

“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out” –*Vaclav Havel*

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Separate Board for college under consideration

By Kim-Jenna Jurriaans

“This tree is not ready to die. New twigs are budding; you’ve heard them today,” faculty member Hassan Rachmanian told Antioch Trustees and close to 200 stakeholders assembled at a Kentucky airport hotel on Saturday morning. Whether it was his plea or that of dozens of others last weekend, the Board of Trustees of Antioch College on Monday announced its willingness to collaborate with the college Alumni Association to further develop a business plan for the future of a viable Antioch College.

In addition, the trustees in a separate vote expressed their willingness to consider the creation of a separate Board for the college with “significant authority”.

The Board adopted a resolution to that affect on Sunday, following a weekend hearing of stakeholders from the wider College and Yellow Springs Community whose collective efforts over the last two months have brought to the table over eight million dollars in cash and pledges to keep the doors of Antioch College open past the academic year 2007.

Andrzej Bloch to become Antioch’s Interim President in January 2008

By Sarah Buckingham

On July 26, Antioch College president Steve Lawry announced his resignation to the community, effective by the end of December of this year. “My family and I have taken this decision in light of the June 9th, 2007, decision of the Antioch University Board of Trustees to suspend operations at the College from July 1st, 2008,” Lawry said in an official press

release by the College. “I look forward to contributing in other ways to the advancement of the kinds of values Antioch has traditionally taught and honored—engaged citizenship, free and open intellectual inquiry, and respect for human dignity.”

Shortly after Steve Lawry’s announcement, several newspapers published the news that Chancellor Toni Murdoch had asked Antioch College dean of faculty Andrzej Bloch to assume the role of interim president on the first of January 2008. However, as yet there has been no formal announcement as to whether Andrzej will accept the new title.

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In its efforts to assist the Alumni Association (AA) in creating its business plan by late October 2007, the University is providing the alums full due diligence access to all financial data of the college. By doing so, the Board and University leadership depart from its earlier position not to hand out specific data, taken on this summer and galvanized in a statement half August after tenured Antioch faculty filed suit in an attempt to obtain an injunction against the closing of the College.

In addition to giving access to the necessary financial information, the Board is granting the alumni boards request to create a fully staffed development office to further pursue the engagement and philanthropy of about 17,000 living alumni of Antioch College. Our belief is that there is 100 million out there, but we can’t do that unless we have a fully staffed development office,”

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Sign here please

Student Waiver sparks controversy on campus

By Jeanne Kay

A wind of panic spread among Antioch students upon their return to campus last week. Along with the traditional contact sheet that they were asked to fill out, they were requested to sign a “Student acknowledgement of suspension of operations of Antioch College”.

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Dear Community,

Nostalgia, for some a warm and fuzzy word that expresses honor for the wisdom of your predecessors and respect for the past; for others it's a synonyme for backwardness and lack of adaptability to the new.

It is putting on a pedestole the imperfect because it conveys a feeling. It's what fuels places like Cambridge, Harvard and Yale, where the the cherished traditions and glorified experiences of the father become the promises of the son and his daughter after that. History and memory in these places are captured in historic buildings that never crumble. I can only assume that on a campus where the choice is between moving into Dickens' or Byron's old room, black mold and poorly done grafty is not an issue.

Nostalgia is allowed, it seems, encouraged even when it is backed up with ever impeccable buildings and supplemented with state of the art new computer labs, as if to proove that one has not stayed behind.

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Dear Antiochians,

At Saturday's Cincinnati meeting, many community members expressed their satisfaction at finally being able to meet the members of the Board of Trustees. The pleasure to be able to interact face to face with the people behind the institution was genuine and candid. An exterior observer might wonder why, considering the circumstances... But Duffy explained it well at the stakeholders session: "Antioch is an intimate place; our students care about intimacy". "We want to have a relationship with you", he declared to the Board in our name.

Antioch is a place that favors intimacy; and the question has already been raised: if the college does stay open, how big should it become? Nostalgics of the late 1960s 'golden age' sometimes hold the 1500-2000 students model in reference. Toni Murdock, in her recent PhD Commencement speech, refers to her "dream" of a "virtual commons" as the university of the future. This idea goes in the direction of cur-

But what if the buildings are crumbling? Recently, the media with willing quotes from those who should defend us, has all to often made a parody of Antioch. Our decaying buildings become indicative of our loss of academic rigour, piercings and tatoos a reason to declare our spiritual demise. What we are left with is nostalgia for better days long out of reach.

If attending the meeting in cincinnati has done one thing, it is to counter this. Those attending showed that we are rich in thought and spirit, they were intelligent and compassionate, eloquent and creative and they hold on to what our predecessors have left us with because have made it our own and we value what it entails. To speak with the words of alumni Larry Rubin "To say that our product is based on nostalgia shows a misunderstanding of what we are about and it shows a misunderstanding of what education is about. It is about collective memory, not condos."

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rent patterns of globalization—as described by her principal reference throughout the speech, Thomas Friedman—in which the physical space becomes increasingly disregarded, at great loss for the local.

The Antiochian values of bottom up action, shared governance and community solidarity are contrary to that vision. They call for resistance against any such attempts at uniformization and dehumanization. They call for the recognition of the collective through respect for the individual, and the sacredness of personal interactions.

Whatever a future Antioch College may come to be, I hope that it will always remain an intimate community. The so often undermined power of intimacy sometimes resurfaces despite it all, and authentic interactions might still hold more value than is usually attached to them. We can look for proof in the outcome of Saturday's meeting.

With Love,

-JK

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Open Letter to Antioch students by College Alumna

I just returned from a weekend in YSO and attended the open forum session with the Board of Trustees. As an alum (class of '77), I had not been on campus since the late 1990s when I tried to interest my daughter in attending. My experience this weekend reminded me of why I have always loved Antioch and why I stayed after the 1973 strike.

Everything I have ever accomplished of any significance is due to my years at Antioch College (parenting included). I'm often asked how I learned the skills of my profession and I always credit my years at Antioch College.

(I own a healthcare consulting firm.) I explain that I learned active listening through participation in AdCil and long meetings held to debate whatever issue was the hot topic on campus (including the '73 strike). My classes emphasized critical thinking and the synthesis of multiple theories and ideas. During my work study job in the WYSO newsroom, under the careful mentoring of Mark Mericle, I tested my communication and analytic skills. Finally, I gained confidence and independence through the coop program/AEA experiences in Mississippi, New Orleans, Washington DC, and Mexico.

So why did I become alienated from the College from which I loved and took so much?

In part, the complexities of life just took over. Fundamentally, however, my generation received unfair blame

for the enrollment decline and financial chaos after the '73 strike. Perhaps we were the first *toxic* generation. Many seemed to forget that the strikers, whether we agreed with their tactics or not, actually challenged Dixon's funding priorities (expansion to over 20 campus locations) and predicted the College would eventually ultimately suffer (for which they were labeled as marginal and fatalistic thinkers). So, as a 1st year student who survived the strike, I distrusted the expansion and move towards a University system from the beginning. I endured the strike - thousands of pounds of garbage piled on the horseshoe in front of Antioch Hall (strikers picketed to prevent garbage pickup), the suspension of classes and meal service, and a deeply divided campus. Yet I stayed.

The first year students I drove to the Cincinnati Board meeting reminded

me of myself and other entering students of 1972; excited, curious, inquisitive, polite, and eager to start their Antioch adventure. They sensed this year would provide a very special opportunity to participate in a collective effort to *save Antioch College* and to understand the dynamics that led us to where we are today.

I admire all of you, both entering and returning students, for making a decision to go down this unpredictable path. Please remember you have the support of staff, faculty, the village, and thousands of alumni who are working towards a common goal. We will not forget you are actually living through this uncertainty and intensity day after day. Believe me, you will not regret it!

In solidarity, Susan Greene 1977

To the Antioch University Board of Trustees

My name is Julian Sharp and I am a senior at Antioch College. Over the past three years my experience at Antioch has been rich. I have taken challenging courses, involved myself in shared governance, for those of you on the board who know what ComCil is, I at one time served as the chair, made life long friends and have traveled the world through co-op and Antioch Education Abroad.

Over the past few years I have also had the privilege of serving on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association. A key focus of my role as Trustee has been fiduciary responsibility, something I suspect you may be familiar with. Somewhere between homework and my social life this twenty-two year old has managed to partially oversee financial resources to the tune of nearly a quarter billion dollars. I have learned that we invest in what we value. Where we spend money speaks volumes about our morals. As a trustee I consider it my personal responsibility to clearly understand complex financial issues, regardless of how daunting they seem...what about me seems toxic to you?

I don't know if many of you are aware, but I can legally get married in the state of Massachusetts. While on co-op in Boston I worked for an organization called Mass Equality. Mass Equalities goal is to secure equal marriage rights for same sex couples. This past summer we won! Two thirds of the state legislature voted for marriage equality. Antioch is a part of this victory. Our students and Alumni are making important contributions toward the bet-

terment of society across many sectors. Movements to counter oppression and create just and sustainable communities are full of people like us, students and alumni of Antioch College.



4th Year Student Julian Sharp addresses Board of Trustees at Saturday Meeting

When asked to describe the college, I always make the comment that Antioch is one of the most relevant schools in the country. Being able to take a course on the USA PATRIOT ACT and then co-oping with the American Civil Liberties Union is a great example of a relevant college. Students graduate from Antioch better equipped to understand academic theory and its practical application. Antioch students are involved in struggles against systemic violence and injustice. If you look you will see that Antioch's legacy is alive and kicking with its current students. Why don't you know that and where have you been?

I believe in Antioch, our legacy, our current situation, and our uncertain future! I trust the faculty, the alumni board, I even trust most stu-

dents. But honestly, I don't know you, and you have already lost most of my trust. This board is removed from the community it's supposed to govern. I believe you and your recent predecessors have engaged in a board culture of abandonment of our beloved college. This is a problem. It is indicative of systemic problems I have witnessed over time. From board member to board member, clearly there is money to be raised and clearly with real leadership we can raise the funds to be financially secure. But not under your leadership and not under our current dysfunctional governance structure. If you do not see viable options you are not looking. For this and many other reasons I strongly support the Alumni Board of Directors plan, and I hope you do too. I think we are all hoping that you will make the best and most educated decision in the coming months. However, let it be known that the students are back! We are back and we are organizing. Be aware, the students will not sit by while our college is gutted. There is a strong possibility that individual and collective legal action will be taken on behalf of the students.

I am not toxic. Our culture is not toxic. Our faculty is inspiring, our students are brilliant, creative and unconventional and our spirits are high. Again, my name is Julian Sharp and I strongly support the Alumni Board of Directors plan to keep Antioch College open, its faculty tenured, and its financial situation stable. To miss this opportunity would be a travesty. Thank you.

Julian Sharp

This speech was delivered at the Cincinnati meeting with the BOT, on Saturday 25th August 2007

Bookstore in Danger of Reduced Hours

By James Thomas Robertson the Ninth

Over the past several years the Antioch College bookstore's revenue has mirrored the steadily decreasing enrolment. Once most Antioch students have bought their books and supplies for class at the bookstore many seldom return until next term. Antioch McGregor has been becoming a more constant source of sales for the bookstore, however even with this source of income the bookstore would sometimes only make 25 dollars in a day. At the rate business has been going the bookstore's operations may have been switched to an online store, which is common at smaller schools that can not support a campus store.

With plans of building a new separate campus to the west of Yellow Springs, McGregor was faced with finding a store which could supply its new campus with the books and tools necessary for classes. McGregor had originally considered having a corporation like Barnes and Noble run the new bookstore. Since the Antioch

book store is accustomed to dealing with the needs of McGregor students it was decided a new Antioch College bookstore would be opened on the McGregor West campus instead of a franchise. Milt Thompson, Vice President of Student Affairs and Auxiliary Ressources at the College declared: "If McGregor had taken their business some place else, Steve Lawry, the operations folks and I would have had to consider closing the bookstore down, and going to an online service. I don't think our community would be in favor of that."

Even though the new Antioch College book store would be located on the McGregor West Campus it would still be owned by Antioch College and all revenue would return to the college. Likewise, the new bookstore would also pay rent to McGregor for the space used.

McGregor and Antioch College products will still be available at both book stores to provide convenience for all students.

On February 27th 2007 Steve Lawry announced that 20 positions throughout the college would be eliminated. Among these 20 was one of the two bookstore employees. Currently one person is running the Antioch bookstore, and trying to open the new store at McGregor once final

inspections are passed for the new building. Once the new bookstore is open there will only be one person running both stores. Both McGregor and Antioch College are hopeful that FWSP and IWS students will step up to work in the bookstores, increasing the number of hours for both of them.

When Dave Cook, manager of the Antioch College bookstore, and now of the New McGregor West bookstore, was asked what he was looking for in employees he said that he needed devoted, responsible students and that experience handling money would not hurt. Dave Cook also guaranteed that there would be ample hours available, due to the fact that there are now two understaffed book stores.

The success of the new bookstore is not guaranteed. If Antioch College closes, so will the bookstore and McGregor will buy its remaining products. If the new bookstore at McGregor does not make a profit or does not suit the needs of McGregor West it could also face closure. Milt Thompson seemed hopeful for the new store's success, and even had plans for Antioch College bookstores at all Antioch University campuses allowing larger orders and cheaper prices.

Interview with Angie Glukhov, Director of Admissions and Transfer Services

By: Marysia Walcerz

I recently got the glamorous Angie Glukhov to take a break from her rock and roll lifestyle as the Director of Admissions and Transfer Services to sit down with me and answer a few questions about the future of Admissions, and the present of the Office of Transition (conveniently located on the right as one enters Main Building).

So, tell me a little about the creation and function of the Office of Transition

When the decision to suspend operations was announced this summer, we knew immediately that there would be students who needed to find other options. For those students who felt it was in their best interest to take opportunities elsewhere, we tried to lessen the

burden of research by contacting other colleges and gathering information so they don't have to. We can broker transfer credits, call registrars, that sort of thing so students can focus on this not only being the best year possible, but the best year ever at Antioch. **Regarding the future of Admissions, one of the biggest catch-22s that has come to light is the need to recruit students and the simultaneous inability to do so. What can you tell me about this?**

Antioch College is a member of the National Associate of College Admissions Counseling, or NACAC. NACAC is the governing board of the college admissions profession, and it's basically the place we go for best practices in Admissions. To become a NACAC member, you assert that you believe in the potential and dignity of every human being and that the well-being of students comes first. NACAC is also the keeper of what we call the Statement of Principles of Good Practice, or the SPGP. The SPGP is the code of ethics all members of NACAC are bound to. And foremost one must be honest and forthright, which means recruit-



ing students for an entity that exists. It is unethical to recruit students for a college that officially will not be operational, whether we believe it will be operational or not.

But you have begun preparations for when the decision is reversed?

Absolutely. Right now, my envisioned position is focusing on making sure communication needs are met for students and high schools inquiring about Antioch. I also have a parallel track of altering our 2008 marketing plan in conjunction with the alumni board, the Board of Trustees, and the administrators which will be put into place immediately upon hearing otherwise about the suspension. I have been working with several alumni board members who are admissions professionals, particularly Kristen Pett who is leading the Alumni Board Admissions ef-

orts. Additionally, a great many student and faculty volunteers have come forward to say 'I have ideas, I have time, and I'm interested to help'. So as soon as we have the decision, we'll be able to mobilize these volunteers in meaningful ways.

What can we expect for the next few weeks from the Office of Transition?

Right now I'm working on the transfer fair, which is so exciting because many of my friends from my ten years working in admissions will be coming together on campus. Everyone is very devastated by what's happening, and the point of their coming is to help support students and make this easier, not to steal students away. These colleges are friends of Antioch, they understand Antioch students and value their experiences, and they're coming to campus to help ease the burden of decision making.

Anything else you'd like to tell students?

Stop in! We're here to help! And pick up your free hoodies!

Rising Concern about Struggling Library

By Alex Borowicz

The announcement of the Board of Trustees meeting in June to suspend the operations of the college sparked another series of serious staff cuts. It has left the remaining members of the college staff and faculty scrambling to cover workloads far greater than in years past. In February, the struggling college already had to eliminate twenty non-faculty positions.

As Jill Becker, Associate Professor of Dance, mentioned at the open meeting of the Board of Trustees on Saturday, services such as housekeeping and security have been cut, as well as the hours of the Olive Kettering Library on campus. While the library was formerly open Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 11:00pm, staff cuts have reduced the available hours considerably. Students and faculty now have to do without the library in the evenings and Sundays.

Today, the library is staffed by four people -two librarians and two union workers. Debra Oswald, head librarian, is committed to keeping the library open for the students. For now, the library retains all of its services, albeit with more difficulty. “We’re still covering everything, but not as well as before,” Oswald noted. Certainly, the remaining library employees have been stretched to far greater duties than before, attempting to do what was a seven-person job with only four library staffers. “This whole library has become my office,” said Oswald as she helped a student.

The services, however, are not guaranteed. The contract date for OPAL, Antioch’s library catalogue is approaching, and Oswald is optimistic but not certain, that the Board will allow her to renew it. Already she is not allowed to purchase new books, though she notes that she wouldn’t know what to purchase even if she could. “What would my clientele be,” she asks. “Am I buying for an undergraduate liberal arts college? We don’t know.”

Students have quickly begun encountering reduced services throughout the campus, and returning students and new students alike are already finding conflicts with the library’s operating hours. Sandy Coulter, library assistant, is acutely aware of the difficulties students will face if they can’t make it to the library to study. “Students are upset,” she says. “Most of our students don’t start working until nine o’clock at night.” This is certainly a trend among college students nation-wide.

First year student Liz Luczyk was disappointed after visiting the library for the first time. “The hours are not at all conducive for my study habits,” she said, adding that she doesn’t like that they’re closed on Sunday.

But there is hope for Antioch students. “Do you want to hear how understaffed we are?” Steven Duffy exclaimed into the phone at his ear. “The president is going to be working in the library. Yeah, working the front desk. Isn’t that great?” Steve Lawry, the College President, has volunteered to help out at the library so that it might remain open longer. Faculty members such as Jill Becker and Dennie Eagleson are also planning to volunteer their time in the library.

“Everybody knows it’s untenable not to

be open in the evening,” Eagleson exclaimed of the library during a photography class. This kind of dedication is the cornerstone of the Antioch experience. Faculty that care enough about their students’ studies to sacrifice their valuable free time to facilitate them are a rare commodity in a world of higher education dominated by rote lectures and disengaged learning.

Further, speaking at the Antioch Community Meeting on Tuesday, Judy Wohler-Maldonado from the Village of Yellow Springs told the community that the entire village was upset by the fact that students’ access to the library was being limited. In response, Wohler-Maldonado sent “a mass e-mail to alumni” across the country, calling for support. In addition to this, the next village council meeting will address the issue with an open call to recruit village members to volunteer in the library.

With the aid of the wider Antioch community, students will soon be able to take advantage of the full hours of the Olive Kettering Library. With its 325,000 volumes, the depth and breadth of knowledge available to students is extensive. Even for students who have no plan to use the library, like first-year Dustin Cornett, the resources available are undeniable. “It’s pretty big... compared to what I’m used to,” Cornett admitted.

Though the library’s future now seems at least slightly more secure, other areas of the college still remain understaffed. Some of these staff shortages will be cushioned when students begin to fill their Federal Work Study Program or Institutional Work Study positions. Regardless, this historic year for Antioch will doubtless be one of pinching and pushing in all areas of college operations.

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Paragraph four, in particular, (reprinted below), constituted a source of worry, as it appeared to be protecting the University from any potential legal action by non-graduating students based on a breach of contract.

Community Government, acting upon the advice of alumni legal committee members, published on Pulse a message to enjoin students not to sign the form, which could potentially waive their legal rights. The possibility of signing “under duress” was also discussed, as a significant proportion of students had been under the impression that they would not receive their dorm key if the document was not signed.

The validity of this assumption was immediately denied by Associate Dean of Faculty Eli Nettles, who dismissed it as a rumor. “There’s no conspiracy at hand here”, she further affirmed, “The Ohio Board of Regents told us that we needed

to make sure all of our students were informed that the college was closing.” Nettles then explained that when the decision to suspend the operations of Antioch college was announced, the college worked on a new walker requirement plan to let more students have the possibility to graduate. The plan has been accredited by the Board of Regents, which required for it to be distributed to all students. “We got the language from the Ohio Board of Regents”, stated Nettles, “If you don’t want to sign it, don’t sign it, I just don’t want students to realize at the last minute that they can’t graduate”.

Shane De Garmo, from the Institutional Authorization Office of the Ohio Board of Regents, however, declared that “The Board of Regents did not create this document; “this is the language that the college created.” He also stated that the acknowledgement form “was not a requirement” of the Board upon which accreditation was conditional.

This version of events was denied by Antioch Dean of Faculty Andrzej

Bloch, who maintained: “They told me point blank that they did not want us to create even the impression that the college would remain open. They are also a kind of consumer agency and they wanted to avoid receiving any complaints in the future.” Bloch then denied the idea according to which the Acknowledgement form would block the road to student legal action. “Nobody can take away the sacred right to sue”, he said with a smile.

Bloch did confirm, however, that the language of the form had indeed been drafted by the University legal council. An Ohio attorney, who wished to remain anonymous, suggested that the document contained “questionable language”, and that the document “was meant to protect the University”. He unofficially advised students to refrain from signing the document, but added that the poorly drafted statement of acknowledgement would “probably not hold out in court” anyhow.

Student Acknowledgement of suspension of operations of Antioch College (excerpt)

4. “I understand that this written acknowledgement supersedes any other prior or written statements that may have been made to me by any person on behalf of Antioch University relating in any way to my continued enrolment or my ability to complete the requirements to receive a degree from Antioch College and that no future statements that may be made will establish any binding obligation on Antioch College or Antioch University without the express written consent of an authorized representative of Antioch University”

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...treasurer of the AA Rick Daily advocated in his presentation of the Alumni Board proposal during the afternoon stakeholder session of the BOT meeting on Saturday. In order to expedite its fundraising efforts, the alumni association is willing to invest a portion of the money raised so far into the operations of a revamped development office. "We can persuade alumni to invest in development," thinks Daily. "This money is out there, If we let it lie, shame on us."

In further developing its business plan, members of the alumni board are working in collaboration with representatives of the Board of Trustees and University administration to include benchmarks set by the trustees, chancellor and University Leadership Council in preparation of the next

"We need this one."

Stakeholders advocate in Kentucky for survival of Antioch College

By Kim-Jenna Jurriaans

"We are not just fighting for Antioch, we are fighting for the institution of tenure, for unions for liberal arts school, for other kids who might not go to Antioch, who might go to just another liberal arts college that did not close," events manager Rory Adams Cheatham said in an impromptu speech during the afternoon session of the special stakeholder meeting with the Antioch Board of Trustees on Saturday.

The Board decided to convene ad hoc on August 25 and 26 following mass nationwide outpour of support for Antioch College that showed that alumni and sympathizers did not take the closing, scheduled for June 30, 2008, as a given. Skepticism about an announced plan by the Antioch University Board and leadership to reopen a "state of the art" Antioch College by 2012, united alumni in a collective struggle unprecedented in the history of the 155 year-old Ohio college.

The fear of losing institutional memory and a system of tenure after a four year suspension period is high on the list of concerns of faculty, students and alumni. "I came to Antioch having taught at Columbia, Notre dame, Yale, Seaton hall and Georgetown and faculty at Antioch compare and in many ways exceed those I've known anywhere," said Pat Mische, Lloyd Professor of Peace Studies and World Law at Antioch College. "Without tenured faculty we can't operate in a mode of academic freedom and excellence."

Students, faculty, representatives of the Yellow Springs community and alumni from across the country made

early travel arrangements to be on time for the 9 am open meeting that allowed them to voice their grief and concerns about the board's unexpected decision in June.

"In 1986 I came to Antioch looking for new home," recalled Hassan Rachmanian. "I left my country couldn't go home. I resisted staying in America, but Antioch gave me America. The democracy I found at Antioch is my America. Don't take away my America."

Stakeholders with various connections to the college spoke about the contribution of Antioch College to their livelihood and its relevance in US higher education today.

"The US needs Antioch," alumnus Larry Rubin stated from behind a lectern facing the aligned Board members. "The US needs a small residential college in which faculty and students together examine the curriculum

content as interfaces with work experiences and community experiences."

Like other stakeholders that morning, Rubin criticized the board's position that suspending operations of the college and reopening at a later point was the only viable solution to the situation at hand. "The fiscal viability of this mode of education is not based on market studies whose methodology comes and goes," he said. "It is based on the proven fact that enough people are interested in going to an educational place whose graduates have changes the nature of the market. It can be sold. But you have understand the product."

Understanding the product and knowing how to make others "buy it" has been both at the center of attention

Board meeting in October. In the meantime the resolution of financial exigency remains in place, disabling the college to actively recruit for a class for 2008. There is no restraint, however, to prepare for recruitment, Steve Lawry said during the Monday morning stakeholder report to the community in Kelly Hall. Alumni Board member and former dean of students Steve Schwerner called the Board resolution a great first step, but reminded that it was merely a first step on the way to what has to be done in the next months. Another member of the Alumni Board Ellen Borgesen specifically pointed to the vague wording currently used to describe the level of authority for the new board. Establishing an empowered board with far-reaching authority is seen as an essential factor that will determine the success of a revived Antioch College.

and critique towards the current board, whose efforts to attract major donors for the college in recent years had fallen short of success.

As one of 74 who just "bought it," incoming first year Jay Cassalli on his second day at Antioch

drove down to Kentucky and took the lectern to address the Antioch Board of trustees. "Maybe its been a while, but I'll tell you some things I love about Antioch. This place serves vegan, vegetarian and meat at every meal: no where else. There is a piece of original graffiti from 1968 on the wall in my bathroom hall that says "the only dope worth shooting is Richard Nixon"... If no one is interested, they just don't know yet. If you give my class the chance to have this school and keep going we're going to do some cool stuff."

Two students who bought the product two and three years ago, stakeholders Beth Goodney and Fela Pierrelouise were the delegates to represent the current students during the semi closed afternoon session in the Holiday in. Goodney: "We chose Antioch over other schools with sizable endowments, greater resources with shiny new facilities, because we know what Antioch has to offer in Higher education. We paid you tuition, we have defended the college, we have stayed in crumbling buildings we tried to shift into changing curriculums, we saw staff and faculty cuts, departments disappear, I got up at 5.30 this morning... because Antioch is worth all of that."

Like fellow stakeholder Judith Kitner, who represented non unionize staff. Goodney advocated for the allocation of more funds to the remaining college staff that do not receive a severance pay like their colleagues in the Union.

With their futures insecure and the search for a new job being a personal priority, there is little incentive for remaining staff to stay at the college when presented with a new position elsewhere tomorrow. This further guts the level stability of services and operations offered to students during their last year on campus.

Others like Community Manager Chelsea (CM) Martens stressed structural problems in the relationship between the college and University governance model. "The governance model of top down decision making is very unantiochian. one of the biggest faults that has been made to the detriment of Antioch College is the way leadership has been seen by its leadership. [...] If an institution does not act on its values it has none. If our very organizing structure and leadership does not reflect what it is to be member of Antioch community, then that's a core problem right there. If we can't manage ourselves in a way that reflects the kind of people we want to be in the world we will not succeed. I am aware of the complexities of leadership, but I don't think I'm overly in believing in a governing process that responds to who it governs."

Despite openly voiced critique of the board's governing processes, the tone of conversation at the meeting was one of respect and outreach for collaboration. Speakers urged the Board to reconsider its decision in light of new facts and current momentum to turn the ship around. Many expressed support for the proposal for Governance and Fundraising the Alumni Association presented in the afternoon session. "We have proven ourselves to be worthy of collaboration," Pat Mische said on Monday following the press release announcing collaboration between the BOT and Alumni Board Association. "We did, because it's happening."



Interview with Andrzej Bloch

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By Sarah Buckingham

Andrzej Bloch came to Antioch 25 years ago as an assistant professor of Economics and soon attained the position of full professor. In 1985, he got involved in international education and became academic coordinator to one of the Great Lakes College Association (GLCA) programs. After directing two study-abroad programs, Andrzej was appointed associate dean of faculty, and was eventually asked to assume the role of director of Antioch Education Abroad in 1997. "Fundamentally, from that time on, I was part-time in the classroom, and directing AEA," Bloch recalls. "It was about two years ago when they asked me to become interim dean of faculty." Continues his work as the director of AEA, he currently remains in his position as acting dean of faculty.

As such, Bloch expressed that he assumed that he would step up to fill the office of the president of Antioch College in the event that the office were to become vacant. "Steve told me before he decided to step down. I had a meeting with Chancellor Murdoch and she asked me to fill in his place. I came back from vacation and talked to Steve, and we are acting like I am replacing him. Have I talked to anyone about it? No, but I am assuming. The official function of the dean of faculty is to step in if the president should leave," Bloch said. "I was surprised that Steve was leaving but I do understand his motives."

Generally, what is a college president's role? How is it different for an Antioch president?

"The role of the president is essentially to be a person who represents a college to the outside world but at the same time provides leadership. As far as Antioch College is concerned, the

big difference in the role of the president is the President of Antioch College must also be a leader to the community, participate in our governance system, really assume the position of the leader, not only on the outside, but for the whole community. It is probably quite different on other campuses."

Can you discuss how you see your role as future interim president, under these unusual circumstances?

"My role is relatively limited, I would just carry on the responsibilities I have right now. In the situation we have right now, officially we are under the declaration of suspension, and I wish the initiative we have started will change that. But until it is changed, we are still under those conditions. I support the efforts of alumni and others, you name it and I am very much sympathizing with it. My role is, number one, to protect the interests of students so they can complete their degrees, that is fundamentally my role and will not change. My other role is to provide as much support for faculty as possible and then there's a third area, which becomes very evident to me right now, should the course of action be as it is, we need to take care of the assets. Somebody has to really watch and insure that the property of the college is taken care of."

"The president of Antioch must also be a leader to our community, participate in our governance system"

It seems that in the past many people in our community have seen the President's role to be fundamentally about fundraising. Do you plan to put efforts toward raising funds as Interim President?

There is a possibility that the alumni will raise money and the entire effort of fundraising would be on the shoulders of them and if anything could be done to support them I would do that. I



know right now the alumni have a great working relationship with the university administration. They have made all the numbers available. I really hope it's going to work. I've seen a draft of the business plan; they are very ambitious. If they can accomplish fifty percent of what they want to accomplish we would be saved. I am really very optimistic. Let's wait those two months and see what's going to happen.

If the college remains open, will you continue to hold the interim president position until the a new president has been hired?

The new board would select the new president and I'm assuming that's one of the first decisions they would make, they need to have leadership. Under circumstances like these it is really best for those who were here to step back.

Do you have any thoughts on the high rate of turnover we have experienced in the recent past (five different presidents and acting or interim presidents since 1994 – each averaging two years.)

It's not a good thing. Ever since Al Guskin left the presidency there was something not right; there was something happening that was indicative of some problems. My feeling is that in this particular case it is much more a function of a particular condition the college is in; the system of governance and probably impossible tasks the president is given. We have been struggling since the 1970s, and there were different periods, and it

was always a struggle. I came 25 years ago and I can't remember a year when we met the enrollment projections. Maybe two years we were very close. Doesn't that tell you something? Every year it was a struggle and the budget had to be adjusted. That is indicative of something.

So that's one thing, the other thing, believe me I thought about it quite a bit, there is something happening on the national scene that makes me a little concerned. The place of liberal arts colleges has been shifting in the last few decades. What is the liberal arts college of the future? Is there a liberal arts college of the future? I would not be surprised if our fate is very much a part of that national trend. We might be on the edge and we might be affected by the national crisis more. I was talking to Deans at Oberlin and Kenyon, colleges with huge endowments, and they were concerned about budget cuts, they were eliminating full-time faculty.

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The other thing, if you really look at the university administration, including all the presidents, there seems to be a faster turnover. There are only a few distinctive institutions with long-term presidents. People are moving around at five to six year intervals. It is happening. I don't believe we were affected by the last one, but deeper structural crisis. It is difficult to attract a president who comes with the vision, commitment, and talent to make change if that president is not the real president, but has to respond to someone else. Maybe at different institutions, but not at a liberal arts college.

Postcard from Co-Op

*Dedicated to Prexy Nesbitt, for
keeping my butt alive*

The date of departure draws near, and my passport, for which I applied three months in advance, fails to arrive. Calling the Department of State only lands me in voicejail. I pester my local congressman, whose kindly-sounding office ladies assure me that they're writing stern words on my behalf. Listening to them, I imagine a flurry of limp, kindly-sounding emails. I do not count on them.

The government has decided that travelers to Mexico and Canada must have passports, and underestimated the surge in demand. Across the country, people are getting their passports one, two days before their trips, or not at all. Lines at the passport office in DC begin at 4:30 in the morning. Meanwhile, public transportation—my only kind—starts at 7 AM. So three days before my plane leaves, I pack my sleeping bag and head into town to bed down in front of the office.

"It's my first full day in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and my first day of my first co-op"

I have an interesting conversation with a gay, interracial, and slightly crazy homeless couple. One of them is dopy and drug-addled with a crooked nose ring that droops out of one nostril like a booger. His soulful eyes wobble. He wants to engage me in a conversation about brotherhood among men. Sober and unsentimental, his partner keeps dragging him away from me and chastises him. “Shame on you

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and your nonsense, that nice girl needs to sleep!" Meanwhile, he grows ever more strident in complaining about the plunge their relationship has taken lately. If his partner loved him, would he really treat him like this? Would he? Would he?

I suggest that I am totally unqualified to arbitrate the burgeoning dispute. I fall asleep to the sound of the one partner's piercing accusations and the other's cool replies.

The morning of the second day before I am scheduled to fly, I am the first person in line. Still, I wait for seven hours in line and the office tells me to come back tomorrow. One day before I am scheduled to fly, the passport office mints me a new passport on-site; the one delivered to me is still in transit in Pennsylvania (it will later arrive three days after I have left the country). The passport photos that I have taken that day are haggard. I look precisely like I've just spent a night sleeping on a DC sidewalk.

Fast-forward a month of traveling through Southeast Asia, and I step off a plane in Johannesburg, South Africa. I stow my stuff, meet some women at the hostel, and arrange to go out to dinner with them. Half a block from the restaurant and five hours off the plane, I get mugged.

Most of my money is safely hidden. But Mom advised me to keep my passport on me at all times, and so it is lost--the only thing of value taken from me. The next day I go to the consulate, make some more passport photos, and acquire a new passport in four hours. My photos looked exactly as though I've just been mugged at gunpoint on a Johannesburg street.

Fast-forward another month, and it's my first full day in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and my first day of my first co-op job.

Hanif, the owner of the company, asks me if I knew anything about lighting. “Nothing,” I say, but he



is already handing me the camera. “On, off, shoot, show,” he explains, pointing here and here and here. We are in the studio and the model is on site, looking even more bewildered than I. He is a young man in rumpled dress shirt, with doe eyes and an overnice command of English that lead him to say things like “Hanif is going to rectify the computer”. Hanif abandons us alone together in the studio.

I slink uneasily through the forest of boom lights and reflectors and illuminated umbrellas on stilts, pausing sometimes to adjust them as if I know what I'm doing. I work hard to put the model at ease while I hunt for the 'shoot' button. I asked him to tell me a joke and he obliges. The punchline doesn't make any sense to me, but I laugh anyways, mostly in relief. I've found the button.

The photo shoot is for a series of billboards that the company is producing encouraging Tanzanians to take advantage of free HIV testing at a local clinic. It features prominent members of the community looking happily into the camera, as if they've just received good news, or else have an impressively devil-may-care disdain for the bad. It is hard to get my model to smile. All too often, his pictures look as though he's just been delivered a death sentence.

“My photos look exactly as though I’ve just been mugged at gunpoint on a Johannesburg street”

But something that I ask sets him off. He has a story; an honest, epic, tragicomic, NPR-worthy story. He went to Britain, he says. He was bored one day and he wandered into a recruiter's office. He was entranced by the feeling of the gun they put in his arms. He signed up; they sent him to Iraq. There was therapy afterwards, and a coming-to-terms, but his brothers-in-arms are still his brothers. Then the story's sequence devolves: he had his first kiss, and breathed a rarefied air for a week afterwards. He grew up sheltered, and become disen-
chanted at twenty when he realized that life was not a fairy tale and he very likely wasn't going to meet the perfect woman and live the perfect life.

Mostly I forget to take pictures during this time. When I am done, I judge the photos passable. I am wrong.

As soon as Hanif takes look at them, he calls me into the studio to hold a reflector panel while he shoot, one after the next after the next, ignoring the model's discomfort, the camera sputtering through its reel like a gatling gun.

Maasai Marathon

By Edward Perkins

Water is the most precious resource, that vital liquid upon which all life depends. Most of us take it for granted. We only have to turn a tap to access clean drinking water. For many other people around the world obtaining water is simply a matter of filling up containers at the community tap, or purchasing containers from a local shop. For the people of Elaui village in northern Tanzania, however, water is a different story. There is no central water system piping fresh water into people's homes. There are no shops selling bottled water, and there is no community tap, for there is no fresh water around to warrant such a tap's existence. As a consequence of the brown ground water which is the only drinking water available, two out of every three children in the village die before the age of five.

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Co-oping in Dar Es Salaam, a city of three million on Tanzania's Swahili-speaking and predominantly Muslim tropical coast, I was twelve hours from Elaui by land, but worlds apart in terms of culture and lifestyle. The people of Elaui are Maasai, one of the last African tribes to retain their cultural identity. They live off the harsh landscape, traveling long distances to graze their cattle and goats, following a way of existence virtually unchanged for thousands of years.

These proud and beautiful people, generally tall and lean, are known around the world for their distinctive red robes and beaded jewelry, bravery as warriors, and athleticism. During traditional dances, Maasai will jump as high as four feet. The Maasai are also acclaimed runners, and for generations have been covering vast distances of rugged African savannah on foot, often with little or no water.

A fellow Antioch student and good friend, Mandela Freiberg, was volunteering in Elaui teaching English at the same time I was in Dar Es Salaam. I decided to visit Mandela one weekend. We met in Arusha, the closest 'city'

to Elaui. It was during this visit that I first became acquainted with Maasai from Elaui. Through Isaya Lukume, a charismatic young warrior, and one of a handful of Maasai who speak English, I learned about the village and its struggle for water. Through Isaya, I also learned about the Maasai Marathon project, a daring and clever plan six young warriors had created to save the people of Elaui.

The environmental and social non-profit organization Greenforce, based in the UK, sends volunteers to various sights around the world. Paul Robert Martin ended up in Elaui teaching English through a Greenforce program. The Maasai came to nickname Paul 'Soldier Bob', a reference to his middle name but also a sign of respect and acceptance into the community. During one English lesson, the word marathon came up. The Maasai students were surprised and curious to learn that in places like New York and London people can raise enormous sums of money for charity simply by running in marathons. Before long, a group of young Maasai warriors approached 'Soldier Bob' with a plan to run in the London marathon. Paul was intrigued, and asked why they wanted to run. Without hesitation, six determined voices answered in unison "for clean water!" and the Maasai Marathon project was born.

In April of 2008, six Maasai warriors will leave their homeland for the first time. They will travel to Kilimanjaro, where they will board a plane for the distant land of England. They will run the 42.195 km (26 miles and 385 yards) race in traditional Maasai clothing, complete with shields, sticks, and sandals made from discarded motorcycle tires. They have been granted seven free places in the marathon (six for the Maasai and one for Paul Martin who will run with them) and for the first time in history a special dispensation has been issued allowing the Maasai to run without wearing numbers, in order to maintain their cultural integrity.

It is important not to underestimate the difficulties this project has to face. In order to drill one bore hole water well, the runners have to raise over \$40,000 USD. Donations have started coming in via the Greenforce website, but much more help is needed. I have written an article about the project for a magazine my co-op job produces, and hope that through the Record I can give further exposure to this truly commendable and vital project. The people of Elaui are not asking for handouts. They are not sitting around waiting to be rescued. On the contrary, they have devised a pro-active solution to their most pressing problem. They are not asking for help, but they are grateful to receive any assistance and support willing volunteers and contributors can provide.



To learn more, contribute, or see photos and video, please visit:

[“http://www.greenforce.org/maasai_marathon/”](http://www.greenforce.org/maasai_marathon/) http://www.greenforce.org/maasai_marathon/, or look for the Maasai Marathon group on Facebook.

To view video on YouTube:

[“http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Maasai%20marathon&search=Search”](http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Maasai%20marathon&search=Search) http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Maasai%20marathon&search=Search

“They make plans, we make History”

33rd G8 Summit held in Rostock, Germany

By Jeanne Kay

“Ya basta! It’s enough! Another world is possible!” As I scan the innumerable websites organizing the anti-G8 mobilization, the familiar alter-globalization rallying cries remind me that I am on friendly ground. Yet the somewhat sketchy information about the camps, transportation and events is not easy to find online even when one knows how to follow the white rabbit. Will there be enough space? Rides to the events? Showers and Internet access at the camp? No one really knows but there’ll be (vegan, fair-trade) food and water, so there is no need to worry.

After Genoa, Evian, Gleneagles and Strelna, the leaders of the countries that are part of the exclusive G8 club are meeting in the little town of Heilidengamm, Germany. And as for the previous years, protest against the meeting is massive. “We do not want these self-appointed rulers of the world here or anywhere else,” says the statement for the International Mass Demonstration planned for June 2nd. Several tens of thousands of demonstrators from all round Europe are expected to make the trip to the Baltic Sea.

Strategies vary according to the degree of radicalism of the organizing group: several demonstrations are planned, but also a Social Forum-type alternative summit, and a downright blockade of the Summit itself. It will not be easy, though, as a 12 km long steel wall has been built around Heilidengamm just for the occasion, and more than 15,000 policemen are mobilized.

It’s not hard to recognize the people who are going to the G8 camp

on the train that crosses North-East Germany from Berlin to Rostock: they look like a bunch of Antiochians. The word goes that *they* think they can deter us from coming *en masse* if they choose remote places for these meetings, like foggy Scottish villages or industrial towns on the Baltic Sea. Yet I still have to sit the floor as the train compartment fills up at each station.

“The system is a joke, all they feed us is Coke!”

In Rostock, the chalk-drawn arrows on the asphalt guide the protestors from the tramway station to the camp. Large Card-board signs greet us: Welcome to Camp Rostock, Police and Fascist Groups Not Allowed. Volunteers are welcoming the newcomers at the information point; access to the camp is free, a donation of 5 Euros per day is recommended. My ultra-confidential map in hand, (not to be distributed outside the camp at any cost), I walk down Rosa Luxembourg Alley trying to find a place for my tent. Some organizations have allotted spaces, such as Greenpeace or the German Anarchist Federation, and most of their main tents bare “NO PHOTOS” signs. I do not need to show my member card to install my tent in the ATTAC area.

The first camp gathering in the big circus tent resembles a huge Community Meeting, except without the ice cream. Principles for discussion and democratic decision making are put in place, a sophisticated sign language system is adopted to facilitate communication in large group discussions, and volunteers are called for different tasks. Sitting on the muddy hay, I volunteer as a translator in the french-speaking group, as the assembly is language-divided. The organizers emphasize the need to support the team watching constantly over the camp. We can be infiltrated at any time, they tell us, by the police or neo-nazi fascist



Alterglobalists at the International Demonstration contesting the legitimacy of the G8; Rostock, June 2nd 2007

groups that are gathering for a demonstration the next day. Be prepared to gather at any time of the day and night in case of an alert.

At the dining space, at the end of Carlo Giuliani Lane, a few wooden tables are set up on the lawn. Free vegan dinners are served to the protestors who sit on the grass and mingle, their reusable plates on their lap. There are baskets on the tables to drop donations, and volunteers are washing the dishes in a corner. The camp is starting to fill up, and as the night falls an excited murmur arises from the camp.

On the next day, a pilgrimage-looking crowd walks toward the tramway station a mile away from the camp. At the Rostock central station, rows of policemen in green watch silently as a uniform mass of protestors makes its way towards the exits, slogans bouncing loudly against the grey walls.

Outside, the crowd is gathering on the main square, around a stage bearing the words *Another World is Possible*. Multicoloured flags are flying around and creative hand-made banners cry out their revolutionary messages: “Your words don’t feed the world”, “The

system is a joke, all they feed us is coke!”, “Solidarity not Precarity”. Others have more precise demands: “US out of Iraq”, or “Public Control for World Bank, WTO and IMF”. Groups are gathered and sing in unison, while others improvise dance routines. Looking up, one can see a helicopter overlooking the scene.

The cortege starts moving almost on time. Standing on the side, I watch as 90.000 people walk past me: paper giants on stilts, cardboard faces, bras tied to floating balloons are among the most creative parts of the cortege. atmosphere of celebration changes radically as tension builds up. Demonstrators are now all in black, with ski masks and sunglasses. They are walking as though in military formation, in tight rows forming compact squares. A few explosions can already be heard in the surrounding alleys and smoke is filling the air.

As I make my way to the docks, the final meeting point of the demonstration, I pass by a truck blowing out multicolored bubbles in the wind. Two young hooded alter-globalists are standing on the roof, and their song is going: “They make plans we make history.”

Antioch Students Attend SDS Revival Convention

By Jessica Rapchik and Rachel Smith

This Summer, Detroit, Michigan hosted the second national convention of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) since 1969. Between July 27-31 at Wayne State University, nearly 600 students from around the country converged for four days of workshops on direct action tactics, communicating effectively, high school organizing, and media and facilitation trainings around the infamous student organization of the 60's.



White privilege discussion group at the 2007 SDS Convention

In an attempt to procure a national structure that would provide more transparency and stress accountability within the recently revived SDS, the Antioch delegation Aimee Keener, Rachel Smith, Lowen Gordon, and Jessica Rapchik, sat through fifteen hours of mediated discussion a day.

Up until the last national convention, the structure of SDS was loosely connected, but effective. Hundreds of autonomous chapters across the country engage in actions that range from militant direct actions to petition drives. With the new national structure essentially little has changed. The new status quo requires ratification from three fourth of the chapters to adopt agreements for dates of actions and provides a process for calling for national solidarity, still leaving chapters to execute actions and determine the issues that they find important to organize around. This year's

convention saw the creation of several auxiliaries and attendees decided upon a process for chapter representation on a national level.

Despite long hours crammed into an auditorium, Antioch College SDSers attending the conference made it a point to inform other students about the tentative suspension of operations at Antioch and have fun after the plenaries were over.

On the first day of the Convention, each chapter had the opportunity to describe their actions and accomplishments over the course of the last year. Jessica Rapchik took the stage to highlight

the successes Antioch College SDSs have booked, as well as the historical legacy of the College within the sixties movement. Pleading for assistance in the national struggle around the uncertain future of Antioch College, she invited the crowd of 600 activists to visit antiochians.org and join the movement

to keep the Ohio school with a vibrant history in activism from closing in 2008. A number of students pledged their solidarity, others offered their resources, and determined to visit campus in order to display bodied solidarity. Regardless of its size, Antioch is a prominent name in the new SDS movement.

As an example of this, the Antioch College Sexual Prevention Policy (SOPP) was used to shape “The Manifesta of Consent” the Women’s Auxiliary adopted during the Convention.

“I really felt empowered by this convention,” said Rachel Smith, a third year at Antioch who attended the full meeting. “SDS’ers are on top of their organizing and they are really able to display solidarity and think critically about the issues that affect us instead of skimming the surface like most radicals tend to do.”

Reflecting on Michael Albert’s speech at the end of the convention, Aimee Keener, stated, “I really liked Michael Albert’s speech.



Four Antioch Students attend convention in Detroit

He definitely praised us for the way that we get along as opposed to how the old SDS functioned. That term that he used, ‘taking it to the mattress,’ which meant putting mattresses against the wall to stop the bullets from coming through, was a great analogy for how violently differences were handled. He said that the new SDS is able to respect each others’ differences without taking it to the mattress.”

Albert stated several times during the convention that there have always been fundamental differences between students of differing ideological strains in SDS that could often prove to be very contentious and could potentially limit our effectiveness. He stated that the original SDS would repeatedly win battles, but when it came to larger goals, it would crumble. “The new SDS may fail repeatedly during its initial movement-building displays,” he explains, “but it differs from the old SDS in that we’re not organizing from the counter-culture, which means that we have to organize from general society, and also that we recognize that we are in this movement for a long term revolutionary struggle.”

It is this fundamental difference that directs SDS’s organizing. Instead of quibbling over tactics, the SDSers of today are able to unite on a common vision and strategy. Anarchists, communists, and liberals were able to sit in a crowded auditorium for fifteen hours and leave with high spirits, plans for action, and unlimited support.

SDS at Antioch College meets regularly and should have an announcement pertaining to its first meeting on First Class within the next week. Antioch College SDS can be contacted at sdsantioch@yahoo.com.

Doin' It" without "Doin' It"

(I promise this isn't an abstinence-only piece)

By Levi B. Cowperthwaite

What activity comes to mind when you hear the word "sex"? For most people, I would venture to guess, thoughts turn to some form of traditional penile-vaginal intercourse, or at least a healthy dose of very intimate and probably unclothed touching, when primed with the "s" word. Is that all there is to sex, though? Of course not, and for some people, that sort of sex isn't practical or desirable. Why not? Well, let's consider some possibilities: perhaps you don't have a great deal of sexual experience (or any at all), and you don't feel ready to make your body that vulnerable to another person (or people), or maybe you have other reasons for not wanting to be physically intimate with another person (or people); perhaps you or a partner have an STI and don't feel confident using barriers for protection; maybe you and your partner(s) find you're having the same perfunctory sex a couple of times a week and you want to try something new; maybe you and your lover(s) are separated by co-op and want to find sexual fulfillment across the miles. Whatever the reason, doin' it without doin' it can be sexy, satisfying, and fun. Here are some suggestions for you to try at home or wherever you do it:

-Write and exchange erotic stories with your partner(s). Describe your own sexual fantasy or elaborate on a partner's sexual fantasy. Exchange stories in person or leave it in a surprise location, like in their pajama pocket or under their pillow. Be careful with anything



written, however, as you don't want it to end up in the wrong hands. It's best not to leave erotic stories or suggestive notes in a lover's pants or jacket pocket if they're heading off to work, for example.

-Make an X-rated video or photo album (using your digital camera and personal printer, of course) for your lover starring YOU! Again, be careful that these things don't end up in the wrong hands, especially in the event of a less-than-friendly parting. When in doubt, follow a view-once-and-destroy rule.

-Have phone sex. For me, hearing a partner's voice (their noises, words, etc.) is one of the best parts of sex, so any event highlighting the vocal really turns me on.

-Have cyber sex. You use the computer for work, school, games, shopping, a date book, and to keep in touch with friends and family, why not use it to enhance your sex life, as well?

-Two words: mutual masturbation. Pleasure yourself in the presence of your partner(s) while they do the same. You can watch and listen and you know it will feel good because you are your own best lover. Be careful to keep a safe distance

during this one in order to prevent the accidental exchange of fluids.

-Masturbate with an article of your lover's clothing (with their consent, of course). Use a dirty shirt infused with your lover's scent or a clean pair of underwear that you can imagine being close to their "goodies." This is a fun experiment in texture, too.

-Dance. Go to a party or a club and grind up on your partner(s) in the middle of the dance floor. This is especially fun if you have some voyeuristic tendencies.

-Find the quirky things that turn you on. For me, geeking out on social theory with an academic cutie is almost better than sex (almost). What does it for you? Reading abstinence-only curriculum, perhaps?

-Be creative. The list that I've provided is far from exhaustive. Use your own ideas and creativity. A good friend of mine, for example, likes to dress people up as robots and tell them what to do. You might laugh, but it's what works for her. I'm sure that all of you have some inventive ideas for doin' it without doin' it. Don't be afraid to try something new, and if you come up with something good, be sure to let me know!

Lusting for You,
Levi B.

P.S. If you hadn't guessed by now, I'm Levi B., your friendly community sex-advice columnist. You can submit your sex questions to me via email (ecowpert@antioch-college.edu) or Levi Cowperthwaite on First Class) or an anonymous note slipped under the Record office door or placed in the Declassifieds box during Community Meeting, Tuesdays at 3:00 in McGregor 113. I don't believe that any sex or sexuality-related question is silly or strange, so ask away, Antioch! I'm looking forward to it!

Orientation team welcomes new students to Antioch

By Jeanne Kay

8 AM in Main Building's front hall. Students, faculty and staff all wearing --more or less customized-- black Antioch t-shirts are running around carrying giant ice cube packs, last-minute flyers, and signs bearing the words: Orientation This Way. Anticipation is palpable; the number of students who decided to enrol at Antioch "despite it all" is a source of amazement to many. "They are welcomed with open arms, we want to make them feel we are unified as a student body", commented Shea Witzberger, 2nd Year Student part of the Orientation Team. Few had predicted such a large turnout, and 20 supplemental welcome packages had to be prepared at the last minute. In fact, said Angie Glukhov, Director of Admissions, the numbers had changed every day up to the very last hours; "We got a student who called us yesterday telling us they were coming today".

This unexpectedly large incoming first year class--75 according to the most recent count--could hardly have been expected when the news of Antioch's suspension of operations came out in June. "We tried to contact students immediately, but it was a difficult process", recalled Glukhov. Dealing with

bewildered, shocked or angry prospective students, parents, and high school guidance counsellors is a task that the Admissions/Office of Transition staff has had to face heads on this summer, being the primary contact for all complaints and inquiries.

Regardless, the Orientation committee eventually resumed the task it had started in December. "We had been ahead of schedule, but when the announcement broke out we stopped in our tracks for a while", commented Eli Nettles, Chair of the Orientation Committee. A few accommodations had to be made to adapt to the situation. Orientation was moved from the South Gym to Main Building in order to make it more comfortable to a shrunken number of incoming students. For the most part, however, the pre-unravelling plans--such as the goodies bags-- were kept in place.

Last year's Orientation was soon re-baptized "Disorientation" in reference to the overwhelming amount of information that was poured on the incoming first years at the time. Yet this year, the planning seemed to be lighter. "It was very important to me for students to have free time to breathe in between the Orientation activities", emphasized Nettles. Moreover, several traditional parts of the orientation schedule, such as the math and writing evaluations or the introduction to co-op communities, have been cancelled due to the current situation of the college.

Community Government's involvement in Orientation has been greater than in previous years. "We originally decided to take on more work

because we thought we would have more time in the summer with no students on campus", explained Community Manager Chelsea Martens, "of course with the June announcement it didn't turn out to be that way". Nonetheless, CG remained an integral part of the Orientation Committee; prompted by Counselling Center Director Linda Sattem, they organized the distribution of Antioch canvas bags containing notably the new and updated Survival Guide. "We aimed to provide new students with an introduction to Antioch on a more personal level", stressed Martens, "We also wanted to make sure we bridged the infamous gap between first years and upperclassmen".

Although the decisive involvement of first year students at the morning session of the Cincinnati Board of Trustees meeting of the 25th was a cause of admiration to the rest of the Antioch Community, it was not encouraged by the Orientation Committee. Rory Adams-Cheatham, Community Events Managers recalls that proposals to include a trip to the Cincinnati meeting and a potluck with alumni to the orientation schedule were rejected by the committee. "There was concern that incoming students would feel pressured to get involved in the efforts to save Antioch" explained Adams-Cheatham. The fact that despite having a full-packed activity scheduled on Saturday, as many first years spontaneously chose to wake up at dawn to tell the BOT how they felt about Antioch is testimonial to the success of the Orientation team in introducing the students to their new college.

First Impressions

Incoming class react on their first week at Antioch

By Ben Horlacher

Between mandatory meetings, the Sexual Offense Prevention Policy, the Racial Discrimination Prevention Policy, partying, registration, going to class, and trying to keep the school open, the first week at Antioch College has been a baptism by fire for the first years.

Students arrived for orientation and move-in on Thursday, the 23rd. They were given an eleven item check list, and went from station to station getting room keys, filling out paper work, and being handed bags of free stuff. Carmen Atlee-Loudon described her first impression of Antioch College as "slightly disorganized but really welcoming." When Gina Potestio, arrived at Antioch her first thought was "this is going to be interesting". Eric Kobernik's first impression of the college was "hardcore."

After the first day came the mandatory meetings scheduled back-to-back, sending students from one building to another. Friday was the most tightly scheduled, with both the SOPP and RDPP meetings being held that morning. First years were anything but overwhelmed with the myriad activities planned for them. "I was stoked to do everything; that's why I came here," said Kobernik.

That evening a community gathering was held to prepare for the Board of Trustees meeting, and at six o'clock in the morning the next day students, alumni, and villagers gathered outside of Antioch Hall to join the caravan to Cincinnati. Among the students who woke up early that Saturday morning, there were more than a few first years, a number of which also had the opportunity to address the board at the morning meeting.

"It was one of the most amazing demonstrations of solidarity among

a group of individuals that I had ever seen," said Jay Casale, one of the first years who spoke to the board on Saturday, "It struck a really deep chord in me."

The effort to keep Antioch open was very visible to all the first years. Some even felt a little lost in the hustle and bustle surrounding the issue. "It was kind of overwhelming, in the way that you want to get involved but you're not really sure what to do," said Atlee-Loudon.

While stopping the college in which you just enrolled from closing is not the normal freshman concern, fitting in is, although first-years at Antioch seemed to be taking that in stride. First years were being shuffled around together, and had plenty of time to socialize, something they found easy, because, as Atlee-Loudon put it, "everyone is so welcoming and friendly that it easy to start conversations." Even socializing with the upperclassmen (usually represented as big and scary in cliché) came easily to the members of the entering class. "[at Antioch] they want to be your friend, in other schools upperclassmen shit on the freshmen, [but] here it is much more social," said Kobernik.

Maybe the biggest challenge posed to the class of 2011 is answering the question "Why did you come to a school that you were told would be closing in a year?" This year's entering class is here to make the most of this year and do everything that is quintessentially Antioch. Students want to get in their last walks in the Glen, engage with the SOPP and RDPP, attend Board meetings, and take advantage of their classes. The climate of solidarity on campus and the exceptional community mobilization since the June announcement might also have weighed in the balance. As Eric Kobernik put it some students are here because of the closing, and they might not have had a shot at such an exhilarating orientation anywhere else.

Dispatches from Community Meeting

By Diana Starkweather

Beginning with applause and admiration for literally every one on, around, and off campus, and ending in voiced disappointment over the cutbacks on hot breakfast, this year's first community meeting covered a lot of ground in a little time (sort of). McGregor 113, filled with a lot of old faces, and several new ones, was immersed in applause and a recurring sense of Antioch pride every few minutes, which helped to lead to its lengthy two hour session.

The traditional Community Member of the Week award was revised to honor a Community Member of the Summer instead. This award went out to all faculty and staff that were here during the summer, working hard on efforts to keep the college open among other things, despite setbacks.

This was followed by a long list of thank yous, many of which had a familiar theme and were directed at those helping to keep Antioch open. Alex Mette thanked

What 1st years need to know

By Diana Starkweather

AdCil (Administrative Council) meets every Tuesday at 8am in the Main Building Conference Room, and is made up of student, staff and faculty members. Chaired by the president, the council votes on the decisions the he has to make. Certain matters discussed during these sessions are closed to the public, however many are open.

ComCil (Community Council) is in charge of community life and CG, is keeper of the Legislative Code, and meets on Thursdays at 3pm in the Main Building Council Room. It is made up of student and non-student members, a Union representative,

and it is a public forum. *CGC* (Campus Greening Council) explores alternative energy, is responsible for recycling, and ensures purchased products to be used on campus are recyclable. It is also in charge of the Community Garden, and meetings are to be announced within the next week or so.

The Faculty Senate was devised a few years ago after a faculty retreat to address issues of governance. It consists of a Steering Committee which helps to receive and prioritize agenda, a Personnel Committee that deals with faculty review, promotion, and tenure, an Academic Review committee that evaluates faculty publications and student reviews, and a Curriculum Review Committee that works with curriculum development.

everyone who attended the Board of Trustees meeting on Monday, reflecting that beforehand he felt like there was little hope, but after seeing the amount of support, he was energized and his belief in a positive outcome for the college was reaffirmed. First years attending the meeting were also thanked for speaking out in front of the Board of Trustees, and for having the knowledge of what is happening to Antioch.

Community members and CG received a standing ovation for their efforts this summer, and special thanks went out to alumni, and the Village of Yellow Springs Committee for their banners throughout town and articles in the local newspaper. Organizers of the SOPP and the RDPP were thanked, along with those offering help to the Office of Transition. And Kari Thompson thanked anyone who has danced at a dance party.

Declassifieds

Dear Michael & Shauna
Thanks for being amazing!!

Drunk people do not equal
fair game. Please watch
your hands

E n e r g e t i c
M u s i c a l
M a g i c a l
A m u s i n g

Katrina U Make me happy!

Bonner LOVE!!

Yoga and healing-
Just ask Jack

Hickey Boogney,
Your love is like a river
peaceful and deep

Thanks 4 holdin it down

Dear Rory,
We can M.L. as long as
you don't vom.
love, Sam

Gabriella Ruiz are we still
friends?

[heart] your platonic life
partner

All returning 4th and
3rd years, you're amaz-
ing! Keep holding it down!
[heart Ruthie]

Go on a walk in the glen

Dear Meghan Pergrem, I
think you are the hottest
girl on campus. Way hotter
than Nicole Bayani.
[heart] Rory

You're the Plas I want to
be [heart] one half an in-
tense friend

Thanks caf staff for feed-
ing us!
Thank you Antioch for be-
ing here. More important
thank you Antioch students
and faculty for being here

Julie you are my bear and
twin

Sorry I'm so awkward.
I have no idea what the
deal is. Either way you're
too cute for words. I can
hardly even talk to you

Emma Woo,
Great job at the empori-
um. You're a beautiful song
bird. [heart] V

Rory & Meghan
I love you.
No Seriously.
love, Nicole

Girl with the guns: Back
again, eh? Couldn't be
happier to see you. love,
Cowboy boots

Loving you is easy cause
you're beautiful
Do Do Do Do oh...

Thank you Ed for being
such an amazing friend
while we were in Tanzania

What are the squirrels
thinking?
Anonymous squirrel lover
[heart]

Thank you for coming back!
You're all beautiful!

All upcoming events are posted on the today board on the community forum. This weekend there will be a mentor prom on Saturday, where older students and 1st years will be paired anonymously. Other events include the upcoming Blues Fest; if anyone would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact CG. Also coming up, a Garden Party, Disability Awareness Day, and another Board Meeting at the end of October.

Steve Lawry addressed the group next, focusing on the Alumni Board's proposal to change the governing operations of Antioch. He also noted that the "great organized anguish" of alumni, followed by job loss, and the possibility of not graduating for some students, has made the Board of Trustees realize that they have lost the support of the alumni, and that they cannot reopen without that support.

Angie Glukhov introduced the Office of Transition following this. It is on the first floor of the main building, and is headed by Angie and Janice Kinghorn. It was created after the initial announcement of Antioch's (possible) suspension, and is here to help students who plan on transferring or are anxious about graduating. The OT has a few upcoming events planned including the Antioch University Fair on September 14th and Antioch College Transfer Day, where representatives from at least 30 colleges will visit the campus to speak about opportunities they have to offer and answer questions about their degree programs.

A Yellow Springs resident and an alumni member, YSO conduit, Judy Wallert-Maldonado talked about further efforts going on in Yellow Springs to save Antioch. Her group is also helping to extend library hours, along with Steve Lawry, and will be holding a voter registration on campus in September. She mentioned the need to see more students join their weekly meetings. If anyone is interested please contact Judy at juju70@msn.com, or 937-767-0118.

Pulse, much like the rest of the meeting, favored an abundance of announcements. Dance concert casting will take place next Wednesday at 7:30 in the South Gym. On September 8th there will be a new student field trip from noon to 4pm; everyone is welcome but only 1st year students can go for free. Wristbands cost \$8. Nicole Novac is working as the coordinator of the Bonner Scholarship Program and is running a training program for the Bonner website. As of now, there is only one person running the bookstore, so please sign up for FWSP positions in the store, and give him a hand. A trip is being planned to Ithaca, NY this weekend and is scheduled to leave September 1st. Anyone interested please see Jen-e Johnson, Mills 101. AdCil and ComCil elections are next Wednesday. If you plan on running please pick up a form from CG.

It was a lengthy first meeting, but an extremely informative one, with a good turnout. But there is always room for more. If you did not attend the meeting, please try to make it to the next one. With our college in crisis, it is a good place to go for more information on what you can do to help, to find out what others are already doing, or to put into your own two cents.

Question of the Week- With James Thomas Robertson the Ninth

Who do you think should be the new Antioch president?

"Who is that stock guy?
Alan Greenspan"
Paul-2nd Year



"Kermit the frog"
Ed-2nd Year

"Duffy! I vote Duffy"
Alex-4th Year



"Greg previously
known as from the Caf "
Michael-2nd Year

"Mr. T. You gotta be somebody,
or you will be somebody's fool. "
Dave -4th Year



"John Smith"
Maite -1st Year

"Willy Wonka and the
goddamn chocolate factory "
Ashley -1st Year



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Task Force, in doldrums, submits plans to Board

by Leigh Page

The College delegation to the Task Force on University Reorganization came back to campus on Wednesday with "not an awful lot that's new and different," said Provost David Barry, a Task Force member.

On Tuesday, the delegates had presented a revised reorganization model that they had hoped would be better received than their earlier proposals. The new model calls for the creation of two Antioch sub-corporations: one for Yellow Springs and one for the other units.

to be desired by some of the participants." that Antioch College's innovative posture is responsible for their creation and early sustenance.

"On the other hand, Antioch College is consistently referred to as a weak and ailing relative.

She read a letter she had written to Task Force members and Antioch trustees that, she said, "doesn't sound as angry as I feel."

One section of the letter read:

"A curious dualism pervades all discussions of Antioch, Yellow Springs. On the one hand we are constantly lauded for our historic role among institutions of higher learning, praise for our humane, community-oriented values and recognized as the pioneer of a serious work/study program. The other units are aware embarrassingly short of funds and prone to appear with hand outstretched at inconvenient

Interim Executive Dean Hannah Goldberg told the faculty Wednesday that she was discouraged about the progress of negotiations, which were concluded yesterday at a meeting in Washington, D.C. Results of the final meeting have not yet been announced.

"It was basically irrational," she said of the Tuesday meeting. "It was a totally disorganized event—a very depressing meeting."

"The lack of progress we had," she continued, "appeared

moments. The recriminations directed towards us and are increasingly defensive and sullen responses have achieved the monotony of the most common family quarrels.

"The accusation has the same refrain—we are a deficit operation, we are doomed to remain a deficit operation unless we take drastic steps to mend our ways, and we have lost our pre-eminent place as an experimental, innovative institution.

"Thus, the message in its simplest form is, 'Save money, do not spend, be innovative, attract students, think creatively.' I believe that to people in 'the helping profession' this is known as a 'no-win situation.'"

Later in her letter, she brought her message to the Board: "The vitality, viability, and centrality of this campus must be recognized by the Trustees this weekend. If this sounds arrogant, please believe that it is not. Our problems are great, though not insurmountable."

comment

Dudley Woodall is leaving Antioch University and new certainly deserves an editorial comment.

Can we blame Woodall for Antioch's current financial may never clearly answer that question. Woodall inherited of mismanagement from the architects and previous adm of the Network.

Nevertheless, Woodall shares responsibility for Antioch plight. And before he leaves, he can, and should, provide ex for the following matters: why were National Endowme Humanities monies appropriated, and can we recover th and financial loss? Why were Community Government without warning? And why did Central Administration the middle of May to inform us of the extent of the c (There are other questions of this kind.)

How should we react to this news? Yellow Springs stu faculty and the unions have demonstrated their ability to College operating. Through the work of faculty committe YS delegation to the task force on reorganization, we ho some say in the fate of the Yellow Springs campus. resignation cannot significantly alter these organized effort

Still, we should recognize that the resignation may have sions for Antioch's public image. Local and national news r portray Woodall's departure as a sign of Antioch's further and insoluble finances. That kind of media coverage morale and turn away contributors.

Admittedly, this prospect is discouraging. But it is cle want to survive, and our commitment to our work and tion extends beyond August 1. This weekend's meeting of of Trustees will determine some of the parameters of ou and then we may have a better idea of where to go from he

"Will we continue to run a deficit? Yes, we will, as does every other quality undergraduate liberal arts college which operates halls of residence, food services, a counseling service, a library, not to mention the usual academic services.

"The more important question is, will the Board of Trustees support us so that we can continue the work that has already begun to augment our programs with significant educational programs which also produce income."

Goldberg told that many agenda ing were "floati room" at the Tu but the main ob meeting apparen the construction for each model Force had been c

The reorgani are expected to a financial planning immediate cash President Willis will present the Board this weeke