

(Proposed Minute of Board of Managers Swarthmore College)

COURTNEY CRAIG SMITH

The Board of Managers of Swarthmore College records with sorrow and reverence the death of Courtney Craig Smith on January 16, 1969, in his sixteenth year of service as President of the College. During that time he further elevated the academic standards of the College, oriented its admissions policy to the seeking out of students with leadership probabilities, attracted and maintained a strong and vigorous faculty, with emphasis upon interest in teaching ^{and} ~~instead of~~ research, and intensified the interest and loyalty of the Alumni in the College. His vision led to a well timed, critical study of Swarthmore's place in the academic world and the development of academic, structural, and other changes necessary to the achievement of future educational goals of the College. The successful development and building programs, changing the face of the campus, reflect the faith of all in his leadership, which sought and required excellence in all areas.

He was a man of wide interests and activities. His leadership was recognized and his influence was felt far beyond the Swarthmore campus not only in his administration of the United States Rhodes' Scholarship activities, but in his association with two additional scholarship groups, two financial institutions, one foundation, two other colleges, three civic groups, and three professional organizations. The esteem in which others held him is shown by the honorary degrees conferred on him by eight other institutions of higher learning, ^{American} and by those in responsible positions who sought his counsel.

by the award to him of Honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire

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All of his off-campus activities enhanced the standing of the College. He and his immediate family became members of Swarthmore Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, whose beliefs and tenets he had practiced for many years. The College was fortunate that his wife, Elizabeth, actively supported his activities and generously shared him with the world.

Courtney Craig Smith entered this world superbly endowed with God-given extraordinary intellectual capacity, great physical strength, and boundless energy. He will be remembered because he unfalteringly and unstintingly dedicated these gifts to the service of mankind and because of his compassion and love of others. He was sensitive and responsive to other views, and could readily relate himself to all people. He could carry on with sincere patience, tolerance and understanding. His self-discipline and dedication to purposeful ends, however, held these characteristics within useful bounds. His unique thoroughness and deliberate processes insured his seemingly uncanny ability to move in the right direction. His determination insured that decisions were implemented. These qualities, together with his courage and vision provided the leadership which we will miss so greatly. All are better for having known him.