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GRINNELL RESIDENT

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Memorial contributions may be directed to PALS in Grinnell.

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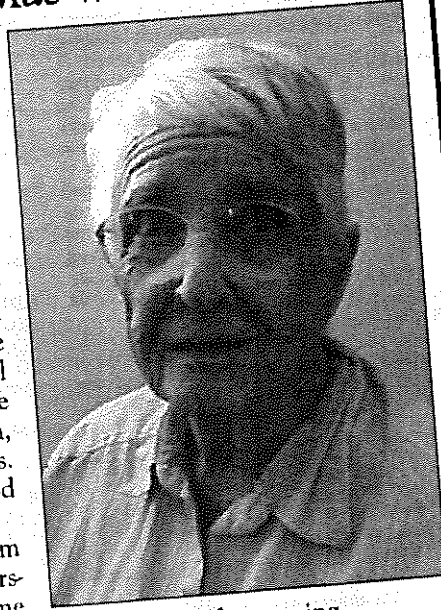
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From: Baker, Marcia <BAKERMAR@Grinnell.EDU>
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2015 11:02:15 AM
To: Grinnell College Faculty
Subject: Sad news - Anna Mae Wack

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of a member of the Grinnell College community. Anna Mae Wack, Professor Emerita of Physical Education, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2015. Please join me in extending condolences to Anna Mae's family and friends. The following obituary is shared by her family.

Michael E. Latham
Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College

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