1985 Morgan graduates are putting best foot forward

By Joe McIver

This coming Sunday, Morgan State University will graduate its 118th class, an outstanding group of students that has a lot to offer to the business world. This year's 534 candidates for undergraduate degrees include 101 business administration majors, 50 accounting majors, and 44 telecommunications majors.

The seven students selected for this article range from the reigning Miss Morgan State University to the co - founder of a chemical company and represent a cross section of Morgan's 1985 graduates. They hail from as far away as Hong Kong to the pride and joy of William Donald Schaefer's Baltimore.

ISHA R. BROOKS from Somerset, NJ was elected Miss Morgan State University in the spring of 1984. Being in the limelight is nothing new to this vivacious 21 year old. She was the first black student government president in her high school and gained national recognition by being selected to "Who's Among High School Honor Roll Students."

She continued to hold leadership positions while in college, serving as Freshmen Class Senator, Miss Sophomore, Assistant Director of Communications, SGA and Chairperson of Fashions Designs Unlimited. Some of her awards and honors include being named to "Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges;" being named as one of the "Outstanding Young Women of America."

Isha majored in marketing and minored in business administration.

JAMES BRODERICK BUTLER hails from Columbia, MD where he attended Oakland Mills High School. James was the vice president of the university's Student Government Association (SGA). He has also served as an administrative assistant to Del. Mary B. Abrams in the Maryland House of Delegates and has compiled an unpublished research paper on "Survival of Black Colleges: The Lack of Communications During the Vietnam Conflict."

Some of Mr. Butler's academic honors include being named as a Fulbright Scholarship candidate; being selected for the publications "Outstanding Young Men of America and Who's Who Among Students in Universities and Colleges;" being a Military Science Scholar and he will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserves during the commencement exercises. James will receive a bachelor's of Art degree in speech communication on Sunday.

Another second lieutenant candidate for the U.S. Army is CORVELLI McDANIEL from Clinton, MD. Corvelli is rated one of the top ROTC candidates in the eastern region. Among his numerous awards include the Beta Alpha Honors Award and the Alpha Lambda Delta Senior Scholar Certificate. His baccalaureate degree will be in business administration. He is a member of three honor societies: Promethean Kappa Tau; Phi Eta Sigma; and Alpha Lambda Delta. Corvelli was the senior class vice president, along with being a member of Watson's Rangers and a very active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

JACOB C. HO is a native of Hong Kong, where he worked as a marketing assistant for Edward Keller Ltd. before coming to the United States. Jacob h, s accumulated a 3.8 grade point average in accounting on a 4.01 scale during his college career. Ho was the 1984-85 recipient of the National Association of Black Accountants Annual Scholarship, Baltimore Chapter. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and is the vice president of Promethean Kappa Tau Honor Society.

When the slogan Baltimore's Best was started, DESIREE DARZEA HUMPHRIES must have been one of the inspirations for the term, because she definitely fills the billing.

During Desiree's tenure at Morgan she scored a perfect 4.0 grade point average in art education. The Western High School alumnus will graduate summa cum laude and the M.S.U. Class of 1985 Valedictorian.

She is a member of the following honor societies: Alpha Kappa Mu; Phi Eta Sigma; Promethean Kappa Tau and Kappa Delta Pi. Desiree created a slide - tape presentation entitled "Papier - Mache Masks" which is being used in the Baltimore elementary and secondary schools.

She also coordinated and organized the "Spring for the Arts Program" which concentrates on drawing, design, ceramics, and crafts. She did an internship with the Walters Art Gallery, after working for two semesters with Dr. James Lewis in the Morgan State Gallery of Art.

ARDONIA MARY LEE's transcript seems to be a carbon copy of Desiree's. Ardonia has the same perfect 4.0 grade point average in Elementary Education. The Portsmouth, VA native is a member of Promethean Kappa Tau; Phi Eta Sigma; Alpha Lambda Delta; Alpha Kappa Mu and is the president of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society.

She belongs to the Religious Studies Club, the Maryland Collegiate Honor Council, the NAACP and the Morgan State Marching Band. Ms. Lee has volunteered her time to the Girl Scouts of Maryland and worked as a tutor for the Morgan Upward Bound Program last summer.

CYNTHIA B. LUCUST is a transfer student from Villa Julie College, where she received an Associate of Arts degree in child development in 1978. Cynthia has scored a 3.84 average in the mental health field at Morgan. She received several Dean's List Awards and departmental scholarships for recognition of her academic achievements. Ms. Lucust is the co - founder of Caldwell Chemical Company, where she holds the position of vice president of sales.

Mayo Caldwell is the company president - chemist and Rickey Kinard serves as vice president of production. The company currently manufactures a dishwashing product called "April," which is sold in several local stores. Cynthia states that "there is nothing in life that you cannot have. Just believe in God, put forth an effort and you will achieve."

Desiree Humphries

Corvelli McDaniel

Isla Brooks

Madcap Musicals Series

A Jerome Kern musical starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, part of the Madcap Musicals series, will be shown Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Catonsville Area Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library, 1100 Frederick Rd. For tickets, call 747-3551.

"The Hobbit" (1977), narrated by Orson Bean, Richard Boone, Cyril Ritchard and John Huston, will be shown Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Rosedale Area Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library, 6105 Kenwood Ave. For tickets, call 866-5650.

WITH HI TECH DEGREES

Bowie State moving in wider, newer directions

By Vicki Duncan

Bowie State College is well on its way to meeting the ambitious curriculum and marketing goals established for it by the Board of Trustees of the State Universities and Colleges of Maryland, In January, 1983.

In its report entitled, "Bowie State College: New Directions for the 80's," the college was given an expanded technological role and directed to begin the work of establishing a niche in the world of the future, in computer training and education. Bowie State has more than met the goals set for it in this short period of time.

The recommendations for Bowie's new directional focus were based on a study made in 1982 by the Washington, D.C. based Academy for Educational Development. The academy had as its task evaluating the then current programs and enrollments at Bowie and identifying and evaluating the potential market for new services. It recommendations were embraced whole-heartedly by the Board of Trustees and have served as the cornerstone of Bowie's new directions campaign.

The three-year plan which evolved from the academy's study, directed the college to serve a growing population in its immediate servie area composed heavily of adults beyond the traditional college ages. Many of these adults would be employed in white collar occupations, calling for countinuing education, or a lifelong training and education requirement.

The report also highlighted the now even more evident trend to high technology expansion in the college's six-county service area and revealed a market of large, high tech employers with training and education needs not being adequately met by existing area college programs.

With the go-ahead of the Board of Trustees, Bowie State administrators began to write programs in January, 1983 to implement degree programs at the undergraduate level in computer science and in technology, and graduate programs in computer science, in management information systems, and in human resources development.

Each of these recommended new programs has been implemented.

The first programs — the bachelor of science degree in computer science and the master's in management information systems — were added in the Fall of 1983. In 1984, the other programs were added.

In its first semester, the bachelor of science in computer science program enrolled almost 100 students. The following year, several additional students opted for this curriculum. Currently, well over 100 students are enrolled.

One goal of these new programs is to allow the graduate, after he has completed his baccalaureate requirements, to move directly into entry level jobs in government and private industry. In the academy study, the availability of high tech jobs — and the likelihood of their increased availability — was documented.

The student who opts for the computer science curriculum has the option at Bowie to select a track which is weighted heavily in mathematics, science and physics. Or, he may opt for a track concentrating mainly on business administration. In both cases, the student must meet the college's general education requirements and take 36 core credits in computer science.

Availability of up-to-date computer facilities is essential to assure the success of any technological curriculum. In Bowie's case, the college owns two mini - computer systems for the exclusive use of students.

In the summer of 1983, as the computer program was about to be implemented, the college acquired a VAX 11/730 system, a sophisticated modern computer manufactured by Digital Equipment Corporation, the second largest manufacturer of computer equipment in the nation.

This year that computer system was enhanced by the additon of a PDP 11/24, a gift from Digital. These computers form an integral part of the course work for students.

The college is currently working to add micro computers to the program to further enhance the student's education and experiences. Familiarity with micro computers would allow Bowie's graduates to move directly into an even larger number of jobs both in government and industry.

As high technology firms have begun to locate in Bowie's service area, as the academy predicted, the college has begun to work more extensively and closely with the high tech industry. How Bowie State College will fit nto the total picture of the University of Maryland Science Center and its high tech orientation has been the subject of many a meeting and brain-storming session.

When development occurs at this nearby site, however, Bowie State will be in a position to meet the associated educational and training needs.

College personnel have met frequently with industry representatives to ascertain what is the high tech industry wants from tomorrow's college graduates and what kinds of continuing education courses it requires for its managerial and technical personnel.

Although the high tech programs are in infant stages, Bowie's faculty has already experienced the high level of interest in its computer programs for which it had hoped.

This interest has come not only from students and employers, but from people in all walks of life who recognize the computer as the tool of the future, destined to play a key role in all facets of business, government, industry and even everyday life.

Despite efforts to tailor its computer and technological programs to the requirements of industry and business, Bowie State has no intention to ignore its basic liberal arts curriculum and historical perspective. The new high tech courses represent an ehnancement of the Bowie State program—a new direction to supplement, no relace, the existing.

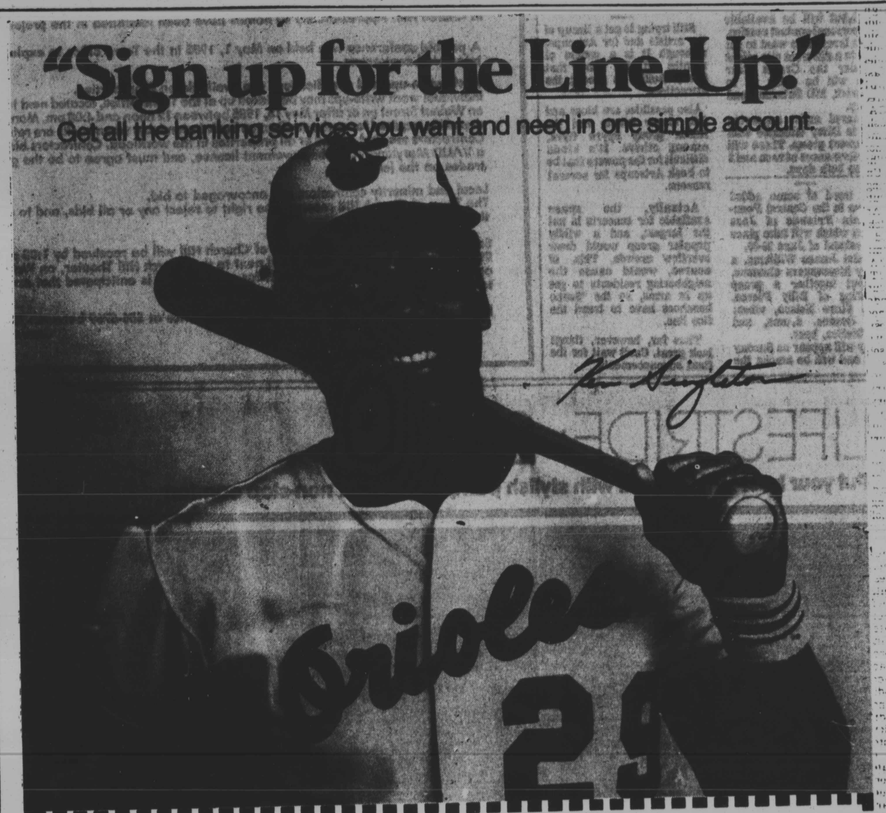
Bowie State's marketing effort has been cognizant of the needs of its service area and supportive of these needs. The population served by the college is a well-to-do one financially. It is also an aging population, with employment falling largely in white collar or government jobs.

New employment in the 80's, in Bowie State College's service area, will be mainly service activities, to include finance, insurance, real estate, medical, other professional, government, transportation, communications and public utilities. Bowie State's new programs reflect this reality by attempting to provide the kind of high tech education and training required to meet employer needs.

In turn, this will assure the college's enrollment growth despite the immediate outlook for a significantly dwindling pool of high school graduates in the school's service area.

Although these new high tech programs are in the infant stage, their addition to the curriculum has followed closely guidelines set by the Board of Trustees in 1983. Their popularity has surpassed expectations, and they represent a sound foundation on which to base further refinements.

Growth and expansion of these programs is a logical extension when program demand dictates. With continuing efforts to add new software and hardware capabilities to the college's computer network, only the sky will be the limit.

Bowie State intends to continue, through its marketing strategies, to work to attract top level, high tech students by offering the kind of academic programming which will assure good, high - paying jobs in the high tech environment of the college's service area.

Social Security employees of Division IV Dickerson Building, recently contributed $1,782 to the Red Cross African Famine Relief campaign. Charlene Phillips (third from left, back row), records maintenance clerk, Branch 11, Division IV, accepted a certificate of appreciation from the Baltimore Regional Red Cross famine relief chairman, Warren W. Weaver. Also shown are other key employees in the campaign who participated in presenting the check to Mr. Weaver.