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Convocation Honoring the Founders

February 19, 1976
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.

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!
ON THE COVER Superimposed on a 1776 map is the American odyssey of the Greenman family. Departing Providence for the "wilds" of Ohio in 1806, they left behind forever the friends and familiar places in Rhode Island and the shores of Narragansett Bay. In October, the Greenmans arrived in Marietta, Ohio, a frontier town peopled by New Englanders, on the Ohio river bluffs at the mouth of the Muskingum. Some 20 miles above Marietta, Jeremiah Greenman settled on a farm and spent the remainder of his days there until his death in 1828. The following year his son John left with his family for McLean County, Illinois, hauling his possessions by land across Indiana, probably following the National Road part of the way. In 1830, Jeremiah, Jr. with his family and the widow Greenman set off for Illinois, floating down the Ohio to Cairo, where they boarded a steamboat which took them up the Illinois river to Pekin, from which point they traveled the rest of the way to Waynesville by ox-drawn cart.

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**ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY**

**CONVOCATION HONORING THE FOUNDERS**

February 19, 1976  
10:45 a.m.  
Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall

**President Robert S. Eckley, Presiding**

**ORGAN PRELUDE**  
Concert Variations on the Star Spangled Banner ........................................ Dudley Buck  
David Gehrenbeck, Organist

**PROCESSIONAL**  
Prelude on "Deus tuorum militum" ............................................................. Leo Sowerby  
Organ and Brass Quartet

**INVOCATION**  
Chaplain William L. White

**ANTHEM**  
My Redeemer (John ReIly) ................................................................. William Billings (c. 1781)  
Collegiate Choir  
David Nott, Director

**PSALM**  
Save Me, O God (Psalm 54) ............................................................... Charles Ives (c. 1896)  
Collegiate Choir

**PRESENTATION OF SPEAKERS**  
President Robert S. Eckley

**ADDRESS**  
The American Odyssey of the Greenman Family ......................... Professor Robert Bray and Professor Paul Bushnell

**MOTET**  
Matins (George Herbert) ............................................................... Relfy Raffman (1963)  
Collegiate Choir

**ALMA WESLEYANA**

**BENEDICTION**  
Chaplain William L. White

**RECESSIONAL AND POSTLUDE**  
March in C ............................................................... Robert Bankert  
David Gehrenbeck, Organist

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