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## **Men's Health Magazine IWU Ranked In Top 10 "Most Male-Friendly" U.S. Campuses**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Men's Health, the 1.5-million circulation monthly magazine, ranks Illinois Wesleyan University among the 10 "most male-friendly colleges in America" in its September edition.

Men's Health describes IWU as "intimate, busy, and loaded with smart players."

"A small, friendly, highly selective liberal-arts college noted for providing a good education at a good price," Men's Health wrote about IWU. "Average class size is 18. All classes taught by professors. Unusual 4-4-1 term allows students to spend each May at work or traveling the world. Fourth in nation in producing Academic All-American student-athletes. One third of students join the Greek system. Every room is Web-wired, and every dorm has a 24-hour computer lounge."

IWU shares the top 10 billing with Princeton University, Vanderbilt University, Washington and Lee University, Davidson College, Lewis and Clark College, Indiana University, Texas A&M University, University of Georgia, and California State University at Long Beach.

The "10 most antimalle schools in America," according to Men's Health, are Antioch College, Bates College, Brown University, Columbia University, Dartmouth College, Georgetown University, Oberlin College, University of California at Santa Cruz, University of Massachusetts, and the University of Michigan.

Men's Health based its ranking on a half-dozen factors: great athletics, great academics, fraternities are welcome, socially friendly, no silly rules, and the four-year factor.

A component of "great athletics," for example, is the availability of intramural sports and great workout facilities. The "four-year factor" is described this way: "When you leave on graduation day, you'll honestly miss the place, because of great professors, small classes, awesome architecture, and that sense of community . . . " The magazine's great academics factor was defined in terms of strong programs, especially of keen interest to men: business, math and hard sciences, computer engineering, as well as in the humanities "a relative absence of fashions and fads."

Bacon's Magazine Directory describes Men's Health as "aimed at educated and affluent men seeking quality in their physical, mental, and emotional lives."

The article ranking the campuses is headlined, "Will You Get An Education or and Earful? It Depends on Which College You Pick" by Laurence Roy Stains.

"Over the course of 5 months," Stains wrote, "we polled the experts--professors and opinion leaders who closely follow the academic scene; we scoured all the available guides. Via e-mail we polled two organizations of college-entrance consultants--the Independent Educational Consultants Association and the National Association for College Admission Counseling. We also polled you on our Web site. We asked for information about male-friendly colleges and received more than 500 replies."

As Illinois Wesleyan approaches its 150th anniversary this fall, it's ranked among the nation's most selective national liberal-arts campuses by U.S. News & World Report--48th among 162 colleges and universities. It's ranked 12th nationally by Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine among private colleges and universities nationally in terms of delivering high-quality education at an affordable cost. IWU also is ranked the 8th "most wired" college in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life. And, IWU's website was ranked 8th in the United States by the non-profit National Research Center for College and University Admissions. The study, conducted in the summer of 1999, included more than 800 campuses.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,070 students in a College of Liberal Arts, and individual schools of Music, Theatre Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletics and recreation center, a \$25 million science center, a \$6.8 million residence hall, a \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, and a \$1.65 million baseball stadium. A \$26 million library and a \$6 million student center are under construction.