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FOR RELEASE AFTER 9 P.M. FRIDAY, APR. 30, 1982

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Dr. J. Robert Hippensteele, professor of biology at Illinois Wesleyan University, is the 1982-83 Century Club Honoree.

That honor was bestowed upon him by Dr. Robert S. Eckley, president of the university, Friday night (Apr. 30) at the 24th annual Century Club Dinner to honor the faculty.

Hippensteele will receive a \$250 cash award and will be the featured speaker at the dinner in the spring of 1983. The selection of the honoree was based on the recommendation of a student-faculty committee.

Born in Baltimore, Hippensteele has followed Horace Greeley's advice to "Go West." He is an alumnus of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia and earned a doctorate in biophysics at the University of California, Berkeley (1967). Last summer, he spent a month in Japan conducting seminars and participating in an international symposium.

Hippensteele came to Illinois Wesleyan in 1974 from Indiana University, and was promoted to full professor in 1977. He was a visiting scientist at the Dalton Research Center, University of Missouri in 1980-81.

A research scientist in addition to being a professor, Hippensteele conducted a three-year study of microcirculation (1969-72) funded by a grant from the National Institute of Health. The Indiana Heart Association awarded him a grant in 1969 for a one-year project to study the effect of exercise on available extravascular sodium exchange volume in skeletal muscle.

For two summers, 1976-77, he conducted a research project at Wesleyan to identify the microvessels providing tissue-level redistribution of flow within skeletal muscle. That project was funded by a grant from the Research Corporation of New York made under the foundation's Cottrell College Science Grants Program.

While on sabbatical leave from Wesleyan during the 1981-82 school year, Hippensteele, aided by a National Science Foundation grant, completed a paper on the sensitivity of

small blood vessels located in skeletal muscle to oxygen and carbon dioxide, which he presented before the Microcirculatory Society in New Orleans earlier this week (Sunday). The ultimate aim of the paper is to offer more understanding of hypertension in humans.

This paper also was part of a series of lectures Hippensteele gave in Japan last year at Hokkaido University, Sapporo; at the Department of Surgery, Asahikawa; at the National Cardiovascular Research Institute, Osaka; and at the Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Ibaraki.

At Wesleyan, Hippensteele has been a member of the Pre-medical and Pre-dental Advisory Committee, Graduate Fellowship Committee, Personnel Committee, Advancement Committee, Academic Planning Committee, and the Association of American Colleges Project QUILL Committee.

Last year, he was a faculty visitor to the Board of Trustees. In 1976 he was a member of the faculty of a summer seminar on aging, dying and death, and in 1977-78, he was a member of the World Hunger Workshop Committee.