

The Challenge

Bucknell University

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Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Howard Exchange



This past vacation was a unique one for six Bucknellians. In contrast to the usual sandy beaches, it was spent at another university. The university was Howard University in Washington, D. C. and the six Bucknellians were Sieghild Borchering, Arthur Garfein, John Morgan, Reid Reynolds, Richard Rittenberg, and Andy Weinberger. We were the first half of a vacation exchange program that is designed to generate interest in rejuvenating a semester exchange program between Howard and Bucknell.

Our purpose was to feel the pulse of a university quite different from Bucknell. Thanks to Howard we were given ample opportunity for this by attending many campus activities, sitting in on a few classes, and of course, several dormitory bull sessions. To list all the interesting events we attending would be a tedious task. A few of the highlights included: an international dance, a performance of Orff's "Carmina Burana," by the Howard Choir with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, a debate between a communist and a socialist, and a performance by Dame Judith Anderson.

Howard is the only federally supported university aside from the military academies. Its student body and faculty are mostly Negro. Founded shortly after the Civil War, Howard has grown to the size of a large university with a total enrollment of approximately 7,000 in four undergraduate and six graduate schools. The undergraduates we talked with characterize their university much as Bucknell is often characterized: The student body is mostly apathetic with the exception of a small core of concerned students. These concerned students are generally interested in current affairs with a special interest in civil rights for the Negro. In evidence of their concern we witnessed a protest demonstration against segregated labor unions employed in constructing their new gymnasium.

The second stage of the exchange will commence on April 10 when five Howard students arrive to spend a week here. I hope their stay at Bucknell will be as broadening as was ours at Howard. They are Larry Gibson, Liberal Arts; Ronald Anders, Pharmacy; Thomas Korth, Fine Arts; Irene White, Engineering; Oscar King, architecture. This intercollegiate exchange is aimed in part at interesting students in the semester exchange. This will be the subject of conversation at the coffee hour with the Howard students on Monday at 4 p.m. in the Corner Room in Botany Building.

Cabinet Installation

Our annual Installation for the new Cabinet will be held on Thursday, April 18, at the Conference Center at Cowan. The Installation Dinner is open to any interested members who wish to take part in what we hope will be a lively exchange of ideas. The program will begin with dinner at 5:30, followed by the installa-