

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER BUSH

George Herbert Walker Bush, Mr. Vice President, you follow in your father's footsteps in combining a brilliant business career with a record of impressive service to the nation. You started early, joining the United States Navy for flight training in 1942 at the ripe old age of 17. By 1945 you had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and three Air Medals. Indeed, you may well be the last American who engaged' in combat during the second World War to hold major national public office. No Vice President since Adams and Jefferson could match the positions of high responsibility you have held: member of the House of Representatives, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations,- National Party Chairman,, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, U.S. Liaison Officer to the People's Republic of China. In welcoming you to our Bowdoin community, we welcome a man of justifiable national prominence -- and we welcome a Maine neighbor.

In exercise of the authority given me by the Governing Boards, I now create you,

Honoris Causa
Doctor of Laws