

BOWDOIN COLLEGE
COMMENCEMENT 1996

JOHN FRANCIS MAGEE, Bowdoin class of 1947, you have brought distinction to your College by your leadership at Arthur D. Little, Inc. and by your service on the Governing Boards of Bowdoin College. Realizing early in your career that the quality of business management could be enhanced by quantitative analysis of data, you pioneered in the field of operations research at Arthur D. Little. This initiative gradually shaped the entire character of the company and led you to the offices of president, and now, chairman of the board. By anticipating the impact of the information revolution and expansion of American business beyond our borders, you prepared your company to thrive in the computerized and international environment of this decade.

A leader in the Boston business community, you have served on numerous regional and national boards of business and charitable organizations. In New England, you are recognized for your service as a trustee of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and Boston University Medical Center.

You served on the Governing Boards of Bowdoin from 1972 to 1995, a time of change and upheaval at the College. You were required to mediate between dissonant voices and conflicting visions of the future of Bowdoin, a trying task but one which created a vigorous College. From that more diverse College have come many energetic and perceptive graduates, some of whom joined with you as members of the Governing Boards. More recently, as chair of the Trustees, you helped shape the pattern of governance which will take Bowdoin into the next century.

Leader in business, leader at Bowdoin, your devotion to your College enriched the environment from which these graduates step forward today.

President Edwards, I am honored to present to you **JOHN FRANCIS MAGEE**, for the degree of **DOCTOR OF LAWS**, *honoris causa*.

Presented by Professor Paul L. Nyhus