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. I ask that you join Acting Provost Schnaitter and me in congratulating the following colleagues on their significant accomplishments.

- Illinois Wesleyan University will become the national headquarters of ASIANetwork when Professor Teddy Amoloza (Sociology and Anthropology) officially assumes the position of Executive Director in the Fall of 2005 following a transition period that starts in the spring of 2005 (following Teddy’s sabbatical in the fall semester). ASIANetwork is a consortium of over 140 liberal arts institutions in the U.S. whose mission is to stimulate the study of Asia and to strengthen the role of Asian Studies within the framework of a liberal arts education.

- Concurrent with Teddy’s appointment as Executive Director, Professor Irv Epstein (Educational Studies) and Professor Tom Lutze (History) will become co-Editors of the ASIANetwork newsletter, The ASIANetwork Exchange.

- Professor Ram Mohan (Chemistry) has recently published a paper entitled “Bismuth Compounds in Organic Synthesis. Bismuth Nitrate Catalyzed Chemoselective Synthesis of Acylals from Aromatic Aldehydes.” Which appeared in the journal Tetrahedron (vol. 60, pp. 3675-3679, 2004). Ram’s coauthors—Dave Aggen, Josh Arnold, Patrick Hayes and Nate Smoter—are all IWU junior chemistry majors.


- Professor Tom Streeter (Music) has published “An Interview with Ron Carter” in the Jazz Education Journal (vol. 36, pp. 43-52, 2004). Carter is a musician of some renown, having won major awards and considerable acclaim as both a performer and a teacher of jazz.

And as I reported verbally in the last faculty meeting, Professor Greg Shaw (Political Science) and his wife Mollie’s new baby arrived on April 1 at 12:15 p.m. His name is Ian Peter Ward Shaw and at last report, all members of Ian’s new family are doing very well (although I understand that sleeping habits had not yet returned to pre-Ian normal).