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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- A free public lecture on the issues surrounding the recent atomic bomb tests in India will be held at Illinois Wesleyan University at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20.

Professor Narendra Jaggi, chairman of the physics department at IWU, will speak on "Smiling Buddha or Frowning Shiva: The Science and Politics of Indian Nuclear Weapons" in room C-101 of the Center for Natural Sciences, 201 E. Beecher St.

Jaggi is a former employee of India's Atomic Energy Commission, working there as a nuclear scientist from 1975 to 1982. While conducting his doctoral research in the Nuclear Physics Division in Bhabha Atomic Research Center, Jaggi collaborated with P.K. Iyengar, known as the "father" of India's nuclear explosions program.

Jaggi, who has taught at IWU since 1991, led the American Chapter of Indian Physics from 1993 to 1995.

The lecture is sponsored by the Asian Studies Team of the International Studies Program at IWU.

MEDIA NOTICE: To speak directly to Narendra Jaggi about the India nuclear situation, contact him at (309) 556-3418.

About Illinois Wesleyan University

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 2,000 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994 and a \$25 million science center opened in fall 1995. The \$5.1 million Center for Liberal Arts, a facility housing 60 faculty offices, six classrooms, and other facilities for social science, humanities, business and economics, and interdisciplinary studies' faculty, opened in August 1997, as did a new \$6.8 million residence hall. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 159 highly-selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual U.S. News & World Report rankings. Barron's Profiles of American Colleges, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive +" in its latest edition.