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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Four students from the former Soviet Union will arrive here next week to continue their education at Illinois Wesleyan University.

The three men and one woman will arrive at the Bloomington-Normal Airport at 5:39 p.m., Aug. 29 (Monday) aboard American Eagle flight 4097.

The students are:

- **Constantin Beslekoiev from Ashgabat, Turkmenistan.**

Beslekoiev, 26, was enrolled at Azady Turkmem State Pedagogical Institute of Languages and Literature in the Department of Philology and History, where he specialized in English. Between 1985-90, he studied at Rostov State University, where he earned a diploma in philosophy. His interests range from music ("hard and heavy" and playing the guitar) to swimming, wrestling and the martial arts. Beslekoiev's objective is to work as an interpreter and have a familiarity with several foreign languages. He also is interested in studying business administration and computer science.

- **Alexander Egoroff from Irkutsk, Russia.**

Egoroff, 20, was a third-year chemistry student at Irkutsk State University, where he specialized in biochemistry and ecology. His academic interests include genetic engineering and microbiology, animal physiology, and the manufacture of synthetic food and drugs. His hobbies include music, computers, and traveling. Egoroff was born near picturesque Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake, which inspired his interest in environmental protection and "crimes against nature."

- **Paulius Pukelis from Vilnius, Lithuania.**

Pukelis, 21, has been a philosophy student at Vilnius University for almost three years. Among his academic interests are linguistics; languages such as German, French, Spanish, and Japanese; and various disciplines of

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philosophy, including contemporary American, French, and linguistic philosophy.

- **Diana Imaka from Jurmala, Latvia.**

Imaka, 20, has studied English language and literature for two years in the foreign languages department at Latvia University. She has traveled to the United States previously to visit relatives, staying in this country for three months in 1991. Among her academic interests are the U.S. economic system, law, business, psychology, and dance. Imaka's interests in the field of English are translation theory, the methodology of teaching English, American literature, and 20th-century authors such as Ernest Hemingway. Last year, a U.S. lecturer at Latvia University introduced her to U.S. history, government, economics, and related subjects. Imaka worked with Junior Achievement of Latvia, an economic education program akin to the U.S. effort, which introduces high school students to entrepreneurship.

IWU classes begin Sept. 6.

These students come to IWU under the American Collegiate Consortium for East-West Cultural and Academic Exchange. IWU is a member of the group, based at Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt.

For additional information about IWU's international student programs, contact: Malinda Carlson, associate dean of student affairs, 309/556-3112.