

MAX BELOFF, scholar, author, first principal of the University College at Buckingham. From St. Paul's School, he went up to Oxford to gain first class honours in Modern History in 1935. His book, *Public Order and Popular Disturbances 1660-1714*, published in 1938, established his reputation as a scholar of impressive erudition and clarity of thought. The following year he went to Manchester and served as a member of the Department of History there until 1946. Returning to Oxford as the Nuffield Reader in the Comparative Study of Institutions, he turned his pen to a wide variety of subjects ranging from foreign policy and the democratic process to the intellectual in politics. From 1957 to 1974 he was the holder of the Gladstone Professorship of Government and Public Administration at Oxford, a chair he filled with both grace and distinction. From the established tradition of All Souls to the exciting and at times disconcerting world of a wholly new collegiate institution is a long step indeed, but one he has made with characteristic energy and forcefulness. The University College at Buckingham is the first university institution for half a century to be founded in Britain by private initiative and without recourse to grants from public funds. His wise leadership has already contributed in major ways to its distinctive quality, and his vision has linked Buckingham with a select group of American institutions, including Bowdoin. A model of the scholar who cares deeply about excellence and about academic independence, a writer of unusual distinction, a warm friend to this College, he exemplifies the very qualities that Bowdoin has sought to maintain.

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