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[Pronounced "Trohst" (long 'o')]

**MEDIA ADVISORY: The press conference to introduce Scott Trost will be held on Monday, April 9, at 4 p.m. in the Shirk Center performance arena.**

**BLOOMINGTON, Ill.** -- Scott Trost, who for the past five seasons has been an assistant coach at the University of Michigan, has been named men's basketball coach at Illinois Wesleyan University, athletic director Dennie Bridges announced tonight.

Trost, who turned 38 on March 9, will replace Bridges, who retired March 28 after 36 years as the Titans' mentor. Trost becomes the 13<sup>th</sup> coach in the 92-year basketball history at the school and only the third Titan coach in the program's last 58 seasons.

Trost is no stranger to the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin — he served as Bridges' assistant in 1986-87, was an assistant at Elmhurst from 1988-92, and served as the Bluejays' head coach from the 1992-93 season until 1996.

In four years at Elmhurst, Trost's teams posted an overall record of 51-49 (.510 winning percentage) and were 25-31 (.446) against CCIW teams. Until this season, the Elmhurst CCIW record of 10-4 in 1995-96 under Trost was the best-ever league finish for a Bluejay team.

A native of Appleton, Minn., Trost is a 1985 graduate of the University of Minnesota-Morris with a bachelor's degree in physical education. He received his master's degree from ISU in 1988. After a year at Illinois Wesleyan, Trost spent two seasons as an assistant at Division II Minnesota State-Mankato, working with head coach Dan McCarrell, who won three national Division III titles coaching at North Park in 1978, 1979, and 1980.

In 1989, Trost began a three-year assistantship under Jim Whitesell at Elmhurst and became head coach when Whitesell moved on to his current post as head man at Lewis University. While at Elmhurst, Trost also served as co-director of the summer basketball camps conducted by Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen and B.J. Armstrong.

In 1996 Trost became an assistant at Michigan, working for one season for Steve Fisher and for four years for Brian Ellerbe. In those five seasons, the Wolverines were 86-71 and had two 20-win campaigns (24-11 in 1997 and 25-9 in 1998). The 1997 team won the National Invitation Tournament and the 1998 squad won the inaugural Big 10 tournament and went 1-1 in the NCAA Division I tournament.

Trost's primary responsibilities for the Wolverines included game-plan strategies and practice plans, scouting, on- and off-campus recruiting and supervision of academics. He also organized and directed the University's summer basketball camps and served as the staff spokesman on a weekly and post-game radio show in Ann Arbor.

Trost, who will serve as an associate professor of physical education at IWU, is a member of the Assistant coaches committee of the National Association of Basketball Coaches and a member of the Michigan Basketball Coaches Association.

Trost and his wife, Lisa, were married on June 17, 2000.