

WILLIAM SEBASTIAN COHEN, of the Class of 1962, Overseer of the College, lawyer, public servant, distinguished member of Congress. A native of Bangor, he had a distinguished undergraduate record, graduating cum laude and receiving both the Sewall and the Emery Latin Prizes, as well as finding time to be co-captain of the varsity basketball team. After taking his law degree at Boston University, he turned to the practice of law in Bangor and soon was contributing extensively to the profession and to the Maine Bar Association and the Maine Trial Lawyers Association. Because of his great civic consciousness, he was quickly involved in the affairs of Bangor, becoming a member of the City Council and ultimately Mayor. In 1972, he was elected Congressman for Maine's Second Congressional District. Few freshman Congressmen are pictured on the cover of *Time* magazine, but then few have encountered such searing and turbulent circumstances in their initial term in Washington. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, he was a major participant in the impeachment hearings of President Nixon. His concern, clarity of thought, and devotion to the highest ideals of public service made him an invaluable member of that body at a time when this nation most needed responsible political leadership. In the most trying of circumstances, he helped to restore faith in the soundness of the political process. Overwhelmingly reelected this past fall, he continues to provide wise and far-seeing leadership on a host of subjects. His career illustrates well that liberal learning is not for private possession but for application to the public good.

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