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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Ron Otto, who has coached high school wrestling teams in three states, has been appointed wrestling coach at Illinois Wesleyan University, IWU athletic director Dennis Bridges announced today.

Otto will serve as part-time member of the Wesleyan faculty.

Otto had an 88-12-2 won-lost-tied record for four seasons at MacMurray College, finishing second in the 137-pound class National Collegiate Athletic Association College Division tournament in 1968. He also competed in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling tournaments with the Mayor Daley Wrestling Club of Chicago. He was elected MacMurray's most valuable wrestler three times and was a four-time champion in the prestigious Wheaton Invitational.

After graduating from MacMurray in 1969, Otto was head coach at Hammond, Ind., Technical-Vocational High School for one year. From 1970 through 1974, he was assistant varsity and head sophomore coach at Maine Township North in Des Plaines. He followed that with four years at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, where he inherited a team that had won only two matches the previous season and developed it into a .500 team in tough Chicago suburban competition.

In one year at Lafayette, La., High School, five members of his team were state qualifiers.

Otto, who is an instructor of applied computer science at Illinois State University, received a master's degree from Southwestern Louisiana University in 1980.

Otto attended Maine Township High School in Park Ridge, where he was a football letterman and captained the wrestling team in 1964-65.

He is married to a 1972 Wesleyan graduate, the former Kathy Wilk, whose father, Harry, was a football star at Wesleyan in the early 1940s. Her brother, Jack, was a football letterman in 1980 and 1981. He graduated in May.