


# Hey, that's not trash!

True story. I have a colleague (who shall remain nameless) who will pluck certain trash right out of the garbage if she sees you discard it. I saw this firsthand recently when I carelessly tossed the empty box from my frozen entree into the trash. My colleague raced over and fished it out. "Hey, I can recycle that," she said smiling.

This same colleague also washes plasticware so that it can be reused. Got to admit, not too sure about that one. But I do greatly admire her commitment to save the planet one act of kindness at a time. Our alumnae/i have that same passion for green. For them, green is more than a fad that will fade. It is a calling to a greater good. This *Quarterly's* cover story by writer Mary

Howard '85 takes a look at their varied earth-friendly efforts.

And speaking of green, biology student Alexandra Sabella '08 has seen a lot of it. She has spent months researching plant specimens in Wheaton's herbarium. We take a look at the work that state officials think could aid regional conservation efforts.

There are two other great reads in this issue. Tom Nugent has written a profile of social scientist Helen Zarsky Reinherz '44, who is responsible for a landmark study on child development. And Hannah Benoit gives us an inspiring story about Alida Adams '08, who went to Guatemala and helped women create a sustained way to support themselves. 



Megan Luce '03 helps Clean Vibes with recycling at a music festival. Find out more about her efforts on page 30.

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### A nice treat

What a surprise and treat to see myself, in the blossom of youth, on the End Page of the spring *Quarterly*. The class pictured is the great Class of '60, one of the many classes to enjoy Leota Colpitts's dinners.

We are all close friends. Jill Walsh is behind Leota. I am to her left and Nancy Greer is to her right. Vicki Christensen is to my left. I can't identify the others. Miss Colpitts also had the tradition of embroidering our names on a tablecloth. We would sign it at dinner, and she would present it to the class at graduation.

Thanks for the memories.

*Karen Greenland Dyer '60*

### Stirring up memories

Your End Page on Leota Colpitts brought back memories and sent me to the depths of a cabinet in

search of my old packet of Wheaton recipes. I retrieved the cards (vintage 1967), complete with the recipe you printed for her Chocolate Delight.

Stains on my cards reveal that I experimented with some of the recipes, mostly desserts. At some point in the '70s, perhaps when I began subscribing to a cooking magazine, I reorganized my clipped recipes and stowed the Wheaton cards away. I suspect that I contemplated tossing them out, but old memories must have held me back. Maybe I should pass this bit of history on to a senior at Wheaton, my niece, Alanna Myrick. Thanks so much for the article.

*Tiggy Myrick Green '67*

### Thanks for recipes

I have all the cards Leota Colpitts handed out to the Class of 1968. My

**Web extra: Check out Leota Colpitts's recipes at [www.wheatoncollege.edu/Quarterly/Q2008Summer/](http://www.wheatoncollege.edu/Quarterly/Q2008Summer/)**

favorite I made yesterday, L.C.C.'s banana nut bread. *So-o* good for Sunday night supper with a salad!

Thank you for thinking of these recipes. I enjoyed many a night at her house with fellow classmates and the ever-present lovable huge dogs.

*Joan Bowie Brown '68*

### It's a small world

I was reading the *Wheaton Quarterly* this afternoon. My husband and I receive it because our son, Nicholas Gordon, is a junior this year at Wheaton. I was pleased and amused to see the article about our "neighbor" Hope Pettegrew. I thought the magazine might get a kick out of the fact that Nick's father, Michael Gordon, was also a Peterborough Citizen of the Year in 2004. It's a small world!

Thanks for your always well done publication.

*Betsy Gordon P'09*

## What's on your mind ?

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