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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The staff of Illinois Wesleyan University's weekly student newspaper, *The Argus*, has won 20 statewide college journalism awards, including six first-place wins and an overall ranking of third place in general excellence.

The awards were announced during the annual Illinois College Press Association conference, held Feb. 20-21 in Chicago.

"The conference is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work," said Sarah Hedgespeth, outgoing *Argus* editor. "There are some categories in which we compete with all other schools (in Illinois), so the competition there is pretty stiff. I am very, very proud of our 2003 staff for these honors."

First-place winners included Dan Smart for his critical review (other than film), "Album provokes battle between heart, head," in an open category, competing against campus newspapers throughout the state.

Five other first-place awards bested entries within *The Argus'* division (non-daily newspapers at schools with enrollments under 4,000): Katie Nichols for best front-page layout; Myla Green for a news photo; Carlie Bliss for best feature story, "Nursing student impacts lives daily"; Hedgespeth for best news story, "IWU alum is first casualty of war in Iraq"; and Dan Broholm for best sports news story, "59 minutes, 54 seconds of success for Titans."

Other *Argus* division winners were:

- Best editorial — (2nd place) Laura Minerva for "CNN 'Rock the Vote' special disrespects college-aged voters"
- Best column (excluding sports) — (2nd place) Brian Caster for "Muted Academy Awards mimic 1950s Red Scare";
 (honorable mention) Laura Minerva
- Best in-depth reporting — (2nd place) Jason Han for his report on post-9/11 restrictions for international students
- Headline writing — (2nd place) Opinion/editorial staff for "Redbirds nesting in Ames should migrate to ISU"
- News photo — (2nd place) Jason Han for his Iraq War protest photo
- Best sports feature — (3rd place) Lindsay Hawley for a soccer feature
- Best sports layout — (3rd place) Ryan Foster
- Photo essay — (two honorable mentions) Jason Han
- Best news story — (honorable mention) Katie Nichols
- Best sports news story — (honorable mention) Amanda Glerum

Also in an open category, Margaret-Desiree Mug won honorable mention for best editorial cartoon.