

Students Attend Ecumenical Gathering, Discuss Civil Rights, Church Unity

Thirteen Bucknell students attended the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference in Athens, Ohio, from December 27 to January 2 this winter. Over 3,000 students were present from seventy-eight countries and seventy-four religious groups. Economic revolution, civil rights, and church unity were major themes in the meetings, where Roman Catholics participated along with Protestant and Orthodox students.

Some of the highlights of the week included a series of re-

ports on the church overseas, meetings on civil rights, and an ecumenical service of Holy Communion.

The theme of the conference was "For the Life of the World." Speakers stressed that the church must take an active part in the world. As one speaker said, "When it comes to the revolutions of our times, we have to admit the church has been late in discerning them, and much later still in taking its responsibility for them."

Conference actions included the beginning of a fund for a "Radio Free South," the circulation of a petition protesting the action of the Turkish Government barring non-Turkish students from theological schools, and visits to Congressmen urging favorable action on the pending civil rights bill.

A panel discussion held in the Olin Science auditorium at 8:00 p.m. at which students from Virginia Union University will discuss the pro's and con's of the Public Accommodations section in the current Civil Rights bill.