

Fund Seeks Money To Help Integration

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With the objective of increasing the Negro enrollment here, the Betty Ann Quinn Fund is attempting to raise money for scholarships for American Negroes at Bucknell.

A campaign to this effect will be held and organizations will be solicited for their endorsement and financial aid. Beginning May 11, the campaign will move to the individual level.

The backers of this movement hope to raise a total of \$5000 to provide as many scholarships as possible according to the need and number of Negroes applying for financial aid. The SFC has agreed to grant \$1.00 for every \$4.00 raised from the student body.

It has been recognized that providing such scholarships is discrimination in favor of Negroes. In a statement concerning this aspect of the program it was said, "This may seem to be simply replacing one type of discrimination with another.

We contend that this is not true. The discrimination necessary to obtain more Negroes at Bucknell is not a deliberate action of appeasement of current pressure or apology for past wrongs.

Rather it is a realistic recognition of the disadvantage at which a large majority of the American Negro population is culturally, socially, and financially in the competition for admission to schools like Bucknell. The scholarships for Negro students are attempts to eliminate this disadvantage rather than to discriminate. The question to be faced here is not discrimination in favor of Negroes, but whether, in fact, you are interested in having more Negroes attend Bucknell."

This campaign is not intended as a moral crusade to win the student population over to complete racial equality. It is an effort to broaden the social and intellectual atmosphere at Bucknell and to better provide the opportunity for each student to formulate an attitude toward race relations.