

Since Last We Talked . . .

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...we've been pretty busy here in the Communication Office, renovating the *Quarterly*. What you're holding is Phase One—more pages, more class notes, more stories—the result of two years of asking questions and getting great answers from so many of you.

Among the new additions are several regular features that will appear in each issue, such as calendars, sports news and contact information for classes and clubs. Some of my favorite new features are in the “Around the Dimple” section. “World Journal” tells the stories of student experiences from abroad; “Chronology” links current news about Wheaton and its community with fun and interesting information from the college’s archives; and “Bookshelf” expands to include interviews with our creative types.

Phase Two—a new look—is in the works. Designers Barbara Dill and Mike Kurgansky are locked behind closed doors this very minute, experimenting with colors and fonts and layouts in new and exciting ways. We hope to unveil a completed redesign early next year. I hope you'll continue to let me know what you think about what we're doing and what we should be doing.

Of course, things are happening outside the Communication Office as well. Read on...

When Pat King '63 was installed as chair of Wheaton's Board of Trustees in 200, she became the first woman, the first alumna, and the first African-American to lead the board. She discusses her connection to Wheaton and her dreams for the college's future, starting on page 16.

For two weeks in January, Derek Price's students lived what they learned in the classroom about Navajo culture and practice as guests on the Navajo Nation and teachers in a Navajo school. Read about their transforming journey on page 20.

Growing up, Tom Sanderson '92 could identify the silhouette of every U.S. and Soviet military aircraft. Today, he channels that interest into a quest to better understand how military decisions are made. He talks about his recent fact-finding trip to China on page 26.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHEN I TURNED TO THE PORTRAIT of Trish Karter '77 in your spring issue, I thought she looked so familiar. When I read that Trish is Elizabeth “Bunt” Whitman Karter's [Class of 1945] daughter, I knew why the photo stopped me.

When I came to visit colleges in 1943, Bunt was my tour guide at Wheaton. She was filling in for a friend, which was my great good luck because she undoubtedly was the reason I made Wheaton my first choice over all the other colleges I had visited.

Now, so many years later, I see that the remarkable talents of persuasion Bunt possessed have passed forward to this equally remarkable daughter. Thank you for letting me enjoy the renewal of memory and for recounting such a memorable story of one of this generation's splendid Wheaton women.

Amelie Banov Burgunder '48

THANK YOU, PRESIDENT MARSHALL, for your article “Staying True to Our Roots” in the spring *Wheaton Quarterly*. As an alum who was dismayed over coeducation, I have over the years been encouraged and, lately, even thrilled about the progress and success I see at Wheaton.

I am so very proud of my college, thankful for the extraordinary skills and self-confidence it gave me, and always grateful for my dearest friends—strong Wheaton women!

Now, as president of the board of trustees at Alexandria Country Day School, I am keenly aware of the opportunities afforded to me at Wheaton, opportunities that enabled me to achieve such a position of leadership. I have no doubt that my Wheaton education will continue to serve me well in the future.

Thank you for your vision. You have been a rare gift to Wheaton.

Ann Harvey McMurray '75