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## **IWU Homecoming Honors Alums, Features Campus Festival**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Four Illinois Wesleyan University graduates will be honored during IWU's annual Homecoming festivities the weekend of Oct. 23-24 on campus.

Nancy J. Huston of Stonington, Conn., a 1971 graduate, will be awarded the school's Distinguished Alumna Award and William E. Brady of Bloomington, a 1983 graduate, will receive the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

James R. and Sherry Sisk Graehling of Bloomington, both of whom graduated in 1972, are the recipients of the IWU Alumni Association Loyalty Award.

The Homecoming awards will be presented on Saturday at the 11:15 a.m. alumni luncheon in the Shirk Center, one of a number of events planned for Illinois Wesleyan graduates during the weekend.

### **Homecoming Activities**

"Time After Time" serves as the student theme for the 1999 Homecoming celebration. Among the festivities are a lip sync contest at 7:30 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 18) in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center, with a student talent show scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 20), also in the Main Lounge.

The Homecoming king and queen coronation will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 21), in Westbrook Auditorium, and the annual Titan Games, competitions among students in living units, get underway at 5:30 p.m. Friday (Oct. 22) at Fort Natatorium and the stadium. A fireworks show will begin at dusk Friday, following the Titan Games.

An alumni golf tournament and a 5-K run are among the activities scheduled. The golf tournament will begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Bloomington's Prairie Vista Golf Course. The entry fee is \$50 and includes greens fees, cart rental, lunch, and prizes.

Open to the public as well as alumni is the eighth annual Titan 5-K run/fun walk, which will begin at the IWU track, just north of the Shirk Center, at 8 a.m. Saturday with an entry fee of \$12, which includes a tee shirt.

To sign up for the alumni events, contact Mary Bible at (309) 556-3091.

Also on Friday, a series of free lectures will be presented in the "Back to College" program, covering topics currently being discussed in student classrooms. The one-hour programs, with presenters, times, and locations, are:

▲ "Nanobots, Holodecks and Tractor Beams", Gabe Spalding, assistant professor of physics, 10 a.m., Center for Natural Sciences room C-212.

▲ "Prospects, Problems, and Policy", Tari Renner, professor of political science, 11 a.m., Center for Natural Sciences room 008.

▲ "Etching With Light", Constance Wells, assistant professor of art, 11 a.m., Joyce Eichhorn Ames Art Building rooms 114.

▲ "Learning Investing in the Real World", panel discussion, 1 p.m Center for Liberal Arts room 305.

▲ "Calypso! An Introduction to Caribbean Literature and Culture", Robert Bray, R. Forrest Colwell Professor of English, 2 p.m., Center for Liberal Arts room 300.

▲ "Exploring the Internet and World Wide Web", Patrick McLane, Instructional Technologist, 3 p.m., Stevenson Hall, room 103.

▲ "Hot Home Computing Topics", Tim McKeown, Technology Training Coordinator. 4 p.m., Stevenson Hall, room 103.

The fourth annual Festival on the Eckley Quad, free to all members of the community, will take place on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. There will be a virtual reality display, face painters, the IWU Jugglers Club, a Velcro wall, a climbing tower from Upper Limits, caricaturists, and clowns. A variety of refreshments will be available and the Titan Band will perform on the Sheean Library steps throughout the Festival.

Wheaton provides the opposition for the Homecoming football game at 1 p.m. at Illinois Wesleyan Stadium. Then, from 9:30 p.m. to midnight there will be a post-reunion party, open to all alumni and friends, at Bloomington's Radisson Hotel, Veteran's Parkway and Brickyard Dr.

On Sunday at 10 a.m. there will be a chapel service, "Connecting with Your College Home," then at 11 a.m. will be the Minority Alumni Network Gospel Festival and Recognition Program, both at Evelyn Chapel.

Also on Sunday at 12 p.m., the second annual women's alumni softball game will be played at Bloomington's O'Neil Park. For more information, contact IWU head coach Mandy Neal at (309) 556-3348.

### **Alumni Honorees**

**Nancy J. Huston** - Huston is senior vice president of U.S. Exploratory Development and U.S. Development Sciences for Pfizer, Inc., in Groton, Conn. She is responsible for the progression of potential new drug candidates through the research and development process. She is also responsible for the U.S. Development Sciences organization, consisting of developmental research, drug safety evaluation, and the project management department. Huston graduated cum laude in 1971 with a degree in biology and received her doctorate in physiology from Vanderbilt University in 1976. From 1976 to 1978 she was a post-doctoral fellow in clinical biochemistry at the Radcliffe Infirmary, University of Oxford, and from 1979 to 1981 she was assistant professor at the Pennsylvania State University's Milton S. Hershey

Medical Center.

Huston joined Pfizer in 1981 as a bench level scientist in diabetes research and led the company's Department of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases Research from 1985 to 1993. As vice president of strategic management for the Central Research Division, she headed Pfizer's strategic planning for research and development efforts.

She has served as a permanent member on the National Institute of Health Metabolism Study Section and received the Rosalind S. Yalow Research and Development Award of the American Diabetes Association. The author of numerous academic research papers, Huston serves on the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Connecticut and was honored in the YWCA's 19<sup>th</sup> annual salute to women achievers in 1992.

A Bloomington native, Huston is married and lives in Stonington, Conn.

**James R. and Sherry Sisk Graehling** - The Graehlings, both 1972 Illinois Wesleyan graduates, have been active with their alma mater on many levels as both students and alumni.

They have served the University regularly as phonothon volunteers, as members of the Alumni Council board, and as their reunion chairs in 1998, 1997, 1992 and 1987. They are members of the IWU Associates, have served on the Campaign Advisory Committee, and were chairpersons for the "50 NOW" fundraising effort. They annually serve as hosts for IWU international students and assisted with the formation of the IWU Alumni web site.

After graduating cum laude with a degree in sociology, Sherry worked as a free-lance artist while pursuing a second bachelor's degree in art and anthropology at Illinois State University, awarded in 1982. She worked as a graphic designer for Merritt-Edwards Corporation from 1983 to 1988 and, in 1989, began her own company, Elite Graphics. She serves as secretary of the local Old House Society as well as on the David Davis Mansion Foundation board of directors. In school, Sherry was active in Alpha Gamma Delta and served on Student Senate.

After graduating cum laude with a degree in sociology, Jim went to work as a junior analyst at Bloomington's State Farm Insurance Company, where he now works as a systems specialist. He also earned a second bachelor's degree in 1982 in art and anthropology from Illinois State University. He serves as first vice president on the David Davis Mansion Foundation board of directors. A member of the Acacia fraternity at IWU, Jim won the Acacia "Outstanding Alum Award" in 1977 and served as the chapter's alumni treasurer.

Married since 1972, the Graehlings have two daughters - Elizabeth Anne and Katherine Anastasia - and live in Bloomington.

**William E. Brady** - When elected in 1993, Brady became one of the youngest people ever elected to the Illinois State House of Representatives. As Republican representative in the 88<sup>th</sup> District, he currently serves as minority spokesperson for the House Insurance Committee and is a member of the legislative committees on financial institutions, child support enforcement, prison management reform, judicial reapportionment, labor and commerce, and the Economic and Fiscal Commission. He was a member of the Amtrak Task Force in 1997 and the KidCare Task Force in 1998.

Following his graduation in 1983, Brady became the founder/president and operating officer of Brady & Weaver Realtors/Better Homes & Gardens and Brady Property Management. Since 1986 he has been co-founder and secretary of Brady and Associates Construction and Development, and has been secretary/treasurer of Residential Mortgage Banc since 1991. In his multiple roles, he oversees projects of a company that is among the largest realty and development companies in downstate Illinois.

Brady has served on the IWU Associates board since 1993, is a member of the BroMenn

Advisory Council since 1992, and on the board of the McLean County chapter of the Susan G. Koman Foundation since 1998. He is a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators, the Bloomington/Normal Association of Realtors, the McLean County Chamber of Commerce, and Bloomington/Normal Home Builders Association. A Bloomington native, Brady is married to 1982 Illinois Wesleyan graduate Nancy True Brady and they are the parents of Katie (16 years old), William (13), and Duncan (7).