THE EUNICE AND JAMES L. WEST LIBRARY

DEDICATION

OCTOBER 21, 1988
THE DEDICATION CEREMONY
THE EUNICE AND JAMES L. WEST LIBRARY
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10 A.M.

Processional

"The Loyal Legion"
Texas Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
conducted by Stephen Ehrich

John Philip Sousa

National Anthem

Soloist: Jeffrey Walter ('85)
Assistant Professor of Voice

Francis Scott Key

Texas Wesleyan Singers
conducted by Dr. Stephen Simons
Texas Wesleyan Wind Ensemble

Invocation

Bishop John Russell
Resident Bishop
Fort Worth Area
United Methodist Church

Jerry G. Bawcom
President

Welcome

W.L. Hailey
Provost

Introduction of Dignitaries

Greetings

Faculty
Dr. Bobby Deaton
Chairman
Faculty Senate
Professor of Physics

Students
John Casey
President
Student Government
Alumni
Sylvia Mancil
President
Texas Wesleyan Alumni Association

Fort Worth
The Honorable Bob Bolen
Mayor of Fort Worth

West Library
Douglas M. Ferrier
Dean of the West Library

For Mrs. West
Dean Lawrence

Trustees
James R. Nichols
Chairman
Texas Wesleyan Board of Trustees

Remarks
President Bawcom

Keynote Address
H. Ross Perot

“America the Beautiful”
Samuel Augustus Ward
arr. Carmen Dragon

Texas Wesleyan Singers
Texas Wesleyan Wind Ensemble
conducted by Stephen Ehrich

Dedication Service
Bishop Russell

Alma Mater
William Dailey
Soloist: Michele Bodine (’90)

Benediction
Bishop Russell

Recessional
E. E. Bagley
“National Emblem”
DEDICATION SERVICE

Bishop Russell: This building, the Eunice and James L. West Library of Texas Wesleyan College, which by the favor of God and human labor is now complete, embodies the obligation of each generation to impart its treasures of wisdom and knowledge to the generation following. For the fulfillment of this task we need, not only the best that people can do, but above all the blessing of Almighty God. Let us therefore bring our praises and thanksgiving to God for aiding in this undertaking, and our prayers on behalf of those who by their gifts and their service shall unite in fulfilling the purpose for which this library is now prepared.

John Casey:
Happy is the one who finds wisdom,
and the one who gains understanding,
for the gain from it is better than gain from silver
and its profit better than gold.
Wisdom is more precious than jewels,
and nothing can compare with her.
Long life is in her right hand;
in her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called happy.
The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
by his knowledge the deeps broke forth,
and the clouds drop down the dew.
My child, keep sound wisdom and discretion;
let them not escape from your sight,
and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck. (Proverbs 3:13-22)

Mr. Nichols: We now present this building, the Eunice and James L. West Library of Texas Wesleyan College, to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God, and for the enlightenment and enrichment of the people of God seeking knowledge and wisdom. With it we present the human skill, talent, and labor which, by grace, have erected this structure and which, with God’s help, shall see to its administration to be consecrated for this ministry of higher education in the tradition of the United Methodist Church.
Bishop Russell: It is right and proper that buildings erected for such service in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ should be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. And, as the dedication of this library is nought without the solemn consecration of those whose gifts and labors it represents, let us now give ourselves anew to the service of God: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will, and that their fruit may glorify God and further advance the kingdom of God.

Bishop Russell: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: We dedicate this building.

Bishop Russell: To the holy ministry of education,

People: We dedicate this building.

Bishop Russell: To the spiritual enrichment of all who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge,

People: We dedicate this building.

Bishop Russell: To that ministry of administration upon whose ability and fruitfulness depends the wise conduct of its affairs,

People: We dedicate this building to the ministry of education as we continue the task of uniting knowledge and vital piety. We dedicate ourselves anew to serve all people in the service of love thereby fulfilling our Lord's command that we love God with all our heart, mind and soul and that we love our neighbors as ourselves.

Bishop Russell: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose eyes are ever toward your children, and whose ears are ever open to their cry: Graciously accept, we pray, this library which we now dedicate to you, to your service, and to your glory, that in it love and wisdom may unite to make plain the path of knowledge to those who gather here; and accept us, we pray, who here dedicate ourselves anew to you and to the service of fellowship and love in which you take pleasure. Grant that all who come here may come with pure minds, upright purpose, and a steadfast desire to learn and to do your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
ALMA MATER

Hail to thee, dear Texas Wesleyan,
From the heart I give my praise,
In the paths of high endeavor,
Fame and fortune crown your days.
Streaming forth a line of splendor,
Stalwart sons and daughters fair
Living testimony render
To the worthy name you bear.

TExAS WESLEYAN COLLEGE
MISSION

Texas Wesleyan College, the oldest institution of higher education continuously located in Tarrant County, was founded in 1890 by the Methodist Church. The College's mission is the perpetuation of a learning environment where personal attention provides each student with the opportunity to pursue individual excellence.

The Eunice and James L. West Library, the centerpiece of the College's Master Plan for the historic campus, serves as the symbol of the College and its commitment to the great tradition of liberal education.

In 1990, Texas Wesleyan College will commemorate its second century of leadership in higher education.
EUNICE AND JAMES L. WEST

At the groundbreaking ceremony on April 2, 1986, for construction of the Eunice and James L. West Library, the College’s Board of Trustees expressed the College’s appreciation to Eunice West for all she and her late husband, James L. West, have done for, and meant to, Texas Wesleyan College and its students.

West, a native of Iowa, came to Texas after studying business at Grinnell College and the St. Louis University School of Commerce.

James West met the former Eunice East in St. Louis. The couple enjoyed telling friends that East and West meet only in St. Louis.

In 1930, he joined the leather goods company in Houston which was to become the Tandy Corporation. In 1951, the Wests moved to Fort Worth, where he, as vice president, would help Charles Tandy develop the company into a retail electronic giant. In 1964, West was elected president of the Tandy Corporation. He was named vice chairman of the Board of Directors in 1974.

West became interested in Texas Wesleyan and served on the Board of Trustees of the College from 1975 until his death in 1983.

He and his wife have always believed in the American free enterprise system and the value of education. They have held and demonstrated a heartfelt concern for, and a deep faith in, the present and future lives of young people.

The Wests have been generous in support of higher education and agencies for young people, contributing to Texas Wesleyan College, the University of Texas at Arlington, Texas Christian University, Junior Achievement and the YMCA.

In addition, the Wests have also helped other youth organizations: the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Fort Worth Boy’s Club, Fort Worth Girl’s Club, Cook-Fort Worth Children’s Hospital, Happy Hill Farm Children’s Home as well as others.

All of these gifts reflect the personal beliefs of the Wests and their faith in God, America and young people.
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Architects: Cannady, Jackson, & Ryan, Houston, Texas
Engineers: Friberg Associates, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
Contractors: Thos. S. Byrne, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas
Furnishings: International Library Furniture Company, Fort Worth, Texas
             Royer & Schutts Commercial Interiors Division, Fort Worth, Texas

Building begun: February 1987
Building completed: May 1988

Square footage: 92,000
Library collection: 219,000 (capacity 355,000 volumes)
First floor: Acquisitions, Cataloging, Fine Arts, Curriculum, Reference, Methodist Archives
Second floor: Periodicals
Third floor: Dean’s Office, Main Collection, Special Collections
Special-use rooms:
    First floor: Orientation Room, Staff Lounge
    Second floor: Student Study Rooms (8), General Purpose Rooms (2), Microform Room, Typing Room
    Third floor: Faculty Study Rooms (10), Conference Room
Study carrels: 144
Seating capacity: 474

Basement:
    Media Center
    Computer Center
    Language Laboratory