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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Ethan Waugh has been named as the new offensive coordinator for the Illinois Wesleyan University football team, IWU head coach Norm Eash announced today.

Waugh replaces J.B. Wells, who left in December to become the first head coach in a start-up football program at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass.

Waugh's other duties at IWU will include coordinating athletic recruiting and serving as an admissions counselor.

Since 1997 Waugh has been an assistant coach at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C. As a graduate assistant, he worked with linebackers and defensive ends. A full-time assistant since 1999, he coached tight ends and assisted with special teams, and in 2000 and 2001 he coached the running back positions.

The 2000 Cats finished 14th in total offense in the NCAA Division I-AA statistics and the 2001 team was 22nd in rushing offense. The 7-4 record in 2001 was the Cats' best season in nine years.

In addition to his coaching duties he recruited at high schools in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and North Carolina; coordinated scouting for upcoming games; and assisted with summer football camps.

A native of Libertyville, Ill., Waugh attended Lake Forest College, lettering for two seasons as a defensive back, before transferring to Lawrence University. A 1997 graduate of Lawrence with a bachelor's degree in history, he lettered for two seasons as a quarterback and as a receiver.

He earned a master's degree in American history from Western Carolina in 1999.

Waugh comes from a football family – his father, Maury, was Ethan's head coach at Lake Forest, and was a head coach at the University of Dubuque and Simpson College. He was an assistant at Northwestern, assistant head coach at Pacific (California), and most recently was defensive coordinator at Western Carolina.

One of Ethan's brothers, Tucker, is wide receiver coach at Army under former Illinois State coach Todd Berry. Prior to joining Army, Tucker was with Berry for five years at ISU coaching, at various times, wide receivers, outside linebackers and running backs.

Another brother, Adam, was a linebacker at Illinois State and started every game of his college career. Adam was second on the 2001 Redbirds with 83 tackles, had 320 career tackles, eighth all-time at ISU, and is only the ninth Redbird with 300 or more career tackles. A political science major with a 4.0 grade-point average, Adam was also a first-team Verizon Academic All-American for two seasons.