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PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION

Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
September 7, 2005
11:00 a.m.

Program

President Richard F. Wilson, *Presiding*

Prelude

Vienese Serenade No. 1 for Two Violins and Cello — *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)*
Allegro

String Trio
Bret Negro '06, *violin*
Molly Doran '07, *violin*
Andrew Hesse '06, *cello*

Invocation *(please stand)* — Dennis E. Groh '61, *University Chaplain*

Welcome — Richard F. Wilson, *President*

Greetings from the Student Senate — Kevin Maliszewski '06, *President, Student Senate*

Special Music

Claribel — *Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Justin Holloway '09, *Tenor*
Maxie Scifres, *accompanist*

Address — Edward O. Wilson
"The Future of Life"

Alma Wesleyana — J. Scott Ferguson, *Organist*, *Professor of Music*
(please stand and join in singing led by Mr. Holloway)

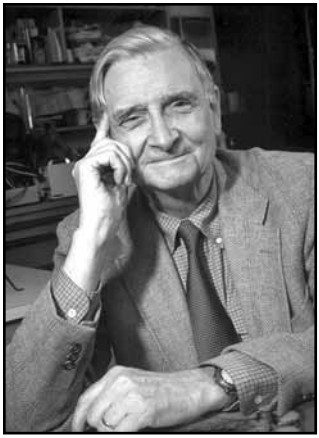
NATIONAL HYMN
George William Warren (1828-1902)

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where'er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending, loyal we will be—
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
—*Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)*

Benediction *(remain standing)* — Chaplain Groh

Postlude *(remain standing)* — String Trio

Divertimento No. 26 for String Trio — *Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*
Un Poco Presto



Edward O. Wilson

The David and Ann Lawrence Visiting Fellow

Edward O. Wilson, Pellegrino University Research Professor, Emeritus, at Harvard University, is one of the most highly respected scientists in the world today.

Wilson has won the Pulitzer Prize twice — once for *On Human Nature* (1978) and again for *The Ants* (1991). *Time Magazine* has hailed Wilson as one of "America's 25 Most Influential People," and Tom Wolfe, writing in *Forbes* magazine in 1996, dubbed Wilson "a new Darwin."

His 1992 volume, *The Diversity of Life* brought together knowledge of the magnitude of biodiversity and the threats to it and had a major public impact.

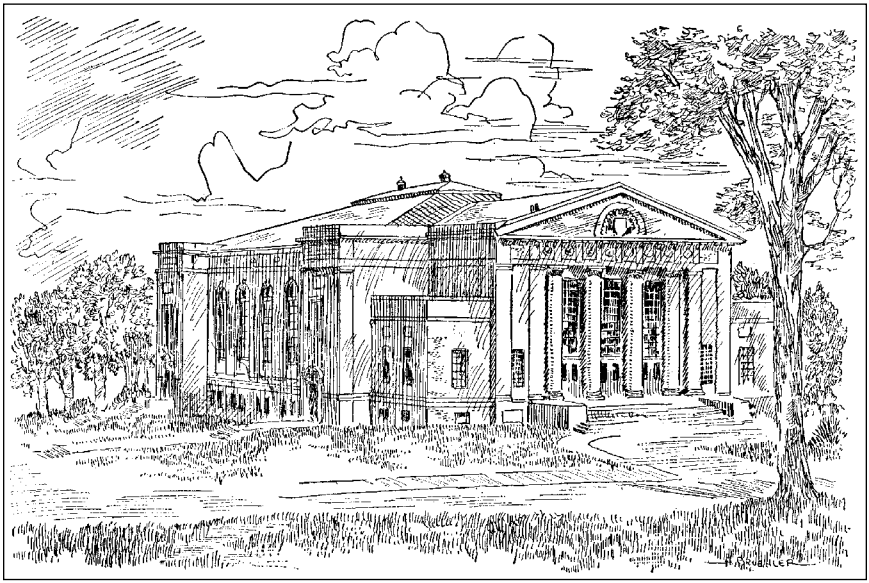
Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge (1998) draws together the sciences, humanities, and the arts into a broad study of human knowledge. Most recently, he wrote *The Future of Life* (2002), which offers a plan for saving Earth's biological heritage.

A native of Alabama, Wilson received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Alabama where he devoted much of his early career to the study of ants. He received his doctorate from Harvard and joined the Harvard faculty in 1956. Today he continues entomological and environmental research at the Museum of Comparative Zoology.

Wilson has received some 75 awards in international recognition for his contributions to science and humanity, including the U.S. National Medal of Science (1976), Japan's International Prize for Biology (1993), the Crafoord Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (1990), the French Prix du Institut de la Vie (1990), Germany's Terrestrial Ecology Prize (1987), Saudi Arabia's King Faisal International Prize for Science (2000), and the Franklin Medal of the American Philosophical Society (1999).

For his conservation work he has received the Audubon Medal of the National Audubon Society and the Gold Medal of the World Wide Fund for Nature. He is also the recipient of 27 honorary doctoral degrees from North America and Europe.

MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM



From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches:

"THE MEMORIAL GYMNASIUM IS ONE OF ILLINOIS WESLEYAN'S NEWER BUILDINGS AND COMPLETE IN EVERY DETAIL. IT WILL SEAT 2500 PEOPLE FOR BASKETBALL GAMES AND BESIDES A LARGE, MODERN PLAYING FLOOR IS EQUIPPED WITH A BIG STAGE, OFFICES, LOCKER ROOMS, STORE ROOMS, AND LARGE, MODERN SWIMMING POOL."

The Hansen Student Center was created from historic Memorial gymnasium and opened in January, 2002.

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Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence,
parents of David '79 and Lisa '83
for their support of this event.

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