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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Twenty-one alumni of Illinois Wesleyan University have performed in 178 films and made-for-television movies, according to the just published fifth edition of "Illinois Wesleyan at the Movies."

IWU alumni have appeared in feature films, including the Academy Award-winning thriller "Silence of the Lambs" (Frankie Faison), the critically acclaimed Woody Allen film "Hannah and Her Sisters" (Richard Jenkins), the comedy about a presidential look alike "Dave" (Kevin Dunn), and the film version of Ken Kesey's best-selling novel "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (William Duell).

IWU alumni also have performed in several major made-for-television movies, including Randy Shilts' AIDS chronicle "And the Band Played On" (Richard Jenkins), James A. Michener's "Space" (Stephanie Faracy, James Sutorius), the story of Ross Perot's rescue of his computer company employees in revolutionary Iran "On the Wings of Eagles" (James Sutorius), and the popular mini-series "The Thorn Birds" (Stephanie Faracy).

The enclosed brochure, "Illinois Wesleyan at the Movies," lists the names of all known alumni who have appeared in Hollywood and television movies, along with their graduation year, the year of each film's release, and in most cases their roles.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. In recent years, the university's endowment has grown to more than \$92 million; a \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$24 million science building will open in 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 164 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *U.S. News* ranks IWU the second most efficient national liberal arts college--a key gauge of the campus' quality academic program and relatively reasonable cost. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition. IWU's 1994 freshman class scored an average 27.9 on the ACT exam, compared to the national average of 20.7. --30--