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Central ILDateline: Bloomington**IWU Career Center Director Kistner  
Chosen President of ISCPA**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Warren Kistner, Director of the Career Center at Illinois Wesleyan University, was elected President of the Illinois Small College Placement Association (ISCPA) at the organization's March meeting. Effective May 1, 1998, Kistner succeeds Jeff Denard (Director, Career Development Center, North Central College), as ISCPA President.

The ISCPA is a network of over 30 colleges and universities, including Illinois Wesleyan, with a collective enrollment of over 45,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. These member institutions emphasize a major concentration in either liberal or applied studies (e.g. business, health care, human services, education).

Through the ISCPA's Interview Network employers may pre-screen resumes of candidates from member institutions and select those students they wish to interview. With the association's Resume Referral program, graduating students give the ISCPA pre-approval to submit their resumes to companies with vacancies in their area of interest, giving recruiters the option of contacting these students directly.

The ISCPA hosts a web site at <http://www.iscpa.org> which provides employers with easy access to the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the Career Center staff members at ISCPA institutions, as well as space to post vacancy announcements. The association also publishes "Crossroads," a quarterly publication highlighting association events as well as informative tips to students seeking employment.

In his new role as President of the Association, Kistner plans to stay current with technology and "continue to look at new ways to use technology to market students," try to "diversify the types of employers" the association works with, and "try to involve other organizations that might have opportunities for liberal arts students."

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of

Liberal Arts, and its Schools of Music, Theater Arts, Art, and Nursing. Since 1994, these facilities have been added to the IWU campus: a \$15 million athletic center, a \$25 million science building, a \$6.8 million residence hall, and a \$5.1 million liberal arts center. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching ranks Illinois Wesleyan a "Baccalaureate I" institution, a classification that places it among the 159 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges. IWU won the 1997 NCAA Division III men's basketball championship.