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WINDSOR MOUNTAIN SCHOOL, located in Lenox, Massachusetts, is a college preparatory boarding school for boys and girls. The School was started by Dr. Max Bondy and his wife, Dr. Gertrud Bondy, in 1920 in Germany, and later a branch of it was established in Switzerland. In 1939, upon their arrival in this country, the Bondys established the Windsor Mountain School, first in Vermont and then at Lenox. Lenox is a small, New England, residential town in the Berkshire hills, six miles from the city of Pittsfield. The School occupies a 150-acre estate near the town center.

Windsor Mountain School has been directed by Dr. Gertrud Bondy since the death of her husband in 1951, with the assistance of her son, Heinz Bondy, who is headmaster, and his wife Eleanor, who is headmistress. The School is a member of the Association of New England Co-educational Schools, and is on the approved list of the Department of State in Washington.

*SCHOOL CAMPUS.* Three large residences and their supplementary buildings have been adapted to school purposes. The Main Building contains offices, dining room, kitchen, social rooms, and the girls' dormitory; Beaupre is the dormitory for younger boys. There are separate buildings for classrooms and science laboratories, the theatre and shop, the Bondys' home, and the residence of the older boys. On the grounds are athletic fields, tennis courts, paths for cycling and hiking, and a swimming pool.

*FACULTY AND STAFF.* Dr. Gertrud Bondy, the director, was born in Prague, Austria, received her M.D. from Vienna (Austria) and Erlangen (Germany), and studied psychology under Dr. Sigmund Freud. She has three children. Heinz Bondy, headmaster of the Windsor Mountain School, graduated from Swarthmore College (B.A.) and Bryn Mawr (M.A.), and served for three years in the U. S. Army. On the faculty are 18 full-time teachers and one part-time teacher. The faculty colleges are:

Black Mountain, Boston University, Conservatory of Munique (Germany), Dartmouth, Harvard, University of London, Sorbonne, Swarthmore, Tufts, University of Vienna, Wisconsin, and Yale.

The School enrolls (1955-56) 115 boarders, 11 to 18 years of age, in the six grades preceding college. There are foreign students from San Salvador, Ecuador, Holland, Germany, England, and Canada. Normally, the students represent several religious faiths and races.

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*ADMISSION AND COST.* New students are enrolled in every grade, on the basis of acceptable transfer units and references from the school last attended, personal references, and a health certificate. The annual fee for tuition, room, and board is \$2000; other expenses (except allowances) approximate \$200 per year. The School offers scholarships.

*INSTRUCTION.* The school year, from mid-September to early June, includes 33 weeks of instruction and long vacations at Christmas and Easter. The school day includes: six 40-minute recitation periods, of which at least four are elective; one hour of sports and physical activities; one and one-half to two and one-half hours of study; and one hour of evening activity. There are two hours of laboratory work each week for Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. Each week Dr. Bondy holds an individual conference with each student, and meets for discussion with small groups one evening a week.

The program at Windsor Mountain School is college preparatory, combining European and American educational practices. The curriculum in the seventh and eighth grades includes the regular elementary courses, plus painting, crafts, dramatics, and music. The following subjects are offered in grades 9-12:

ENGLISH; LANGUAGES (Latin, French, Spanish, German); SCIENCE (General, Biology, Chemistry, Physics); HISTORY (Ancient, European, American, Social Studies); MATHEMATICS (Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry, Trigonometry); PSYCHOLOGY; PHILOSOPHY; HISTORY OF ART; HISTORY OF MUSIC; ART; DRAMATICS; MUSIC.

Recent graduates of the School have been accepted at:

Barnard, Bennington, Black Mountain, Boston University, Bryn Mawr, Harvard, Michigan, Oberlin, Princeton, Radcliffe, Rensselaer, Swarthmore, Wisconsin, and Yale.

The School has a student self-government, which emphasizes cooperation among individuals and participation in activities of the community, with equal vote of students and teachers. Activities, which are conducted during an hour following dinner, include clubs, discussion groups, hobbies, and parties. Among them are: newspaper, yearbook, photography, literature, music, science, art, bridge, square dancing, political discussions, child training, sports discussions, current events, shop, woodworking, auto mechanics, knitting, chess, bowling, music appreciation, chorus, orchestra, psychology, human relations, and vocabulary. There are intramural teams in most sports, and varsity and junior varsity teams in soccer, basketball, and baseball. The School is a member of the Taconic Athletic Conference. The sports include: soccer, basketball, baseball, tennis, softball, track, volleyball, riding, hiking, skiing, swimming, and hockey. There is a school entertainment every Saturday night.