

WILLIAM PLUMMER DRAKE, of the Class of 1936, Trustee of the College, chairman of the second phase of the 175th Anniversary Campaign, business leader of international renown, and community-minded citizen. A native of Bath, he prepared for Bowdoin at Morse High School and Deerfield Academy. Captain of the 1935 football team, he received in 1960 a *Sports Illustrated* Silver Anniversary All-America Award, a testimony to his continuing and unflagging efforts to perform to the very best of his abilities. While an undergraduate at Bowdoin, he joined the Pennwalt Corporation of Philadelphia, then called Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation, as a student trainee. He proceeded to rise rapidly through various executive positions, becoming in 1955 the youngest chief executive officer in the 126-year history of the firm. He now serves as chairman and chief executive officer of a diversified company with worldwide interests. His wisdom and leadership at Pennwalt have been widely heralded: in 1972 he received the ACES Award and in 1976 was named Executive of the Year by the National Management Association. Both awards reflect his major contributions to the preservation and advancement of the competitive enterprise system. All this has been accomplished at the same time he has undertaken a host of civic and national responsibilities, including the directorship of the Rubber, Chemicals and Drug Division of the Office of Price Stabilization, trusteeships of Deerfield Academy and the Academy of Music of Philadelphia, and membership on the National Corporations Committee of the United Negro College Fund. Loyal alumnus, thoughtful spokesman for the business community, selfless worker for the good of his community, he embodies those ideals of service and devotion for which the College stands.

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