

JOHN SPENCER HOLDEN of the Class of 1935, outstanding teacher, educational innovator, and visiting member of the Bowdoin faculty. In a teaching career that has encompassed such diverse institutions as the Putney School, the Colorado Rocky Mountain School, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School, and Bowdoin College, he has brought to all his appointments a sense of the worth and dignity of the individual and a concern that all students become personally involved in their education and its relation to life. Winner of the Distinguished Bowdoin Educator Award, he once held an appointment as Innovator for Involvement; that title could serve well as a description of his whole educational career. A believer in the value of work, he is also a practitioner of the value of play as a preparation for life. Yet, he has worried that easy modern living potentially steals from people their deep, inner resources, and in a lifetime of educational pioneering, he has set as his goal the preservation and cultivation of that inner self. In one short term, he has vividly illustrated to his *alma mater* the meaning and the significance of his dynamic educational philosophy.

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