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## **IWU's Mary Etta Eastin Wins Award**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Illinois Wesleyan University junior Mary Etta Eastin was named winner of the 1998 Clockwatch Review Prize for Short Fiction.

Eastin, a junior art major from **Aledo (HS)**, will receive a certificate and \$100 as her prize, which is offered each year to encourage up-and-coming writers. The prize is sponsored by the Clockwatch Review, the award-winning literary journal, and the IWU English department.

In selecting Eastin's story from the 10 entries received, contest judge Elaine Fowler Palencia said, "The narrator of Eastin's 'Soliloquy' portrays his struggling family and their defining milieu with such authority and troubled sensitivity that they continue to live as flesh and blood long after we have laid the story aside."

Palencia is the author of the books "Small Caucasian Women" and "Taking the Train."

Honorable mention awards of certificates and subscriptions to Clockwatch Review went to Peter Birk, a junior English major from **Bloomington (Decatur Eisenhower HS)**, and to Adam Oldaker, a junior theatre arts major from **Homewood (Marian Catholic HS)**.

### **About Illinois Wesleyan University**

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 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 center opened in fall 1995. The \$5.1 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, opened in August 1997, as did a new \$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 159 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.

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