



Beyond the Classroom

WHEN looking over current issues of the student newspaper, *The Bucknellian*, I was struck by the number of worthwhile extra-curricular activities students participate in over the summer months and during the academic year. It seems to me that a composite of these many projects should be cited as a challenge to those people who think of today's college students as campus isolationists who confine their thoughts and activities to the world of the university.

Bucknell's students are by no means isolationists in one sense—they travel, both during the year and during vacation months. Presently there are five Bucknell students taking part in the Junior Year Abroad program. John Reed is at the University of Vienna, Charlotte C. Moor is at the University of Munich, Carol T. Robbins and Frederick Wray are in Rome, and Chester D. Greene is at the University of Paris. Jean Hurter, Cindy Nottage, and Wynne Pfeif are three seniors of a number of students from Bucknell who took part in the Experiment in International Living this summer, and Jean reported in *The Bucknellian* that the program was a worthwhile combination of life with a foreign family and informal foreign travel. Nancy Morrell '64 was on a YW-WMCA tour of Czechoslovakia and the USSR. Jean Drach '65 studied Hinduism at a theological college in Bangalore, S. India, while living with the family of Dr. Gerald B. Cook, chairman of the religion department. Mary Sieminski '65 traveled through Poland. The whole campus benefits from the experiences of these students, who report on their travels in *The Bucknellian*.

Further opportunity of this kind will be offered soon because this year for the first time Bucknell is a cooperating institution in Operation Crossroads Africa. Therefore, we will be able to send two students each summer to travel, work, and study in Africa. This is primarily a work-study program described as "a serious attempt by concerned Americans to learn about the emergent nations of the new Africa by participating in the social and economic revolution that is sweeping that continent."

In the area of civil rights, two programs brought to attention by the student-faculty Committee on Equal Educational Opportunity were taken advantage of by Bucknell students. John D. Sholl '65 reports as most worthwhile his experience as the tutor of a Negro child as a part of the Cleveland Tutorial Program this past summer. Biff Wright spent a month in Mississippi in what he calls "a Peace Corps type operation." This operation was organized under the name of the Council of Federated Organizations which includes the NAACP, CORE, SCLC, SNCC, and the National Council of Churches. It concentrates on the areas of voter registration, freedom schools, community centers, a white community project to combat prejudice, a research project, and a law school project. Biff worked in McComb, Mississippi, and was concerned with voter registration and freedom schools. Many Bucknell students took part in a Fast for Freedom on November 19. They signed their names to a

list signifying that they would eat somewhere other than at the cafeteria or dining hall that night, and for each student who signed, \$.75 was sent to a fund for food for deprived Negroes in Mississippi.

A two-hundred-member student-faculty committee collects donations yearly for the World University Service. This organization is non-governmental and it gives aid to foreign universities who do not want aid from the U. S. government.

The Christian Association

The Christian Association at Bucknell offers the widest range of opportunity for service projects. Although there are numerous other projects undertaken by different committees, fraternities, and sororities (many of which are active in entertaining underprivileged and orphaned children from the area at Christmas and Hallowe'en parties) it is the CA that is most heard about and that operates as the center of all such activity.

The CA sponsors a program of student workers to help the handicapped and mentally retarded children at Selinsgrove State School and Hospital. Another group of students teaches sports, and arts and crafts at the Laurelton State School and Hospital for mentally retarded girls and women. The CA sponsors the Nine-Thirty Class each Sunday morning where students present programs centering around their growth in spirit. For example, at one such class Nancy Morrell '64 discussed what she had gained from her trip through Russia. At another class, Biff Wright '65 related his Mississippi experiences. Colloquy is a lecture program concentrated in a three-day period which emphasizes the relationship between religion and actual living. Certain professional men are brought to the campus to speak on a variety of subjects and students have a chance to hear and talk with prominent people of great religious conviction.

Freshman Camp offers new Bucknellians a chance to get together in a relaxed, inspirational setting before facing the pressures of academic life. At Student-Faculty Firesides, students have a chance to meet members of the faculty and administration. During the Burma-Bucknell Week End, Bucknellians have an opportunity to get some of the benefits of foreign travel without leaving Lewisburg by acting as hosts for Burmese students. Finally, the CA sponsors two exchange programs with Negro universities. These are the Howard University Exchange Program and the Virginia Union Exchange Program.

This is by no means a complete list of what goes on outside classrooms, fraternity houses and the Bison at Bucknell. But all these activities were covered in the campus newspaper in just the first two months of school, and I think it a good idea for us to remind ourselves not only that there are many aspects of university life, but also that Bucknellians take advantage of them!