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## **IWU Homecoming Honors Alums, Features Campus Festival**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Four Illinois Wesleyan University graduates will be honored during IWU's annual Homecoming festivities the weekend of October 24-26 on campus.

Gene Nuziard of Los Angeles, a 1950 graduate, will receive the school's Distinguished Alumnus Award and John Horton of Paradise Valley, Ariz., a 1981 graduate, will receive the Robert M. Montgomery Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

J. Janvier and Martha Coolidge Wetzel of South Pasadena, Calif., who graduated in 1950 and 1952 respectively, are the recipients of the IWU Alumni Association Loyalty Award.

The Homecoming awards will be presented at the 11:15 a.m. alumni luncheon in the Shirk Center, one of a number of events planned for Illinois Wesleyan graduates during the weekend.

### **Homecoming Activities**

"Believe it or Not" serves as the student theme for the 1997 Homecoming celebration. Festivities begin Tuesday (Oct. 21) 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. Wednesday (Oct. 22), also in Memorial Student Center, and the annual Titan Games, competitions among students in living units, get underway at 4 p.m. Friday (Oct. 11) at Fort Natatorium and the stadium.

An alumni golf tournament and a 5-K run are among the activities scheduled. The golf tournament will begin at 10 a.m. Friday at Bloomington's Prairie Vista Golf Course. The entry fee is \$38 and includes greens fees, cart rental, lunch, tees, and prizes.

Open to the public as well as alumni is the sixth annual Titan 5-K run/fun walk, which will begin at Fort Natatorium at 8 a.m. Saturday with an entry fee of \$12, which includes a tee shirt.

Also on Friday, a series of free lectures will be presented in the "Back to College" program, covering topics currently being discussed in student classrooms. The one-hour programs, with presenters, time, and location, are:

- ▲ "Big Fat Lies", Missy Smock, director of IWU Wellness Program, 11 a.m., Shirk North Classroom.
- ▲ "Issues in Campaign Finance Reform", political science professor Tari Renner, 11 a.m., Center for Liberal Arts.
- ▲ "Learning Investing in the Real World", panel discussion, 1 p.m., Center for Liberal Arts.
- ▲ "Peacekeeping, Multilateralism and the Role of the Military in the 21st Century", Admiral Leighton W. Smith, Jr., 1 p.m., Davidson Room, Memorial Student Center.
- ▲ "Excavating in the Territory of Jesus", university chaplain and professor of humanities and archaeology Dennis Groh, 2 p.m., Art Building room 218.
- ▲ "Stroke in Evolution", Dr. Ann Stroink and IWU psychology professor Wayne Dornan, 2 p.m., Science Center.
- ▲ "1997 Tax Law-How it Affects Your Personal finances and Estate Planning", attorney Merrick C. Hayes and IWU director of development Ben Rhodes, 3 p.m., Science Center.
- ▲ "Exploring the World Wide Web", Patrick McLane, manager of the Interactive Learning Center, 3 p.m., Internet Lab, Buck Memorial Library room 101.

On Friday at 8 p.m., the popular Blue Moon Coffeehouse will feature 1987 graduate Christopher Carter, a master hypnotist, and the musical group The Sons of the Never Wrong. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. for the event, open to the public, in the Main Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

The second annual Festival on the Quad, free to all members of the community, will take place on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Illusionist Michael Stein, a 1985 IWU graduate, magician Chris Bohne, a 1981 graduate, and Carter will perform during the Festival. Ice sculptor Phil Conlan will display and demonstrate his work and there will be a virtual reality display, face painters, roaming musicians, a Velcro climbing wall, caricaturists, and clowns. Popcorn, doughnuts, and coffee will be available and the Titan Band will perform on the Sheean Library steps throughout the Festival.

Along with the Campus Festival, there are other opportunities for all IWU alums to gather as a group. Wheaton provides the opposition for the Homecoming football game at 1:30 p.m. at Illinois Wesleyan Stadium. Then, 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.

On Sunday at 11 a.m. there will be the Minority Alumni Network Gospel Festival and Recognition Program at Evelyn Chapel. This year's honorees are IWU English Department chairperson Pamela Muirhead of Bloomington, a 1968 IWU graduate and member of the faculty since 1972, who is co-director of the Bloomington-Normal Black History and Culture Consortium; and 1991 graduate Juan Salgado of Chicago, community programs director of The Resurrection Project, Chicago's most successful community development corporation serving the Latino community.

## Alumni Honorees

**Gene Nuziard** — Nuziard is currently chairman of the board of directors of the Queen of Angels - Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center in Los Angeles. In 1996, Queen of Angels was selected as one of the nation's top-performing hospitals by the *100 Top Hospitals — Benchmarks for Success* study.

Upon graduation, Nuziard worked in a variety of capacities for Gordon Baking Company in Chicago, beginning as a baker and moving up to company president. Nuziard was also president of Silvercup Bakeries in Detroit, and in 1966 he joined I.T.T. Continental Baking Company, holding a number of administrative positions and rising to executive vice president of the corporation. He retired in January 1991.

Nuziard also serves as director of the Daiichiya Loves Bakery, Inc., in Honolulu; a trustee of the American Institute of Baking; governor of the American Bakers Association; vice president of the Food Industry Circle of City of Hope charity; and as chairman of the Queen of Angels - Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center charitable division. He is a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Nuziard and his wife, Marilyn, a Northwestern graduate, have been married since 1956.

**J. Janvier and Martha Coolidge Wetzel** — The Wetzels both come from Illinois Wesleyan families: Janvier's mother, father, sister and aunt all attended IWU, while Martha's mother is a 1919 graduate.

Martha and Janvier have served as co-presidents of the IWU Los Angeles Regional Alumni Association. They have hosted numerous committee meetings and regional alumni "Connections" in their home and throughout the area. In addition, as co-chairs, they successfully organized volunteers and surpassed the financial goals of the Greater Los Angeles Regional Campaign.

Martha taught school until 1981 when she became the owner and operator of a number of Diet Center and Diet for Health locations throughout Southern California. She serves on the IWU Board of Trustees and as the leadership agent for her class. She is a member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

After graduation from IWU and three years in the U.S. Navy, Janvier joined a Los Angeles department store group, Broadway Department Stores. Prior to retiring in 1988, Mr. Wetzel was executive vice president for marketing and sales promotion for the 52-store chain. In addition to his other volunteer roles for IWU, Janvier has served as class agent for his class. Janvier is a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

The Wetzels have been involved in a variety of community services activities in Los Angeles. They are founders of the Los Angeles County Music Center and patrons of the Los Angeles Museum of Art.

Married since 1952, the Wetzels have three children — Janvier Read Wetzel, Kay Wetzel Leavens, and Timothy Ives Wetzel — and seven grandchildren.

**John Horton** — Since January 1997, Horton has been vice president and chief executive officer of AlliedSignal Engines, a \$2.5 billion sales division of AlliedSignal, a Fortune 75 company and one of 50 companies in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

AlliedSignal Engines is the world's largest designer and manufacturer of turbofan engines for business and regional aviation, auxiliary power units, turboshaft engines for helicopters and power generation for marine and industrial applications. Horton also serves on the board of directors for several global aerospace companies, including International Turbine Engine Corporation, the world's leading supplier of engines for light attack and advanced trainer military aircraft.

After graduating from IWU with a double major in business and political science, Horton joined General Electric's Financial Management Program (FMP). After serving as GE Appliances FMP president and attaining national academic honors, Horton served for five years on GE's prestigious corporate audit staff. Subsequently, he led financial and administrative operations for a number of divisions within General Electric, including the \$2 billion sales Gas Turbine Division and the \$2.5 billion sales Military and Small Commercial Engine Operations.

John and his wife, Joann, have two children — John Joseph (2) and Emily Ann (born in August 1997).

**Pamela B. Muirhead** — A member of the Illinois Wesleyan faculty since 1972, English professor Pamela Buchanan Muirhead has served IWU and the Bloomington-Normal community in many capacities. Since 1993 she has served as chairperson of the English department, was acting dean of the faculty in 1992-93, and was the recipient of IWU's annual Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership in 1989, sponsored by the Sears, Roebuck Foundation and the Associated Colleges of Illinois. She is also the co-director of the Bloomington-Normal Black History and Culture Consortium.

After graduating from Illinois Wesleyan in 1968, Muirhead earned a master's degree in American and African literature from Northwestern University and received her doctorate in American and Afro-American literature from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Muirhead has served as a teacher in an Upward Bound program, a visiting lecturer at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, and was a Peace Corps volunteer. The author of numerous publications, Muirhead's professional societies include the Modern Language Association, the Langston Hughes Society, the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the National Council of Teachers in English, the American Association of University Professors, and Alpha Lambda Delta.

She is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union, the McLean County Historical Society, and is on the board of directors of Bank One of Bloomington-Normal. She has served IWU on the Minority Advisory Committee, and on the special advisory board to the director of minority affairs.

A native of Chicago, Muirhead is married to John W. Muirhead, a 1962 IWU graduate, and they are the parents of Lakshmi and John.

**Juan Salgado** — A 1991 graduate, Juan Salgado is the community programs director of The Resurrection Project (TRP), Chicago's most successful community development corporation serving the Latino community.

After graduating from IWU with a degree in economics, Salgado earned a master's degree in urban planning from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He then spent three years developing programs and providing strategic planning assistance to community groups as senior director of Citizens Information Service before joining The Resurrection Project in February 1997. Salgado currently oversees TRP's economic and family development initiatives, including a small business incubator for start-up and emerging construction companies, a supportive housing program for homeless women and children, a community cultural center, and a family support program conducted in three local church parishes.

Salgado has been a member of the Illinois Wesleyan Minority Alumni Network since 1993. He is also the president of Instituto Del Progreso Latino, a community-based adult education center for recent immigrants and their families, and is a contributing staff person with the International Center for Health Leadership Development, a center dedicated to leading the building of bridges to join communities and universities.

A native of Blue Island, Illinois, Salgado is married to Leticia Almazan.