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IWU Chapter of Sigma Pi to Host Benefit Concert January 25, 2006

BLOOMINGTON, III. - In an effort to raise awareness and funds for the food crisis in Malawi, Africa, the Illinois Wesleyan chapter of the Sigma Pi fraternity is hosting a benefit concert.

The concert will be held Friday, Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. at the Sigma Pi Chapter House (1101 N. East Street, Bloomington). The event will be the first installment in the monthly "Sigma Pi Concert Series."

Malawi, with a population of more than 12 million people, is in need of humanitarian aid. The country suffered a famine in the last year and though it has received donations, some of the factors that caused the famine are still in place, according to ActionAID, an international development agency dedicated to fighting poverty. Though flash flooding caused some of the problem, ActionAID has found that many of the reasons are economical and political.

IWU's a capella group, Suspended, and the duo of Ben Johnson and Mark Tomosino will open the event at 8 p.m. The main act will be a Chicagoland band, "Fierce Melon," featuring IWU's Brian Baxter playing the drums.

There will be a recommended donation of \$4 at the door.

For more information please contact Mark Tomosino, event coordinator, at mtomosin@iwu.edu.

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