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### ***Marian Catholic H.S. graduate wins college journalism award***

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Daniel Smart of Crete was among several staff members at Illinois Wesleyan University's student newspaper, *The Argus*, to claim first-place honors from the Illinois College Press Association for their journalism efforts.

Smart won for his critical review (other than film), "Album provokes battle between heart, head," in an open category, competing against campus newspapers throughout the state. Smart's was one of 20 total awards received by *The Argus* staff at the ICPA conference in Chicago Feb. 20-21. *The Argus* placed third overall in general excellence.

"The conference is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work," said Sarah Hedgespeth, outgoing *Argus* editor. "I am very, very proud of our 2003 staff for these honors."

Smart, a sophomore majoring in English - literature at Illinois Wesleyan University, is a graduate of Marian Catholic High School in Chicago Heights.

*The Argus* staff also claimed five first-place awards within its division, non-daily newspapers with enrollments under 4,000: Myla Green of Ashland, Mass., for best news photo; Kathryn Nichols of Moline for best front-page layout; Hedgespeth of Spring Valley for best news story; Dan Broholm of Frankfort for best sports news story; and Carlie Bliss of Wheaton for best feature story.

In addition, the Illinois Wesleyan University campus newspaper won several second, third and honorable mention awards within its division for categories including best editorial, best column (excluding sports), best in-depth reporting, headline writing, news photo, best sports feature, best sports layout, photo essay, best news story, and best sports news story. *The Argus* also won honorable mention for best editorial cartoon in an open category.

Illinois Wesleyan University, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 undergraduates in the College of Liberal Arts, with 17 academic departments, and in the Schools of Art, Music, Nursing and Theatre Arts. Emphasizing a distinctive liberal arts curriculum as the central feature of every student's education, Illinois Wesleyan also provides opportunities for professional and pre-professional preparation.