



SHERMAN H. HAWKINS

DEDICATION

The members of the Class of 1965 make this dedication to Sherman Hawkins in the knowledge that such a gesture can be but a partial acknowledgment of their great debt to his rewarding friendship and instruction. For us, he has represented the ideal of the scholar-teacher. His published articles on Chaucer and Spenser are refreshingly original and carefully accurate. Teaching is, to him, a personal contact within the community, not a mechanical operation of the institution. He has said, "I regard each class as a Social Event, and I have been disappointed only when a student treats it as an academic ritual or masquerade." His enthusiasm, coupled with his delight in the varied minds of his students, has enriched our Princeton experience immeasurably, and for the past three years the undergraduates have elected him the best preceptor in the University.

The quality of his lectures matches the dynamic excellence of his precepts and writings. His Forms of Poetry course drew many departmental and non-departmental students, and impressed all with his rare combination of versatility and profundity.

He has personified student-faculty relationships, demonstrating deep personal interest in his students, living on campus, and lending the inspiration of his personality to important activities—from the faculty-fellow program of the Woodrow Wilson Society to the discussions at the Proctor Foundation.

It is, then, with affection and gratitude—and a little awe—that the Class of 1965 dedicates its *Nassau Herald* to Sherman Hawkins.