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May 8, 1986

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Members of the Illinois Wesleyan University class of 1936, celebrating their 50th anniversary of graduation, and the classes of 1941, 1946, 1951 and 1956 will be the honored reunion classes Friday-Saturday, May 16-17, during Alumni Weekend.

The 1936 alums will be inducted into the "50 or More Club" at a 6:30 dinner Friday night in Memorial Student Center and then will add a new touch to Baccalaureate at 10:30 Sunday morning, May 18, by donning robes and marching in the procession with the current graduating seniors.

Other alumni, including reunion classes and their cluster groups from the years just before and after the reunion years will attend social hours off campus Friday night.

The weekend actually will start Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Memorial Student Center with the annual "Back to College Day" seminar on estate planning. The seminar, led by Ben Rhodes, director of deferred giving, Greg Gardner, assistant professor of business administration, and Clay Cox, attorney and Certified Public Accountant, will discuss "Planning for Financial Security" and "Estate Transfer Planning and New Tax Laws."

Alumni Day, May 17, will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration in the Student Center. Early risers may have breakfast in the Dug Out, starting at 7 a.m. Reunion classes will gather on the quadrangle near the Alumni Tent to renew old acquaintances and to await the Alumni Parade at 11:10.

At 10:15 a.m. alumnae of the Brokaw Hospital School for Nurses will meet in the second floor lounge of Stevenson Hall to dedicate a plaque to honor the memory of Maude F. Essig, R.N., director of the Brokaw School from 1924-1940, and to the graduates of the school.

The Alumni Parade, led by the music of a calliope played by Louise Schmith Primmer, DeLand, a member of the class of 1936, will make its way around the quadrangle to the

Student Center for the annual Alumni Day Luncheon.

Alumni Association President Paul Belyea, '57, will preside at the luncheon, where the Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to Jack Sikma '77, (in absentia), and the Loyalty Award will be given to Dorothy Otten '42. Also on the program will be a color-slide presentation on the 18-year presidency of Dr. Robert S. Eckley.

Reunion class pictures will follow the luncheon. The afternoon schedule also includes a half-hour videotape program, narrated by Lowell Thomas, of the top national and international news events of 1936, and the President's Open House at 1201 N. Park.

Alumni dinners for the classes of 1936, 1951, 1956 and their cluster groups, and the classes of 1940 through 1949 will be held off campus.

Baccalaureate will be Sunday morning and Commencement is set for 4 p.m., Sunday, both on the south campus, weather permitting.