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Trustees Name Prentice New President

Editorial Board Culminates 10 Months' Search

BY SUE KOLBRENER

Although traditionally a "lame duck" period in the higher echelons, the interim between Presidents at Wheaton has been accomplished with a minimum of confusion and a maximum of progress.

On the academic balance sheet, we have several new courses added to the curriculum, such as History of Russia and intensive German and Spanish courses condensing two years of work into one. The change in the requirements for the Deans' List with regard to slightly differing requirements for those taking four courses and those taking five equalizes a student's chance of receiving that honor. The general standard of achievement has also risen, as evidenced by the rise of the required grade for graduation from a C- to a C.

When the expansion program was announced in 1956, an enrollment of 750 students was predicted for ten years hence. In 1960, the College already had 780 students, and this past September the enrollment increased to 825.

The building program has paralleled the increase in enrollment. Since Mr. Meneely's death, we have seen the completion of the new additions to the Library, doubling its former capacity, and the completion of Watson Hall, giving the art, music and drama departments a much needed increase in space.

Culturally, the College has continued its steady advance forward. The modern design of Watson Hall provided a fitting backdrop for the electronic music concert at Wheaton, one of the first of such concerts given in the nation. The gallery of the fine arts building now houses an exhibit of Goya prints on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. This exhibit was supplemented with a talk on the prints themselves, a lecture on the period during which Goya worked and a concert of the music of that period. This correlation of the arts was an excellent innovation and made the prints much more meaningful. Many excellent speakers were brought to Wheaton this year, including Eleanor Roosevelt, probably one of the ten best-known world figures, and John Canaday, art critic for the *New York Times*.

The student body, too, has kept pace with the activity. There has been no lag in spirit or lack of innovations in this quarter. Apathy is not dead but is certainly less of a watch word than ever before. Increased interest in college elections is only one example of this. Political activity on the Wheaton campus has risen to undreamt of heights.

All in all, the interim has been highly successful. We extend our most sincere welcome to our new President, Mr. Prentice, and our heartiest thanks to everyone for carrying on so well and keeping the Wheaton spirit high.

The Board of Trustees' appointment of William C. H. Prentice as President of Wheaton College culminates ten months of intensive work by a special committee of Trustees charged with the responsibility of finding a new President.

This committee met several times each month since President A. Howard Meneely's death last May. The committee deliberated on a list of presidential candidates which originally exceeded 150 names.

Several meetings were also held with a faculty committee for consultation to deal with suggestions of names and qualifications. In addition to the faculty, alumnae, officers of other colleges and friends also contributed suggestions to the committee of Trustees.

Abram T. Collier served as chairman of the committee. Other Trustees on the committee were Mrs. Ruth C. McKay, Mrs. Magdalena V. Quinby, Mr. Maurice L. Clemence and Mr. Richard P. Chapman, ex officio.



Swarthmore Dean Assumes Duties This Summer

William Courtney Hamilton Prentice, Dean of Swarthmore College since 1956, has been named President of Wheaton College, effective July 1, by the Wheaton Board of Trustees.

President Prentice, his wife, the former Elsie Benton Doty, and their four children, two girls and two boys, will move to Norton August 1.

Mr. Prentice brings to Wheaton an outstanding background of scholarship and educational leadership.

His early teaching career took him to the College of William and Mary, the University of Vermont and Johns Hopkins University.

During World War II he served as a research psychologist for the Navy under contract from Princeton University and for the Air Force under contract from the University of Wisconsin.

Since 1947 Mr. Prentice has been Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor of Psychology at Swarthmore College. He served as Chairman of the Department of Psychology from 1953 until 1956 when he was appointed Dean of the College.

Mr. Prentice graduated from the Nichols School in Buffalo, N.Y., and received his B.A. with high honors from Swarthmore in 1937. He was a Rhodes Scholar at the University College, Oxford, England, and later received his M.A. in psychology from Harvard University in 1941 and his Ph. D. in psychology from the same university the following year.

During the academic year 1952-53 he was a Guggenheim Fellow at the University of California in Berkeley.

Mr. Prentice has served as a consultant to several industrial firms on psychological matters. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bryant and Stratton Business Institute.

Wheaton's incumbent President is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also active on committees for Rhodes Scholarships and for Fulbright Fellowships.

He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and of Sigma Xi.

Mr. Prentice was born in 1915 in East Aurora, N.Y.

Three Precede Prentice

Wheaton has been administered by outstanding presidents since it became a college in 1912. The works of Samuel Valentine Cole, J. Edgar Park and A. Howard Meneely have been important not only to Wheaton, but also to the development of higher education throughout the country.

In addition, Wheaton has been ably served by two Acting Presidents during interim periods. The Rev. George T. Smart, a member of the Wheaton Board of Trustees was Acting President for 1925-1926, between the death of Dr. Cole and the appointment of Dr. Park. Mrs. Elizabeth S. May, Acting President since the illness of Mr. Meneely in January 1961, will continue in this capacity until Mr. Prentice assumes office July 1.

The Rev. Samuel V. Cole, a member of the Board of Trustees since 1893, was appointed President of Wheaton Seminary in 1897, at a time when the institution was already considering becoming a college.

In 1898, the Seminary was enlarged by the addition of a college preparatory curriculum. It also began academic concentration with the division of work into literary, classical or scientific fields.

Under Dr. Cole's administration brick buildings appeared on campus, the first being Chapin dormitory, dedicated in 1901.

In 1912, a bill authorizing Wheaton Seminary to become Wheaton College passed the state legislature without opposition. It took only a decade to win full accreditation from the Association of American Universities in 1922.

Dr. Cole died in May 1925 after serving 28 years as President.

The Rev. J. Edgar Park, previously a clergyman in Newton, Mass., served as President from 1926 to 1944.

In the early years of his administration, Dr. Park established departmental majors, senior seminars and honors work. The scholastic standing of the College was recognized by the installation of the Kappa chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in 1932.

Despite the depression of the 1930's, money was found for new buildings. Old Metcalf was replaced by Kilham and Metcalf dormitories and a new administration building, later to be named Park Hall, was built.

In 1940 the first modern architecture appeared on campus in the Student-Alumnae Building. New wings were added to the Library and to the Science Building before war halted all construction. Dr. Park retired in 1944.

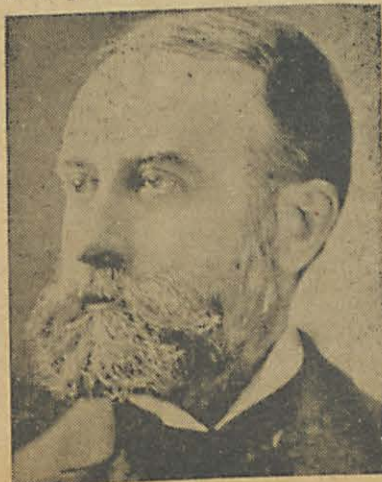
A. Howard Meneely, formerly a Professor of History at Dartmouth College, became President of Wheaton in August 1944.

Mr. Meneely was greeted with the task of leading the College in a period of post-war confusion and steadily rising costs.

Giving particular attention to the welfare of the faculty, he improved living arrangements and instituted formal salary scales.

Mr. Meneely was also charged with overseeing the largest expansion program ever undertaken by the College. In 1955 the Trustees voted to enlarge the physical plant to accommodate 40 percent more students.

This projected ten year program was completed in little more than half the time expected. Before his death last May, Mr. Meneely saw an enrollment of 780 students and the construction of six new buildings.



SAMUEL V. COLE



J. EDGAR PARK



A. HOWARD MENEELY

Class of 1961 Shows Much Diversity In A Survey Of Post-Graduation Jobs

by Linda Murray

What can a Wheatonite do with her education upon graduation? This question of paramount importance may be proving bothersome for conscientious underclassmen, as well as for seniors faced with the prospect of leaving the campus community at the end of this year. A look at the class of 1961 provides an insight into the number and variety of fields that Wheatonites may and do enter. (It must be remembered, however, that the statistics do not account for twenty-four per cent of the class who failed to return the distributed forms.)

The trend, as Miss Ruth Bucknam of the Placement Office explained, is definitely leaning increasingly toward graduate work, since more of the professions now require advanced education, although there are some positions in which one may receive training while working.

Twenty per cent of those alumnae who answered the survey have gone on to graduate school, and eight per cent of this group have entered graduate programs in education. Among the many institutions represented are Columbia, Yale, Brandeis, Georgetown University, and Radcliffe.

Another twenty per cent have gone directly into education in a great variety of locations and grade levels. Sixteen per cent have entered the fields of research, library work, social work and gov-

ernment. In this group is included a hospital lab technician, a library assistant at one of the leading men's colleges, and a research assistant at the Rockefeller Institute in New York City.

The remaining twenty per cent of the replies came from girls who have gone into various phases of the business world. Jobs mentioned include a trainee at one of the leading advertising agencies in New York, a merchandise trainee, a secretary and staff editor in a Boston publishing house, a secretary to the president at one of the leading women's colleges, and a personnel worker in a well-known New York department store.

A conception of the diversity of the positions brought out by this survey, whether they further education or pursue vocational interests, makes it hard to believe that this great variety was derived from such a relatively small number of majors. The wide-range of interests expressed, however, describe almost limitless possibilities for the liberal arts student or, more specifically, the Wheaton girl.

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Students at all accredited colleges and universities of the United States and Canada are eligible if they are regular undergraduates. In past years winners have come from all parts of both countries and from large universities as well as small colleges. The contestants may enter either a report on a research project conducted by themselves or an essay on the subject, "The Contribution of Floyd E. Bartell to Colloid and Surface Chemistry." Dr. Bartell, who died in 1960, was on the University of

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One girl, working behind stage in Vodvil, pinned a ticket for the performance on her father's jacket. Left on his own for a while before curtain time, he decided to change suits. However, he forgot to switch the ticket from one suit to the other. He missed the show but looked great!

Another father and his daughter were out for a ride on one of Norton's less populated streets when they "ran out of gas." A likely story!

Joining some fathers and daughters for the box lunch on Saturday, a faculty member, much to his chagrin, opened his lunch to find himself without eating utensils. In order to avoid the inevitable em-

barrassment resulting from such a situation, he pooh-poohed such civilized trivialities and enjoyed a truly picnic lunch. (Perhaps he passed up the civilized potato salad!)

Finally, when one father, while talking with a faculty member, was asked if he were enjoying himself, he emphatically replied: "Oh, yes." Then as a sudden after thought, a little more discreetly added: "I hope it's all right with the college."

Professor John Hoak Franklin, chairman of the history department at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, will speak on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11, concerning Negro history in America. His talk will emphasize the Reconstruction Era.

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GIFTS

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a Wheaton alumna, is a member of our Board of Trustees and chairman of its Educational Policy Committee.

Mrs. Samuel Valentine Cole gave the college a house located at 45 Centre Street, Nantucket. Mrs. Cole is a Wheaton trustee. Her husband, as President from 1897 to 1925, effected the change in Wheaton from a Seminary to a college. The house and its contents will provide the means to fund the Helen Wieand Cole Scholarship. In recent years Mrs. Cole has been adding to the income from the scholarship's endowment to bring the amount of this award up to \$750. It helps to support graduate study in one of the fields of the humanities for a young Wheaton alumna each year.

PHI BETA KAPPA

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next year. During the current year Nancy, a Spanish major, has been engaged in individual research on "the structure of Don Quixote." She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in her junior year.

Nancy Lesser '62, a sociology major, was named as the alternate. Nancy was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa at the Phi Beta Kappa banquet last Friday night.

Last year's recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa award was Georgene Botyos, who is currently working for a doctorate in chemistry at Radcliffe.

RESPONSE

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change is said to be irreversable, thus deepening the chasm.

Questions to bear in mind appear to be: what are the implications for the traditional, individual-based democratic philosophy upon which American life is held to be based? Are Americans deluding themselves by continuing to believe in the primary role of the individual in the political process? Or is it to the long-run advantage of our nation to retain a faith in the ability and the power of the individual citizen?

RESPONSE has engaged an outstanding group of speakers. Among them are William Buckley, Jr., Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Senator William Proxmire, Pulitzer Prize winner David Donald, Professor Eric Goldman, and New Yorker columnist Richard Rovere.

The plan of events for the weekend are a Friday evening panel discussion which will attempt to arrive at a working definition of traditional American democracy;

Saturday sessions which will dwell upon the pressures on these concepts, and a Sunday session which will look to the future.

The problems are complex. They will find no answers. Hopefully they will find definition, discussion, direction.

CHEMISTRY CONTEST

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Michigan faculty for many years. The best essay and the best report will each receive prizes of \$500 and the second best \$200. Honorable mention prizes of \$50 each are also provided.

The deadline for submitting entries is July 2, 1962. Entry blanks and also a bibliography of the late Professor Bartell's publications may be obtained immediately by writing to Professor K. J. Mysels, Chemistry Department, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 7, California. The prizes will be awarded by a panel of anonymous judges and will be distributed September 1, 1962.

As contest chairman, Dr. Mysels is being assisted by an advisory

BEST IN BOSTON

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in and around the Boston area.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts is welcoming spring in a big way, presenting an exceptional exhibition of Vincent van Gogh's works through April 29. Included are some of his most famous works: "Sunflowers," "Boats on the Beach," "Potato-Eaters" and "Bridge at Arles." This showing represents, by major works, every period and phase of van Gogh's art. Much of the collection is being seen in the United States for the first time, as this is the private collection of the artist's nephew, Mr. V. W. van Gogh of Amsterdam.

In connection with this fascinating showing, the Museum is presenting at Jordan Hall Sunday, April 8, at 3 p.m. a reading by Vincent Price of van Gogh's letters to his brother Theo. The dramatic reading, "Dear Theo" is, appropriately enough, being done by one of America's great art collectors. This is quite a tribute by the Museum to the coming of spring.

committee composed of Prof. R. N. Smith of Pomona College; Dr. H. van Olphen, Chairman, Division of Colloid and Surface Chemistry, American Chemical Society; and Prof. Robert D. Vold, University of Southern California.

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