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Two to Retire at Illinois Wesleyan University

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Barb Cothren, associate professor and chair of the physical education department and Harry R. Lovell, associate director of development at Illinois Wesleyan University are retiring.

About Barb Cothren

Cothren, who was awarded emeritus status at last April's Honors Day Convocation, leaves IWU after 22 years of service. At IWU, Cothren performed many roles in the athletic department. In 1984, Cothren was appointed head of women's physical education and in 1988, she shifted coaching duties from volleyball and softball to tennis.

In 1994, with the opening of the Shirk Center and the combination of men's and women's athletic departments, she was named associate athletic director and head of the physical education department.

In 11 seasons, Cothren's IWU women's tennis teams compiled a 115-40 dual meet record, won a CCIW championship in 1992, and produced 12 conference singles and doubles champions.

Cothren's volleyball teams have compiled a 78-62-2 record and three of her squads qualified for the Illinois Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women's state tournament, with her 1981 team finishing second.

A native of Peoria, Cothren earned her bachelor's degree from Illinois State University in 1961 and also her master's degree from ISU in 1966. At ISU, Cothren participated in basketball and softball and in 1981, was inducted into the ISU Athletic Hall of Fame.

About Harry R. Lovell

A 1959 graduate of IWU, Lovell was an elementary school teacher in the Bloomington public school district before coming to IWU as the director of annual funds in 1973. His primary responsibilities included the alumni annual funds, the Parents Scholarship Fund, and alumni relations.

He also has organized phonothons in Bloomington and Chicago. The phonothons raise money for academic student programs at IWU by way of students calling over 20,000 alumni throughout the year to ask for their pledge of support to the university. Under Lovell's guidance, the alumni annual funds campaign provided \$1.9 million to Illinois Wesleyan from 1973 to 1989. The alumni annual funds also increased by more than 10 percent each year.

In 1990, Lovell became the director of prospect research for the \$100 million campaign for IWU. His responsibilities included research, coordinating computer systems and overseeing record maintenance by support staff.

Since 1999, Lovell has served as the associate director of development and has been responsible for upgrading phonothon programs.

In November of 2000, Lovell, a Certified Fund-Raising Executive (CFRE) was named a recipient of the 2000 I. Sturrock Outstanding Fund-Raising Executive Award from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives for his leadership in fund raising. CFRE is the credential for fund-raising professionals in cooperation with leading philanthropic associations.