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Illinois Wesleyan University

FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION



Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
February 12, 1997
11:00 A.M.

PROGRAM

President Minor Myers, jr., *Presiding*
Professor Charla Renner, *Mace Bearer*

Organ Prelude Professor Emeritus David M. Gehrenbeck, *Organist*
Sonata I: Allegro moderato e serioso *Felix Mendelssohn*
(1809-1847)

*Processional
Andante alla marcia, Chorale in B-flat *Felix Mendelssohn*
(1809-1847)

*Invocation University Chaplain Dennis E. Groh

Welcome President Minor Myers, jr.

Performance Ensemble: *Cantabile*
Professor Vadim Mazo, *Leader*; Eva Ferguson, *pianist*
Prelude from E Major Partita *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(1685-1750)
Fritz Kreisler
(1875-1962)

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

Remarks Ken A. Bode
"Ethics in Government: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"

*Alma Wesleyana NATIONAL HYMN
George William Warren
(1828-1902)

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.

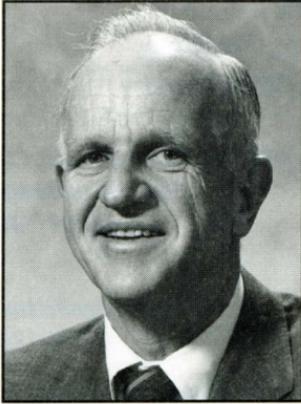
When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on—
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

—*Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)*

*Benediction University Chaplain Dennis E. Groh

Recessional Professor Emeritus David M. Gehrenbeck, *Organist*
Sonata I: Allegro assai vivace *Felix Mendelssohn*
(1809-1847)

*Audience will please stand



Rex James Bates

**Chief Investment Officer,
State Farm Mutual Automobile
Insurance Company**

**Vice Chairman of the Board,
State Farm Insurance Companies
(Retired)**

Insurance executive Rex James Bates has been an exceptional friend and supporter of Illinois Wesleyan University.

As investment manager, Bates was responsible for the equity portfolio in IWU's Endowment Fund. Under his leadership, the portfolio grew from \$1.7 million in 1978 to \$50.5 million in 1994, when he retired from the Board of Trustees. This growth includes capital gains and new gifts. Bates shared his investment acumen with the university as a gift-in-kind.

Bates has been a leadership donor to Illinois Wesleyan from his own reserves. In addition, other individuals have made gifts to the university in appreciation of Mr. Bates. These gifts are valued at more than \$1.1 million.

He joined IWU's Board of Trustees in 1978, serving on the Investment Committee. He also served as a volunteer on the Campaign for Illinois Wesleyan University, as co-chair for the Trustee Fund Committee and as an Advisory Committee member for the Center for Natural Science. Bates and his wife, Reva, are members of the Board of Visitors and he still serves as Emeritus Trustees.

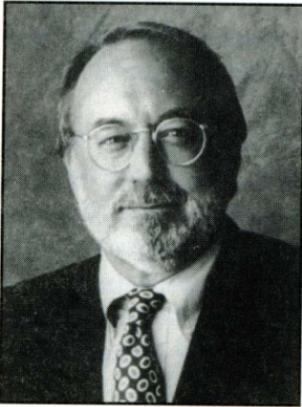
Bates, a native of Seattle, Washington, is the retired chief investment officer of State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company. He also served as vice chairman of the board of State Farm Insurance Companies, until his 1993 retirement.

Before joining State Farm in 1972, Bates was a partner in the investment firm of Stein, Roe and Farnham in Chicago.

He attended Oregon State University in 1941-42. During World War II, Bates served in the Pacific (1942-46) with the U.S. Army Air Force, earning a Purple Heart for being wounded in action and an Air Medal.

Bates earned two academic degrees from the University of Chicago: an undergraduate degree in 1947 and a master's degree in business administration in 1949.

Jim Bates married Reva Mae Myers in 1947. They have two married children, Patricia Ann Mattingley and Rex William Bates.



Ken A. Bode

**Moderator
"Washington Week in Review"**

**John Hughes Professor of Media
and Politics, and Director, Center
for Contemporary Media
DePauw University**

He's an Emmy Award-winning newsman, who every Friday night rides herd on a sometimes cantankerous group of journalists on "Washington Week in Review," a telecast with 3.2 million viewers and the longest-running news program on the Public Broadcasting System (PBS).

He was in the Cable News Network (CNN) booth at the Republican and Democratic national conventions last summer, offering political insights and analysis.

For a decade, he was a national political correspondent for NBC News routinely appearing on the "Nightly News," the "Today" show, "Meet the Press," and other broadcasts.

Veteran reporter and political pundit Ken Bode is the John Hughes Professor of Media and Politics at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

Bode is the senior correspondent for WETA, the PBS-TV station serving the Washington, D.C., area. He is WETA's anchor, moderator, and commentator for the station's coverage of congressional hearings and other events.

In 1995, Bode's five-part series on GOP presidential candidates, "The Challengers '96: A 'Washington Week in Review' Special Series," aired on PBS. He interviewed the major Republican candidates—including the eventual GOP nominee, former Kansas Sen. Bob Dole. He also wrote and reported a special half-hour segment for the series on Gen. Colin Powell, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and White House National Security Adviser.

Bode was on the presidential campaign trail in 1992, reporting for CNN. During the primaries and national conventions, he joined CNN correspondent Bernard Shaw in the anchor booth. He also moderated the South Dakota presidential primary debate and was a panelist for the New Hampshire debate.

As part of CNN's series, "Democracy in America," Bode reported and wrote two hour-long documentaries, "Bill Clinton in Arkansas" and "The

Public Mind of George Bush." The Clinton piece won the National Academy of Cable Programming's CableAce Award. The Bush feature won an Emmy and the 1992 Jones Shorenstein Barone Award for Washington-based national affairs reporting.

From 1979-89, Bode was a national political correspondent for NBC News, based in Washington, D.C. His "Bode's Journal," a series of essays on politics and life in America, was a regular feature on the "Today" show. He covered the 1980, 1984, and 1988 presidential campaigns for NBC and was a floor correspondent at the national political conventions.

Previously, Bode was politics editor for "The New Republic" magazine, where he wrote articles and editorials and covered the 1976 presidential campaign and the Carter administration.

Bode is a 1961 graduate of the University of South Dakota. He earned a master's degree and doctorate from the University of North Carolina.

Bode has taught at the Michigan State University and the State University of New York at Binghamton. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University in 1978 and a Poynter Fellow in Journalism at Yale University in 1989. He is a Senior Adjunct Fellow at the Hudson Institute in Indianapolis.