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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Illinois Wesleyan University will celebrate the 1850 founding of the university at its Feb. 11 Founders' Day Convocation. The convocation also kicks off the grand opening of The Ames Library, which will continue Feb. 12 with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Award-winning author John Updike, a prolific and respected American writer, who is most famous for his quartet of novels, which includes *Rabbit Redux* (1971), will be the keynote speaker. His presentation, "Readings Not Totally Unsited to Founders' Day," will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Shirk Performance Arena, 302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington, where he will receive a degree of doctor of humane letters, *honoris causa*.

The convocation is free and open to the public.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 12:00 noon in the John Wesley Powell Rotunda, there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the official opening of The Ames Library. The grand opening continues the celebratory year of events designed under the theme "Reflect Tradition, Promote Scholarship, Inspire Excellence," and introduces the library to the Illinois Wesleyan University community. The theme incorporates the vision for The Ames Library to function as the intellectual center for the campus. The facility is designed to bridge the gap between tradition and technology, while maintaining the customs of an old-world library.

IWU President Minor Myers will lead the ceremony with the remarks The Ames Library--"A fitting vessel for our community's soul."

B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames and their children and other family members will attend the event. Others participating in the ceremony will be Craig C. Hart, president IWU Board of Trustees, Janet McNew, provost and dean of faculty, and Sue Stroyan, university librarian and associate professor. Participating in the actual ribbon-cutting will be: Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. Richard Ames (son), Mrs. Cindy Hoge (Ames/daughter), Mrs. Paula Redman (Ames/daughter), Hart, McNew, Roger Schnaitter, associate provost, Stroyan, Professor Robert Bray, Kenneth Browning, IWU's vice president for business and finance, Bud Jorgenson, director of IWU's physical plant, Andrea Palmer, class of 2003, and Bloomington Mayor Judy Markowitz and Myers.

Music Competition

At the School of Music Convocation and Celebratory Competition held on Jan. 31 in the Beckman Auditorium of The Ames Library, the library and School of Music proudly announced Colin Borck, class of 2004, a music education major from Schaumburg, Ill., as the music

competition winner. Borck will perform his composition, The Meld, a clarinet quartet, at the grand opening on Feb. 12.

Dennis Breier, class of 2004, a music education major from Darien, Ill., received the first runner up recognition for his composition, Inspiration for Dedication, A String Quartet.

Upon construction of The Ames Library, the Thorpe Music Library, formerly located in Presser Hall, relocated into its new facility. The competition sponsored by the library and the School of Music signifies the melding of the two facilities.

About The Ames Library

The Ames Library, a 103,000-square-foot, five-story building, replaces the 42,000-square-foot Sheean Library, which was constructed in 1968. The Ames Library accommodates more than 400,000 volumes, along with a minimum of 100 computer workstations and seating for approximately 500 located throughout the building.

The facility has a 75-seat multi-media teaching auditorium on the lower level; a 48-seat information technology center on the first level, including a 28-seat computer teaching lab; and a 40-seat, state-of-the-art media center with three group study rooms. A bronze statue of the famous explorer, scientist and teacher John Wesley Powell is located in the two-story first floor rotunda that will also serve as a gallery for the John Wesley Powell Collection of Pueblo Pottery, acquired during his explorations in the 1800s.

Architects, Engineers, Contractors

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott (SBRA) is a national design practice serving the education, healthcare, science, corporate and public markets with architecture, planning and interior design service. Established in 1874 by architect Henry Hobson Richardson, SBRA is one of the oldest continuously practicing architectural firms in the nation and the oldest in Boston. SBRA employs a staff of over 200 professionals and serves clients worldwide from its Boston headquarters.

BBA Engineers of Bloomington were the mechanical and electrical engineers on the project and the Bloomington firm of Farnsworth & Wylie was the civil engineers. Lim Consultants of Cambridge, Mass., were the structural engineers and Brown/Sardina of Boston is the landscape engineering firm.

Contracting and construction management for The Ames Library has been handled by Felmley-Dickerson Co. of Bloomington.

B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames
B. Charles Ames

B. Charles Ames, a native of Polo, Ill., was named the university's Distinguished Alumnus in 1990. He received a master's degree in business administration from Harvard University's Graduate School of Business in 1954.

During World War II, Ames served as a cryptographic department section chief with the 8th Army, 1943-46.

In 1987 Ames joined Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, a New York City-based private investment firm which has invested in 26 companies since 1978 with annual sales exceeding \$20 million.

The Harvard Business Review observed: "Clayton, Dubilier & Rice's experience. . . provides insights into what constitutes best practice in the ownership and governance of corporate enterprises."

Among Clayton, Dubilier & Rice's interests are Kinko's, Inc., (850 locations worldwide, providing an array of photocopying and business services); Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co., formed in 1986 by merging the automobile and light truck tire subsidiaries of B.F. Goodrich Co. and Uniroyal, Inc., a worldwide manufacturer and marketer of chemical, tire, and plastics.

Prior to joining Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Ames was chairman and chief executive officer of Reliance Electric Co., Acme Cleveland Corp., and Uniroyal Goodrich Tire Co. He formerly was a partner of McKinsey & Co.

He is the author of a highly respected book on management, "Market Driven Management; Creating Profitable Top-line Growth."

Ames is retired from the boards of directors of Progressive Corp. and M.A. Hanna Co.

Joyce Eichhorn Ames

Joyce Eichhorn Ames (known as Jay) was born in Rockford, Ill., and graduated from University High School in Normal, Ill.

Mrs. Ames has applied her fine arts education by operating an interior design business for several years, as well as creating the architectural, interior, and landscape designs of various Ames' homes. She collects art and antiques and supports various organizations associated with the arts and the Illinois Wesleyan University Art building was named in her honor in 1998. A \$2 million gift commitment from the Ames Family Foundation endowed the IWU art building, and the Joyce Eichhorn Ames Scholarship Fund was established on Sept. 9, 1997, to support students majoring in the fine arts.

The Ameses of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Vero Beach, Fla., are the parents of Paula Ann, Richard, and Cynthia. They have six grandchildren.

The Pembroke Windows

One of the features of the library are 16 stained glass windows that surround the skylight of The Bates & Merwin Reading Room on the library's top floor. The windows once graced the dining hall at Pembroke College at Oxford University in the early 1800s.

Since the arrival of the panels in May of 2001, Terry Garbe and his staff at "A Touch of Glass," in Normal, Ill., have performed the actual restoration of all 16 windows.

Garbe and his three fellow artisans have combined centuries-old techniques with state-of-the-art computer technology to repair many of the shattered and damaged panels and created 500 individual pieces to replace those beyond repair.

The windows are a gift to Illinois Wesleyan from Charles Ames' partners at Clayton, Dubilier & Rice in honor of his 75th birthday, which was in June of 2000.