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Contact: Bob Aaron, 309/556-3181**A teacher's teacher****GE Exec Frank Starkey of Niskayuna, N.Y.,
Profiled in *Illinois Wesleyan University Magazine****Local
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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--Every campus has its "Mr. Chips"--a caring and inspiring teacher students fondly remember--and Frank Starkey of Niskayuna, N.Y. is among those at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Starkey taught chemistry at IWU from 1971-80 before joining General Electric-Corporate Research and Development as human resource programs manager in Schenectady, N.Y.

He is among three "Mr. Chips"-like professors profiled in the spring, 1996, edition of *Illinois Wesleyan University Magazine*, a quarterly publication with a circulation of 20,000.

As a member of IWU's science faculty, Starkey served on the university's pre-med advisory committee, noting his role in helping numerous students gain admission to medical and dental school.

"I worked with a number of undergraduates who went on to various graduate programs," Starkey recalled, "and some of them are doing pretty well in their fields. That work with students was very important to me."

Starkey was surprised recently when he saw an ex-pupil on television, a Chicago-area optometrist talking about his involvement in the Head Start program.

There are several education components to Starkey's post with GE, including campus recruiting. He serves as GE's representative to the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering, and is a member of the Minority Engineering Committee of the GE Foundation. In 1986, Starkey was named "Black Achiever in Industry," an honor presented by the Harlem Branch of the YMCA.

The article, attached to this news release, is headlined: "Three professors who taught us well--Where are they now?" It is written by Stew Salowitz, a 1976 IWU graduate, director of IWU's News Services, and associate editor of *IWU Magazine*. IWU grants permission to reprint the article.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,850 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. A \$15 million athletics and recreation center opened in the fall of 1994; and a \$25 million science building opened in the fall of 1995. The Carnegie Commission for the Advancement of Teaching promoted Illinois Wesleyan to a "Baccalaureate I" institution in 1994, a classification that places it among 161 highly selective National Liberal Arts Colleges in the annual *U.S. News & World Report* rankings. *Barron's Profiles of American Colleges*, another respected college guide, rated IWU "highly competitive (+)" in its latest edition.