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## **Honorary Degree Awarded to Retiring Faculty**

### **John William Swanson, Professor of Chemistry, The Institute of Paper Chemistry**

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*Citation read by President Richard Warch at Commencement, 1982*