



# Dr. Robert Weaver Speaks at Bowie

by Reginald Brown

Recently the Bowie People's Project Committee sponsored Dr. Robert C. Weaver, at a featured lecture at Bowie State College. Dr. Weaver served as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development during the Johnson administration. Why is this so important? It is important because Dr. Robert Weaver is a Black man. In fact he is one of the only two Blacks who have held

cabinet positions. The other being William Coleman, Secretary of Transportation under the Ford administration.

Dr. Weaver proved to be an eloquent speaker. His lecture centered around his views on urbanism, housing, municipalities, family structure, and future implications for the city dweller. When questioned about the possibility of being appointed another cabinet position Dr. Weaver stated, "I would refuse

the appointment because I feel that there are more than just two qualified blacks to hold cabinet

positions." Dr. Weaver a truly unselfish man is presently teaching at a college in New York along with

being a key noted speaker who travels across the country from time to time lecturing.

Dr. Robert C. Weaver

## How Do You Measure A Man?

Many say one can measure a man by the amount of money he has accumulated. Others judge a man by the manner in which he treats his friends. Robert C. Weaver can be judged by his scholarship and his public service.

Robert C. Weaver, a native of Washington D. C., received his Master of Art and Doctorate of Philosophy at Harvard in 1931 and '34 respectively. His first government position was that of an advisor on Negro Affairs for the Department of the Interior from 1933 to 1938. This was the beginning of his public service which culminated in his appointment as Secretary to Housing and Urban Development from 1960-68. With the appointment to the cabinet Mr. Weaver became the first black member.

Throughout his years of public service, Mr. Weaver was an active academician serving on the fellowship selection committees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund and the Fulbright Fellowship Committee. Weaver is the author of *Negro Labor, A National Problem, The*

*Negro Ghetto, The Urban Complex* and numerous articles on race rela-

tions, minority employment, housing, and urban development. Mr. Weaver is presently the dis-

tinguished Professor of Urban Affairs at Hunter College.

Robert C. Weaver, scholar and public servant, can be readily measured by Bowie State college students role model.

## Communication: Key to Understanding

The departmental curricula lead to a baccalaureate degree in (1) Communications with a concentration in Technology or Journalism and (2) Speech and Linguistics.

The program in Communications is designed around a core curriculum of 35 semester hours of course work, including an internship experience and 24 credits in the selected concentration (Technology or Journalism).

The technology curriculum prepares students for employment

as media specialists in educational, governmental, industrial, military, and other similar institutions.

The curriculum in Journalism prepares students for careers in advertising, print, broadcast, and photo journalism.

The Speech and Linguistics program provides (1) training in basic oral skills to meet the general education requirements of the College and (2) specialized training for those students majoring or minoring in Speech.

## Faculty Liability Insurance

The Faculty Senate of the State Colleges has just been informed that the Faculty's Liability Insurance expired last July, and could not be renewed. The Senate is urging that this vital Insurance be restored as soon as possible. Furthermore, the Senate is protesting vigorously the fact that the faculty were not notified immediately that this Insurance has, in fact, been cancelled.

We view it as our task now to inform faculty that this insurance has expired. It may be restored, perhaps in modified form. As of this date, however, the system is not providing liability insurance for faculty. We believe you ought to know

## New Library, er, Classrooms

by C.M. Donelson  
Editor Ebony Tree

Bowie State College's new library is being completed and will be ready to open in September 1977. Unknown to many, the library will be more than just the usual library. The Graduate Studies Division will occupy a portion of the upper level and the Education Department will be moved to the lower level. Classes will be held in the new three-story building in the lower level.

The decision to convert the library to departments and classrooms was made by college officials and representatives of the State of Maryland because the library does not fit the enrollment. When the projections were made for the library years ago, they were made for the future. Unfortunately the enrollment has not increased as much as predicted.

In an interview with Mrs. Courtney Funn, Director of the Library, she expressed hesitant fears. "I am fearful because I think it is very probable, within the next five to ten years, the growth in enrollment, library services including automation and materials will come sooner than presently expected."

Mrs. Funn also stated the new library will not employ a larger staff. Enrollment dictates how

much staff the library will have and how many books.

The already, understaff library has only one full-time research librarian and one part-timer. This becomes a very important matter when one must do research papers and needs assistance.

Mrs. Funn noted that often students are embarrassed to ask for assistance or they ask the typists who are not qualified to help them. "We expect them to ask us, that is our job. There is a listing of all the people and the assistance they can render, above the glass doors leading into the library."

Coming September I'm sure there will be many questions asked and they probably will not all pertain to the books. There will be many students asking where their classes are.

### Life

Life is gathering a pocket full of rocks, and when the task of filling one's pocket is completed one carries the endeavor a little further with a strict investigation. In carrying out this investigation some rocks are kept and some are thrown away.

This is how people in one's life will be gathered, classified, and disposed.

Eddie Hayes McKinnon



Photo by Sheila Renee Smith

# Programs From The Health Clinic

## Special Flu Clinic

The largest influenza clinic to be held in the Metropolitan Washington area is set for Sunday, December 12, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Prince George's Community College, in Largo.

For children, this will be their first chance to receive a free flu shot. For adults, it will be the last chance before the influenza season strikes.

Three different types of clinics will be held simultaneously to accommodate the varying needs of residents

### ADULTS

An adult clinic will be offered for all persons 18 years of age or over who, for one reason or another, have not yet been vaccinated against the flu.

The average person will receive the monovalent (swine) vaccine. The bivalent vaccine which protects against both the swine flu and the A/Victoria strain will be given to those 55 and over, or who have heart, lung or kidney problems;

diabetes, neuro-muscular disorders, or malignancies. The A/Victoria flu was prevalent last winter and can be expected again this year.

### BOOSTER FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults — those between the ages of 18 and 25 — should receive two shots. That's the recommendation announced recently by a special committee on infectious diseases of the American Academy of Pediatrics. The December 12 clinic will have special lines giving second shots for young adults. Anyone desiring this booster shot must have received his first vaccination on or before November 14.

### CHILDREN

The same pediatrics committee has also recommended that healthy youngsters — not just those with serious health problems — should be given a series of two swine flu shots, to be administered one month apart. At the December 12 clinic, there will be a special area set aside for immunizing persons

three to 18 years of age. As with adults, youngsters who have special health problems will receive the bivalent vaccine.

All persons under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can give legal consent for the shot to be administered. Parents will be informed at the clinic when and where the booster shot can be received in January.

Located on Route 202, the Community College is close to the Beltway, the Capital Centre and Central Avenue (Route 214). Ample parking will be available.

The Influenza Vaccination Campaign is being conducted by the Prince George's County Health Department with volunteer assistance from the American Red Cross, the County Medical Society, and the citizens advisory committees of the Bowie Health Center, the Greater Laurel Hospital Center and the Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

## Learn About Alcohol

Do you want to learn about alcohol, alcohol abuse and alcoholism? If you do, there is a program available in Prince George's County.

The Prince George's County Alcoholism Center offers, free of charge, an alcohol information program. A series of seven sessions, held one night a week, it is an ongoing program, so one may begin at any time.

Some of the topics discussed are: medical aspects of alcohol; social drinking; social and cultural aspects of alcohol; legal implications related to alcohol use and alcoholism. The program

is located in three convenient locations:

Prince George's County Alcoholism Center  
9015 Rhode Island Ave.  
College Park;

Southern Community Therapy Center  
5001 Silver Hill Rd.,  
Suitland;

Hampton Mall  
9171 Central Ave.  
Capital Heights.

For further information, call the Alcoholism Center at 345-2000.

## Bowie State R.O.T.C.

Reprinted from The Dimension

The Army ROTC Program at Bowie State is thirty students strong and growing each semester. The program cross-enrolled with Howard University began in the Fall of 1974 as an experiment, but three years later it is still going and growing stronger.

The program's objective is to teach the students, both male and female, the principles of leadership. Though it may sound technical, the principles of leadership may be applied not only to the military, but also to situations in everyday life. The program provides the student with necessary knowledge of the Army and Army life, that he will need should he receive a commission as an officer in the United States Army. The program also provides the student with valuable management skills which will be of value in and out of the Army.

Like most courses the Army ROTC course demands that a student study and work. However, it is not all work and no pay. The benefits students receive after he or she graduates are many. However, the Army ROTC student does not have to wait until after graduation. Dur-

ing his Junior and Senior year the advanced course student receives \$100 a month for up to ten months of the school year. Additionally, he will receive about \$450 for five weeks at Summer Advanced Camp at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. There are presently nine cadets at Bowie including a 2 year Army ROTC Scholarship student, destined for camp this Summer.

The ROTC cadets are in and about Bowie; the Color Guard presents the colors at various award ceremonies, building dedications and recently participated in this year's homecoming activities. BSC cadets will serve as tour guides at a high school careers day scheduled for 13 November 1976 at Bowie State College. Army ROTC cadets have fun throughout the School Year and really do it up right at the Annual Army ROTC Ball which is held in the Spring.

The Army ROTC program at Bowie State College is reaching new heights in the college world, both academically and socially. Students are beginning to realize that the ROTC program seeks serious minded men and women who have high standards, possesses great pride in themselves and are willing to work hard to achieve their full potential. Army ROTC is on the move. Come help us out!!!

## Fifty Year Grants

Washington, D.C. — Grants for 106 SUMMER SEMINARS FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS have been awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities to institutions in 28 states. Dr. Ronald S. Berman, Chairman of the Humanities Endowment announced the grants, saying, "The SUMMER SEMINARS FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS program is now entering its fifth consecutive year. This program provides opportunities for college faculty in undergraduate and two-year colleges to work in their areas of interest under the direction of a distinguished scholar and to have available the resources of a library suitable for advanced study. The 1977 summer program will include 1,272 college teachers from all parts of the United States and its territories. Participants will be selected on the basis of national competition to attend seminars of their choice."

Through research, reflection, and discussion with seminar directors and their colleagues, each of the twelve SUMMER SEMINAR participants has an opportunity to sharpen an understanding of his discipline and improve his ability to convey this knowledge to college students. The college teachers selected to attend the seminars participate fully in the work of the seminar, complete seminar assignments, and pursue personal studies of their own choosing.

Each SUMMER SEMINAR will receive a National Endowment for the Humanities grant averaging \$44,000 to provide a program

of intensive seminar study and discussion for twelve participants. Over half of each grant will be used to provide a stipend of \$2,000 to each seminar participant for a tenure period of two months. A travel allowance of up to \$400 is also provided (unless the participant is within commuting distance of the institution at which he will be studying).

SUMMER SEMINARS will be offered in twenty-four disciplines covering broad areas of humanities studies including history, literature, language and linguistics, political science, philosophy, and the social sciences.

The SUMMER SEMINARS FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS program is directed by the National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Fellowships. The 106

SUMMER SEMINARS announced today were recommended at the November 5 quarterly meeting of the National Council on the Humanities in Washington, D.C.

The individual participants selected for the SUMMER SEMINARS FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS will be announced in April, 1977.

Further information concerning the SUMMER SEMINARS FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS may be obtained from:

The Division of Fellowships  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
806 15th Street, NW  
Mail Stop 101  
Washington, D.C. 20506

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## Formulation of Grievance Committee

by Reginald B. Brown

There is currently in progress the formulation of a Bowie State College Student Grievance Committee headed by Reginald Brown. Reginald Brown is a senior majoring in Sociology/Anthropology. According to Mr. Brown, there is a need for a stronger voice on the part of the

students since the S.G.A. seems to be at a stalemate.

"I feel the time has come for the students here at Bowie to awaken to the injustices that have been heaped on them by the Administration. It seems to me that the Administration fails to recognize the fact that there are students here, or either they recognize it and have become negligent. I will graduate in June of next year and my major interest is to become a social activist. I might as well get a start in my field and the best place to start is here at Bowie where there are a great many injustices," stated Mr. Brown.

The S.G.C. is still in the planning stage but if any students would like to volunteer their services or present a list of grievances please contact Reginald B. Brown in the New Dorm room 318.

Mr. Brown plans to present the grievances in forms of editorials through the school newspapers and personal interviews with the parties involved.

## Voting at Bowie

by Sheila Bruner

The majority of the Bowie student body, this election year, did not vote for various reasons. Mistrust of politicians, not enough time, so far to go and not knowing about absentee ballots were pathetic excuses contributing to the small numbers of voters.

Many students who never watch television news or read newspapers are unaware of the aspects given by each candidate, therefore causing mistrust.

Others had classes all day and

wouldn't take enough time to vote for our next president and many just didn't feel like going to D.C. or Baltimore to their individual district.

When students were asked about sending in absentee ballots, many replied, "they'll just throw it away" or "I didn't know there was such a thing."

Those students who did not vote should have nothing to say when something does not go their way. They are just "following the leader."

## Former Cabinet Official Addresses Bowie

Robert Weaver, Urban Affairs Specialist and former cabinet member spoke November 18 at Bowie State College in the third of five meetings in the 1976 Bowie People Project: "A Bowie Focus On the American Family." Robert Weaver, presented Director of the Institute for Urban Research at Hunter College said "the family structure, perhaps today more than ever, is determined by the community in which the family operates." He warned the audience that all Americans, not only urbanites, must be concerned with the plight of the cities for "the cities are at the heartbeat of America."

After stating that the cities' 2 major problems, an erosion of the tax base, and an increasing need for support services, he said then can not be solved as long as there is a mismatch of jobs and the workers are in the cities where there are unskilled laborers and many white collar jobs. Robert Weaver added that

this mismatch causes an "economical strain on the cities."

Mr. Weaver's introductory remarks were followed by a short question and answer session. Most of the questions concerned New York City's plight. However, a question about a return to the city by affluent whites and middle class couples was fielded by Mr. Weaver who is a native Washingtonian. He stated that Washington has always been a unique city owing to its function as capitol of the United States, but Weaver said that increases in gasoline and housing costs give the inner city house, which sells cheaply and is located within the city and its many attractions, a definite appeal for the young couple. Weaver stressed that we must all remember "that this country is not an isolated city or an isolated suburb" for the economy and sociology cities and suburbs are interdependent upon one another.

# Sigmas Sponsor Fair

by Rudell Jones

The Dynamic Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. in conjunction with Mr. Cleophus Hatcher, the Director of the Student Union at Bowie State College sponsored a Health Fair on Tuesday, November 9, 1976. Free test were performed by the National Health Screening Coun-

cil of the Greater Metropolitan Area on this day from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Student Union. Some of the various test performed were Sickle Cell, T. B., Blood Pressure, Anemia, Vision and Hearing.

This was the second time The Sigma's sponsored a FREE Health Fair in two semesters,

and with the cooperation of the students, faculty and administrators there was a very good turn out which made the Health Fair a success.

This was one of the many services performed by the Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., and is a part of the many services done by Fraternities and Sororities.

## Business Club, "The Club"

Is your club "The Club" or is it just a club. We the members of "The Business Administration Club" believe that our club is more than "a club" but infact "The Club." The reason why we feel this way is you. You the business administration majors who have helped inovate and successfully implement club functions. Some of the functions to which we are involved in are study groups, field trips, and a fast food service on campus (future) to aid students on campus and give exposure and experience to business majors in the application of business prin-

ciples and knowledge to actual business operations.

A few things that the business club has been into this semester are that we are the club that captured first prize in the 1976 SGA Homecoming Parade with our theme "For The Love Of Money." On November 11, 1976, the Business Administration Club ventured to the New York Stock Exchange, the mecca of American business. At the Stock Exchange we got an indepth understanding of the mechanics and purpose of the New York Stock Exchange. Also while in the

neighborhood we stopped in to visit Meryl Lynch: who are bullish on America. At Meryl Lynch we viewed stock transactions from around the world as the international stock dealers were turning hundreds into millions. We also were fortunate enough to use the ticker tape machines which yielded up to date, bid, high, low, average and asking price on securities. We are planning to bring a business (fast food service) to the campus to compliment the campus and ourselves.

Our advisor is Professor Johnson of the Business Department, she has given us tremendous guidance, along with our club officers. The Business Administration Club Officers are listed as follows:

- Mr. Wendell O. Moore — President
- Mr. Michael Frye — Vice-President
- Ms. Vanessa Alexander — Secretary
- Mr. James Cheeks — Treasurer

We would like to extend our thanks to the SGA who has worked along side of us in our ventures and special thanks to Mr. Brookbank for his assistance.

So those of us who are in the major and those of us who are considering a change to the major, get into the "club." Your Business Administration Club.

## Psychology Club

by Drexel Lyles

The Psychology Club held its annual Thanksgiving social on Saturday the 20th of November, at Lisa Bryant's home in Bowie. According to Ms. Annie Hodges, Chairperson of the Social Committee, it was a success.

The Psychology instructors and the members of the club were a great help: Joy Curtis' sister made all of the pies, and Marta Delana prepared the bird. Not only Bowie students were invited to the social. Psychology majors

from: Washington University, Prince George's Community College, Charles County Community College, and Ann Arundel Community College were also invited.

"We partied and ate and made new friends and got drunk," said Hodges. She also urges all psychology majors to become more active in the club.

"The main purpose of the social was to get to know not only our psychology majors but also those from our neighboring schools," explained Hodges.



Photo by Sheila Renee Smith

## English Club Joins Forces With Social Work Clubs

This years English club has really been hopping. In addition to Bake sales and Book sales the English club is attempting to meet Civic duties.

On November 23 the English club and the Social Work clubs

joined forces to present a Thanksgiving basket to a needy family in the Huntington community. The English club plans to have more affairs and to inform students of social events happening in the area.



Photo by Sheila Renee Smith

## Poli Sci

by Jeffery Kendrick

The Bowie State College Political Science Club will sponsor films dealing with Organizational Behavior. These films are open to the entire student body, and will be shown every Monday until the end of the semester, at 7:00 p.m., in conference room 248, in the Communication Arts Center.

The club feels that these films will enable the college student to understand organizations and the behavioral methods that will give the student the necessary mechanisms for achieving their life goal.

These Organizational Behavioral films will also serve as an expansion of the Public Administration course that the

Political Science Department hopes will be implemented in the near future.

The Bowie State College Political Science Club will hold regular meetings every Thursday, at 11:00 a.m., in room 203, in the Science Building.

The club has many plans for this semester, including a fund raising dance, and taking trips to Political Forums in Philadelphia, and Towson. Political Science Clubs representing major colleges and universities throughout the United States will be in attendance at these forums.

It is essential for all those students majoring and minoring in Political Science to take an active interest in the functions and actions of the Political Science Club.

## Parlez Vous Francais?

by Andrea Creary

There is a newly formed French Club here on campus which has already met once. There are presently approximately twelve (12) members. The club is designated to enrich and give members a clearer and more knowledgeable understanding of the French people and

their customs. Foreign language is a valuable possession but even those who do not speak another language other than their own, are welcome. The club plans some interesting as well as educational excursions in the future. The knowledge is valuable. French is ever-present in everyday lingo. How about Labelle? "Voulaiz-vous couchez

avec moi ce soir?" Or "Cherchez la femme." Although you have probably sung these verses from popular songs numerous times before, do you know what they mean? If not, contact Madame Meinzer on the third floor of the MLK CAC building for more details about the French Club.

## "Project Unity" - Strengthening Morale

by Andrea Creary

Numerous students enriched with motivation, interest in other students, the need for self-satisfaction, and filled with the desire to learn, have come up with what they feel is one answer to promote unity among students here at Bowie. These students also have in mind the idea that activity and interest among students will make a more interesting Bowie State College. They have gotten together and designed a project called "Project Unity."

Presently, there is a definite decline in enrollment of students here at Bowie. As enrollment goes down, tuition goes up! These students feel one reason for the decline may be lack of student unity, interest, activities (unpaid activities), and a VARIETY of organizations.

The two original ambitious student founders of this project are Calvin Wilmore, a sophomore and on-campus student, and Sheila Smith, a sophomore, who is also a commuter. These two students have sought assistance from Ms. Hamby, a professor here at Bowie. Ms. Hamby will be glad to offer her assistance. Sheila feels the project will ob-

tain the "respect of the student body." The doors of the project are open to all. They should not be allowed to close. This project should be particularly important to those students in search of activity, and promotion of self-interest. People and their ideas are fully welcome. For further information contact Calvin Wilmore in the trailer court — room 28B.

## Congratulations Educ Club

There is a new honor society on campus KAPPA DELTA PI. This is an education honor society. This society is long overdue here at Bowie. Thanks to the hard work of the Education Club and the teachers the honor society is here.

On February the head of the

national office will be here for the formal installation of the charter members A banquet is being planned for the occasion.

A Christmas party for all Education Club members will be held on Dec. 10, 1976 at 2:45 p.m. The place is still undecided. Watch for posters!

# Ebony Tree Salutes The L



Miss Gladys Henson

by C. M. Donelson  
Editor, Ebony Tree

Ms. Alonia Sharps, graduate of class of '68 and Ms. Gladys Henson, class of '72, talk about the changes they've seen on Bowie campus, the students and their jobs.

When Ms. Sharps attended Bowie State there were approximately seven buildings and maybe three hundred students. When the new president took office in the late sixties, he instituted new programs, more faculty members and opened the doors to a more diversified group of students.

In 1968 when Ms. Henson was in her freshman year, there weren't any tutorial centers to help students grasp those sometimes difficult subjects. The only type of program available was the LRC program which can be listened to the Opportunity Unlimited program.

Today, both Ms. Sharps and Ms. Henson can see the many changes Bowie has made. There are certainly more than seven buildings now and the campus has students from all walks of life. Sixty percent of the students enrolled at Bowie are on some type of financial aid. Bowie's various Financial Aid programs

attract many students but unfortunately Bowie has a problem retaining its students.

For some reason there is a growing number of students that enter Bowie as freshman and either drop-out or transfer to another institution. Ms. Sharps says many students that drop-out give excuses such as medical reasons or financial reasons. Very seldom do they give the true reason which is usually that they are not doing well in their classes. Ms. Sharps stated that often many students find out too late that college is not for them.

Ms. Henson feels another reason students have problems in

their classes is because they don't avail themselves to the programs that were instituted to help them, such as the tutorial centers. There really isn't any reason why student should have so many problems because "the programs are here."

Ms. Henson feels too many students suffer from their attitudes that "this is a social event." "This generation of students have had life so easy they don't want to stray from it."

Bowie's administration has been accused of 'babying' its students because they sometimes simplify things for them. Ms. Sharps emphasized that students

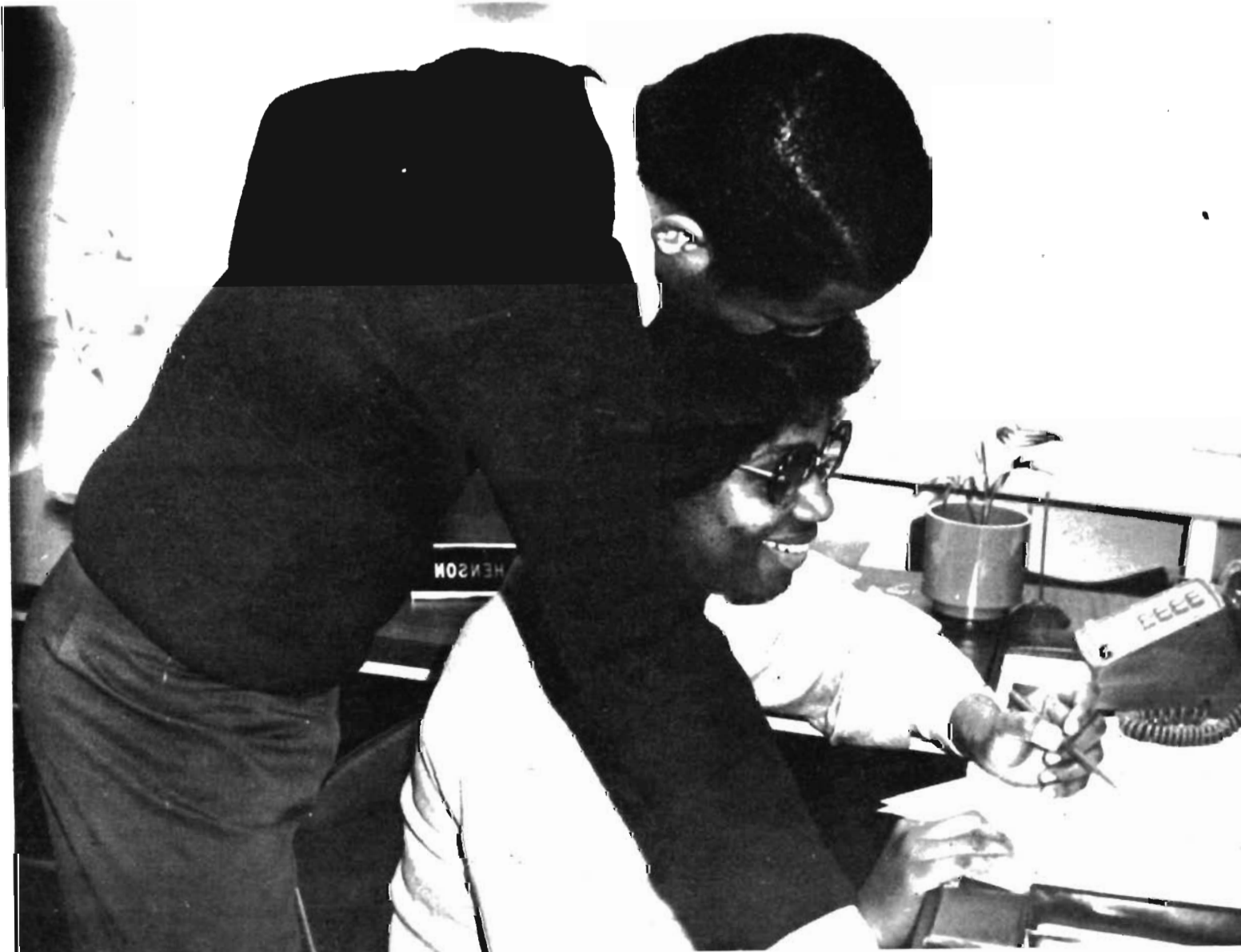
are going to have to grow up. "they won't always be here at Bowie." Ms. Sharps went on to say the students are harming themselves in the long run.

One major problem at Bowie is that students and administration suffer from is bad communication. The newspaper comes out only once a month and Contact comes out once a semester. The S.G.D. isn't doing all they can do to acquaint the students with the administration and its leadership.

Many of the resident students feel the commuters live in a different world than they do. Commuters make up fifty percent of Bowie's enrollment yet Ms. Henson said one commuter didn't even know she was a member of the Student Government. That cannot be ignorance alone.

Both Ms. Sharps and Ms. Henson have very deep feelings for Bowie as they are Bowie graduates. Their greatest job satisfaction is working with students who want to help themselves.

The Financial Aid office is a very busy office. It has been said by several students that this is the only office they can go to and feel comfortable. Ms. Sharps and Ms. Henson offer more than just financial assistance, they offer sincere concern.



"Well, Miss Henson, just because my parents are middle class doesn't mean I am."

# adies In The Office of Financial Aid



Mrs. Alonia Sharps  
Director of Financial Aid



A secretaries job is never done.

We the family of the **Ebony Tree** would like to take this time to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the offices of Career Planning and Placement, and Co-operative Education for the treasures of knowledge and working experience which you have given and shall continue to give to the students of Bowie State College. We, as members of the student body, feel a need to give this recognition to these offices because they rightfully deserve it. We realize that this is a small gift, however, we hope it will express our feelings and the love we shall always have for you because of the work you have done for the students throughout many years.



"We enjoy helping students who want to help themselves."

Bowie  
Photos  
by Sheila  
Renee  
Smith

*'It was not known at the writing of this article that Mrs. Alonia Sharps, Director of Financial Aid would be leaving Bowie State, effective December 31, 1976.*

# Red Badge of Courage

Look! look hard enough behind the door. Examine the dust, process it; for its content is of value. Now that one has examined the content of the dust, one finds in it a human being working diligently, over time, above and beyond what is expected of him. This particular being represents many, many developed minds that have been over looked by the institutions of society. He is waiting to be discovered.

by Eddie Hayes McKinnon

Similar to Stephen Crane's *Red Badge of Courage*, Greg Dougan, a Bowie state senior, has achieved such merit.

Greg, to those of us who do not know him, is the guy who walk's around with braces when it rains and uses his cane as a protector and supporter when the weather is permissible. Some people mistake Greg's physical handicap as being weak and totally defensive-

less. Fortunately, Greg does not view himself the way people view him.

When asked about his views on life Greg replied "Eddie, when I came out of the rehabilitation school and entered public school, I was excited at first. I mean I did not know how other people without my handicap would accept me but that did not matter at that particular moment. The important thing was leaving and becoming independent. My mind was quickly changed in junior high school and the problem that was not of importance became a matter of importance. Acceptance, acceptance I cried! what's wrong with me? True I was frail, a bit small and handicapped but I am a person just like everybody else."

Greg told me that after a couple of fights he was ready to call it quits but he thought if he ran — he would be running for the rest of his life. So Greg made a stand and from that day on he

has been making stands whenever it becomes necessary.

Because of Greg's power to overcome this problem and take a stand whenever necessary, his visions of life are different from his peers. When asked about his views on life Greg replied "Eddie, a man must always out reach his grasp because we as a people, to be precise of this black ethnic pluralism, are stereotyped to accept just enough to get by. The word enough is manifested in every embryo before birth and grows and becomes apart of each and every one of us just like a limb."

After interviewing such a remarkable young guy I was touched and moved at such strength that moves among us. From this day on let it be known that Greg has rightfully earned the Red Badge of Courage, not only for overcoming a physical handicap and making a stand but for his vision and the strength he gives to so many each and every day.



Greg Dougan — a bit small but independent and strong, Bowie's Red Badge of Courage. Photo by Sheila Renee Smith

# Christmas Shopping

by Sheila Bruner

Christmas is here again. Time once again for the hustling and bustling of the toy and gift shoppers. This year though, there will be less people shopping. Inflation has taken a large bite out of our pockets. Here are a few tips to keep in mind this Christmas when you, the consumer, head for the stores.

First keep in mind that cards can be made. Very decorative paper and a few colored pens can express just what you want to say, maybe better than a store bought card. The only thing that would have to be bought would be the envelopes. Plain white envelopes can be painted very beautifully. Again, your different colored pens can provide enjoyment to those who will receive these cards. Scarlet red, grass green, and white are your basic Christmas colors.

Just like cards, gifts can be

made for much less than what you would buy them for. Take those ceramic and macrame classes offered on the weekends at various schools and churches. The pots you make in ceramics will look great with a plant in it. The pots can also be painted to give extra attraction. The macrame belts and hats will delight any young niece or nephew. Pillows are always good gifts. Get a pillow making kit. Pillows are good for older folks. If you have to buy, look for good values in toy stores and gift shops. Collect coupons and use them wisely. For that very special person, you can fix him or her a good dinner with some nice wine and buy yourself a new outfit to accent the evening's activities.

A pot luck dinner would be nice for Christmas dinner. Have about ten people bring something different and enough to feed everyone. Not only will you have a large variety of food but you're

not spending all of your Christmas money to feed everyone. You won't have the problem of running out.

When buying gifts for men, try to stay away from those gifts that gather dust on the dresser or get thrown in the closet. Such gifts include: cologne, ties, shirts, flashy jewelry, shaving kits, and socks. Try a good wine or a fine scotch. If he doesn't drink, try taking him to a good play.

When buying gifts for women, don't buy perfumes, fake jewelry undergarments, or appliances. Try luggage, a bouquet of roses, and expensive night on the town, some real gold or silver jewelry, or a plant.

So, this year take time out and count your change. Try to ration it out as much as possible. Then with what's left over, buy yourself something. Merry Christmas!

# Robbed

by Sheila Bruner

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, Miss Sheila Bruner, of Bowie State College, was robbed of her gold digital watch, which was in her room at the time. Miss Bruner who lives in Tubman Hall, room B-3-E, says that the watch was missing when she and her roommate, Cheryl Jenkins, returned to school Sunday night.

Miss Bruner then states that she went to see Dean Guilford, Dean of Housing at Bowie State College. She states that Dean Guilford took her name and said that he would be getting in touch with her soon.

If anyone should have any clues to where Miss Sheila Bruner's watch is, she wishes for you to get in touch with her at 464-1669.

# Questionnaire

## Academic Standards

### Questions:

1.) Are you satisfied with the academic standards at Bowie State College?

2.) If no — why not? If yes — why?

3.) What changes if any, would you make to make such academic standards better?

### Answers:

Henry Hargrove  
Junior-Political Science Major

1.) "Not entirely"

2.) "I feel that the academic requirements are too low; much like an open door policy and I don't feel motivated enough to compete with my fellow students."

3.) "Without question, I would raise the entrance requirements for this school and add a lot more courses to be offered during the semesters, particularly in the Political Science Department."

Terry Wright  
Junior-Elementary Education Major

1.) "Yes"

2.) "The academic standards at this school are diversified enough to make even the smartest student as well as the slowest learning student stay on their toes."

3.) "I wouldn't make any changes, although I can't stand

### the English Proficiency Test."

Leulanie Hughes  
Junior-Special Education Major

1.) "I don't really feel qualified to answer this question since I've just transferred from Prince George's Community College. But from what I've seen everything is fine."

2.) "I think there should be one standard grading system for the whole school. In some classes below 70 is failing and in others it's not."

Sharon Jackson  
Sophomore-Physical Education Major

1.) "No"

2.) "I feel that academic standards should be able to prepare one to compete in the outside world. In order to do this, they must be as difficult as possible in order to insure that we will be just as good as the person who has the same degree from a University."

3.) "I don't know if I would change the academic standards as much as I would the image of our college. I don't think our school is held in high esteem like many other colleges and universities. A possible image change might help our graduates more in the job market while raising academic excellence at the same time."

## Back by Popular Demand

# Bowie's Grapevine

1.) What faculty member has been giving classes in extra curricular activity for extra credit?

2.) All those freshmen girls that were allowed out of their cage during the homecoming dance had better make sure that unwanted 'extra weight' they gained is disposed of by the time they see their parents during the semester break.

3.) T.J. had better not let Mrs. T.J. see him sneaking out of Tubman hall.

4.) For Landover Mall has a Family Planning office.

5.) Dr. \_\_\_\_\_, the Grapevine is waiting for you.

6.) The New Dorm has been rockin' and rollin' quite a bit lately.

7.) Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is very proud of his membership to Fox Trap, does he do it justice?

8.) Bowie has their own Gen. Patton in the English Dept.

9.) There is a malicious rumor going around that the New Dorm has their own sequel to Rosemary's Baby.

10.) Holmes Hall doesn't rock like it did last year, what tight laced administrator takes the credit.

11.) The people in Robinson Hall got angry last year when the Ebony Tree quoted a student as saying they were 'incompetent' so just for the record, the Ebony Tree will not call them that this year.

12.) To the gentlemen in the Trailer Courts: It's getting cold, it's about time you start rapping so your 'foot warmers' can get on their jobs.

13.) While Dr. Myers was galavanting around the U.S., who up on the hill has been taking over his parking space.

14.) Does Pres. Brazzleton have a twin running around campus?

15.) Jeff — I saw them put the ax to you and you have my sympathy.

16.) Clemmie — You won't see me next year, I'm holding on to my head.

17.) To that instructor who lectures the entire period long, you have bad breath.

18.) You should not have 'Booed' that student off the stage during the talent show, it took lots of nerve to stand up in front of you, turkeys.

19.) Sharon, the word is out

that your roommate is not allowed in the shower room.

20.) Calvin, you wanted a Grapevine so bad, we just put your name is here to make you feel good.

21.) Sammy, kiss my grits.

22.) Sharon E. \_\_\_\_\_, somebody wrote something so bad about you, we couldn't even print it.

23.) There's a certain room in the New Dorm that's been having their own Ali-Frazier fights.

# Challenge

Now is the time for all good students to come to the aid of their school. This semester Bowie State College had a drastic reduction in enrollment. While the roll of 15% which reduced the out-of-state students has been blamed for much of the school's enrollment woes, there are other reasons which must also be considered. As students we must be concerned with our role as representatives of Bowie State College.

# Open Letter to the Editor

I have a question that does not have an answer. What is going on around me at Bowie State College? The first conclusion I arrived at is that there isn't anything happening at all. But I hope that I am wrong.

For a school of this size to be so dull and disorganized must be an illusion on my behalf. Now there seems to be another question that needs an answer. Who is responsible for breaking up this illusion I have.

When I entered Bowie I lost thirty credits and to me that's a helluva lot of credits to lose. I had to start as a second semester sophomore after attaining sixty-four credits at the two year college in which I graduated.

After going to my advisor I found she didn't even have my transcript. I had to hand deliver my transcript to Bowie and I feel that is a shame.

I was told that Bowie has a student government but where is it? When were the elections held? When and where do they meet? Who is representing ME in this S.G.A.? All of these questions

should have been answered long ago. It seems to me there is a communication gap.

There is a P.A. system in both the CAC and the student union. Why isn't it used to announce when meetings are held or who is running for offices in the S.G.A.? How much time would that take. I have yet to hear about elections. This should not be happening.

It seems that if one didn't live on campus or stumble across a sign, the happenings on campus pass by. We have sports on campus but I'll be damned if I ever know about try outs or who the coaches are.

The lack of communication on this campus is a serious problem. Something should be done to clear this problem up.

Now let's get into the classroom situation. The first impression one gets is that the instructor must finish the book on schedule at any cost. It doesn't matter if the students learn anything or not. The only people that can demand any changes are the students in the S.G.A.

That's what the S.G.A. is for, to try to solve problems. It may not happen overnight but we can at least expect a change or the S.G.A. will cause some of the top administrators to check into the problem. Instead of just going around and shooting off your mouth with your friends.

Last but not least, why do we have a gym? On several occasions a friend and I have tried to get equipment and use the gym facilities. I have yet to get any equipment. Instead I was sent from one person to another and neither was able to give us the authority to use the equipment or even give it out. I shouldn't have to go through all that just to use the gym.

In conclusion I feel there is a lack of interest which is caused by poor communication between the student body at Bowie State. The problems can be solved if we just put our heads together and come up with some good ideas.

Curtis Sellman

## Editor's Corner

# What Did We Gain?

by C.M. Donelson

Everyone has complained about the pathy and lack of communication on Bowie's campus at one time or another. I think the situation came to a disgusting climax when Max Robinson was invited to Bowie State and approximately forty people heard his lecture.

Max Robinson, one of the area's most prestigious news journalists and anchorman, was invited by the homecoming committee for the week of homecoming. It was announced by Mr. Swift during the movie, 'Cooley High' also during homecoming week. Mr. Swift of the Development Office said there were anywhere from five hundred to seven hundred students at the movie when the announcement was made.

Anyone who was not at the movie would have had to hear about Mr. Robinson's visit through word of mouth or sign; the latter I have yet to see.

Max Robinson had to awaken early that morning to come to Bowie as he works late in the evening. He gave the students and faculty his time yet only forty individuals received the benefits of his lecture which cost the S.G.A. three hundred dollars.

I think it is disgusting and humiliating to Bowie that so few people came to hear Mr. Robinson. He went out of his way for us but did we go out of our way for him? Sure, he got paid for speaking, but he was only paid through the S.G.A. which gets its money through the students. So we lost not only the chance to hear such a knowledgeable speaker, we lost three hundred dollars.

## Thank you

As the holiday season is upon us and the semester is almost over, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to all those individuals that helped produce the Ebony Tree this year. There were many people who gave unselfishly of their time and energies but there are a few people that dedicated themselves to help make the paper a success. I would like to honor them now.

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- Mr. Bassey Ukpabio—Special Ebony Tree Reporter of Two Years
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- Ms. Sheila Renee Smith—Ebony Tree Photographer. The Best.

Sincere Appreciation  
and Much Love  
Carolyn M. Donelson

# Homecoming '76

by Sheila Bruner

Homecoming at Bowie State College, this year, disappointed many Bowie students as well as visiting fans and guests. Bad weather, loss of the homecoming game and poor attendance at the homecoming dance attributed to the lax two day homecoming activities.

Rain threatened the game and the dance. The on-and-off raining along with near freezing temperatures discouraged guests and fans from "stepping out" that night.

Early in the day, the traditional homecoming game was played and lost by Bowie. Liberty Baptist baptized Bowie. 27-0:

showing no mercy towards the fact that it was our annual homecoming. The team, badly bruised, both physically and mentally, tried to "turn out the dance" that night.

The homecoming dance proved to be a big disappointment for Bowie. The Bowie attendance was low and the guests were astonished at the \$10.00 price, that had to be paid by outsiders. The big controversy was the two day activity packet which included two dances (Friday and Saturday nights) and the game for \$6.00, last year and one dance this year for \$8.00. This factor attributed much to the poor attendance this homecoming.

# Spirit

by Drexel Lyles

At any school, Homecoming is the one event in which the students show their spirit; Bowie's homecoming seemed to be just the opposite. Bowie's students showed apathy. On Thursday night at the talent show the audience seemed to appreciate the bloopers more than the talent. Friday the disco records had more dance-appeal than the band. To top it, all Saturday night while the bands were playing, the few students that showed up sat on their ----. The students are a mirror image of the school. Is this the image that we want for Bowie?

# Nothing from Nothing Leaves Nothing

One is the medium of his life; one tips the scale if one wants to be positive than do positive things. However if one wants to be negative than do negative things and if one's preference is neither, don't even bother to live at all.

Eddie McKinnon

On Halloween eve while eating boiled eggs, an indepth interview was conducted. As Clyde Taylor, friend, student, and R.O.T.C. cadet reclined on his bed engulfed in a patriotic red, white, and blue afghan, he had these words to say.

"Eddie, I am glad you have taken this opportunity to speak with me because there are a few things I would like to express and convey to the Bowie State College Community. To begin with, Bowie has a few facilities and services which are not being utilized by the students, such as the swimming pool, tutorial service, fraternities and sororities.

Q. Clyde, which of these do you feel is not functioning to its fullest potential.

A. The frats and sororities Eddie. What have the frats and sororities given Bowie State College? Nothing!

If that is the case the frats and sororities should show some form of leadership.

never in my life seen a school where frats and sororities demonstrate no more character and strength than Bowie's chapter. Thus far, all the frats have shown me is that they are capable of beating a man physically and mentally. I know this cannot be their purpose for existing at Bowie. Allowing the Freak Interprise organization to control the S.G.A. is just an example of utilization of what is present. The frats and sororities are not doing anything for the college; they are shirt wearers.

# Election '76

by Reginald B. Brown

The Election year of 1976 has got to be the most publicized, critical, dramatic of all elections ever held in the United States. The American system of government has in a sense been broken down. It has been broken down because the people that it serves have lost faith and all trust in the politicians.

The Elections came at a time of uncertainty. It came at a time of Senate Investigation Committees, Economic unrest, unemployment, and the realization that there are too many wrong people in office. America has been down for a long time. It has suffered too many shocks.

Q. With this lack of utilization existing within your environment how has it affected you?

A. Its affect on me ties in very much with the philosophical thesis stated at the beginning of the interview.

Last year, I was an inactive member of the campus. I was just a number. This year, I have moved up the progressive scale; I am presently R.A. of Kennard Hall, president of my interest group, and member of the R.O.T.C. color guard.

America leads the world in shocks.

It is time for a change, for we could do no worse. Jimmy Carter is in office now. A great burden has been placed on his shoulders. The election this year featured a great amount of exposure for the candidates both in the televised debates and also the vast amount of coverage by the media. There was much emphasis put on voter registration drives across the nation. No one can rightly say that things will get better. No one can rightfully blame Mr. Carter if situations do not improve right away.

All the man needs is a chance and that is all that he has asked for. Face it our country is in serious jeopardy and we need a change.

# Homecoming Disappointing

A disappointing defeat, gloomy weather, low attendance and escalated ticket prices, and a faulty sound system were all contributing factors to a rather dismal homecoming this year.

First of all the Bulldogs were beaten in the worst sense of the word. Not only did Liberty Baptist come away with a 27-0 homecoming spoiler, they also were a very hard hitting and punishing team as was evident by the great number of Bowie players who were injured. There is some speculation that Coach Organ might have recruited some players to finish out the season.

The game was not the only reason that can be attributed to the relatively poor attendance at the annual dusk till dawn dance. To start with it was raining very hard throughout early evening and on through the night with

temperatures near freezing. Another reason was the escalated ticket prices. Some students said that the Jimmy Castor Bunch, Bar-Kays, Pleasure, and The Young Senators were not worth the price of an eight dollar ticket since neither of the groups can be considered top box office draws. However, aside from all this the show was very entertaining.

There were, however, a couple of things that could have been better. First of all the sound system was faulty and it took too long between sets to set up. Second, there was only about at the most 600 people in the Gym that night. Those who were there enjoyed a very coordinated and blended variety of "boogie" music.

Reginald Brown



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# Interview with Head Coach

By Byron Dobson

The following interview took place when football season began, however, many of the answers could still interest you.

**Q.** After having played two football games so far and posting a 1-1 record, how do you evaluate this year's team?

**A.** "Well, I think we have a good football team, we made mistakes. We, the coaches made mistakes. We didn't have them prepared. I could have done a little more, there should not have been any mental mistakes. In the Frostburg game, we overcame our mistakes, in the Salisbury game, they overcame our mistakes."

**Q.** How do you feel that the team is doing in replacing the running game led by Milton Carr?

**A.** "Last year's philosophy was much different from my philosophy. A team should not be built around one player. I think this is bad for team cohesiveness, and morale. I think that if a back gets hurt, another one should be able to back him up. If a player does well in practice or in a game, chances are that he will start. If he doesn't do good, he will probably not start."

**Q.** Have you noticed any difference between the attitude here and the players at Howard?

**A.** "It is 100% different. The athletes here are not on scholarship. At Howard, 99% are on scholarship. The attitude is much better here. There seems to be a resentment among players on scholarship. Here, the players are not getting scholarships. They are here because they want to play."

**Q.** There was a lot of comment about Bowie getting picked over for a Bowl bid. How do you see this being avoided in upcoming seasons?

**A.** "Well, as I told the players, there are a lot of football teams. There is a lot of politicians involved. Bowl people are trying to make money. I think that Bowie was hurt possibly because of its schedule. As far as Black schools, there are a limited amount of Bowls to go to."

**Q.** Is there any possibility of Bowie entering the MEAC league in the future?

**A.** "That is an administrative question. From my experience, I do not see why Bowie would want to join the league. Bowie would have to change its philosophy about scholarships. The other

teams grant scholarships. Bowie would not want to handicap its players.

**Q.** Do you see any change in the method of recruiting players, such as scholarships?

**A.** "Again, that is an administrative question. You cannot isolate a particular sport. If you granted football scholarships, you would have to have basketball, baseball, and women's sports scholarships. It can be a costly endeavor."

**Q.** How has the relationship been with the administration so far?

**A.** "Thus far, it has been wonderful here. Everyone has been more than helpful. If something needs to be done, it gets done. I have had no real problems with the administration, players, or anyone. My greatest goal would be to see the athletes graduate. This would be the mark of a good program."

Thank you, Coach Organ.

## Baseball

# We're Back and Kicking

Now that the football season is over, and with a promising basketball season upon us; let us not forget that there is another sports team on this campus that deserves just as much fan support as the others.

This spring, Bowie State College will field another excellent baseball team that will labor in almost total obscurity. Because of low fan turnout, few people are aware that in 1975, Bowie State's baseball team (consisting mainly of freshmen) won their first Potomac Conference Championship with a Conference record of 7-1. At the end of the season, the Bulldogs with an overall record of 15-5, played in the NAIA regional playoffs at George Mason University.

With great expectations in 1976, the team was hit with nagging injuries, academic problems, and a ailing pitching staff hindered the

squad from successfully defending their Conference crown.

Even though this year's fall baseball schedule was dropped, the coaching staff has not been rehired, and there's even been talk about shortening the spring season; many of the players have been working out on their own in anticipation of this season.

With the loss of only two starters; this year's team returns almost entirely intact. Some of the returning players will be, last year's MVP, Greg Poindexter; fleet-footed center fielder, John Matthews; sure handed Tom Sullivan; and ace pitchers, Howard Carter and Jeff Kendrick.

If this year's squad can get help from some of the incoming freshmen at the vacant positions; there is every reason to believe that this could be Bowie's best baseball team to date.

# Basketball Season Begins

by Michael Bolden

The Bowie State Bulldogs 1976-1977 basketball season opened in early October.

Some 55 potential Bulldogs were on hand for the opening talk which was given by the second year coach John Westmore. In his brief speech Westmore stated that this year's team would be a small running team and endurance, attitude, grades, and conditioning are what he will be looking for in his selection of this year's team members.

The first official practice will be held Monday with extensive track work and weight lifting to be included in the practice session. Coach Westmore said that he intended to cut down the size of his troops to a twelve man squad. Those who are out of shape will be cut on the first day according to Westmore.

Coach Westmore said he planned on winning more ball games this year and commented on the tendency of last year's team to lose close games in the last minutes of play. "I think we just were not hungry enough last year," said the coach. "We should be hungry now," he said as he looked over his troops. Before calling an end to the meeting coach Westmore expressed his desire for this year's

team to go out Kansas City for the championship game.

# Basketball Under Way

by Michael Bolden

The Bowie State Bulldogs basketball team is in their sixth week of practice in preparation for the 1976, 1977 season. The twelve man roster has been posted and the last scrimmage was a Tuesday night home game against Southeastern College from Washington, D.C.

Returning from last year's squad with a record of 14 wins against 15 defeats are seniors, Edward Stewart of Rockville, Maryland, George Moore a

senior from Palmer Park, Maryland and Michael Bolden a sophomore from Seat Pleasant, Maryland. The newer members on the squad are David Cartwright, a 6-4" forward — guard who is extremely quick and rebounds well. Leon, a 6-4" strong and weak forward with a good turn around jump shot and timing that enables him to always be in good rebounding position. At center and strong forward is 6-4" Eddie McOnnon who has a powerful game enabling him to play the two big-

gest positions on the court. Coach Roy Westmore is predicting a successful season barring major injuries.

Some concern has been expressed as to the size of the squad which has only one man over 6'6". When some of the team members were asked if this would hinder the performance of the team the reply was, "Man we are ballplayers, size means something but not everything." They plan on being a lightning quick, scrappy, pressing ball club.

Bowie is blessed with an abundance of 6'4" men who can play more than one position. Arron Cook a 6'4" 170 pound freshman will help the bulldogs out this year at small forward and guard. Arron is a smooth lefthander from Baltimore County.

George Moore will be coach Westmore's main man on the point guard position. Larry Backus will back George Moore upon point at 5'7". His main assets are his team play, hustle, and a nice jump shot within 20 feet.

The Bulldogs will have 20 games to improve on last year's record of 14 wins against 15 defeats.

The team has high hopes for a championship this year and team play will determine the outcome.

# Bulldogs Need Support

The Bowie State College football team has a losing record, and the season is crawling to an end. The players need all the support from the students that they can get. The Bulldogs have played Towson State University, who has won for the last two consecutive years and have lost the homecoming game with Liberty Baptist, Fayetteville State and Virginia State are also on the schedule.

Bowie's sudden slump can be attributed to one or two factors. First this is Coach John Organ's rookie season here at Bowie State and time is needed for his system to gel and take effect. Second there are a lot of rookies on the team who unfortunately haven't come into their own yet. A player said, "We are still your team and keep the faith baby" cause "we're going to bring the bacon home."

