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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Illinois Wesleyan University will honor one of its graduates who put the breath of life into the adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention." At the same time, the university will recognize another of its alums who "practices what he preaches."

Nancy Peairs Ramos, '42, Palo Alto, Calif., will receive the Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumna Award for her contributions to the field of learning disabilities resulting from neurological impairment, and James Stahly, '62, director of public relations, State Farm Insurance Companies, will receive the association's Loyalty Award for many years of volunteer services at many levels.

Both awards will be presented at the Alumni Day luncheon Saturday, May 14.

Seeing firsthand (her own son suffers dyslexia) that little or nothing was being done in public schools for children with neurological handicaps, Mrs. Ramos decided she would do it herself. Committing herself to the cause, she has become an expert in the field. She educated herself as she worked, and now has four films, many symposia, and several articles to her credit. She also had led the work of the California Association for Neurologically Handicapped Children and has served on many advisory boards.

Her devotion to purpose and the results of her work have helped not only her son, but countless others who seemed destined for unfulfilled lives.

Perhaps her greatest reward has been seeing her son attend college, but she has been recognized for her work several times. The California association presented her its Award of the Year in 1972. She has been honored by Kappa Kappa Gamma for her contributions to the field also.

In 1975 Mrs. Ramos was invited to a "Tuesday at the White House," which was also attended by White House officials and members of the National Board of Directors of the Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

Stahly never leaves his work at the office. He utilizes those same skills in his volunteer work for Illinois Wesleyan, including terms as president of the Alumni Association (1973-74) and the Century Club (66-67; 77-78). He has been a class agent for several years and is a willing participant each year in the alumni phonothons. He is a regular financial supporter of the university as well.

Graduating with a degree in business administration, Stahly represented his fraternity, Sigma Chi, on the Interfraternity Council. He was a member of the Collegiate Choir and the Apollo Quartet, an interest that remains today through his work with barbershop music.

After a brief career as a news reporter at the Pantagraph, Stahly joined State Farm in 1967 as public relations specialist.