

Martin Issues Statement⁴⁻⁹ Following Virginia Speech

Professor F. David Martin has issued a statement concerning an Associated Press report of comments made by him at Richmond, Va., last week.

The story, which appeared in many newspapers throughout the country, reported that Martin made several uncomplimentary comments about the Bucknell student body. At the time Dr. Martin was taking part in what the AP calls an "inter-racial panel discussion," which was part of the program in which Martin and several other students and faculty members visited Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. A group of VUU students visited Bucknell last month.

BU Students Are "Inbred"

Dr. Martin is reported to have said in the discussion last Thursday that students at Bucknell are "still the most inbred, isolated beings imaginable in the North."

Also, "it would really be a favor if Negroes enrolled at Bucknell in mass numbers. We need you Negroes to come and make them realize that there is another world."

Finally, "the vast majority of our students are white, Aryan, Protestant, wealthy, and Republican. They have been living in a tradition of narrow-mindedness and bigotry," the AP quoted Prof. Martin as saying.

Many See Story

Many Bucknell students and their parents had seen the story in **The Washington Post**, **The Williamsport-Gazette** and other newspapers on Monday. Martin, a professor of philosophy, released the following statement:

"It would be most unfortunate if the statements recently at-

tributed to me were to stand without a brief explanatory comment.

"These statements were reported inaccurately, out of context, and without my authorization. They are unfair to me and, of more importance, unfair to Bucknell University.

"Significant progress has been made by Bucknell University in the solution of a problem faced by all American educational institutions: the establishment of complete freedom of opportunity in education. It would be regrettable if an incomplete and inadequate report of an informal discussion should serve to obstruct such progress in any college or university."