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Fred Brian

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Fred B. Brian was promoted to the rank of Professor of Art, Emeritus, effective with the 1984-85 school year, by the Illinois Wesleyan University board of trustees today.

Nine other faculty members were promoted in rank, three were advanced to tenure and 13 were granted leaves of varying lengths.

Brian, a 1950 graduate of Wesleyan and a faculty member since 1952, is retiring at the end of the school year. The native of Normal has held the top faculty rank of professor since 1971. He served as acting director of the School of Art from 1971-73 and was named the IWU Century Club Honoree for 1978-79. The honor annually goes to a faculty member selected by students and faculty colleagues for teaching excellence.

Brian received a master of arts degree from the University of Iowa in 1951 and taught one year in a Goshen, Ind., elementary school before joining the Wesleyan faculty. Under his guidance, the printmaking department has steadily expanded to include such other media as intaglio, relief printing, letterpress, book design, photo-engraving and serigraphy. Nine presses are available to Wesleyan art students and the letterpress program has its own private press imprimature, "The Blackstock Press."

While teaching, Brian has continued to gain recognition through the Midwest as an outstanding artist. He is well known for his Willie Burmeister series, which depicted a fictional Lake Superior airmail pilot.

Brian is married to the former Leona Holle, a 1949 graduate of Wesleyan.

Four members of the faculty were promoted from associate professor to full professor. They are Dr. Robert C. Bray, English; Dr. Larry W. Colter, philosophy; Dr. Thomas W. Streeter, music, and Dr. Michael B. Young, history.

Advanced from assistant professor to associate professor were Dr. Barbara Bowman, English, and Dr. Louis Verner, biology.

Thomas J. Gramkow, physical education, Sara J. Romersberger, drama/physical education, and John C. Stark, drama, were promoted from instructor to assistant professor.

Dr. David N. Bailey, chemistry, Betty J. Hatcher, nursing, and Verner were granted tenure.

Dr. Carl B. Jensen, psychology, was given a sabbatical leave for the 1984-85 school year.

Sabbaticals for the Fall term were granted to Dr. Lawrence N. Stout, mathematics; Bray and Dr. George A. Churukian, education. Receiving sabbaticals for the Spring Term were Dr. Pamela D. Muirhead, English, Dr. Bruce B. Criley, biology, and Dr. Margaret Chapman, economics.

Leaves for only the January Term were awarded to Dr. Mary Ann Bushman, English; Dr. John A. Cramer, chemistry; Dr. Karen G. Gervais, philosophy, and Dr. Abram M. Plum, music.

Romersberger was given educational leave for 1984-85 and John A. Lust, business, received a leave without pay for 1984-85.

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