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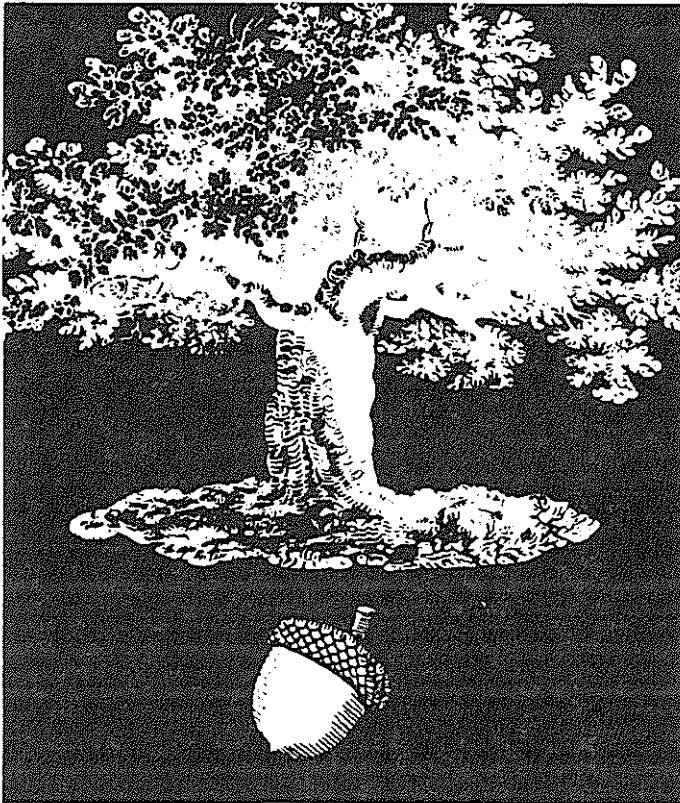
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Founders Day

February 17, 1988



Dr. Robert S. Eckley
President Emeritus

In 1968, at age 47, Dr. Robert S. Eckley stepped down from a key position with Caterpillar Inc. to become one of the youngest presidents in Illinois Wesleyan's history. Dr. Eckley, who holds degrees from Bradley, the University of Minnesota, and Harvard, guided the university through eighteen prosperous years. July 31, 1986, marked his retirement and the appointment of the current president, Dr. Wayne Anderson.

His tenure—longest in Wesleyan history—was distinguished by qualitative improvements in students and faculty. The campus doubled in size, the endowment increased seven-fold, annual giving was quadrupled, and alumni giving increased more than eleven times. In addition to these accomplishments, many major buildings are credited to his administration. The completion of Sheean Library, Mark Evans Observatory, Alice Millar Center for Fine Arts, Evelyn Chapel, and the early construction stages of the Fort Natatorium all fell under his direction.

Since his retirement, Dr. Eckley has accepted and completed a one-year fellowship with the Brookings Institution in Washington D.C., where he conducted economic research. He was awarded emeritus status by the University's board of trustees on October 26, 1987, and today he will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Dr. Eckley can now be found teaching a course in international business at IWU two days a week. He also serves, as a member of the board of directors of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co., and Central Illinois Public Service Co. Nell B. Eckley was honored for her contributions to the beautification of campus buildings and grounds by the renaming of the Nell Eckley Student Lounge in Memorial Student Center.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

CONVOCATION

HONORING THE FOUNDERS

Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall
February 17, 1988 11:00 a.m.
President Wayne Anderson, *Presiding*
Professor Harvey Beutner, *Mace Bearer*

ORGAN PRELUDE Professor David Gehrenbeck
"Chorale III in A minor *César Franck*

PROCESSIONAL
Hornpipe in D *George Frideric Handel*

INVOCATION Chaplain William L. White

SPECIAL MUSIC Wesleyan String Quartet

String Quartet, opus 64, No. 4 *Joseph Haydn*
Finale (Presto)

Sue Ellen Puyear, *Violin*
Kirsten Weingartner, *Violin*
Susanna Woodard, *Viola*
Tevis Campbell, *Cello*

PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER President Wayne Anderson
ADDRESS:

"If George Washington Had Gone to Sea" President Emeritus Robert S. Eckley

AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE

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 til dawn
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on —
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Fugue in E, BWV 566/4 *Johann Sebastian Bach*