

CONCORD COLLEGE
Athens, West Virginia

CITATION

E D W A R D M c G R A D Y
Doctor of Humane Letters

EDWARD McGRADY, educator, scientist, author, sculptor, painter, violinist, explorer, composer, student of Japanese, theologian, cabinet maker, one-time football quarterback, you are a modern Thomas Jefferson. Rarely has a man been so liberal in his approach to the academic landscape, and yet so successful in articulating the meaning of education as universally human convictions about what ultimately is worth-while. Born in Mississippi, you sought your education at the College of Charleston, South Carolina, in the unusual discipline of Greek. At the University of Pittsburgh, where you received your Master of Science degree, you studied X rays; and at the University of Pennsylvania, your dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy concerned the motor nerves of the eye. This classical versatility led you to study the hearing of the opossum; it also permitted you to compose trios and quartets. With a remarkable disregard for scientific discreteness, you turned to fossils, caves, salamanders and atomic energy. With the incredible variety of your own experience as testimony, you remarked at your installation as Vice-Chancellor of The University of the South: "It is far more important to try to teach men how to live than how to make a living." Those who teach owe to you, Sir, their gratitude for emphasizing the liberal tradition in education for democracy. Concord College is indeed pleased to honor you, and hereby confers upon you her degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College, and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this thirty-first day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and of the College the eighty-seventh.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.
President