

Alumni Award

Robert J. Simonds

Class of 1947

Through presentation of this 1978 Alumni Award, we recognize the sustained substantive contribution to Ohio Wesleyan and its alumni of Robert J. Simonds, Class of 1947.

Although his original connection with the University as part of a Navy-V12 unit was brief, the quality and significance of his loyalty are an example to those whose undergraduate careers spanned the traditional four years.

In the midst of an awesomely peripatetic schedule, Bob's trademark has been a good-natured willingness to serve Ohio Wesleyan in any way—from 1971 as elected Alumni Director, from 1974 to 1976 as President of the Alumni Association, as greeter, attendance-taker, caller, letter-writer and M.C. Professional precision and quick urbane wit characterized his presidential years.

LE BIJOU of 1945 describes Bob as “a natural for an M.C.... unanimous choice of presiding personage at every variety of student fun-fest. . .” Audiences of the 1976 and 1977 Alumni Weekend Friday night entertainment will know that those words are not obsolete.

It is a pleasure to honor Bob Simonds, alumnus of stature and valued friend.

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