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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- To celebrate the Philippine Centennial, Illinois Wesleyan University will have Philippine Night on March 27.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room 103 of Stevenson Hall on campus. It is sponsored by the IWU International Studies Program and Asian Studies Team.

The Barkada Dancers of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., will perform three folk dances: "Maglalatik" (dance with coconut shells); "Pandanggo sa Ilaw" (dance with light); and "Tinikling" (bamboo dance).

Professor Reynaldo Ty of the department of political science at Northern Illinois University will speak on the "Philippines: Current Issues and Future Prospects."

There will also be an opportunity to sample Filipino delicacies during the intermission.

In 1998, the Philippines celebrates its 100th anniversary of independence, a milestone to mark a series of events including the outbreak of the 1896 revolution, the Declaration of Independence on June 12, 1898, and the ratification of the Philippine constitution by the Malolos Congress in January 1899.

The Philippine centennial's vision is that of the Filipino people with a renewed pride in their heritage and as active participants in the renewal and transformation of the nation.

The centennial logo shows the rising sun shining its rays over a red and blue-striped ribbon, twirled to form the figure 100. Underneath are the three stars which are also on the Philippine flag. The slogan aptly states the reason for nationhood, that indeed, "freedom is the true wealth of a nation."

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