

MARY INGRAHAM BUNTING, bacteriologist, educator, and college administrator. Born in Brooklyn and a graduate of Vassar and the University of Wisconsin, she had already achieved an impressive reputation for genetic research in microbiology when she became, in succession, Dean of Douglass College, Rutgers University, and in 1960 President of Radcliffe College. A firm believer in the value of experimentation, one of her characteristic comments has always been, "Well, let's try it." At the same time she has been a firm believer that the production of excellence in any discipline requires starting with a broad base and building a solid pyramid of talent. These convictions combined to make her Radcliffe years ones in which she was able to make the most important contributions of any woman to women's education during the past decade. She took as one of her first steps the creation of the Radcliffe Institute which she saw from the very start as a national laboratory for educational experimentation and as a center for continuing education designed to help women participate more effectively in the intellectual life and work of their times. Her development of the house plan was a further far-seeing innovation at Radcliffe, and her belief in students led her to put them in advisory and decision-making roles long before their demands became vocal. Besides her spectacular work at Radcliffe she found time to serve with distinction under three United States Presidents, as a member of the Committee on the Status of Women, the Atomic Energy Commission, and the Task Force on Youth. Now Assistant to the President at Princeton University, she continues to bring to the world of education an enduring concern with a life of full involvement for valued ends.

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