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Founders' Day Convocation and Rededication of Buck Memorial Library

February 22, 1990  11:00 a.m.
Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall
A national spokesman on science and technology, Thomas E. Everhart is Professor of Electrical Engineering and Applied Physics and has served as President of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, since September 1987. As a scientist and engineer, Everhart's main areas of interest and expertise have been in the research and development of scanning electron microscopes, electron beams as applied to semiconductor analysis and fabrication, and electron beam recording.

Everhart received his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in physics from Harvard University and his master's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles in 1955. He earned his doctorate in engineering from Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, in 1958, the same year he joined the University of California at Berkeley, where he served in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science for more than 20 years.

In January 1979, Everhart became Dean of the College of Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, and in August 1984 he assumed the chancellorship at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana.

The chairman of the General Motors Science Advisory Committee and the National Academy of Engineering Committee on Membership, Everhart also serves as a member of the National Academy of Engineering Council and the R.R. Donnelley Technical Advisory Council. In 1984, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers honored Everhart with its Centennial Medal, recognizing achievements in electrical and electronics engineering.
Illinois Wesleyan University

President Minor Myers, jr., Presiding
Professor John Wenum, Mace Bearer

ORGAN PRELUDE ........................................... Professor David Gehrenbeck
Suite in D ............................................. Felix Mendelssohn
Chorale - Allegro - Chorale - Fugue

PROCESSIONAL
Choral Song in C ......................................... Samuel Wesley

INVOCATION ............................................... Chaplain William White

INTRODUCTION .......................................... President Minor Myers, jr.

LITANY OF REDEDICATION FOR
BUCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY ................................ Chaplain William White

AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE .................. Provost Ellen Hurwitz and
President Minor Myers, jr.

ADDRESS .................................................... Dr. Thomas Everhart
President, California Institute of Technology

ALMA WESLEYANA
Concertato for a Day of Celebration .............. Dale Thomas Rogers '74

1 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.

2 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.

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

4 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!

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

Instrumentalists
Trumpets: Gordon Baksali '92
Erik Swenson '91
Trombones: Kelly Beaman '90
Kirsten Engelbert '90
Tympani: Kevin Nichols '92

RECESSIONAL/POSTLUDE
Jubilate ....................................................... William Mathias
The Litany of Rededication

Illinois Wesleyan University provides a liberal education of distinctively high quality for all of our students. We therefore designate this special center for the cultivation of computer skills, that students may become proficient in the craft of composition and revision.

WE NOW REDEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE ART OF EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION OF THE BEST OF WHAT IS LEARNED.

Illinois Wesleyan prepares students for responsible citizenship in a democratic society and for leadership in a diverse world. We must become familiar with the computer revolution and competent in the use of contemporary technology. Buck Memorial Library will house an instructional laboratory, to educate faculty and students in the use of computers across the curriculum.

WE NOW REDEDICATE THIS BUILDING AS AN EXPRESSION OF OUR INTENTION TO DEVELOP FACULTY AND STUDENT COMPETENCE IN THE USE OF MODERN COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY.

Illinois Wesleyan encourages liberation from ignorance and complacency, and liberation from the tyranny of the here and now. We establish this facility to enhance international language skills and international studies, through language immersion, interactive computer programs, and satellite reception.

WE NOW REDEDICATE THIS BUILDING TO THE WESLEYAN COMMUNITY AND TO ITS PREPARATION FOR LIVING IN A TECHNOLOGICALLY SOPHISTICATED AND INTEGRATED WORLD.

Prayer of Rededication
The Reverend Hiram Buck served the University as a devoted trustee, faithful friend and generous benefactor throughout his tenure as a trustee from 1856 until his death in 1892. Martha Buck, his widow, bequeathed to the University $200,000 for construction of a library to house the University's books and manuscripts. Thus came into being in 1922 Buck Memorial Library replacing "Old North" Hall which had served as the principal library of Illinois Wesleyan since 1904.

Forty-six years later, Sheean Library replaced Buck Memorial Library as the University's chief repository and Buck Memorial Library underwent its first major renovation. This provided for an auditorium with sophisticated audio-visual equipment, a journalism workroom, and classrooms and faculty offices for the Department of Foreign Languages.

And now again after two decades Buck Memorial Library is experiencing further renovations. Wesleyan owes special gratitude to Acting President Wendell W. Hess who initiated and guided the planning for the transformation of the building into a center for interactive and computer-based learning and international communications, and home for Academic Computer Services, the Department of Foreign Languages, and the Department of Computer Science.

The Gothic splendor of Buck Memorial Library evokes the tradition of the foundation of university life and points to the vision of those "pygmies who stood on the shoulders of giants."