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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Monday, Aug. 28, will be the first day of classes with a full 2,025 full-time students registered for classes at Illinois Wesleyan University for the 2000-01 school year.

Figures available prior to the start of classes indicate that 545 first-year students have enrolled at the university, including 329 women and 216 men; and 20 African-Americans, 12 Hispanic, and 13 Asian students. The figures are subject to change as students check-in.

Among all of the 571 new students to the university, 55 intend to be music majors, 19 nursing majors, 23 theatre-arts majors, 10 art majors and 464 liberal arts majors. Adding to the number of new students are 24 students who have transferred to IWU from other institutions.

For the total entering class, the average ACT composite score is 27.9. (A perfect score on the American College Test, a leading college entrance exam, is 36, and the average composite ACT score for the year 2000, was 21 for the 1,065,138 high school students who took the exam.)

Attending the university this school year are 551 new domestic students representing 21 states. Also enrolled are 20 international students--15 first-year, three transfers, and two exchange students--citizens of 13 nations (Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Ghana, Indonesia, India, Japan, Madagascar Mexico, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Syria).

Reflecting on this year's class, Dean of Admissions Jim Ruoti, class of 1963 who is entering his 37th year at IWU said, "Our goal is to continue to increase national and international interest in the university through a broader admissions outreach. Visiting students and their families are impressed with the quality of our academic programs and facilities. As a result, this year also brought an increase in the number of applications and in the average test scores of those enrolling."

Ruoti continued, "We expect another banner year in admissions. Last fall Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine ranked us with Dartmouth and Princeton as a best buy nationally."

About Illinois Wesleyan University

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls over 2000 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. Construction is underway on a \$26 million library and \$6 million student center.