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*Phi Kappa Phi***IWU Student Inducted into National Honor Society**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--On April 14, senior physics major James E. Rinne, son of Cheryl Oswald, 6 Cobblestone Court, Bloomington, was one of 34 Illinois Wesleyan University students and four faculty members inducted into Phi Kappa Phi. The organization, which celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1997, is one of the nation's oldest and largest scholastic honorary societies for junior and senior college students.

Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary honor society, draws its membership of more than 900,000 scholars from colleges and universities nationwide. As a unifying force in education, the organization includes students, as well as faculty and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction at 281 select institutions.

The primary objective of the society is recognition and encouragement of superior scholarship in all academic disciplines. To be eligible for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, seniors must rank in the top 10 percent of their class and juniors must rank in the top 5 percent of their class.

Faculty members and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction may be elected to membership.

The IWU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi was established in 1922 and its membership is 69. Each year, the chapter sponsors a research symposium, presents scholar awards and nominates one candidate for the national Phi Kappa Phi graduate fellowship competition.

Last year, IWU's nominee for the graduate fellowship, economics major Jaynanne Calaway of Bethalto, Ill., won a \$7,000 fellowship.

**About Illinois Wesleyan University**

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,070 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.

*Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* ranks Illinois Wesleyan University 12<sup>th</sup> among the nation's 1,600 private colleges in providing a top-quality education at an affordable cost. Also sharing IWU's rank are Princeton and Dartmouth.