Date: February 2, 2004
To: All Faculty
From: Tom Griffiths, Acting Dean of the Faculty
Subject: February Faculty Meeting Notes

Here is the latest news I have received of the activities of Illinois Wesleyan University faculty -- including and especially reports on scholarly writing, composition, artistry, grants, awards, procreative and adoptive activities, and other recognition given for both curricular and artistic/scholarly achievement. Please join Acting Provost Roger Schnaitter and me in congratulating the following colleagues on their significant accomplishments.

- An article entitled “Development of Oral Communication Skills Abroad” by Professor Christina Isabelli-García (Hispanic Studies) has appeared in The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad (pp. 149-174, Fall 2003).
- Acting Provost Roger Schnaitter recently received and forwarded to me a strong letter of appreciation from Bloomington Mayor Judy Markowitz concerning the hard work and diligent service of Professor Rob Kearney (Business Administration) on the City of Bloomington Zoning Board of Appeals. Rob was described as a “skillful contributor” and a “real asset” to the hearing process.
- Professor Ram Mohan (Chemistry) has received funding from the National Science Foundation in the amount of $205,300 for his RUI proposal entitled “Environment Friendly Organic Synthesis Using Bismuth Compounds.”
- Professor Chuck Springwood (Sociology and Anthropology) has published an article entitled “I’m Indian Too! Claiming Native American Identity, Crafting Authority in Mascot Debates” in the Journal of Sport and Social Issues (vol. 28, pp. 56-70, 2004). Chuck also contributed three entries to the recently released encyclopedia entitled Native Americans in Sport: “Walter Lingo” (pp. 186-187), William P. Winnishiek (pp. 330-331), and “Oorang Indians” (pp. 236-238).

I am happy to report that George John Fish joined our community on December 27, 2003, with a weight of 7 lbs., 9 oz. and a total length of 21 inches. He and his parents John and Teresa Zurick Fish (Physical Education) are all doing well.