

From the Editors

I A Farewell to Anne Graham

We lost someone very special to us just as this issue was going to press. Anne Graham, the founder and executive editor of *BizEd*, passed away on January 20 after a valiant battle with cancer.

Both of us had our first encounters with Anne in 2001, when we interviewed to be co-editors of a publication for the management education community. The magazine did not yet have a name; but after only a few moments of conversation with Anne, we knew it had a vision, a personality, and a purpose. She wanted *BizEd* to be a voice and a forum for management education. Her enthusiasm for the magazine and its readership was contagious. Her goal was nothing less than for *BizEd* to be “the best magazine in the world.”



When it came to the magazine’s editorial content, she often told us that she wanted to be “delighted and surprised.” As you will read in our tribute to her in our upcoming May/June issue, Anne sought no less from life itself. She was an incredible person who enjoyed the surprises of life and its many adventures, whether she was traveling the world, studying art history, writing a novel, or painting in her home art studio.

Anne was a wonderful mentor, a supportive friend, a fascinating intellectual, and a creative force to be reckoned with. She also was a tough editor who never compromised her high standards of quality. If Anne was enthusiastic about an article idea, we knew it was a good one. If she praised a story we’d written, we knew we’d gotten it right.

While Anne had been a successful editor for a variety of other publications, we secretly believed that *BizEd* was the magazine closest to her heart. Perhaps that’s because she created it from scratch, overseeing every decision from choosing the title to picking the typeface. The magazine remains as her legacy to deans and business school faculty everywhere. We will strive to honor that legacy by making sure that each future issue is one that Anne would view with pride.

We are grateful that Anne saw something in us that she believed in, and we’re glad that she invited us to join her in the creation and publication of *BizEd* magazine. We have been the beneficiaries of a wonderful personality and presence, and we will miss her very much. ☑

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