

Alumni Award

Robert G. Connors

Class of 1949

With pleasure, we honor Robert Connors and, with this richly deserved Alumni Award, thank him most warmly for expenditure of many hours of diligent and imaginative effort on behalf of Ohio Wesleyan.

Some characteristics of Bob's service have been thorough and prompt performance of any task undertaken, astute and objective evaluation of alumni activities, unfailing dependability in meeting deadlines, painstaking attention to detail and, when deserved, candid criticism. To the unending delight of director and staff colleagues, he adds to the above sterling qualities a wry and pungent wit.

After some post-graduate years of only tenuous involvement with his Alma Mater, Bob's attention and interest were captured by Summerweek '78, which he attended. Since then, no volunteer responsibility has been too great, too small or too arduous for his acceptance.

He began his career of volunteer service by coordination alumni activities in the Chicago area, then was appointed to the Alumni Board in 1980 and elected in 1981. Since becoming an alumni director, his record of attendance has been nearly 100 percent, missing meetings only for professional or personal conflicts of major proportions. Evidence of the depth of his commitment is the fact that a vacation in Ireland was rescheduled to permit him to be here today to accept this award!

As chairperson of the Board's Committee on Continuing Education, he has been inspiration and prime mover for reinstatement of a travel program for alumni and friends of the University. To achieve the goal of finding tours most beneficial both to participants and sponsoring institution, he has spent endless hours communicating with travel agencies.

Bob has also instigated the planning of many off-campus "Learning Experience" for alumni, and has had oversight of Summerweek. His enthusiasm upon hearing a Summerweek lecture on creativity resulted in unusual media attention for Ohio Wesleyan; before leaving campus, on a borrowed typewriter he wrote for his trade publication a feature which was picked up by wire services and broadly published.

Although expiration of the allotted terms leads to Bob's "retirement" from the Board, we are confident that Ohio Wesleyan will continue to benefit from the special brand of loyal support from alumnus extraordinaire Robert Connors.

May 16, 1987

