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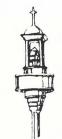
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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--The fourth program in the Phi Kappa Phi Athenaeum lecture series at Illinois Wesleyan University will feature Dr. R. Dwight Drexler, professor of piano, emeritus, Wednesday, Apr. 10.

The program, which will be open free to the public, will be at 4 p.m. in the Davidson Room of Memorial Student Center. A reception will follow.

A project of Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honorary at Illinois Wesleyan, the lecture series features emeritus faculty as speakers.

Drexler has chosen a timely topic, "Amadeus--Beloved of God," following closely on the recent successes and awards bestowed on the film of Mozart's life.

A 1934 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan, Drexler immediately joined the faculty and taught piano and served as chairman of the department until his retirement in 1979. He earned a master's degree from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Music degree by the University of the Pacific.

He was the IWU Century Club Honoree in 1961 and served as grand marshal of the 1972 Homecoming parade.

Drexler is director of music and organist at the First Christian Church in Bloomington. He is well known throughout the Midwest as a teacher and pianist. He is frequently called to judge competitions and auditions.