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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Thirty-one alumni of Illinois Wesleyan University have performed in 243 films and made-for-television movies, according to the just published sixth edition of "Illinois Wesleyan at the Movies."

IWU alumni have had roles in several recent films, including:

- "The Birdcage" (1996), Stanley DeSantis, class of 1975.
- "Blue Chips" (1994), Matt Tennicott, class of 1997.
- "The Cable Guy" (1996), Andy Dick, class of 1988. He also is a regular on the NBC-TV sitcom, "Newsradio."
- "Hoop Dreams" (1994), Luther Bedford, class of 1959, and Chris Reed, class of 1995.
- "How to Make an American Quilt" (1995), Richard Jenkins, class of 1969.
- "The Indian in the Cupboard" (1995), Richard Jenkins, class of 1969.
- "Matlock: The Scam" (1995), James Sutorius, class of 1967.
- "Nixon" (1995), Kevin Dunn, class of 1977.
- "The Stupids" (1996), Frankie Faison, class of 1971.
- "The Truth About Cats and Dogs" (1995), Stanley DeSantis, class of 1975.

IWU alumni have appeared in Academy Award-winners like "The Silence of the Lambs" (Best Picture, 1991, Frankie Faison, class of 1971) and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (Best Picture, 1975, William Duell, class of 1949). They have played roles in critically acclaimed films like "The Hustler" (Best Picture nominee, 1961, William Duell, class of 1949), "The Right Stuff" (Best Picture nominee, 1983, Katherine James, class of 1973), "Hannah and Her Sisters" (Best Picture nominee, 1986, Richard Jenkins, class of 1969), and "Mississippi Burning" (Best Picture nominee, 1988, Kevin Dunn, class of 1977, and Frankie Faison, class of 1971).

IWU alumni also have performed in several major made-for-television movies, including Randy Shilts' AIDS chronicle "And the Band Played On" (Richard Jenkins, class of 1969), James A. Michener's "Space" (Stephanie Faracy, class of 1974, and James Sutorius, class of 1967), the story of Ross Perot's rescue of his computer company employees in revolutionary Iran "On the Wings of Eagles" (James Sutorius, class of 1967), and the popular mini-series "The Thorn Birds" (Stephanie Faracy, class of 1974).

The enclosed brochure, "Illinois Wesleyan at the Movies" lists the names of all known alumni

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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 1,900 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$25 million science building opened in the fall of 1995. The \$4.6 million Center for Liberal Arts--a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty--is slated to open next August as well as a \$6.8 million residence hall. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition.