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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Bloomington, Ill. – Pumpkins are perched on doorsteps, leaves are covering sidewalks and Halloween is just around the corner. For many people this time of year means scary movie marathons and haunted trails. The students of Illinois Wesleyan University's Paranormal Society, P.S. I-Woo, are no exception.

The 10 members of P.S. I-Woo do more than just attend meetings. Creeping through graveyards and entering haunted buildings is nothing new for this group, which actively partakes in exploring the paranormal, otherwise known as supernatural phenomena.

To learn paranormal hunting techniques, the group often watches episodes of "Ghost Hunters" during meetings to and discusses the results of the shows investigations. Last year members decided to apply these techniques to exploring the International House on campus after hearing the legend of the mysterious death of the lady of the house in this mansion-turned-residence hall. Though the investigation was futile, members of the group said that they felt like real ghost hunters.

P.S. I-Woo, co-founded in 2008 by sophomores Kathryn Rehor and Sam Labak, whose interest began in high school, hopes to continue with this type of work, especially with Halloween approaching. Plans for Halloween this year will include the members of P.S. I-Woo taking the Spirits of Bloomington tour to recall the legends and myths of McLean County.

In the future, the group hopes to add speakers to their events. They would like to bring to campus such guests as Lorianne Warren of the show "Paranormal State" or the investigators from the program "Ghost Hunters." The group has also hired Bloomington Spirits to teach classes for beginning and advanced ghost hunting as well as tarot card readings. These classes are planned for the Hansen Student Center starting in November.

For more information contact Sam Labak at slabak@iwu.edu.

The group meets Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center. All are welcome to participate.

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