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Dear Members:

The *Alumnae Quarterly* began as a way for alumnae to stay connected – not only with the college but with each other. It was designed to keep alumnae up to date on the happenings at the college, to keep alumnae engaged and to encourage alumnae to give to their alma mater.

As you know, some comments were “edited” from the Class Notes section of the recently published *Wilson Magazine*. When we became aware that this was going to happen, we (the Alumnae Association and the Alumnae/i Relations Office) went to the Marketing and Communications Department and requested that they not go through with this. Obviously, our words were not heeded.

Last week, President Cramer paid a visit to Brian Speer (VP for Marketing and Communications) to articulate our frustration with this issue of the Magazine. Subsequently, Dr. Mistick commented on the Editing of Class Notes. Their explanation: Class Notes is a place to socialize not editorialize. “All comments – both for and against the decision – were removed...”

The Association cannot recall a time when any class notes were not published in their entirety. A statement at the forefront of the class note section states “Class Notes do not necessarily reflect the views of staff, the Alumnae Association or the College.” During the Marketing and Communications session at Leadership Weekend, the membership was informed that editorial comments (political and religious) would not be allowed; and promoting a personal business would also not be permitted. All of these are reasonable.

The graduates of Wilson College want the college to succeed. We want enrollment to grow. We want giving to increase. We want others to receive the same quality education we received. And, we want to keep in touch with both our College and our classmates.

The Alumnae Association represents nearly 8,000 alumnae/i and respects the right of each member to hold and speak their own opinion.

The Executive Committee

Alumnae Association of Wilson College