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To: All Faculty
From: Tom Griffiths
Subject: December 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. I ask that you join Acting Provost Schnaitter and me in congratulating the following colleagues on their significant accomplishments.

- Professor **Brian Hatcher** (Religion) has published a translation of a poem to Krishna entitled “AMAZING GRACE: The Śṛi-kṛṣṇāṣṭakam of Giriśacandra Vidyāratna” in the *Journal of Vaishnava Studies* (vol. 12, pp. 3-8, 2003). At the close of his article, Brian writes, “I would like to dedicate this translation to the memory of Minor Myers Jr., seventeenth President of Illinois Wesleyan University, eloquent spokesman for *vijñāna and prajñā*” [which Brian tells me roughly translates to “*scientia et sapientia*”].

- Professor **Tian-Xiao He** (Mathematics/Computer Science) has recently published two papers. The first, which appeared in the *Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics* (vol. 155, pp. 19-41, 2003) was coauthored with R. Zhang and Y. S. Zhou and is entitled “Boundary-type quadrature and boundary element method.” The second, appearing in *Analysis in Theory and Applications* (vol. 19, pp. 166-184, 2003), is written with Leetsch C. Hsu, and Peter J.S. Shiue, and is entitled “On Abel-Gontscharoff-Gould’s Polynomials.”

- The article on “Bismuth Compounds in Organic Synthesis. Deprotection of Ketoximes Using Bismuth bromide-bismuth triflate” which appeared in *Tetrahedron Letters* (vol. 44, pp. 9173-9175, 2003) was coauthored by Professor **Ram Mohan** (Chemistry) and three of his students, Josh Arnold, Pat Hayes, and Rob Kohaus. Josh and Pat, who are IWU juniors, had earlier presented this work at the National Organic Symposium in Bloomington, IN in June. Rob is a senior.

Please join me in welcoming **Jeremy Arthur Olson**, who arrived at 2:05 p.m. on November 12. Jeremy weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. at birth, and was 19 inches in length. At last report, he and his parents **Gerald** and **Rhonda Olson** are all doing very well. Welcome, Jeremy, to our community!