

DAVID MELVILLE PYNCHON, headmaster of Deerfield Academy, educator of imagination and vision, and wise counselor to countless students. After preparing for college in Newton, Massachusetts, he served in the U.S. Navy Hospital Corps before entering Williams College in February 1947. Graduating cum laude in 1950, he compiled a distinguished collegiate record, receiving varsity letters in lacrosse and hockey, of which he was captain, and serving as secretary of the student government. From 1950 to 1956, he was on the staff of Williams College in the admissions office and the English department, though he interrupted his service there in 1953-54 to study English and American literature at Harvard as the holder of a Danforth Graduate Fellowship. When he joined the faculty of Phillips Academy, Andover, in 1956, he embarked on a career in secondary education that has won him deserved plaudits as one of the outstanding educators in the country. He remained at Andover until he was called to be headmaster at St. Louis Country Day School in May 1963, where he remained until his return to New England in 1968. To the profession he has offered extensive service, not only through brilliant administration of a distinguished school, but also through active participation in such organizations as the College Retirement Equities Fund, of which he has been a trustee, the Headmasters Association, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and the National Association of Independent Schools. Bowdoin and Deerfield have firm and happy links with one another. He has served to make those links even more vital by his sympathetic and energetic understanding of the education of youth. His work finds expression in the quality of Deerfield's graduates and from that devoted labor, Bowdoin College, too, has greatly benefited.

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