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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Over Halloween weekend, Illinois Wesleyan University students may see miniature versions of Batman, Pippie Long Stocking and Cat in the Hat running across the quad. Or perhaps you will see ghosts flitting through the Hansen Student Center or cats prowling the dorms. These imitations would be the family, siblings, and current IWU students celebrating Family Weekend 2009.

The festivities kick off Friday, Oct. 30 at 3:00 p.m. when the IWU volleyball team takes on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at the Shirk Center (302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington). After cheering the Titans on, families are invited to register for the weekend at the Hansen Student Center Information Desk (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington) if they haven't already done so online. By registering, families receive t-shirts for every family member and access to the tailgate lunch on Saturday.

Friday evening is jam-packed with events, including another volleyball game at 7:00 p.m. against the College of Mount St. Joseph at the Shirk Center. For families looking for a little more mystery, Kemp Hall, the International House (1207 N. Main St., Bloomington), is hosting an International Clue Night, where they will create a live Clue game for families and students at 7:00 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the IWU Jazz Ensemble is presenting a Halloween Concert at Westbrook Auditorium in Presser Hall (1210 N. Park St., Bloomington). Admission is free to the public and the audience is encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to participate in the costume contest. To add to the atmosphere, all ensemble members will be clad in their very own Halloween costumes.

The evening will be rounded off with a showing of *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* at 8:00 p.m. on the Hansen Student Center's Center Court.

Starting Saturday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 a.m., registration opens for those families who chose to arrive on Saturday. It will remain open until 10:30 a.m. at the Information Desk. Those

registering guests and any early risers will also receive a complimentary continental breakfast open until 10:30 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. families are invited to the Shirk Center to watch the volleyball team take on the Anderson University Ravens. At 10:30 a.m. the Hansen Student Center will host an hour-long informational session for parents called “While Your Student is Still Sleeping.” At the event, Associate Professor of Political Science Greg Shaw, will inform parents about the happenings and highlights on campus. President Richard F. Wilson will also address the parents and answer any questions they might have.

While the parents will be at Center Court, there will be a pumpkin decorating event in Room 200 of Hansen for the younger children. Current IWU art students will bring supplies to help them create their pumpkin masterpieces.

Then it’s time for the “Family Tailgate” Picnic Lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This event is free to those families who have registered and will be held at the Shirk Center. After lunch, families are invited to walk the few short steps to Wilder Field (300 E. Kelsey St., Bloomington) to cheer on the Titan football team as they challenge conference rival North Central College (Naperville, Ill.).

At 2:00 p.m. the volleyball team will close out their tournament with a game against Wartburg College. Also, at 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. there will be a double dose of soccer as the women and men’s soccer teams play Carthage College at Neis Field (1315 Franklin Ave., Bloomington).

For those families desiring the warmth of the indoors, from 3:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. there will be a President’s Open House at the Hansen Student Center. This will give families the opportunity to meet with President and Mrs. Wilson and other faculty and staff. Light food and drink will be provided.

To end the fun-filled day of festivities, families are invited back to Kemp Hall for another game of International Clue or to the Hansen Student Center to view *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* in Hansen. Free popcorn and candy will be provided for the movie. Both events begin at 7:00 p.m.

The weekend closes Sunday, Nov. 1, with an hour-long worship service at Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington) by IWU Chaplain Hope Luckie entitled “Everyday Saints.” The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. At noon, families are invited to the Bertholf Commons for a family brunch served until 1:00 p.m.

Registration is now open for families and is available online at
<http://www.iwu.edu/studentaffairs/programs/FamilyWeekend.shtml>.

For any additional information, contact the Student Affairs and Dean of Students' Office
at 309-556-3850.

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