

## It's Your Turn

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Last spring Wheaton's Communications Office sent a readership survey to many of you, and a significant number of you found the time to respond. In fact, the survey's return rate was well above the national average for mailed surveys, confirming yet again that alumnae/i are actively engaged in college life and are never shy about voicing their opinions. Many, many thanks.

The survey results told us a number of important things about the reasons why you read Wheaton publications and your preferences for their content, and those responses will help us shape the evolution of our publications. The most important fact we were relieved to learn is that you are, in fact, reading the *Quarterly* and *Wheaton Matters*; we love that! Class notes, college news and stories about alumnae/i top your interest list, and it tops ours, too. We most definitely will continue to bring you all that and more.

Many of you wrote of your interest in controversial topics, regarding Wheaton and the world, and your desire to see them addressed in these pages. That's no surprise; as President Marshall wrote in "Roundtable," critical examination is "the bedrock of the liberal arts tradition at Wheaton." We welcome the opportunity to challenge your hearts and minds, and invite you to challenge us in return. Tell us what you think; help us bring you ideas that matter.

Late last year the Alumnae/i Association began its current long-range planning process, an evaluation of current services and a discussion about how to better serve association members in the future. In the spirit of these discussions, this issue of the *Quarterly* examines three topics that the college and the Alumnae/i Association believe are vital to ongoing outreach: the sense of betrayal some alumnae feel as a result of the coeducation decision; the college's growing use of technology to connect alums near and far; and the unique needs of Wheaton's most recent alumnae/i as they strive to remain connected to their alma mater. The voices of many Wheaton graduates are reflected in these stories, and we can't thank them enough for their personal—and sometimes painful—contributions.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I really enjoyed the article about Katie Stinson '79 [Summer 2001]. She was a terrific person while we were in school together and she continues to be an inspiration. The rest of the magazine was also great. Keep up the good work!

Elisabeth Eaton '79

### IN MEMORIAM

#### ADELE LANGSTON ROGERS

**Adele Langston Rogers, 89, mother of Wheaton President Dale Rogers Marshall, a director of the National School Volunteer Program, and the widow of former Secretary of State William P. Rogers, died May 27 at her home in Bethesda, Md. A service of thanksgiving was celebrated on June 1 at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.**

Mrs. Rogers became the first woman to receive the Presidential Citizens Medal, awarded in 1973. She also played an active role in official functions while accompanying her husband to 75 countries during his four years as secretary of state. She also volunteered at inner-city schools in Washington and in New York, where her husband practiced law.

Mrs. Rogers was born in Haddon Heights, N.J. She graduated from Cornell University, attended law school at Stanford University and received a law degree from Cornell, where she met her future husband. They were married in 1936. He died Jan. 2.



Mrs. Rogers received her law degree during a period when many law firms were unenthusiastic about hiring women. So she decided to concentrate on raising her children and supporting her husband's career.

In addition to her work on the school volunteers board, Mrs. Rogers was president of the PTA at Sidwell Friends School and the Southeast branch

of the Boys Clubs of America. She was a member of the advisory board of the Hospitality and Information Service in Washington, which serves the diplomatic corps. She was a trustee of Cornell University, the Gannett Newspaper Foundation and the Meridian House International Foundation.

The Wheaton community extends its sincere condolences to her four children, Dale, Anthony, Jeffrey and Douglas; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In her memory, contributions to the Adele Langston and William Pierce Rogers Faculty Fund will be welcomed.