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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Illinois Wesleyan University's annual Alumni Weekend, Friday-Saturday, May 17-18, will honor the class of 1935 as its members observe the 50th anniversary of graduation.

During their senior year, WJBC opened new studios on the third floor of North Hall, IWU's first building, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt was moving his New Deal program into its second phase to lead America out of the great depression.

Members of the class of 1935 will be inducted into the "50 or More Club" at a dinner in their honor at 6:30 p.m. Friday, and on Saturday they will be joined by alumni from the reunion classes of 1925, 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1955.

The weekend activities will start at 10 a.m. Friday with the annual Back To College seminar on planning for retirement. Sponsored by the Development Office, the seminar will feature local experts in financial and estate planning.

Dr. James Sikora, associate professor of sociology, IWU, and Dr. David Eaton, associate professor of sociology, Illinois State University, will open the seminar with a discussion of "Planning for the Rest of Your Life." At lunch, Eaton will talk about "The Prospects and Possibilities for Later Life." In the afternoon, attorney and Certified Public Accountant A. Clay Cox and Greg Gardner, assistant professor of business administration at IWU, will lead a session on "Planning for Financial Security." The final session will be shared by attorney Arlo Bane and Ben Rhodes, director of estate planning and deferred giving, IWU, as they discuss "Estate Transfer Planning: Is a Will Necessary?" All sessions will be held in Memorial Student Center.

In addition to the 50 or More Club dinner Friday, the other reunion classes plus their cluster classes, alumni who graduated immediately before and after the reunion classes, will meet off campus.

Alumni Day, May 18, will open with a 7:30 breakfast on campus and registration

starting at 8:30 in the student center.

An information tent will be set up and the alumni will gather in groups, according to their reunion classes and cluster classes, on the quadrangle, weather permitting.

An alumni parade around the quad, led by the Prairieland Dixie Band, will end in the main lounge of Memorial Student Center for the 11:30 a.m. Alumni Day Luncheon.

Association President Wayne Brown, '60, will preside at the luncheon. The program will include entertainment by drama and music theatre students, recognition of the reunion classes and the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award and Loyalty Award.

Following class pictures, the alumni may view a half-hour videotape program in Sheean Library narrated by Lowell Thomas. It reviews national and international events of 1935.

At 2 p.m. the class of 1935 will sponsor a special ecumenical service, led by Harold Walters, in Evelyn Chapel. At 3 p.m. Dr. David Gehrenbeck, IWU faculty, will present an organ recital, "New Pipes on the Prairie," in the chapel. The program will be sponsored by the 45-year reunion cluster.

The President's Open House in the lower level gallery of Evelyn Chapel will follow the recital.

Alumni dinners for the classes of 1945, 1950, 1955 and their clusters will be held at 7 p.m. off campus.

The traditional Sunday Baccalaureate service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the outdoor amphitheatre on the north side of McPherson Hall, weather permitting. If moved indoors, it will be held in Fred Young Fieldhouse.

The President's Reception honoring the degree candidates will be at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Student Center and Commencement will be at 4 p.m. in the outdoor theatre.