

**HENRY OTTO POLLAK**, director of the Mathematics and Statistics Research Center, Bell Laboratories, scholar of distinction and administrator of consummate skill. An undergraduate of Yale and recipient of M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard, he has been associated with the Bell Laboratories since 1951. Author of over 35 papers on analysis, function theory, probability theory, and mathematics education, his wide ranging duties include responsibilities for research on the mathematics of physics and networks, communication theory, discrete systems, statistics and data analysis, and economic analysis. His contributions to mathematics have been legion and the esteem in which he is held by his colleagues in the field is reflected in his presidency of the Mathematical Association of America in 1975-76. He has a rare genius for taking badly stated problems, formulating them in correct mathematical terms, and then producing, when possible, elegant conclusions. Not the least of his many contributions has been his work with the School Mathematics Study Group and with the Committee on the Undergraduate Program of the Mathematical Association which revolutionized the mathematics curricula in schools and colleges. A longtime friend of Bowdoin, he was a close colleague of the late Professor Dan E. Christie and delivered the first annual Dan E. Christie Memorial Lecture at the College. A liberally educated person in the widest sense of the word, he reads Latin and Greek, is wonderfully conversant with seventeenth-century literature, and equally at home in German. Few have made such significant contributions to mathematics and mathematics education not only in Maine and at Bowdoin, but throughout the world.

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