

UOP begins program of community involvement

□ The University of the Pacific will begin an expanded program of community involvement which includes the addition of 200 full-tuition scholarships for culturally disadvantaged students next Fall.

The admission of a large number of students who do not meet the normal admission standards of the University was the idea of a group of concerned students — White, Brown, and Black — who called on President Robert E. Burns on March 26. They asked that 500 such students be admitted next semester.

After meeting with the students, Dr. Burns called the Academic Council and other committees into session. Their discussions indicated that shortages of money, faculty, and laboratory space made the 500 figure by next fall an almost impossible goal. However, by asking present faculty to accept a higher teaching load, it was felt that the University could absorb as many as 200—150 in the upper and 50 in the lower division. No additional faculty will be hired for this program.

The announcement of the community involvement program, many features of which have been under study by faculty or student groups for several weeks, was made in the Conservatory auditorium on March 27 by Dr. Burns. He received a standing ovation from the more than 1,000 students present after he completed his statement.

The 200 culturally disadvantaged students will be recruited from the Stockton community, 150 from San Joaquin Delta College and 50 from City high schools. The tuition scholarships will be awarded on the basis of financial need, and the admission requirements will be adjusted to accommodate this particular group.

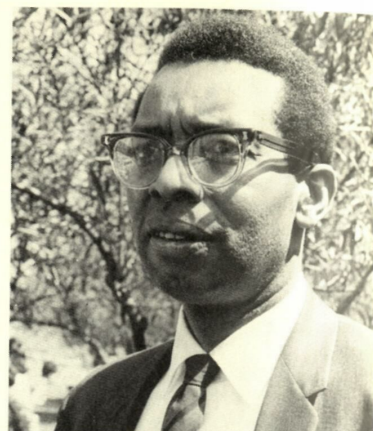
In his announcement to the students, Dr. Burns pointed out that the University already is giving financial support to 29 Black students, 30

Mexican-Americans, and 42 Oriental-origin students.

Along with the scholarships, an extensive tutorial program involving volunteer students and faculty will be set up. 130 faculty members have already volunteered for this service.

Other aspects of the community involvement program announced by Dr. Burns had been in the planning stage for some time. These include:

- The appointment of Dr. John C. Diamond, Jr., assistant professor, Religious Studies, as Director of Community Involvement.
- An expansion of the current Teacher Corps program to 57 corpsmen (see *Pacific Review*, Winter 1969).
- A program for the training of Head Start personnel to work with disadvantaged children.
- A High School Equivalency Program which will enroll 50 students from migrant farm families.
- A Summer Institute for Black Studies, followed next year by a similar Institute for Mexican-American Studies.
- A Black Studies course to begin in September.
- An evening program conducted by 100 faculty volunteers to prepare disadvantaged junior college graduates seeking degrees and teacher credentials.
- A payroll deduction plan to help faculty and administrators contribute toward scholarships for disadvantaged students.
- The Straight Drug Talk program



John Diamond, assistant professor, Religious Studies, has been appointed Director of Community Involvement for the University. Professor Diamond is a native of Virginia. He holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Hampton Institute, Va., and a Bachelor of Sacred Theology and a Ph.D. degree from Boston University.

(described elsewhere in this issue of the *Pacific Review*).

In addition, the previously established programs of community involvement will be continued, and in some cases, expanded. They include:

- The Dental Clinic (*Pacific Review*, Summer, 1967).
- The Speech and Hearing Clinic (*Pacific Review*, Fall, 1967).
- The California Youth Authority program (*Pacific Review*, Spring, 1967).
- The Anderson Y tutoring program (see next page).
- The Public Affairs Institute (*Pacific Review*, Fall, 1968).
- The McGeorge Legal Aid program (*Pacific Review*, Fall, 1967).
- Project Identity (*Pacific Review*, Summer, 1967).

President Burns chats with enthusiastic students after his announcement of a plan to provide 200 additional scholarships to deprived students.

