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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Five Illinois Wesleyan University graduates will be honored during IWU's annual Homecoming festivities the weekend of Oct. 9-11 on campus.

David A. Kindred of Locust Grove, Va., a 1963 graduate, and Barbara J. Ford of Richmond, Va., a 1968 graduate, will share the school's Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award and Thomas O. Hansen of Louisville, Ky., a 1982 graduate, will receive the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Robert A. and Mary Ann Hagmeyer Guenzler of Aurora, Ill., who graduated in 1953, are the recipients of the IWU Alumni Association Loyalty Award.

The Homecoming awards will be presented 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

"Hollywood Nights" serves as the student theme for the 1998 Homecoming celebration. Festivities begin Tuesday (Oct. 6) with "Spirit Day" featuring games on the quad and a residence hall decoration competition. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, there will be a student talent show in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center. The Homecoming king and queen coronation will be at 8 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 8), in Westbrook Auditorium, and the annual Titan Games, competitions among students in living units, get underway at 6 p.m. Friday (Oct. 9) at Fort Natatorium and the stadium. A fireworks show will begin at 8 p.m. 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 10 a.m. Friday at Bloomington's Prairie Vista Golf Course. The entry fee is \$40 and includes greens fees, cart rental, lunch, and prizes.

Open to the public as well as alumni is the seventh annual Titan 5-K run/fun walk, which will begin at Fort Natatorium at 8 a.m. Saturday with an entry fee of \$12, which includes a tee shirt.

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:

• "Art Gallery Tour," Kathleen French, IWU Gallery Director, 10 a.m., Joyce Eichhorn Ames Art Building, Merwin Gallery.

• "Women, Weight, and Worth, Exploring the Myths and Realities," Missy Smock, Wellness Director, 10 a.m., Shirk Center - North Classroom.

• "It's No Longer Greek to Me!," James D. Matthews, Acting Dean of Students, Associate Professor of French, 1 p.m., Buck Memorial Library room 101.

• IWU on the Trail of Jesus, Excavations at Sepphoris, Dennis E. Groh, IWU Chaplain and Professor of Humanities and Archeology and Associate Director of The University of South Florida Excavations at Sepphoris, 2 p.m., Joyce Eichhorn Ames Art Building room 218.

• Basic Computer Talk / Dollars and Sense, Tim McKeown, Technology Training Coordinator. 2 p.m., Buck Memorial Library room 204.

• Taxes and Estate Planning, attorney Merrick Hayes and Ben Rhodes, IWU Director of Development, 2 p.m., Center for Natural Sciences room E-102.

• U.S. Foreign Relations, Looking Back and Looking Ahead, Michael Weis, Associate Professor and Chair of History Department, 3 p.m., Center for Liberal Arts room 105.

• Exploring the Internet and World Wide Web, Patrick McLane, Instructional Technologist, 3 p.m.,

Internet Lab, Buck Memorial Library room 101.

• Learning Investing in the Real World, panel discussion, 3 p.m., Center for Liberal Arts room 305

• Printmaking Demonstration, Constance Wells, Assistant Professor of Art, 11 a.m., Joyce Eichhorn Ames Art Building rooms 113-114.

Two Blue Moon Coffeehouse shows, free and open to the public, highlight Friday and Saturday nights. At 8 p.m. Friday in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center, IWU graduates Al and Andi Tauber make a return appearance at the Blue Moon. Then at 8 p.m. Saturday, Susan Werner will appear in Westbrook Auditorium of Presser Hall with Rose Polenzani serving as the opening act. For both concerts, doors open at 7:30 p.m.

The third annual Festival on the Quad, free to all members of the community, will take place on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Hypnotist Christopher Carter, a 1987 IWU graduate, and magician Chris Bohne, a 1981 graduate, will perform during the Festival. Ice sculptor Phil Colan will display and demonstrate his work and there will be a virtual reality display, face painters, jugglers, a Velcro wall, a climbing wall from Upper Limits, caricaturists, and clowns. Doughnuts, and coffee will be available and the Titan Band will perform on the Sheean Library steps throughout the Festival. Other musicians include a barbershop quarter and the IWU percussion ensemble.

Augustana 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, "Celebration of Greek Life at IWU," then at 11 a.m. will be the Minority Alumni Network Gospel Festival and Recognition Program, both at Evelyn Chapel.

Also on Sunday at 11 a.m., the new Jack Horenberger Baseball Field will be dedicated. The field, under construction, is located along Franklin Street north of Emerson.

Alumni Honorees

David Kindred ÷ Kindred is a columnist for The Sporting News and Golf Digest magazines. A native of Atlanta, Ill., he attended Illinois Wesleyan on a Pantagraph scholarship and worked at the local daily newspaper while a student. He played second base on Jack Horenberger's Titan baseball team and served as sports editor for The Argus in addition to writing the column "Kindred's Korner."

Kindred graduated in 1963 with an English major and political science minor and worked at The Pantagraph until 1965, when he went to work in the sports department of the Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal. In 1976 Kindred began an eight year association with the Washington Post before leaving in 1984 to work for the Atlanta Constitution. Kindred worked from 1989 to 1991 for The National, a national sports daily paper. In 1991 he began his column for The Sporting News and started writing his Golf Digest column in 1997. From 1995 to 1998 he worked again for the Atlanta Constitution, serving as a Washington, D.C., columnist, covering politics and other topics.

In 1997 Kindred was named "National Sportswriter of the Year," elected by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, and he was chosen in 1984 as the "Best Sports Columnist in America" by the Associated Press Sports Editors Association. In 1991 he won the Red Smith Award, a lifetime achievement award, also given by the Associated Press Sports Editors Association, and 15 times he has been honored as "Sportswriter of the Year" in three different venues, as voted by NSSA members in Kentucky, Georgia and Washington, D.C. He was the 1971 "National Headliner Award" winner for local columns in Louisville.

Among his seven books are "Around the World in 18 Holes" and the collection "Heroes, Fools, and Other Dreamers."

Kindred and his wife, Cheryl, have one son (Jeff) and three grandsons (Jared, Jacob and Kaleb).

Barbara J. Ford ÷ Ford is the executive director of the Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries in Richmond and is the immediate past president (1997-98) of the American Library Association. Prior to joining VCU in 1991 she served seven years as associate library director at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. From 1975 to 1984 she served several capacities at the University of Illinois at Chicago, including documents librarian and audiovisual librarian. In addition, she was the director of the Soybean Insect Research Information Center at the Illinois Natural History Survey and a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama and Nicaragua.

She was a section secretary of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions from 1985-89 and served on the Libraries Working Group of the U.S./Mexico Commission on Cultural Cooperation in 1990. From 1989-91 she was on the board of directors of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and was president of the Richmond (Va.) Academic Library Consortium in 1992-93.

After graduating magna cum laude with a degree in history from IWU in 1968, Ford earned a master's degree in international relations at Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, then a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1973.

The author of numerous publications and presentations, Ford has traveled extensively to address such topics as information literacy, the future of academic libraries, international cooperation among libraries and virtual libraries. She is a member of the Virginia State Council of Higher Education Library advisory committee and the Virtual Library of Virginia steering committee. She serves on the boards of the Fund for America's Libraries and the Freedom to Read Foundation.

Tom Hansen ÷ Hansen is the chief executive officer and founder of ACCENT Marketing Services, Inc., in Louisville, Ky. Earlier this year he was named "Entrepreneur of the Year" in the service industry for the Kentucky/Southern Indiana region, an award sponsored by USA Today, NASDAQ, Ernst & Young LLP, the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and the "Entrepreneur of the Year" Institute.

Prior to creating ACCENT, Hansen spent 11 years at General Electric, where he held a variety of financial and marketing positions. As manager of residential marketing for GE Consumer Service, he managed a \$120 million organization and developed many successful direct marketing campaigns. He is a graduate of GE's Financial Management Program and traveled globally for three years on GE's corporate audit staff performing operational reviews of GE's core businesses.

Hansen is a member of the Direct Marketing Association, American Telemarketing Association, and the Kentucky Colonels. He has volunteered his time to work for the Maryhurst Garden Renovation, St. Vincent DePaul Society family Christmas drive, the Hawthorne Elementary School family Christmas drive, the Boys & Girls Club, and the United Way Day of Caring.

Hansen and his wife, Kathleen, have three children ÷ Patrick, Christian and Matthew.

Robert A. and Mary Ann Hagmeyer Guenzler ÷ The Guenzlers, both 1953 Illinois Wesleyan graduates, have been affiliated with IWU as students, alumni, and parents.

After graduation, Bob served as a personnel sergeant for the U.S. Army until 1955, then returned to IWU to earn a master's degree in music education. He taught from 1956-60 in the Charleston (Ill.) school district before moving to the southwest Chicago suburbs to teach vocal and instrumental music, theory, and humanities in school district 218 from 1960-90. During this time he was a professional tenor for the Chicago Symphony Chorus (1967-88) and served as director of music at Blue Island's Grace Methodist Church (1960-66) and at United Methodist Church of Palos Heights (1966-91). He is a member of numerous professional organizations and was the recipient of the Illinois Music Educators Association "Distinguished Service Award for Dedicated Service to Music Education" in 1992.

After graduating with a degree in sociology and psychology, Mary Ann became a professional Girl Scout director with Trailways Girl Scout Council in Joliet, Ill. She substitute taught in school districts 218 and 230, in the southwest suburbs and, as her daughters were growing up, volunteered in all phases of school and scouting activities in addition to acting as her church's organist. She worked with the League of Women Voters, serving her local chapter as president and as a board member of the state organization. She spent three terms on the executive committee of the League of Women's Voters of Illinois and two terms as the organization's vice president of citizen education in addition to being the group's secretary-treasurer.

Married since 1953, the Guenzlers have three daughters ÷ Susan Getz, a 1977 graduate who is married to 1977 alum Herbert A. Getz; Dr. Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, a 1978 graduate; and Pamela DeBoer ÷ and six grandchildren. The Guenzlers have served Illinois Wesleyan as class agents, as members of their reunion committee, have hosted alumni "Connections," and have appeared at virtually every alumni event staged in the Chicago area.