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(Media Note: News releases regarding the dedication of the Science Center and the Minority Alumni Network honorees will be forthcoming.)

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Four Illinois Wesleyan University graduates and a long-time religion professor will be honored at IWU's annual Homecoming festivities the weekend of October 6-8 on campus.

J. Richard Hull of Sarasota, Fla., a 1955 graduate, will receive the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award and Demetria Kalodimos of Nashville, Tenn., a 1981 graduate, will receive the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumna Award.

Dr. Ronald L. and Bonnie Hall Ruecker of Decatur, Ill., graduates from 1966 and 1965, respectively, are recipients of the IWU National Alumni Association Loyalty Award, while William L. White, a religion professor at IWU since 1963, will be the grand marshal in the annual Homecoming parade.

Homecoming Activities

"Raise the Roof" serves as the theme for the 1995 Homecoming celebration. Festivities begin Tuesday (Oct. 3) with a 7:30 p.m. talent show in Memorial Student Center. The Homecoming king and queen coronation will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday (Oct. 5), also in Memorial Student Center, and the Titan Games, competitions among students in living units, will get underway at 4 p.m. Friday (Oct. 6) at Fort Natatorium.

An alumni golf tournament, slide presentations, tours, and a 5-K run are among the activities scheduled. The golf tournament will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at Normal's Ironwood Golf Course. The entry fee is \$37.50 and includes green fees, cart rental, an IWU golf towel, and prizes.

"Illinois Wesleyan Today", a media presentation about the campus and community, past and present, featuring a bus tour of IWU and Bloomington-Normal, will be presented at 1:30 p.m. Friday, beginning at Memorial Student Center. The cost is \$3.

Also on Friday, a series of free lectures will be presented, covering topics currently being discussed in student classrooms. The programs, with presenters, time and location:

- "Wellness", Missy Smock, director of IWU Wellness Program, 10 a.m., Shirk Center
- "My Heirs or Uncle Sam: A Guide to Estate Planning", director of development/estate planning Ben Rhodes, 11 a.m., Science Center
- "A Composer's World", music professor David Vayo, 1 p.m., Presser Hall 161
- "Exploring the Internet", Patrick McLane, manager of Interactive Learning Center, and Kristin Vogel, access librarian and assistant professor, 2 p.m., Sheean Library AV Auditorium
- "Chemistry and Crime: Identifying Bodies", chemistry professor Forrest Frank, 2 p.m., Science Center
- "Dinosaurs, Meteorites, and Extinction", chemistry professor Wendy Wolbach, 3 p.m., Science Center
- "Alzheimer's: What It Is and What It Isn't", psychology professor Wayne Dornan, 4 p.m., Science Center

The fourth annual Titan 5-K run/fun walk will begin at Fort Natatorium at 8 a.m. Saturday, with an entry fee of \$12, which includes a tee-shirt. Trophies will be awarded by alumni class decades.

Tours of the Science Center, which will be dedicated at 10 a.m., and the Shirk Center will be offered from 8:30-10 a.m. and tours of the entire campus will be offered at 9 a.m., beginning at the Memorial Student Center. Creative, hands-on science activities for children of all ages will be presented at the Science Center from 8:30-10 a.m.

The Homecoming parade, with the theme "Wild Kingdom", will begin at 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Memorial Student Center. The parade will proceed west on University to Main St., north on Main to Beecher, east on Beecher to Park, south on Park to Walnut, east on Walnut to McLean, south on McLean to Chestnut, west on Chestnut to Prairie, north on Prairie to Graham, east on Graham to Park, north on Park to Beecher, east on Beecher to Horenberger Dr., then North on Horenberger to the east parking lot of the Shirk Center on Emerson.

The Homecoming awards will be presented at the luncheon, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Shirk Center.

Wheaton provides the opposition for the Homecoming football game at 1:30 at Illinois Wesleyan Stadium.

From 9:30 p.m. to midnight there will be a post-reunion party, open to all alumni and friends, at Jumer's, 1601 Jumer Dr., Bloomington, and on Sunday at 1 p.m. there will be a "Do-It-Yourself Gospel Festival and Recognition Ceremony" at Evelyn Chapel. Alumni minority honorees include Luther Bedford of Chicago, Stephan Garnett of Chicago, and Wenona Whitfield of Carbondale, Ill.

Honorees

J. Richard Hull — Hull earned his juris doctor degree from Northwestern University. From 1958-65 Hull served as vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for Honneger's & Co., a public regional agribusiness company in Fairbury, Ill., and was vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for American Hospital Supply Corp., an international manufacturer and distributor of health care products in Evanston, Ill., from 1965-84.

From 1984-1994 Hull was vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary for Household International, Inc., an international financial services company in Prospect Heights, Ill., and since 1994 he has served on the Board of Directors for Schwitzer, Inc., a manufacturer of turbochargers, fan drives, and dampers for diesel and gasoline engines.

Hull, who is listed in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in American Law*, and *Who's Who in Commerce and Industry*, is the chairman of the Northwestern University School of Law Corporate Counsel Center and past chairman of the Northwestern University School of Law Corporate Counsel Institute Planning Committee.

Hull and his wife, Patricia, are parents of three children, David (a 1985 IWU graduate), James, and Elizabeth. The Hulls have four grandchildren.

Demetria Kalodimos — Kalodimos has been the primary anchor and reporter for WSMV-TV news in Nashville since 1984. In addition to anchoring nightly newscasts on WSMV, Kalodimos has produced series and documentaries as well as special programs and entertainment features, including the syndicated "Spotlight on Country" from 1992-93.

The recipient of 10 local and regional Emmy Awards for newswriting, special event programs, and documentaries, Kalodimos has also received a National Citation from the American Women in Radio and Television, Inc., a National Headliner Award, and a Gold Medal for Best of Show from the National Mental Health Association.

Kalodimos was ranked as the city's top news anchor in reader polls conducted by The Tennessean and the Nashville Scene.

A native of Chicago, Kalodimos received a master's degree in journalism in 1983 from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, while working as a reporter for WICD-TV in Champaign.

Kalodimos, who is married to James Mauries, won the 26.2-mile women's racewalk division in the 1994 Detroit International Marathon.

William L. White — White's long association with IWU, which will end with his retirement in May 1996, began in 1963, when he joined the religion faculty. Since that time he has served as University Chaplain, has supervised the IWU Chapel Program and Religious Life Program, and has served on numerous University committees on academic and social issues.

With a bachelor's degree from DePauw University and a master's degree in divinity from Garrett Theological Seminary, White earned a master's degree in religion and a doctorate in theology and

English Literature from Northwestern University. Prior to joining IWU White was director of the Methodist Student Movement at the University of Evansville (Ind.).

White is listed in *Who's Who in the Midwest*, *Who's Who in American Education*, and *Contemporary Authors* and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1969 for his book, *The Image of Man in C.S. Lewis*.

White has served on a number of Bloomington-Normal and McLean County committees, has been a trustee for the Citizen Exchange Council in New York City since 1976, and has worked with Christians Associated for Relations with Eastern Europe in New York City since 1976.

White, who lives in Normal with his wife Ann, has three children, Christopher, Duncan, and Lucinda White (a 1982 IWU graduate), and two stepchildren, Erik and Jennifer Nimz (a 1992 IWU graduate).

Ronald L. and Bonnie Hall Ruecker — The Rueckers have served IWU in a number of ways since their graduations, including organizing and hosting many alumni gatherings in the Decatur area. As co-chairs of the Decatur Regional Capital Campaign for Illinois Wesleyan they hosted campaign kickoff dinners and chaired the Campaign's advisory committee.

Ronald, who earned his medical degree from St. Louis University, is an internist who subspecializes in gastroenterology with the Internal Medicine Subspecialty Associates in Decatur. Earlier this year, he earned a master's degree in management from Purdue University. Ronald has served as chair for his 25th IWU reunion, was a class agent from 1971-77, and currently serves as a leadership agent. He is active in the Illinois Society of Internal Medicine, the Illinois State Medical Society, serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Society of Internal Medicine and the ASIM Political Action Committee. Since 1991 he has been an alternate delegate for the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association.

In addition to serving on the IWU Alumni Council, Bonnie has served as chair for her 15th and 30th IWU reunions, was a class agent from 1971-78, and class chair from 1978-83. She has also been co-chair for Decatur Memorial Hospital fundraising events, is the Illinois chair of the AMA Education Research Foundation, and president of the AMA Education Research Scholarship Program.

The Rueckers are parents of two children, Robin (a 1993 IWU graduate) and Rhett.