

# Williams Comments On 'Freedom Riders'

By DOTI DRASHER

The Negro Freedom Riders in the South must contend with the forces of tradition and social custom as well as "legal loopholes" to achieve recognition of their right to equality, Rev. Preston N. Williams, associate chaplain on leave from the University, said recently.

The problems of discrimination which prompted the "freedom rides" and "sit-ins" are not limited to just the schools, bus stations, restaurants and housing in the South, Williams said. He added that discrimination problems exist in many northern communities including this University and State College.

The movement for equality was begun by the action of many young people in nonviolent protests. The Freedom Riders have demonstrated that they are interested in continuing the movement, Williams said.

The ultimate problem is, he said, that the Negro is not really considered as a person by many White Southerners and, as they see it, the concepts of "right and wrong" apply only to white people.

"Not all Negroes consciously want this equality because they have been brainwashed by decades of social tradition," he said.

The protests in the form of nonviolent "sit-ins" and "freedom rides" is coming mostly from the younger generation. They realize that they do have the same worth, dignity, and value and that they can do something about the situation of non-equality, he said.

Since the Supreme Court decision in 1954 outlawed segregated schools, the federal government has taken increasing responsibility not only for the integration of schools but also for the equal use of other facilities, Williams said.

"The purpose of the Freedom Rides is to arouse the public and the government to the enactment of those laws which guarantee equality for all races," Williams said. And the Freedom Riders have received federal protection from government troops in the South when any violence has been threatened.

What is needed now is the social acceptance of the Negro as a person, he said. Many of the white Southern people realize the change is well on its way, he added, but people can be easily aroused by "hate agitators" anyhow.

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## University Offers New Curriculum For Math Majors

To help meet the growing demand for mathematicians with training in science, the University is initiating a new bachelor of science curriculum in mathematics, beginning this term.

Dr. James Bartoo, head of the department of mathematics, said that the new curriculum will be somewhat lighter in the humanities and social sciences and that it will allow math majors more elective freedom in science courses.

"We felt that our students in math should have a strong orientation toward some of the fields of application in mathematics," Bartoo said.

No new courses, nor any change in the required number of credits, is involved in the new curriculum, he said. The new program will be an alternative to the major in mathematics offered as part of the arts and letters curriculum that leads to a bachelor of arts degree.

The major difference between the two programs is that the number of required science credits has been raised from 15 to 24 for the new curriculum.

The new program will expedite training of specialists in applied mathematics, mathematical physics, mathematical economics, actuarial science, numerical analysis, and some areas of applied statistics, Bartoo said.

### SCA Officers Elected

The newly elected officers of the Student Christian Association are president, George Haney, junior in business administration from Havertown; vice president, Mary K. Keene, junior in home economics from Christiana; executive vice president, Olga Seastorm, junior in arts and letters from Easton; secretary, Andrea Langen, junior in arts and letters from Silver Springs, Md.; treasurer, Donald Maclady, sophomore in chemical engineering from Shamokin.

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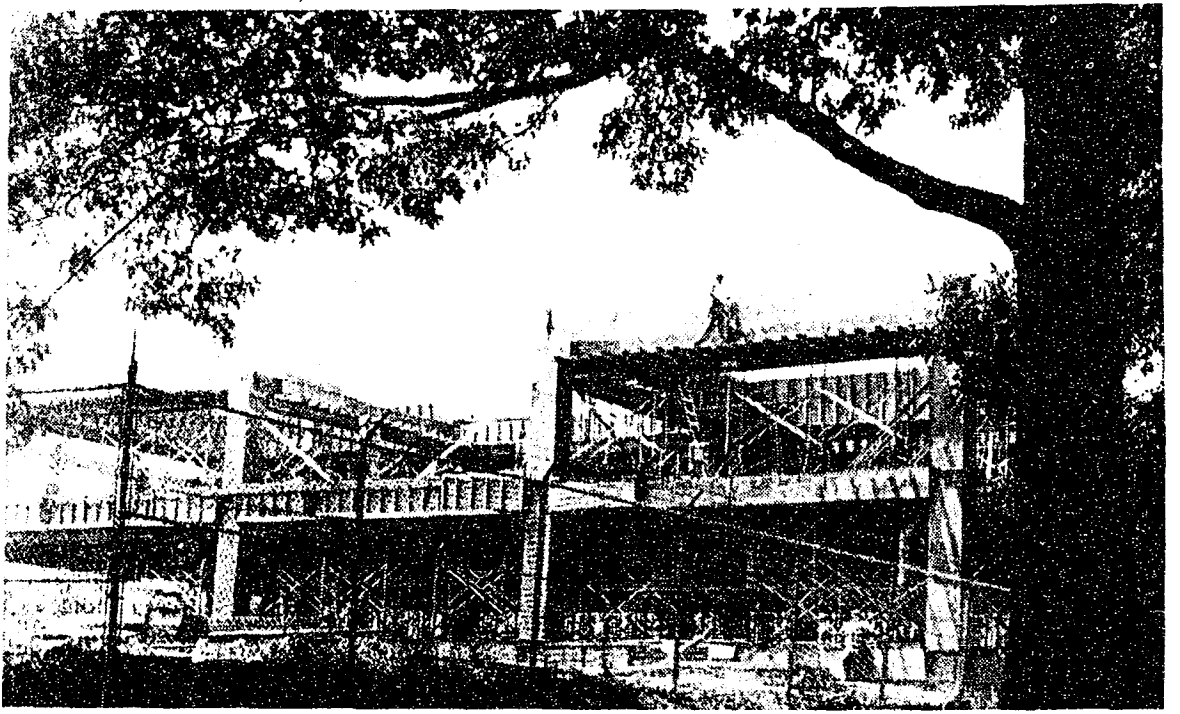
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## Students Study Labor Activities

Labor union members' participation in union and related activities is being studied by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Joseph E. Faulkner, instructor in sociology, is directing the study which is being made in cooperation with Local 1282, AFL-CIO, located at the Titan Metal Works in Bellefonte. Faulkner is being aided by a staff of five graduate students.

"This is an academic study. We are not out to prove or disprove anything," Faulkner emphasized. "We wish to gain accurate data on the associational activities of union people."

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Harshbarger is presently serving on the Committee for Religion and Education of the American Council on Education and he holds membership in several other national religious organizations.

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