

MARY MARVIN BRECKINRIDGE PATTERSON, photographer, writer, broadcaster, and generous friend of the College. A graduate of Vassar College and the Clarence White School of Photography, she also studied in Paris and Cannes in preparation for a career that has been global in scope and wide-ranging in interests. From her days as a schoolgirl in New York City, she has been deeply interested in the affairs of the Frontier Nursing Service, a pioneering Kentucky organization bringing good medical and health care to residents of a remotely rural area of Appalachia. After leaving Vassar, she went to the Kentucky mountains as a volunteer worker for the service which was founded by her father's cousin. Two years later she produced a widely acclaimed motion picture, *The Forgotten Frontier*. She has continued to be active in the affairs of the Frontier Nursing Service, serving on its Board of Governors since 1955 and as its national chairman since 1960. During World War II, she was a contributor to *Life* magazine and served as a European correspondent for CBS. In the company of her husband, she has brought credit to this country in a wide variety of countries as a result of his Foreign Service postings. Her contributions range from helping to plan, finance and construct the first free open children's playground in Peru to organizing and conducting the American Workroom for Arab Refugees in the American Embassy in Cairo during and after the Palestine War. In 1973 she and her husband with great vision and generosity established the Breckinridge Public Affairs Center of Bowdoin College through the gift of River House in York. In doing so, she has made a major contribution to the College's capacity to contribute to the future of this state and nation. Because she has vision herself, she has given the College an untold capacity to make dreams of service come true.

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