimum yearly income of \$25,000 and a family of four children. This is where the psychological slavery comes in. The Blacks try to measure up to this yard stick but are not able to because of economic, education, and psychological slavery.

The stereotype was the next topic of discussion. He stated that, "You can be just as militant in Brooks a Brother Suit as you can in a Dashika. Talk is cheap. I'm not advocating violence. I'm against violence and particularly violence done against me." Hobson also stated that he loves Stokely Carmichael like a brother and wishes that we had a dozen more of them.

Mr. Hobson said that the profit orientated economics of our unequally distributed economic system is a touchy subject. He has spoken on this subject in great depth several times. As a result he has been investigated by the F.B.I.

Mr. Hobson's lecture proved to be very stimulating to those who attended.

When the lecture was terminated, several groups from the audience continued to discuss the controversial as well as the salient points that were projected by Mr. Julius Hobson.

## Sharps Says Budget Money

Mrs. Alonia C. Sharps



Many of you are receiving financial assistance from Bowie State College. Are you utilizing your assistance as it should be, or are you being extravagant? Why not take time to ponder over the above questions.

The beginning of the second semester is upon us all. Are you going to be able to meet your expenses? Why not?

The College Work-Study program has been the answer to many financial problems that students have. But many of you are not using your earnings to defray your college expenses. This is causing a problem in itself. We understand that all financial needs can not be met and satisfied, but we have done the best we can. Now it is up to you to do your part. If you are employed under the Work-Study Program, please look at your job and position in a serious manner. When the time comes for an evaluation of your work, it could be the determining factor in the type and amount of assistance that you will receive in the upcoming school year.

Student employees should limit their hours of work per week. The reason for doing so is that once the student earns the amount of money he has been allocated for the year, his employment will be terminated.

## Service for Jan Cutler

By Floretta Davis

Funeral services were held October 4th for Miss Jan Cutler, one of the victims of a car accident involving three Bowie coeds. The other two girls in the accident were Miss Lita Davis, and Rosalind Hutton. They are both recovering.

The Presbyterian Episcopal service held at St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Annapolis was very moving and sorrowful for many of Miss Cutler's friends from the Bowie campus and Annapolis who shared the family's grief.

The priest's eulogy was equally as impressive, when he stressed that his words were not directed towards Miss Cutler, because in his eyes she was not dead, but had gone to another life. The priest also said that he felt the people living were the ones who had to prepare for another life because Miss Cutler had achieved her ultimate goal.

Inasmuch as Miss Cutler was the Groove Phi Groove Sweetheart, six of the men in the social fellowship served as pall bearers. The entire Bowie family mourns the death of one of its most beloved members. She was lovely.

## University of Maryland Disregards HEW Threat

By Gardenia Blakeney

All colleges and universities in the state of Maryland were told to submit a plan for total integration, or be subjected to financial penalties by the Department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW) in May of this year.

The colleges were told to submit the plan within one hundred and twenty days, and if this were not done the Federal Government (HEW) would discontinue any funds it was providing for programs.

Bowie State and the University of Maryland were singled out for special study inasmuch as one is predominately black (Bowie) and the other predominately white (U. of M.).

The University of Maryland devised a plan to recruit black students shortly after the HEW ruling however, Bowie has had a plan for integration since the spring of 1968 and it is working.

Bowie embarked on a program of informing high school students in the immediate area of the programs and services now offered at the college by meeting with the high school counselors and selling them on the school.

The fall semester has come and gone and the University of Mary-

land does not have the quota of black students it is supposed to have. However, they are still receiving program funds from the Department of HEW--which by law, should have been discontinued.

It would seem that the threat to "withdraw funds if racial integration is not a reality" is nothing but an empty threat--that is as far as the University of Maryland is concerned.

## New Course Offered

By Judy Lynn Bailey

Bowie State College is offering a new and exciting course during intersession, "Biological Investigations."

"Biological Investigations" is an independent course dealing with problems in biological design, field work, and library research. Prerequisite for the course is one course in biology and approval of the instructor, Dr. Julius H. Gooden.

Dr. Gooden request students to register three weeks before intersession. He also stated the course is equivalent to two credits and limited to fifteen students.



# Miss Bowie, Attendants And Court

## Miss Bowie

By Floretta Davis

The 13th Annual edition of the "Miss Bowie Assembly" was held this year. The assembly was divided into four parts they were; speech, bathing suit contest, modeling of gowns and talent. The candidates for the title were Miss Joan Freeland, Miss Dorothy Hynson and Miss Beverly Ming. Winner of the affair was Joan Freeland.

In their introductory statements, Miss Freeland said that she had "traveled only half the road in serving Bowie State"; Miss Hynson used a "Dream" theme, and Miss Ming, delivered a very impressive poem.

During the bathing suit presentation all three young ladies were very fashionable Miss Freeland wore a black bathing suit with peek-a-boo holes in the front; Miss Ming wore a blue and white modified suit and Miss Hynson a white latex one piece suit.

Miss Ming sang "Summertime" from Porgy and Bess, Miss Freeland portrayed the Black Mother, as she recited



From left to right 2nd row, Miss Patricia Jones, Miss Freshman; Miss Dot Hynson, attendant to Miss Bowie; Miss Alice Thompson, Miss Sohomore; Miss Beverly Ming, attendant to Miss Bowie; Miss Wandra Brooks, Miss Junior; front row center, Miss Joan Freeland, Miss Bowie

the poem, "The Negro Mother" and Miss Freeland was dressed in an African garb, Miss Hynson sang "Let It Be Me" and wore a crimson dress.

Modeling of the gowns followed and Miss Freeland wore a shimmering black dress with silver shoes and white gloves and Miss Ming wore an ice blue brocade gown and full length coat with white gloves and silver shoes.

The Question and Answer period was the final part of the assembly. A dispute arose over this section inasmuch as all three of the ladies received their questions at the same time which meant that two of them had more time to compose their answer. This should be corrected so that next year all candidates receive equal treatment.

Qualifications for the Miss Bowie Assembly were as follows: each young lady must be single; she must be a graduating senior; she must have a 2.5 accumulative grade average; she must have attended Bowie for at least one year prior to the contest and she must possess beauty and talent.



Miss Beverly Ming, attendant to Miss Bowie



Miss Joan Freeland, Miss Bowie



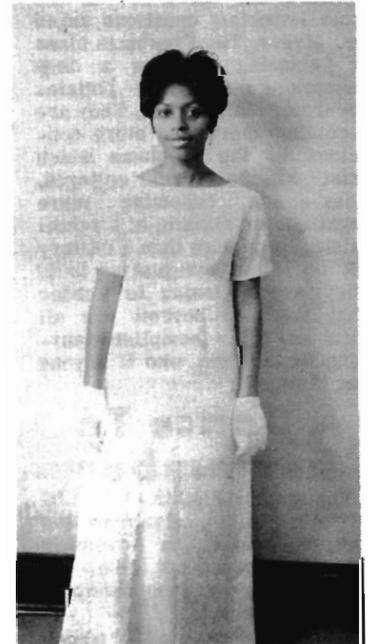
Miss Dot Hynson, attendant of Miss Bowie



Patricia Jones, Miss Freshman



Alice Thompson, Miss Sohomore



Wandra Brooks, Miss Junior

Sorry, Miss Senior's picture is not available

## Outline For Homecoming

Homecoming will cover one full week this year. Activities will take place during the week of February 16-21. Oscar Kidd, chairman of the library committee, gave the following line up of

### Introducing The Sigmas

We, the men of Delta Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. wish to introduce you to the men of the Chapter. The Chapter is the most recent fraternal order at Bowie State College.

Eleven strong and determined men founded the Chapter on the basis of their fraternal programs: Education, Bigger and Better Business and Social Action. These men, known as the "Dirty Dozen", hope to improve the school and communities through these programs.

The members of the Chapter: Harvey Evans-Junior-President  
Alvin Lampkin - Sophomore-Vice President  
Glen Gross-Junior-Secretary  
Thomas Wigfall-Junior-Treasurer and Director of Education  
Larry Hamilton-Sophomore  
Leon Wayman-Sophomore  
Norman Brown-Senior-Director of Bigger and Better Business  
Steven Roseman-Sophomore-Director of Social Action  
Ricardo Prout-Junior  
Carl Lewis-Junior

Just recently the Chapter held its first smoker which proved quite successful. We hope to produce and maintain other talented and ambitious men within the organization to continue the idea as expressed in the Fraternity motto, "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity".

Harvey Evans

### Freshmen

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2-We will maintain our black heritage while integrating.

3-Those whites who are incapable of integrating will be woven out of the living arrangements...

Q: What is the purpose of the activity fee?

A: Funds received from this fee goes directly to the SGA. I believe we have about twenty-seven different clubs on campus and the SGA allocates money (from the student fees) for these activities..

Q: Why are faculty and commuter mail boxes placed in the Student Union when we the students do not have the use of these facilities?

A: This matter will be discussed by the SGA. In a particular way I believe the student union should be for the students. Things must be approached jointly to resolve these problems.

These are but a few of the most important questions asked Dr. Myers. The Freshman class is beginning to show a deep concern over the policies governing their school. They are becoming more and more conscious of the problems which exist in the Black colleges. They are becoming more cognizant of racism; of a school existing for more than a century but neglected for just as long. They are beginning to wonder what the last boycott was all about and if it accomplished anything at all and who if anyone was right.

### A Dance To Remember

The annual "FREAK-A-DELIC PSYCHE OUT", given by the sophomore class on November 8th, 1969, turned out to be a big success. They featured the dynamic "Vandykes".

The times out caused the people to become very impatient and leave.

Happy to say, this did not stop anyone from showing off of his or her outfit, as well as any of the latest dances. To some this dance may well be remember as the best dance of the year, especially those of the sophomores class.

homecoming activities:

16th - Monday - Class Night. Each class is to sponsor some talent.

17th - Tuesday - College Sing featuring all fraternities, sororities, and social fellowships.

18th - Wednesday - Gospel Sing featuring Bowie Gospelaires

19th Thursday - Junior Class is sponsoring entertainment.

20th - Friday - Formal dance in honor of Miss Bowie 9:00-10:00.

Dawn dance with the Soul Children 3:00-7:00.

21st - Saturday--Parade 9:00-11:00.

Game - 2:00.

Victory Dance -- 10:00--2:00 with Gene Chandler. Prices of each activity will be posted.

## First Annual Coronation for GOG

By Judy Lynn Bailey



Pamela Coles, Miss Groove Phi Groove

Bowie State College's Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship presented its first annual coronation observance November 13, 1969. The program, "Groove Phi Groove Puzzle People", was excellently performed by the handsomely tuxedoed gentlemen. The chapter dedicated this affair to Jan Cutler, former Groove Phi Groove Sweetheart, who recently died in a car accident.

Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship originally founded October 12, 1962 at Morgan State College with only fourteen members, who "felt the need to override the complacent pseudo brotherhoods established by the various Greek organizations." The members of this Groovy Groove chapter are President--Herbert Hard, Vice President--Oscar Kidd, Secretary--Earl Trustring, Treasurer--Calvin Money, Clarence Askins, Josuha Taylor, Omar Jones, Alvin Pindell, Charles Bell, Walter Freeman, and Olando Spriggs.

### Dorm Plans Approved

By Angela Worell

Renovation plans for Bowie State College's female dormitories, Kennard and Holmes Hall, were recently approved by the State Department of Public Improvement. This project will make living accommodations pleasurable for coeds staying in the dorms, as well as for potential boarders.

Contractors will work only in confined working areas to protect the young ladies from hazardous consequences. Some of the renovations which will begin December 17, 1969 are: Installation of 100 mail boxes with fluorescent lighting; Repair of shower floors; Installation of telephones on first and second floors; Installation of full-length mirrors at the end of each hall; Addition of telephones in dormitories, where feasible;

Miss Doris Whitehead, junior, and Miss Alona Briley, sophomore are representatives for Kennard and Holmes Hall. These young ladies were present at a meeting with school officials and contractors November 6, 1969. If anyone has questions, contact one of these co-ed for assistance.

## Kappas Win Intramurals

By Floyd Wheeler

The Kappa's finished an unbeaten season by edging Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship, 14 to 13 in the final twenty seconds of play. The final point was made on a safety. During the regular season of play the Kappa as defense was unscored on and produced an average of three interceptions per game. The team hopes to carry its winning ability into intramural basketball where last year they lost the championship game to the B.L.A.C. team.

The team motto is "It is easy to be ordinary; but it takes courage to excell and excell we must."

# An Outlook On Sports Coach James A Fox Does His Thing

By Mario Showers

Coach Fox declined the offer. He began tryout sessions for an ABA team, the New Jersey Americans but unfortunately was cut.

In 1964 Coach Fox decided to attend Howard University's Graduate School. He received his Master's in 1967. He went back to Graduate School in 1969 and proudly holds a Certificate of Advanced Studies which is thirty hours above a Masters. Mr. Fox is presently Assistant Director of Placement and Financial Aid at The Federal City College. He is married, has a two-month old daughter and resides in Silver Spring.

Comes To Bowie

In 1967, Mr. Fox was player-coach for the Mountaineers. This team played two games at Bowie. Coach Fox played and scored better than fifty points in both games. Former coach, A.C. Jordan was very much impressed by the performance of this athlete. Noting an immediate need for change in Bowie's Coaching Staff, he promptly offered Mr. Fox a position and Coach Fox accepted the offer.

After cutting the team down to fifteen players the coach feels that conditioning will be the primary accomplishment until the basketball seasons officially begins. He has stated "Our team's main objectives will be to develop pride and a sense of accomplishment in making and being on the team. I've been running the team fairly hard during practice. I want them to remain in top-notch condition so they'll be prepared for any type of game. As the opposing teams grow weaker, we'll grow stronger."

The coach has emphasized that "any player who skips one practice is off the team unless he has a legitimate excuse and Freshman players will be used regularly in games."

The coach wishes to see better transportation provided for students to attend games played away from the college. "A team desires and needs moral support. Since players do not receive any athletic scholarships for playing with the team, moral support would give them just as much incentive to play and to win."

The newspaper staff and the students at Bowie State College wishes a hearty welcome to Mr. Fox. We sincerely hope he'll "do your thing" in pursuing the long and challenging road to victory.

### Know Your Seniors

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He is the son of the Reverend Robert Parran of the Pentecostal Church and Norman plans to go into Guidance Counseling on the High School or College level. He plans to take his M.A. at Fort Valley, Georgia. During his stay on the campus, Norman was the Vice President of the Freshmen class, Vice President of the M.W.C.A. in his sophomore year, and currently, he is the President of the Student Government. Norman has also played baseball for the College in his Freshmen year. Since Norman has been on the campus, he says he has seen many changes. He feels the college has come a long way in the past few years and that it should become one of the top schools in the nation. His advice to the Freshmen: "Don't get hung up in minute ideas at Bowie, but seek to integrate all ideas for finer education and for the betterment of the college."

By Patsy Acree

## No Curfew

By Doris Z. Whitehead

Junior and Senior women who are 21 and over have been granted an unlimited curfew by the College. Junior and Senior women who are younger than 21 must secure permission from their parents to practice an unlimited curfew.

These women are the first of Bowie State College to enjoy such freedom.

When asked how do they feel, now that they have no curfew, the following replies were given: Betty Granville (Junior): "It is more than a pleasure to have no curfew. This eliminates the problem of signing out for the entire weekend when one may have just one date for the weekend. On the other hand, there is no need to watch the time in order to get back before curfew."

Barbara Smith (Junior): "I feel that an unlimited curfew is great. One no longer has to race against time to get back on campus. I feel that many of the accidents of the past could have been avoided if the students had had no curfew."

Floretta Davis (Senior): "It gives the young ladies of Kennard Hall a knowing that they have the right and responsibility of no curfew. Although most of the young ladies come in at an early hour anyway, it makes us feel more at ease knowing that if an important affair comes up we can stay longer. But most important of all is that the young ladies should always possess an "air of respect" and carry themselves accordingly when leaving and returning to the campus."

Judy Washington (Senior): "Very nice because the girls feel free to go and come. An unlimited curfew has eliminated the sneaking out. No curfew has also made it easier on the dorm matrons. They no longer have to police the doors."

Mrs. Carrie Collins, a director of Kennard Hall, stated that "The young ladies of Kennard Hall are conducting themselves in a very mature, lady-like manner. I don't think they stay out as late. It is a pleasure to be a dorm director for such a fine group of young ladies."

Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the queen. Attractive Pamela Sandra Cole, 18, will be the radiant Groove Phi Groove Queen for 1969-70. Pam wore a silver and white full-length gown with matching accessories. A graduate of Fairmount Heights High School, she adopted the philosophy that "It takes a man or woman to say I'm sorry, a fool to walk away."

Miss Cole's competitors were four popular freshmen, Miss Diane Smith, Miss Colette Jackson, Miss Mary Reed, and Miss Patricia Jones, presently Groove Phi Groove Sweethearts. Chapter members chose the co-ed because of personality, poise and beauty.

The Groove Phi Groove Queen and Sweethearts will assist future pledges, visit different chapters, and add femininity to the organization. Guests for the evening affair were members of Morgan State College's chapter, who performed during the ceremony.

### Crowd Adores Black Poet

By Judy

Several enthusiastic Bowie students visited the Library of Congress recently to hear Gwendolyn Brooks, one of America's most distinguished Black poets.

Miss Brooks, an afro-styled lady was born in Topeka Kansas, and received her formal education in Chicago.

In 1950, Miss Brooks was awarded a Pulitzer Prize and in 1964 she received the Robert F. Fugate Award.

The theme of the poems Miss Brooks read was "Distilled Life." Two of her other poems were "Mother" and "Riot." "Mother" is a poem about women who had abortions and the feeling they have after the act. "Riot" concerns the black people of Chicago, after the death of Martin Luther King.

Miss Brooks told her Bowie listeners that these poems exemplify her respect for the late Malcolm X. Miss Brooks said that to her Malcolm X stood for Black people. He represented manhood, "Straight and tall." Miss Brook received a thunderous ovation from the audience after reading "The Children's Poem," which brought out her love for children.