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PRESIDENT'S CONVOCATION
PROGRAM
President Minor Myers, jr, Presiding

Organ Prelude ..................................................Professor David Gehrenbeck, Organist
Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D (1844) .................Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*Invocation ..................................................Professor William L. White
University Chaplain

Welcome ..................................................President Minor Myers, jr

Remarks ..................................................Carl J. Summers ’96
President, Student Senate

Special Music
Concerto VII, in G ..............................................Sir William Herschel
for Violin and Orchestra
(1738-1822)
Allegro

Illinois Wesleyan Camerata
Professor Vadim Mazo, Director and Soloist

Awarding of Honorary Degree .......................President Minor Myers, jr.
Provost Janet M. McNew

The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Heath, K.G.

Remarks ..................................................The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Heath, K.G.
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)
The Rt. Hon.
Sir Edward Heath, K.G.
Prime Minister of England, 1970-74
Mellon Visiting Fellow in Politics, Art, and Music

As a statesman, Sir Edward Heath, led his country into the European Economic Community (EEC or Common Market).

As a musician, Sir Edward has conducted some of the world's greatest orchestras, including the London, Chicago, and Philadelphia symphonies. He also has made at least five recordings on the EMI and RCA labels.

As a writer, he has authored several books on world affairs, music, sailing, travel, and other subjects.

As a sailor, Sir Edward has won numerous trophies. In 1971, he was captain of Britain's team of three yachts which won the Admiral's Cup—a feat achieved while he was Prime Minister.

U.S. News & World Report called him a "Renaissance man," noting, "On most campuses, the description 'triple threat' applies to football halfbacks, but at Illinois Wesleyan University this September, it could be used to describe . . . the performance of Sir Edward Heath."

Sir Edward, born in 1916, is a graduate of Balliol College, Oxford, where he was an organ scholar, earning a degree in "Modern Greats"—philosophy, politics, and economics.

During World War II, he served as an artillery officer. In the postwar years, he joined the Civil Service, and worked as a journalist and merchant banker.

He was elected to Parliament in 1950, serving as Chief Whip and Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury from 1955-59. Sir Edward was appointed Minister of Labour in 1959 and Lord Privy Seal in 1960 with special responsibility for negotiating Britain's entry into the EEC. In 1963, he was appointed Secretary of State for Industry, Trade and Regional Development, and President of the Board of Trade.

Sir Edward became Conservative Party Leader in 1965 and served as Prime Minister from 1970-74. As Prime Minister, he led the tough talks culminating in Britain's entry into the EEC in 1973—a move previously vetoed by French President Charles DeGaulle.

Former National Security Advisor and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger wrote: "Of all British political leaders, Heath was the one I knew best and liked most when I came to office . . . He was one of the ablest world leaders I met . . . he rose from modest beginnings to lead a party imbued with Britain's aristocratic tradition."
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