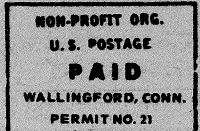


# The NEWS

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## Packard is new Choate head in vast administrative changes

by Joseph Lovering '77

Vast administrative changes at Choate Rosemary Hall over the summer occurred in many departments and are highlighted by the appointments of H. Jeremy Packard as Head of the Choate School, and Miss Eleanor "Tommie" Saunders as the Head of Rosemary Hall. Both of these positions had been vacated earlier in the year with the resignations of Richard Aiken and Joanne Sullivan, heads of Choate and Rosemary Hall respectively. Each expressed a desire to become more active in their teaching as reason for their resignation. Each will stay on at Choate Rosemary Hall solely in a teaching role.

Miss Saunders, who will assume the position of head of school on December 1, has been the Associate Dean of Northfield Center at Northfield Mount Hermon. She has been a college counselor, an academic counselor, and an American History teacher.

She attended the Connecticut College for Women and later did graduate work at the University of Wisconsin. Miss Saunders has an interest in prison administration and has devoted studies to this topic.

### "Whole Choate Person"

Mr. Packard, whose parents were both Choate teachers, was raised on the campus and is a Choate graduate. For eleven years he has been a teacher, a coach, and a housemaster. He describes himself as a "whole Choate person."

Mr. Packard, who was to have been Dean of the Fifth Form this year, was forced to vacate that position when he assumed the office of Head of School.

Packard, when interviewed, expressed his "firm hope in the next year is to bring a better sense of community and confidence in ourselves and what we're doing."

Mr. Packard is known to the Choate Rosemary Hall com-

munity, in the words of Mr. Dey, "as an administrator who is both fair and forceful." He has special interest in the out of doors and forestry, which he says "balances out Miss Saunders' interest in prisons."

The position of Fifth Form Dean, left vacant upon Mr. Packard's ascension, has been filled by the Rev. Mark H. Mullin, last year's Sixth Form Dean. Mr. Mullin was to have been Fourth Form Dean this year. That position has been filled by Thomas A. Yankus, a long-term Choate teacher, coach, and housemaster. For the past year, Yankus has been Choate's Athletic Director. A Choate graduate, Mr. Yankus had previously been a Dean, but relinquished the position and only recently decided to reassume it.

### Hodgin assumes first deanship

The Third Form Deanship was taken over this year by Marston Hodgkin after Mark Tuttle announced his intention last year to no longer be a Dean. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin have moved into Mem House while the Tuttles are living off campus in a school-owned house.

Apart from the higher framework of the school administration, there have been resignations and replacements in various school departments.

Mrs. Betty K. Brown, Chairman of the Math Department, announced her resignation during the summer. Her position has been filled by a new faculty member, Joseph A. Merluzzi, a former teacher at Hamden Hall High School. Mr. Merluzzi is living with his wife in Wheeler House.

The Director of Athletics position, formally held by Mr. Yankus, is presently vacant due to the aforementioned's promotion to Dean. Mr. Yankus will continue to oversee the Athletic Department until a successor is found.

In the Arts Center, Arthur Goodearl, a Choate history teacher, has replaced Zachary Goodyear as Director of Activities. Mr. Goodyear resigned from this position last year, and will continue to teach history and serve as housemaster.

### New Faculty Faces

New faculty members and administrators to be welcomed to Choate Rosemary Hall include Joseph A. Merluzzi, chairman of the mathematics department. Merluzzi is a graduate of Western Connecticut State College with an M.A. from Fairfield University. Derrick D. Cephas, a graduate of Harvard College, will teach history. Nina Davis, a graduate of Earlham College, will serve as house adviser at Rosemary Hall. Leo Gafney, who earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Fordham University and an Ed.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, will teach mathematics.

Pamela J. Jajko, also a graduate of Earlham College with an M.S. from Columbia University, and Dianne C. Langlois, a graduate of St. Lawrence University, will work as librarians. John Martin, a graduate of Tufts University now attending Yale Divinity School, will act as housemaster at Choate. Fred R. Myers Jr., a graduate of the State University of New York at Geneseo with an M.A. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, will teach physics and mathematics. Thomas N. Oates, who earned an A.B. from Harvard College and a B.A. from Oxford University in England, will serve as a housemaster at Choate. Leslie H. Paoletti, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College with a M.A.T. from Yale University, will teach mathematics. Francoise Thompson, a graduate of St. Mary's College with a M.A. from the University of Minnesota, will teach French.

## Arnie Lawrence to play gig at A.C.

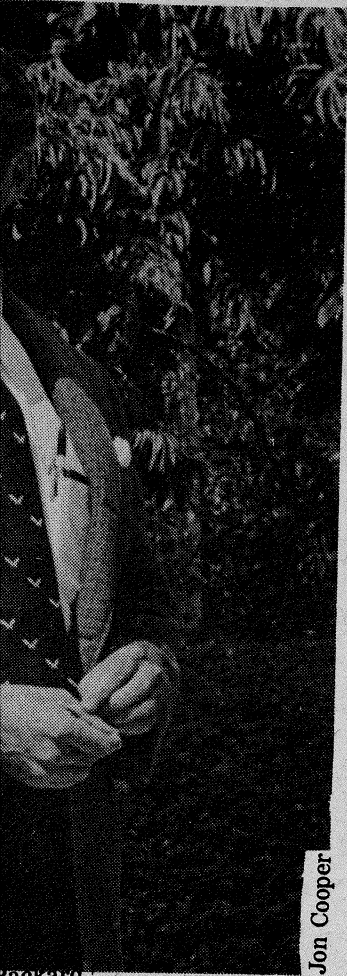
by Bruce Werner '77

Arnie Lawrence will bring his musical group, "Arnie Lawrence's Treasure Island" to the Main Theatre of the Paul Mellon Arts Center on Saturday, September 20, at 8 p.m. for what promises to be a fine evening of entertainment.

The alto saxophone (played by Lawrence), trumpet, electric bass, and drums combine in Treasure Island to make music which is "jazz-oriented, but a fusion of jazz and rock," as described by Mr. Philip T. Ventre, Head of Instrumental Music at Choate Rosemary Hall.

"Arnie Lawrence was a guest soloist at the first annual Choate Rosemary Hall Jazz Festival last May. Those at the concert will remember his electrifying performance with the Choate Rosemary Hall Jazz Ensemble, especially his use of electronic sound synthesizers."

Mr. Ventre also recalled that at one point the band actually left the stage and went into the enthusiastic audience while continuing to play. He com-



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## Rosemary Hall full school

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overall diversity of students in the community. This year's student body includes members of more than 20 foreign countries such as Thailand, Hong Kong, Costa Rica, Monaco, and the British West Indies, to name only a few.

### Optimistic review

Mrs. Ellen James, the new admissions director at Rosemary Hall, is as satisfied as her Choate counterpart, Mr. Charles Pierce, who said, "The admissions offices are extremely pleased with the enrollment this fall. Our new students are not only academically qualified, but come to Choate Rosemary Hall from 19 states and more than 20 foreign countries, and bring with them a variety of interests and talents. Everything points to an excellent year."

## RH locks up

by Lauren Piper '77

During this past summer locks were installed on all the doors of the rooms in the Rosemary Hall dorms. The locks are opened with a three-number combination so there is no chance of losing a key. All dorm masters carry master keys in case of an emergency.

