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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Austin Smith, a sophomore at Illinois Wesleyan University from Freeport, Ill., has been named the 2003 winner of the Arthur William Hinners and Louise Hinners Sipfle Prize presented by The Academy of American Poets.

Smith's poetry won the competition that was judged by Martin Scott, a poet and essayist who teaches English and creative writing at Eastern Illinois University.

Commenting on Smith's poems, Scott wrote: "There is a kind of snapshot surreal nature to these poems. All his poems show a concern for fresh language and metaphor, and a boisterous imagination."

Smith, an English major, is a graduate of Freeport Senior High School.

Illinois Wesleyan, founded in 1850, is a private co-educational university with an enrollment of 2,000 and a student/faculty ratio of 12 to 1. The University consists of the College of Liberal Arts, with 17 academic departments; the College of Fine Arts, comprising professional Schools of Art, Music and Theatre Arts; and the School of Nursing.