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To: The Wellesley College Community
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Subject: In Memoriam: Harold Andrews
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I am saddened to inform you that Harold Andrews, professor emeritus of geosciences, passed away on February 22 at the age of 72. He taught at Wellesley from 1971 until his retirement in 2006.

He was a beloved teacher, winning the College's coveted Pinanski Prize for Teaching in 2005. In the citation given for that award, one student called Professor Andrews "the model liberal arts science teacher"—someone who blended ancient Chinese art, Shakespeare, and global plate tectonics to instill in his students a curiosity about the natural world. As a teacher, Professor Andrews made science accessible to generations of students. Renowned for his kindness and generosity to students and colleagues alike, he was also an avid unicyclist, and would often be seen riding around campus.

His major field of interest was invertebrate paleontology, and specifically in interpreting the function of fossil features that have no modern counterparts for comparative study. He also studied conodonts, or the microscopic, tooth-like skeletal remains of extinct organisms now known to be related to the earliest vertebrates.

Professor Andrews was dedicated to serving Wellesley, and he did so in a myriad of ways—as chair of his department, as faculty director of the Science Center, as a member and chair of the Board of Admission, and on many other faculty and trustee committees. His legacy lives on today in the Harold E. Andrews Award in Recognition of Service to the Geosciences Department, which is awarded each year to an outstanding senior.

Professor Andrews earned a B.A. from the College of Wooster, a master's degree from the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

His former colleagues are invited to a gathering, which will be held today, March 13, from 4:30-6 p.m. in the Sage Lounge of the Science Center, to celebrate Professor Andrews' career at Wellesley.

I extend my condolences to Professor Andrews' family, friends, and colleagues.

