

# Discrimination?

Bucknell seems far removed from the racial segregation struggle at the University of Georgia, but is it? We now have two Negro students at Bucknell, both of them men. None were admitted in the class of 1964. Twelve years ago, there were ten Negro students, both men and women, some of whom had white roommates, attending this university. By way of comparison, we have moved backward.

To what may we attribute this regression? Certainly, admission policies have a great deal to do with the number of Negro students who enter Bucknell. As students, we have never been given a clear statement of discrimination policy by this university. We are asking, at this time, that such a statement be made.

And what of the application form? After repeated badgering and questioning on the part of this newspaper, students, and certain faculty members, the Admissions Committee deleted this year the question concerning the applicant's race. However, the Committee voted against dropping the required applicant's picture.

Why do we require the picture? Numerous answers have been given, including primarily its use for the freshman directory and for files in the recorder's office. But for such purposes, pictures could more easily be submitted after the student was accepted for admission. As it is, requests for photographs merely raise questions of possible discrimination in the minds of applicants.

In a survey of 127 institutions of higher learning recently completed by the Pennsylvania Fellowship Commission, Bucknell was one of ten colleges of equivalent size and status which still request photographs on the application form. We see no reason why this information is necessary for application to this university.

We question the Admission Committee's decision to retain the picture and would be interested in hearing their reasons for so deciding. Perhaps their answer will be part of the ~~statement~~ of discrimination policy for which we are calling. ~~The Bucknellian will gladly print such a statement if the university staff can produce one.~~