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CHARLESTON, IL--Good things are probably going to happen to Ron Wesel because he's that kind of young man--bright, personable, energetic and involved.

And perhaps a forerunner of the future for this Eastern Illinois University senior from Watseka was a recent event in Springfield.

In the House of Representatives' chamber in the Capitol Building, Springfield, Wesel shared the speaking platform with Gov. James Thompson.

The occasion was the investiture of student laureates by the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, an organization dedicated to maintaining "the traditions of the State and the heritage of Abraham Lincoln and to exemplify throughout the United States the spirit and values of achievement in the State of Illinois."

The student laureates included one person from each of the state's senior universities. Wesel, a journalism major who will graduate next spring, was selected by President Stanley Rives as Eastern's laureate. He received a \$150 scholarship and a Lincoln Medallion.

Wesel was then chosen by a committee of the Academy to speak on behalf of the 54 laureates. Judith Bartholf, the Academy's executive director, said:

"Ron was chosen to respond for the laureates because he is extremely well qualified, both academically and in his numerous extra curricular activities. He is an outstanding student in all respects."

Wesel told the students:

"I am certain that at sometime during our college years things have gotten a little tough, but days like today make it all worth while."

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He also told his fellow laureates:

"I hope each of you will remember these 10 simple words as you become the future leaders of this great state. Use them as motivation. Those words are: if it is to be, it is up to me."

Wesel is the son of Edward and Hannelore Wesel. At Eastern, he has been Speaker of the Student Senate, is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity, is scholarship chairman of the Interfraternity Council, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Coles County Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization.

This summer Wesel was an intern in the office of Secretary of State Jim Edgar, a 1968 Eastern alumnus.

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Gov. James Thompson and Ron Wesel.