About the University

Bucknell is a Baptist related Christian College with 1850 students; 700 of them women. The main curricula are Liberal Arts, Education, Music, Commerce and Finance, Engineering (civil, mechanical, electrical, chemical), Biology. Presbyterians and Methodists numerically lead.

Lewisburg is a town of 5000 population in a rural area, on the Susquehanna. It is also the location of the Federal Penitentiary. The only railroad connection is through Milton on the Pennsylvania. The nearest airport is Williamsport. Greyhound and Lakes to Sea Stages serve us with a good schedule.

About the Religion in Life Program

Since 1941, the Religion in Life Program has been an annual emphasis, which we try to tie in with the year round program. This next year we are moving back to fall dates to give the impetus early. It is sponsored by the University and the Board of Education of the American Baptist Convention. The actual program is organized by the Christian Association.

Its purpose and objective is to enable the University Community to comprehend more clearly the spiritual values of life, and the judgments of God on us personally and on our society; and to enable us to relate our own lives to His purposes. It is not only an intellectual approach; it is intended to be a moral challenge for better living. It is further intended to be an inspiration to quicken our emotions as well as minds so that the will to be "workmen who need not be ashamed" will be realised. We would like to look clearly into the mind of Christ.

The program functions on five different levels:
1. Chapel and worship services of a general character
2. Seven academic convocations by divisions which bring to the students and faculty members an immediate application of these religious insights of practical men of affairs
3. Forums and panels which deal with questions in specific areas
4. Resident informal discussions where students and leaders have an opportunity to talk more intimately about their concerns
5. Personal conferences

About the Convocations

Convocation speakers should bear in mind these things: (1) They are addressing students and faculty members of a specific academic slant, and should tailor their addresses with this in mind (2) The addresses are not for "academic occasions", but for Religion in Life program, to help students think through some of the basic presuppositions of their disciplines and vocations (3) the quality of inspiration and spiritual dynamic will determine their value. The more concrete and personal these addresses are, the more helpful they will be. (The speaking time is about 45 minutes; other opportunity for informal discussion will be provided.) These speakers were chosen by the Faculty committees.

About the Resident Leaders

Resident leaders were nominated by the students, and come with a ready entry to the groups. Your hosts will brief you on what they want to discuss.

Jerry Savory, Student Chairman
Professor Robert Slonaker, Faculty Chair