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Event:	University Chapel Hour and the IWU Women Studies Program present: Gender Issues Chapel: "Celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of Women's Studies at IWU"
Date:	March 24 (Wednesday)
Time:	11 a.m.
Location:	Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington
Background:	The gender issues chapel hour was organized to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Women's Studies program at Illinois Wesleyan, as well as commemorate IWU's Gender Issues Week.
	Speakers will include Illinois Wesleyan acting President Janet McNew, University Chaplain Dennis Groh, and director of Women's Studies Vicki Magee. Freshmen music theatre major, Nicole Schuenke from Maple Grove, Minn., will perform a vocal arrangement followed by freshmen theatre major Bryonha Parham from Kansas City, Mo., who will read from Toni Morrison's 1993 Nobel Prize acceptance speech. Additional entertainment will be provided by junior theatre majors Jane Wallace from Deer Creek, Ill., Cyril Watson from Chicago, and Brian DeCaluwe from Mount Prospect, Ill. The program will culminate with a photostory looking back at the history of Women's Studies at IWU.
	Illinois Wesleyan was one of the first universities in the nation to offer a Women's Studies minor in 1993, and in October 2003, the faculty voted in favor of establishing a Women's Studies major at the University.
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