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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--John D. Wenum, a political scientist and member of the Illinois Wesleyan University faculty for more than two decades, today received IWU's top teaching honor, the 1992 DuPont Award for Teaching Excellence.

The teacher-scholar award, presented to Wenum at an 11 a.m. Honors Day convocation in IWU's Presser Hall, is sponsored by DuPont Agricultural Products, Inc., of El Paso, Ill., a subsidiary of the Delaware-based chemical industry leader, E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. Ms. Robalee M. Deike of DuPont made the award presentation.

Ellen S. Hurwitz, IWU provost and dean of the faculty, announced at the convocation that Mona Gardner, a professor of finance and director of the business and economics division, will be the 1993 teaching award honoree.

IWU's Tenure and Advancement Committee selected Wenum and Gardner for the award from a group of nominees based on their accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, and service. The committee is chaired by Michael C. Seeborg, head of the economics department and IWU's Robert S. Eckley Distinguished Professor.

Previously, IWU's top teaching honor was known as the Century Club award.

The Honors Day program also recognized several hundred IWU seniors and other students for scholastic accomplishments and leadership in various activities, including student government, the campus newspaper, and Homecoming.

Wenum Background

Wenum, director of IWU's division of social science, a professor, and head of the Department of Political Science, delivered the convocation's keynote address, "Why Not Civility?" The address, Wenum says, "focuses on the failure of members of society to speak and act appropriately toward each other and the responsibility of those in academe to help reinstitute civility in society."

Wenum is the 33rd IWU faculty member honored for teaching excellence since 1960.

Throughout his career, Wenum has blended teaching and scholarship with public service. He served for a dozen years as a member of the McLean County Board and was a member of the Sixth Illinois Constitutional Convention. Wenum has been a research fellow in government offices; a consultant to universities, state, and county governments; a human

relations commissioner; and staff director of the Citizens Task Force on Constitutional Implementation.

Wenum joined the IWU faculty in 1971 as an associate professor and head of the political science department. He was promoted to full professor in 1974 and was named director of the social science division in 1988. Wenum taught for a half-dozen years at Lake Forest College before coming to IWU.

A prolific writer, Wenum has published works on city and state economic development, techniques of city growth, cooperative land-use planning, implementation of a new state constitution, and development of regional water supplies. Wenum describes his most recent publication, "Introduction to County Government: Guidelines for County Board Members" (University of Illinois Press, 1991) as a "how-to book, with some philosophy mixed in", based on his 12-year tenure on the McLean County Board.

Wenum, along with colleagues at IWU and the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign, is working on a long-term study of the impact of Diamond-Star Motors Corp. on Bloomington-Normal and Illinois. Wenum and Margaret Chapman, an IWU associate professor of economics, received a five-year grant from Household International to fund research and course preparation on regional economic development.

Wenum earned a bachelor's degree from Lake Forest College in 1961 and master's and doctoral degrees from Northwestern University. He is a member of the Midwest Political Science Association, the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the Illinois Political Science Association, and the Policy Studies Association.

Gardner Background

Gardner joined IWU in 1988 after teaching for eight years at Illinois State University. She was awarded ISU's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1985. Gardner also has taught at Miami University in Ohio, the University of Cincinnati, and the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

This spring, Gardner taught a new and innovative course dealing with various financial scandals that have shaken Wall Street and the financial community in recent years.

Gardner is the author or co-author of five books, including "Managing Financial Institutions: An Asset/Liability Approach", and more than 25 articles, book reviews, and other writings.

She is a member of the Academy of Financial Services; Alpha Lambda Delta, the national collegiate academic honorary; Eastern Finance Association; Financial Management Association; Midwest Finance Association; and the Southern Finance Association.

Gardner earned a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Methodist University, a master of art degree from Columbia University, and a master of business administration degree and a doctorate in finance from the University of Cincinnati.

Honors Day

The convocation recognized IWU seniors and other students who have earned scholastic and activity honors. IWU students were honored for membership in 19 scholastic honorary societies, representing disciplines ranging from marketing, foreign languages, and nursing to biology, education, and history.

Forty-eight juniors and seniors were recognized for their membership in Phi Kappa Phi, the national scholastic honorary society. Ten IWU students were honored for their membership in Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. Forty-one freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were recognized for posting straight "A" (4.0) grade-point averages. Twenty-nine IWU students were honored as outstanding seniors.

Other students were honored for their accomplishments drama production, drama performance, music theatre production, music, and art.

More than 50 students were recognized as recipients of various scholarships or awards in music, nursing, publications, classical language, poetry, international affairs, business, insurance, science, and other fields.