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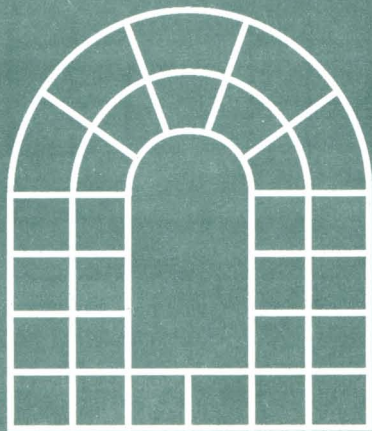
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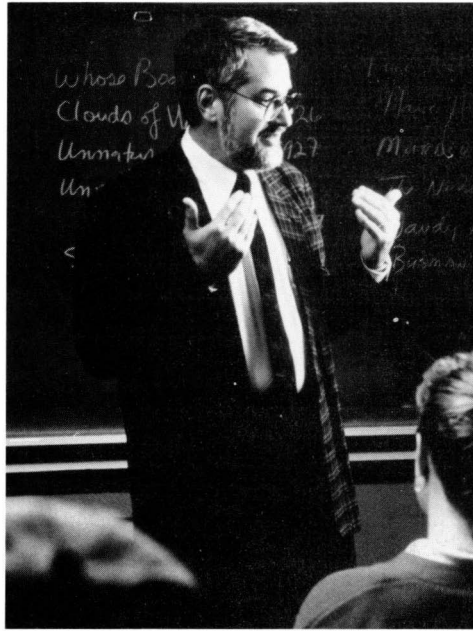
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HONORS
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Robert C. Bray, Ph.D.

Literary critic, professor of English, author and editor, literacy advocate, chronicler of 19th Century Methodism, scholar of Midwestern Americana, biographer of regional writers, adviser to libraries, connoisseur of food and wine — Robert Bray is a passionate admirer of the written word and the fine art of teaching.

Since 1986 he has held the R. Forrest Colwell Endowed Chair in American Literature at Illinois Wesleyan, whose faculty he joined in 1970. A native of Kansas, he received a bachelor of arts degree from Kansas State College (now Pittsburg State University) in 1966 and earned a master of arts degree and the Ph.D. with honors from the University of Chicago, where he specialized in 19th Century American Literature.

He has been the recipient of numerous fellowships, including those from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, the Danforth Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. His teaching interests, in addition to 19th Century American literature, encompass American painting, interdisciplinary humanities, writing, the literature of the Midwest and of Illinois and literary criticism.

In 1986 he was elected to the Society of Midland Authors, comprising authors of works printed by recognized publishers and accepted as worthy of literary attention. In 1982 the University of Illinois Press published his *Rediscoveries: Literature and Place in Illinois*, and also contracted for Bray's work-in-progress on the life of the early Methodist circuit-rider, Peter Cartwright. Bray and his Wesleyan faculty colleague Paul Bushnell of the history department co-authored *The Diary of a Common Soldier in the American Revolution*, published in 1978 by Northern Illinois University Press and now in its fourth printing. Bray served as editor-in-chief and contributor to *A Reader's Guide to Illinois Literature*, published by the Illinois State Library.

Among Dr. Bray's numerous articles for scholarly journals are works relating to Mark Twain, Hamlin Garland and Robert Herrick; poetic structure and the regionalist tradition in poetry; camp meeting revivalism and the Cartwright-Lincoln acquaintance; as well as introductions to a book of smalltown Illinois photographs and Bloomington author Harold Sinclair's *American Years*.

Bray has served Illinois Wesleyan as coordinator of the American Studies degree program, as chair of the English department and as a member of numerous University committees. He is a student advisor for freshman and English majors, and has served on such faculty committees as the Personnel and Curriculum Councils, the Academic Planning Committee and the Council on University Programs and Policy.

Recognized statewide by Governor Jim Edgar for his chairmanship of the "Read Illinois" program since 1988, Bray is also a director of the Illinois Humanities Council and the Illinois Center for the Book.

***This program is dedicated to the Seniors
and
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"All Hail the Power"Alice Jordan

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 Symphonie IV: Finale.....*Charles-Marie Widor*

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 for Teaching Excellence and Campus LeadershipRoger Burns
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Presentation of SpeakerPresident Minor Myers, jr.

*"The Search for Captain Howdy"Robert C. Bray
 R. Forrest Colwell Professor of English*

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 Provost and Dean of Faculty

Alma Wesleyana

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.

Thy halls of wisdom cast a sacred light
 On all who enter and in faith unite
 To wring a glory from her banner bright
 Worthy of Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

Proudly, we now extol thy hallowed past,
 Vowing thy future fame be unsurpassed,
 Keeping thy shining vision to the last
 Resounding Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

When college days are fully past and gone,
 While life endures, from twilight dream till dawn,
 Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
 Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan!

*-Stanzas 1 and 4 by Professor W.E. Schultz (1887-1964)
 -Stanzas 2 and 3 by Professor Emeritus R. Bedford Watkins*

Benediction.....Randall P. Fletcher '91

Recessional/PostludeDebbe L. Christensen '91, *Organist*
 Fugue in C major, BuxWV 174*Dieterich Buxtehude*

(Audience will remain standing in place until completion of processional.)

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Basketball

David B. Caldwell

Cross Country

Anthony S. Grace

Football

Brad D. Forsyth

William C. Marcordes

Golf

Francis Patrick Ulrich (1990)

Soccer (Offense)

Ashu P. Mehta

Soccer (Defense)

Todd A. Delahanty

Swimming

John E. Nowak

Track

Malik T. Jones (1990)

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Baseball

Mike R. Brown

Mark H. Gunther

Basketball

W. Jason Jones

David P. Kunka

Cross Country

Mark W. Anderson

Andrew J. Noreuil

Football

Larry T. Andretich

Brad D. Forsyth

Neal S. Hermanson

William C. Marcordes

Golf

James R. Ott

Francis Patrick Ulrich

Soccer

Christopher C. Thomsen

Swimming

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Christopher W. Morton

Track

Nicholas J. Epley

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All-America Team

Football—2nd Team

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Most Valuable Player

Basketball

Gwynne M. Roberts

Cross Country

Marcie K. Leverenz

Swimming

Annamarie Lembares

Tennis

Ann M. Kramer

Volleyball

Amy K. Rajala

Most Improved Player

Swimming

Karen M. Monroe

Tennis

Michelle A. Kominiarek

Volleyball

Jeneé L. Wolters

Basketball

Joleen A. Palmer

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Joan M. Franey

Gwynne M. Roberts

Cross Country

Marcie K. Leverenz

Softball

Kimberly A. Hefner

Susan J. Bierdz

Swimming

Karen M. Monroe

Miki Yoshida

Tennis

Ann M. Kramer

Lisa A. Wright

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Marcie K. Leverenz

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1961 Wayne W. Wantland, <i>Biology</i>	1977 Harvey F. Beutner, <i>English</i>
1962 R. Dwight Drexler, <i>Piano</i>	1978 Frank D. Starkey, <i>Chemistry</i>
1963 Elizabeth H. Oggel, <i>English</i>	1979 Fred B. Brian, <i>Art</i>
1964 Rupert Kilgore, <i>Art</i>	1980 Sammye Crawford Greer, <i>English</i>
1965 Dorothea S. Franzen, <i>Biology</i>	1981 Jerry M. Israel, <i>History</i>
1966 Joseph H. Meyers, <i>English</i>	1982 John D. Heyl, <i>History</i>
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1973 Robert Burda, <i>English</i>	1989 Pamela Buchanan Muirhead, <i>English</i>
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1975 Lucile Klauser, <i>Education</i>	

FACULTY 25 YEAR AWARDS

Paul E. Bushnell, *Associate Professor of History*
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Richard B. Hishman, *Associate Professor of Music Education*
Robert G. Leh, *Associate Professor of Political Science*
Geoffrey L. Story, Jr., *Associate Professor of Religion*

Now I am terrified at the earth, it is that calm and patient,
It grows such sweet things out of such corruptions,
It turns harmless and stainless on its axis, with such endless
successions of diseas'd corpses,
It distills such exquisite winds out of such infused fetor,
It renews with such unwitting looks its prodigal, annual,
sumptuous crops,
It gives such divine materials to men, and accepts such leavings
from them at last.

—Walt Whitman, from "This Compost," 1856

How do you search
for old Captain Howdy?
Open your books
and sing Lawdy, laude.

How do you clear up
things that are cloudy?
Open your minds
and sing Lawdy, laude.

How do you shout
that truth is so rowdy?
Open your hearts
and sing Lawdy, laude.