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"The Park Place Economist," 9th Edition

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--The 2001 Edition of "The Park Place Economist," one of a handful of undergraduate economic journals in the nation, was published last week at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Ten in-depth articles--the product of original research--probe a range of issues including: the funding of professional sports complexes, the income of mothers compared to the income of fathers, wage differences between states and governmental debt.

The journal also includes information about alumni of the economics department, and information on the current graduating class as well as other topics of interest.

The Park Place Economist Editor-in-Chief Julie Dusek, a senior public accounting and economics double major from Bolingbrook, Ill., said, "The journal is a sample of the type of work we do at Illinois Wesleyan."

Dusek says that a group of students working as an editorial committee read all articles that are submitted by other students, and ranks them on quality, diversity, how well the paper is written and its contribution to society. Articles in the 2001 edition of The Park Place Economist include:

- "Income Distribution and Health: A Worldwide Analysis," by Ketan N. Amin, a senior economics and biology double-major from Mattoon, Ill.
- "Before and After the FDICIA: A Look into Commercial Banking Risk Behavior and Profit," by Lisa M. Birr, a senior economics and business administration major from Elgin, Ill.
- "The Family Gap: Do Mothers Earn Less?" by Alicia Lange, a senior economics and psychology major from Orland Park, Ill.
- "The Bell Curve," by Amber L. Munday, a senior economics major from Creve Coeur, Ill.
- "Funding Professional Sports Stadiums," by Kenneth Perry, a senior economics and political science double-major from Orland Park, Ill.
- "The Possibility and Feasibility of a 100% Reserve Gold Standard," by David Rasho, a senior economics and business administration major from Decatur, Ill.
- "Government Debt," by Jeremy Sandford, a junior economics and Spanish double- major from Elk Grove Village, Ill.
- "Influences on the Stock Market: An Examination of the Effect of Economic Variables on the S&P 500," by Nathan Taulbee, a senior economics and business administration major from Taylorville, Ill.
- "A Case of the Philips Curve in the Formation of a Monetary Union: A Glimpse at High Inflation Countries of the European Monetary Union," by Yuet Wen Wan, a senior economics major from Selangor, Malaysia.

- "Wage Differentials Between the States: The Effect of Region and Unionization," by Amanda Watson, a senior economics and political science double-major from Normal, Ill.

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