

## OnLyon Students Celebrate a Reunion

In January Barbara Darling-Smith's class, "Religion in the Contemporary United States," began much as usual. Darling-Smith asked students to identify themselves and their religious affiliation (if any) as a segue into examining America's ideas about—and practice of—spirituality.

However, this semester her 10 students were different; they never met face-to-face until May. Welcome to Darling-Smith's virtual classroom, part of the college's OnLyon initiative to support learning online and to stay connected with graduates, parents and friends. Unlike many students in OnLyon courses, this group visited campus on Commencement/Reunion Weekend to celebrate a reunion of sorts.

Darling-Smith admitted that she had some initial misgivings about teaching a course via the Internet. "As the semester approached, I wondered, 'Why did I sign up to teach online? I need to look people in the eye.'" Her concerns quickly dissipated, however. "What happened was that we came together and became a real learning community," she says of the students who shared ideas, ranted, and critiqued texts via the course listserv.

What did they read, think and talk about online? The Holy Ghost People, a cult that believes poisonous snakes cannot harm people of God; evangelical subcultures; and the fascinating Web sites of religious groups spreading their word, for starters. Darling-Smith noted that Sue Currier Scanlon '77 compiled an extensive list of links related to their discussions for class use.



The online learners arranged to meet during Commencement/Reunion. Attending the mini-reunion were (l – r) Prof. Barbara Darling-Smith, Sandy Marshall '57, Nancy "Ding" Dingman Watson '42, Wheaton Professor of Chemistry Emerita Bojan Jennings, Claudia Perlman P'01 and Barbara Crane Brown '59.

"It was an absolutely, positively, stupendously awesome learning experience, from the high-tech convenience of learning from home to making new friends to soaking up all the great knowledge offered by Prof. Darling-Smith," said Scanlon. "The discussion threads pushed my curiosity to seek beyond the scope of the syllabus."

Interested in becoming an online learner through Wheaton? Alumnae/i and parents can check out online class offerings at <http://onlyon.wheatoncollege.net>, or contact the Office of Alumnae/i Relations and Annual Giving at (508) 286-8207 for more information.

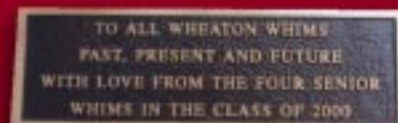
*Editor's Note: Nancy "Ding" Dingman Watson '42 (pictured above) died June 28 of injuries sustained in an auto accident on Cape Cod.*



### Planting the Seeds of Song

Cristina Aspuru, Kate Perry, Sarah Falardeau and Alisa Merrifield, all members of the Class of 2000 and all Whims, organized the planting of a flowering cherry tree at the south end of Stanton to honor every generation of Wheaton Whims.

The tree was dedicated during Commencement/Reunion Weekend.



## Pending Stock Deal Keeps Sodexho-Marriott on Campus

IN RESPONSE TO NATIONWIDE PRESSURE from student human rights groups—including those from Wheaton College—the parent company of Wheaton food service provider Sodexho-Marriott (S-M) agreed in April to sell its holdings in Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the nation's largest provider of corrections and detention management services. As a result, the college will drop plans to review its contract with the corporation, contingent upon the divestiture.

Campus interest in Sodexho Alliance began last fall when Lev Moscow '01 called for a boycott of Sodexho-Marriott in a letter to the *Wheaton Wire* and demanded release from his meal plan. Denied his release, Moscow founded a campus chapter of "Not with Our Money," a national student organization united against the privatized prison industry, and staged protests throughout the year.

President Dale Rogers Marshall, responding to heightened student activism, announced in a May Wheaton Community Forum the college's plan to reconsider its S-M contract unless full divestiture of CCA stock occurred within 12 months. "Higher educational institutions need to be concerned about their contractors' records of social responsibility," Marshall said. "Colleges and universities are committed to the free exchange of ideas in an atmosphere of mutual respect, and to fostering a sense of social responsibility in our students. To achieve these goals we must strive to embody those principles in our own actions."

## Bacow to Lead Tufts University

In May the Tufts University Board of Trustees named Lawrence S. Bacow, then chancellor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as its 12th president. Bacow, an environmental economist, has been second-in-command at MIT since 1998, and joined Wheaton's Board of Trustees in 1999.

"As long as you're doing your job well, you're always starting new things," Bacow said in May. "My job is to make sure we're doing our best to compete. We'll be tough competitors."



## Faculty Publications, Awards and Grants

### William Goldbloom-Bloch, *Math*

- "Tension in Generalized Geometric Sequences," *College Mathematics Journal* 32:1, (2001): 44-47.

### Alexander Bloom, *History*

- *Long Time Gone: Sixties America Then and Now*. Alexander Bloom, ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.



### Jonathan Brumberg-Kraus, *Religion*

- "Jesus as Other People's Scripture," *The Historical Jesus through Catholic and Jewish Eyes*. Leonard J. Greenspoon et al., eds. Harrisburg, Penn.: Trinity Press International, 2000.
- "Not by Bread Alone...": Food and Drink in the Rabbinic Seder and in the Last Supper." *Semeia 84: Food and Drink in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament*. Athalya Brenner and Jan Willem van Henten, eds. (2000): 154-79.

### Barbara Carlson, *English*

- Poetry recently published or forthcoming in *New Delta Review*, *Midwest Quarterly*, *Worcester Review* and *Hayden's Ferry Review*.

### Vipan Chandra, *History*

- "Leadership in East Asian Modernity: So Chae-p'il in a Comparative Perspective." In *So Chae-p'il and His Age*. Seoul: The Institute for the Study of Korean Independence, 2001.

### Beverly Lyon Clark, *English*

- "From Charlotte to the Outposts of Empire: Troping Adoption." *Imagining Adoption: Essays on Literature and Culture*. Marianne Novy, ed. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001.
- "19th Century Critical Reception." *The Louisa May Alcott Encyclopedia*. Gregory Eiselein and Anne K. Phillips, eds. Westport: Greenwood, 2001.

### Mary Lee Griffin, *Education*

- "Social Contexts of Beginning Reading." *Language Arts* 78:4 (March 2001).

### John Kricher, *Biology*

- "Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*)." In *The Birds of North America*, No. 545. A. Poole and F. Gill, eds. Philadelphia: The Birds of North America, Inc., 2001.

### Rochelle Leibowitz, *Math/Computer Science*

- Rochelle Leibowitz and Vicki Bartolini, in partnership with the Norton Public Schools and Rutgers University, were awarded a \$45,000 National Science Foundation grant for a Summer Math Content Institute for local K-8 teachers.

### Stephen Mathis, *Philosophy*

- "Korsgaard, Normativity, and the Publicity of Reasons," *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 17:1 (January 2000).

### Vicki McGillin, *Dean of Advising*

- "Current issues in advising research." In *Academic Advising: A Comprehensive Handbook*. V. Gordon and W. Habley, eds. San Francisco: Jossey Bass Publishers, 2000.

### Bianca Cody Murphy, *Psychology*

- "Anti-Gay Lesbian Violence in the United States." In *Peace, Conflict and Violence: Peace Psychology in the 21st Century*. D. Christie, R. Wagner, and D. Winter, eds. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2001.

### Richard Pearce, *English*

- "Sandra Cisneros." In *The Columbia Companion to the Twentieth Century Short Story*, Blanche Gelfant, ed. New York: Columbia University Press, 2001.

### Tommy Ratliff, *Math/Computer Science*

- "A comparison of Dodgson's method and Kemeny's rule" in *Social Choice and Welfare*, 18:1 (2001): 79-89.

### Ann Sears, *Music*

- "Dana Suesse." *New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*. Macmillan, 2000.

### Scott Shumway, *Biology*

- "Species distributions in interdunal swale communities: the effects of soil waterlogging." With Catherine R. Banks. In *American Midland Naturalist* 145 (2001): 137-46.

### Javier Trevino, *Sociology/Antropology*

- Introduction to *The Social Reality of Crime* by Richard Quinney. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers, 2001.

### Jonathan Walsh, *French*

- "Littérature et caractère national d'après Prévost et Grimm." In *L'abbé Prévost au tournant du siècle. Studies on Voltaire and the Eighteenth Century* 11 (2000).

### Susanne Woods, *English*

- *Teaching Tudor and Stuart Women Writers*. Susanne Woods and Margaret P. Hannay, eds. New York: MLA, 2000.

### David Wulff, *Psychology*

- "The Psychology of Religion: An Overview." In *Religion and Psychology: Mapping the Terrain*. D. Jonte-Pace and W. B. Parsons, eds. London: Routledge, 2001.
- "James Henry Leuba: A Reassessment of a Swiss-American Pioneer." In *Aspects in Contexts: Studies in the History of Psychology of Religion*. Jacob Belzen, ed. Amsterdam: Rodopi, 2000.
- "Mystical Experience." In *Varieties of Anomalous Experience: Examining the Scientific Evidence*. E. Cardena, S. J. Lynn and S. Krippner, eds. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 2000.

### Gerald Zuriff, *Psychology*

- "The Art of Referral." In *Journal of College Student Psychotherapy* 15 (2000): 43-57.