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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Dr. Bruce B. Criley, George C. and Ella Beach Lewis Professor of Biology, is the 1985-86 Illinois Wesleyan University Century Club Honoree.

University President Dr. Robert S. Eckley made the announcement at the conclusion of the 26th annual Century Club Dinner in Memorial Student Center to honor all faculty.

The honoree will receive a \$500 award and will speak at next year's dinner.

Criley, who holds bachelor, master's and doctoral degrees in zoology from the University of Illinois, joined the Wesleyan faculty in 1971 as professor and chairman of the biology department. He has done additional work at the Bermuda Biology Station. At Illinois, he worked as a graduate teaching assistant from 1960-65 and as an instructor in 1965-66.

From 1966 through 1970 he taught at the University of Colorado, where in 1969 he received an All-University Teaching Recognition Award and was named Outstanding Teacher by the Colorado Year Book.

As part of his teaching duties at Wesleyan, he annually leads a travel course in marine biology to Key West, Fla., during the January Term.

As chairman of the Pre-Med Advisory Committee, Criley helps guide the activities of one of the most successful programs on campus in terms of preparing students for graduate school. This year, for example, every student who applied was accepted; among them are 15 headed for medical school, two going into dentistry and two to veterinary school.

Criley believes this success is due in part to the broad basic education students receive in the sciences as well as the fact that students are not permitted to specialize. In addition, the high level of careful and responsible academic advising helps direct a student toward his or her greatest potential.