

# Freedom Rider Speaks; bucknellian 9/30 Farmer Upholds Equality

James Farmer, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality will speak on "The Civil Rights Revolution" on Monday night in Davis Gymnasium Annex. The Student Forum and the Equal Educational Opportunities Committee

and international recognition. He was one of the first persons whom President Johnson spoke to on the problem of civil rights. Several national magazines, including "Life," "Time," "Newsweek," and "Look," have had articles on his work through

## PEDANTIC WORD OF THE WEEK

**Oquassa** (from Oquassa Lake, Maine) A small, rather slender trout—*Salvelinus oquahha*—from the Rangely Lakes in Maine.

**USED**—See the Oquassa swim. Swim Oquassa, swim.

are sponsoring Farmer's speech.

Farmer, a native of Texas, graduated from Wiley College with a B.S. in chemistry at the age of 18. Three years later he earned his Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Howard University's School of Religion.

Farmer declined ordination, beginning instead, his career in social action as race relations secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Later he became involved in union work, and he helped to establish in the South the Upholsterers' International Union. He also served as international representative of the State, County, and Municipal Union, and as a member of a five-man delegation from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions to 15 African nations. Farmer also was a television and radio commentator for programs sponsored by

**CORE**, and he has made several appearances on national television news shows.

As leader of America's first Freedom Ride, he spent 40 days in a Mississippi jail. He was jailed again in 1963 for taking an active part in a Louisiana demonstration. Police who used electric cattle prods and tear gas to break up the demonstration charged the CORE director with "disturbing the peace and obstructing the sidewalk." In 1964 CORE picketed the New York Worlds Fair, protesting the racial discrimination and segregation practices of some of the state exhibitions. This past summer Farmer's work was concentrated in Bogalusa, La.