

BARNABY CONRAD KEENEY, teacher, educational administrator, and university

president, was born in Halfway, Oregon, forty-one years ago. After graduation from high school in Hartford, Connecticut, he entered the University of North Carolina and graduated in 1936 as President of Phi Beta Kappa. Harvard University later granted him the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy and retained him as a tutor and instructor in history.

On December 8, 1941, he volunteered for military duty, rose to the rank of captain in Military Intelligence, and was decorated with the Silver Star and Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart.

In 1946 he went to Brown University as Assistant Professor of History and became a full professor in 1951. Meanwhile, his capacities for educational leadership and administration secured for him successive appointments as Associate Dean of the Graduate School, Dean of the Graduate School, acting Dean of the College and Dean of the College. The Corporation of Brown University gave the ultimate recognition to his rare abilities on August 16, 1955, by unanimously electing him the twelfth president of the University.

His brilliant career is soundly based upon his excellent qualities of mind and character. Holding firmly to the conviction that it is the responsibility of the faculty to teach, to help students to learn, and to expand human knowledge, he gave an admirable example of these qualities in his class room at Brown. Believing implicitly that it is the function of academic administration to maintain those conditions most fruitful for the educational effort, he has, as an administrator, notably secured for his students higher incentives and standards and for his faculty greater understanding, sympathy and independence. Trusting confidently in the continuing validity of the liberal arts he has, as teacher and administrator, brought vigor, originality, insight, wisdom and resourcefulness to their services. Seeking always for that better society and happier nation, he has as teacher, administrator and man, stood forward bravely for the fullest responsible range for the free and

disciplined mind to seek and pronounce wisdom and truth and to bolster and defend fundamental principles.

In proud acknowledgment of his distinguished record as student, soldier, scholar, teacher, administrator and educational leader--in recognition of his loyalty as a son of this University and the leader of another--this University is pleased to bestow on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.