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By Kim-Jenna Jurriaans

A five-hour meeting in New York City on Monday between six major donors, the executive committee of the Board of Trustees and representatives of the Alumni Board did not resolve the impasse threatening the scheduled transfer of \$4.6 million for the Antioch College revival due on December 15. The meeting, described by one attendee as “very serious,” produced a memorandum to the university that will be further discussed at the next Board of Trustees Governance Committee meeting in Dallas on Sunday, December 2.

“This is the first time in my memory that this number of donors were able to engage in serious conversation about the future of the college,” says Barbara Winslow, a member of the Antioch College Alumni Board and former Trustee of the University Board for 12 years. “There was no BS, no ‘let’s all get along;’ these were probably the frankest discussions I can remember about the college.”

The group of six actual and potential donors with pledges of seven-figures and higher does not feel last month’s Agreement in Principle between the Alumni Board and the Board of Trustees meets the conditions of their pledges to the College Revival Fund. As a result, the deep-pocketed donors are keeping their hands on their wallets until condi-



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tions are met. “The former trustees and major donors are very actively working alongside Alumni Board representatives to insure that the governance agreement reflects the concerns of donors, alumni and community members to provide for the meaningful self-governance promised by the University,” says another former trustee that was present at the meeting. “Everyone is aware that the do-

nors’ pledge conditions regarding self-governance need to be satisfied in time for them to contribute to the December 15 payment, and is working toward that goal. It would be tragic indeed for the University to choose not to honor the pledge conditions, of which they have been aware since negotiations began.”

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Committees Start Task, Awaiting Leadership of New Dean of Faculty

With the advent of new committees appointed by AdCil, progress will likely soon be made towards the viability of the college under the coordination of Dean of Faculty Nominee Hassan Nejad.

By Alex Borowicz

As the academic term winds down to its final weeks, three committees have been formed to answer the budding needs of this new stage in the saga of Antioch’s rebirth. A product of a meeting of the Administrative Council on 14th November, the appointees to the three committees find themselves faced with a short time frame and a lot of ground to cover.

The committees, dubbed the Student Services and Facilities Committee, the Academic Program Resource Review Committee, and the Budget Commit-

tee, are to examine the current state of the college and present plans concerning the viability of the college. To deal with the prospect of a continuing Antioch College, committee members will spend the next weeks working to assess the current curriculum, the state of the campus, and the budget, among other things, to provide feasible vision for the future of a college.

“There’s an expectation that we’ll make some changes in the academic program,” said Professor Hassan Rahmanian, a member of the Academic Program Resource Review Committee. According to Rahmanian, Interim President Andrzej Bloch has suggested the committees begin working on short-term changes, but Rahmanian believes that committees should be focusing on solutions that would provide for a longer-term approach that takes into ac-

count not only the next year, but a full four years of education. “I don’t know the distinction he’s making between short -and long-term curriculum,” Rahmanian said.

With a deadline in mid-January, the committees will likely struggle to reach their conclusions. And the impending winter vacation will create further problems as faculty members and students leave campus.

The committees will eventually be placed under the guidance of the new Dean of Faculty. Following a vote held in Faculty Senate on Tuesday which nominated Hassan Nejad to the post, the interim president should move towards an appointment during the coming AdCil meeting. Faculty expect that Bloch will accept this nomination and the committees can begin to move forward with his coordination.

Time to Move On

While drinking my routine cup of coffee in Emporium yesterday, my eyes lingered for a minute on the bright red flag near the window that reads "Antioch alive!" I remember thinking "Yeah... It is for now. But for how long?"

In spirit, the campus appears pretty dead right now; students and faculty are trying to secure a future at other institutions and alumni throughout the country are once again left without agency.

Every time I have to think bout it, it makes me angry, because it wouldn't have been necessary. How great it would have been if we would have come out of this victorious. Students and faculty were ready to rebuild and welcome the future generation of quirky, dedicated Antiochians to "the school that lived." Hundreds of formerly estranged alumni, high on a drug called "achieving the unachievable" and the sheer magnitude \$18 million raised in 125 days, were ready to go out and spread the gospel that Antioch College is open for business and accepting first year applications from all those who dare.

Yet here we are: we are not accepting first years, we cannot go to high schools and fairs and recruitment for students seeking a four-year degree is off the table even after OBR review in the spring. I remember the disbelief when Andrzej presented this in AdCil a couple of weeks ago.

I guess this leaves us with the option of putting up a booth in front of Sinclair in the hopes that transfer students from community colleges are not going to be bothered by the fact that our faculty are still collectively fired coming June 30. But the frustrating thing about this godforsaken malaise is that it is NOT the OBR or NCA that are being difficult. A recent article in the Yellow Springs News underlined once again what many had expected all along. It is not the bureaucratic jaws of the degree and accreditation agencies that are eating our victory alive. As so often in the history of the marriage between the university and the college, it is once again the University that is sabotaging the college in shaping its own destiny.

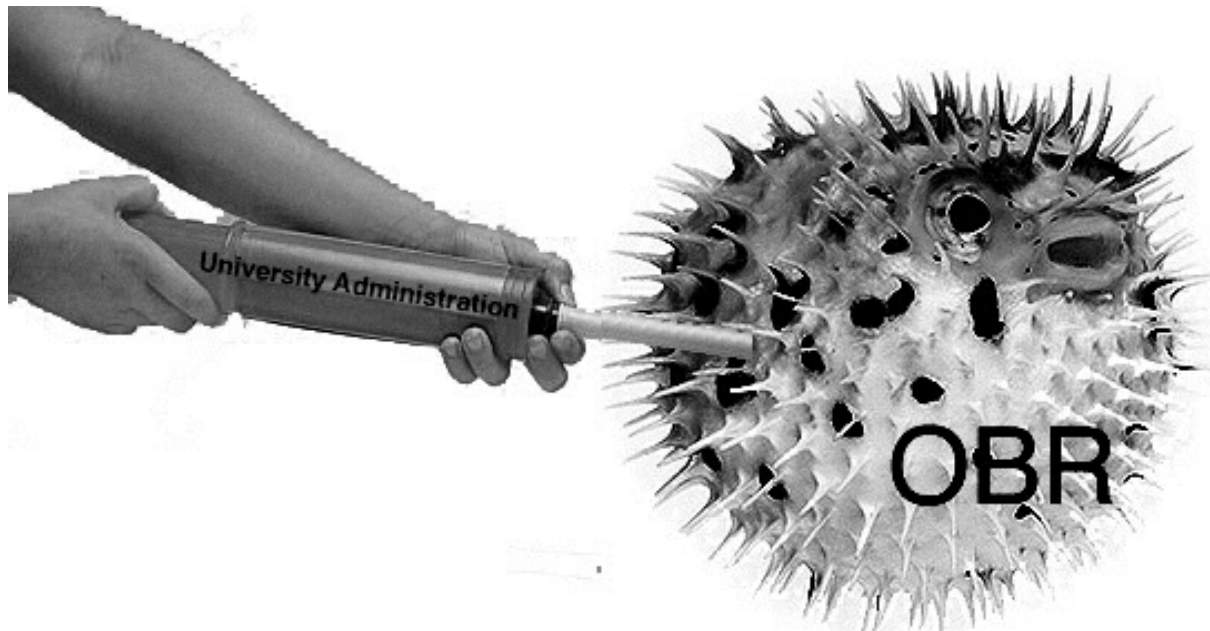


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If what Andrzej has presented to AdCil and its subcommittees is true, the only thing that could hold us from recruiting first year students is the OBR's need of assurance that the college can provide incoming freshmen the same program and support four years from now that it could today. With thousands of newly invigorated alumni and a major capital campaign on the move, this hardly seems a problem. In the mean time, the OBR is asking the University Board, as the holder of the fiduciary responsibility for the entire university, to stand behind the school that just achieved a minor miracle and ensure their support. They, however, refuse to take responsibility for the college, hiding even deeper behind the veil of financial instability and responsibility to the University as a whole.

All the while a fresh group of able, willing people is ready to take on that responsibility on a separate board for the college. Unfortunately, this is not enough. Regardless of donors in New York demanding full fiduciary responsibility for the college, it appears that this is at least temporarily impossible as long as the college is part of the University. As long as we are part of the structure, accrediting agencies will always ask the University Trustees to do their job and roll up their sleeves to stick up for the college. And all that the majority of the current trustees are doing is stand on the side lines and watch.

There needs to be a change of culture and attitude in the highest ranks of the university, including the current board of trustees, to make a turn around possible for the college. Reading the apathy with which this university administration has treated major donors to the college revival until this week, (none of the six major donors had received as much as a thank you from either the chair of the Board or the Chancellor) asking for the current board to resign and bring in a new University Board together with the inauguration of the college Board seems the only logical choice for the college community moving forward to shaping its own future.

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To the Editor,

I would like to invite interested persons to a quite extraordinary event at the Antioch Inn, Monday, December 3, 7:00.

This semester, 17 Antioch College students have been reading the entire Bible - including the books Protestants normally leave out, the Apocrypha - and the entire Qur'an.

That's almost one out of ten Antioch students, buried in the study of the inspired sources of Judaism, Christianity and Islam for three months. That doesn't quite fit the prevailing image of Antioch students.

Coming from highly varied backgrounds, they have various reasons for doing this study. One thing they have in common. They want to come to their own understanding of these two sacred scriptures that have been - and doubtless will continue to be - profoundly influential to countless millions, personally, religiously and politically, for centuries.

Two devout Muslims and a committed Jew, who have been locked in dialogue for nearly three years, using Arabic and Hebrew texts, will draw us, and you, our invited guests, into a discussion of what they now understand to be the most important religious issues for the 21 Century.

Dialogue initiators will be Ramzieh and Wa'el Azmeh, both physicians in Dayton and founding members of the new mosque in Miamisburg, and Eric Friedland, Professor of Judaic Studies, emeritus, in the area universities, including Antioch College.

Please join us.

Al Denman, Antioch College Pastor (1965-73), and Professor of Philosophy of Law and Religion, emeritus.

Dear Community,

Dan Fallon, Chair of the Antioch University Board of Trustees ("UBoT") Governance Committee and UBoT Vice Chair, hosted a group of major donors to the College Revival Fund and former trustees who are deeply committed to the sustainable future of Antioch College. Other participants included UBoT Chair Art Zucker (by telephone), Alumni Board Vice President Ina Frank, Alumni Board Legal Team and Governance Committee Member Judi Church, UBoT consultant Tom Ingram and your humble Alumni Board President.

Everyone at the meeting agreed, in keeping with the November 2, 2007 Agreements in Principle, that Antioch College must be in control of its own destiny, through its own Board of Trustees. The discussion revolved around the degree of that Board's authority and autonomy and the timetable for its establishment. A number of the donors and former trustees who participated are on the list of proposed members for the "Advisory Body" to be appointed by Art Zucker and Nancy Crow. They made it very clear that they have no intention of serving on a body whose advice the UBoT (soon to become the Antioch University Board of Governors) would be free to accept, reject or ignore, and pressed for meaningful and increasing authority for the interim body and the future College Board of Trustees.

Our discussions were frank, open and intense. We applaud the Board of Trustees for being willing to hear governance issues that are key to saving the college expressed by people with the wherewithal to make it happen. It's not over yet; we will continue to talk - very soon. The former trustees presented a draft memorandum of understanding proposing a rapid time frame for establishing the College Board of Trustees and setting forth a number of specific areas that must lie within its control to ensure that the College and University not sink yet again into a dysfunctional structure. It will be discussed at the already-scheduled meeting of the University Board of Trustees Governance Committee, on which I sit, this Sunday, 12/2, in Dallas. Several of the participants in Monday's meeting will attend that meeting. With good will and good fortune, a proposal that students, faculty, alums and major donors can support will emerge from that meeting and be approved as rapidly as fiduciary duty allows by the University Board of Trustees.

Nancy Crow, President

Antioch College Alumni Association

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Antioch's Next President According to the Community

Should the new president...

Survey and Commentary

by Eva Erickson

With the consensus that Antioch College needs its own president in order to help keep the college running efficiently, a questionnaire circulated in the past two weeks asking what characteristics and traits the community is looking for in the future president for the college.

Nominees for the next Antioch College president are as follows: Bob Devine with three nominations, Hassan Nejad, Steve Shwerner, Ellen Borgersen, Scott Warren, and Cary Nelson with two nominations, Barbara Stewart, Hassan Rahmanian, John Freeman, Tim Noble, Dana Patterson, Bill Whitesell, Pat Mische, Laura Fathauer, Chris Hill, Prexy Nesbitt, Winona LaDuke, Cornel West, and Johnetta B. Cole each received one vote. Congratulations to student nominees: Drew Geckle, Levi B. Cowperthwaite, and Zachary Gallant. Other interesting ideas include: Chloe Sevigny, Maury Povich, Jack White, Jack Black, Tom Waits, Steve Jobs, and Al Gore.

Along with the personality traits shown in this graph, the community wrote down other characteristics their president should have. They are as follows: experienced, economical, realistic, creative, expansionary, self-collected, strong, innovative, enduring, well-rounded, intelligent, honest, empathetic, cooperative, amiable, Antiochian, self-contained, motivational, capable of instilling optimism, insightful, dedicated, philosophical, approachable, scientifically-minded, open minded, critical thinker, determined, transparent, unafraid, focused, egalitarian, humble, open to debate.

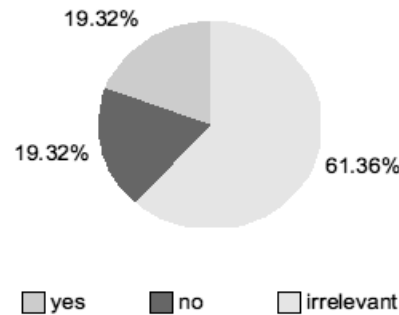
The president should also be well-seasoned with a plethora of skills. They are, as decided by the community: budget management, fundraising, leadership, problem solving, delegation, people skills, coordination, diplomacy, mediation, computer/technological, persuasion, business, public speaking, organization, facilitation, capable of working with college youth, investing, recruitment/retention, networking, interpersonal, negotiation, consensus building, non-profit history, record of recovering institutions in jeopardy, and a mean right hook.

There are many other important aspects of the job that the president needs to fulfill, such as having love for Antioch so that there is no desire to change the college into something it's not. He or she needs to understand and have faith in shared governance, and be capable of handling the process of decision-making. Therefore, being able to work between, not with, Toni Murdock and the Board of Trustees is necessary. Meanwhile, he/she will have to keep in mind the community's needs, not those in power. In order to do this properly, an institutional memory and the ability and inner need to defend Antiochian values is required. He/she should have national stature within academia, thus having a knowledge of higher education as well as a history of activism. The president should be connected to resources that combine both finances and recruitment/retention problem solving.

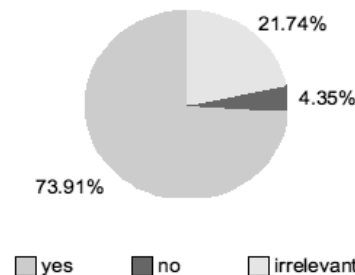
As far as age/race/gender/ability/sexual orientation go, the final hiring decision cannot be based on such pretenses, but it's a question of whether or not we are looking for someone who has characteristics/qualities that reflect what Antioch stands for. Unfortunately, the questionnaire didn't clear up that particular detail.

The results of a few of the questions have not been included because the other questions served mainly as a job description, not application requirements. Such issues will be addressed in chapter two of this search.

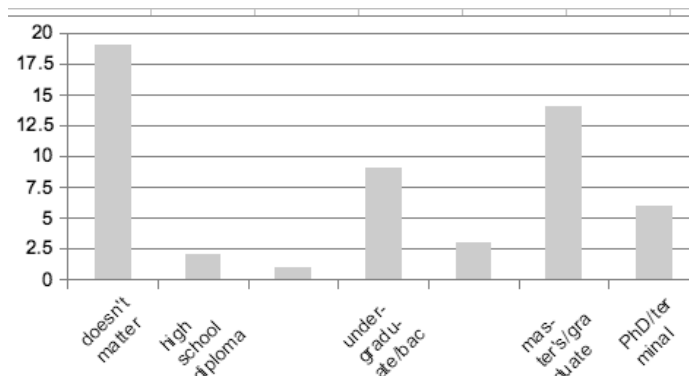
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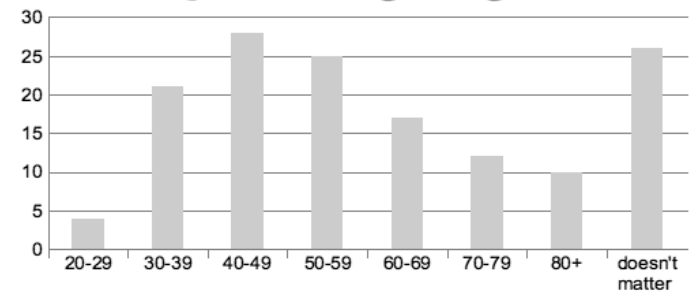
have a background in running schools?



Preferred education level

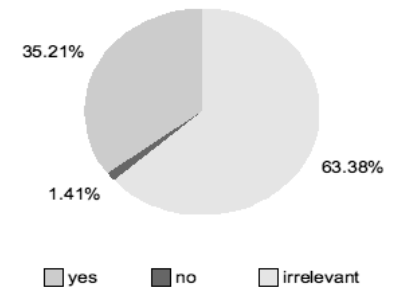


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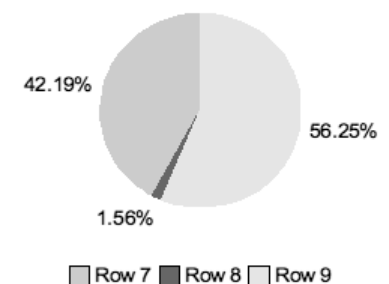


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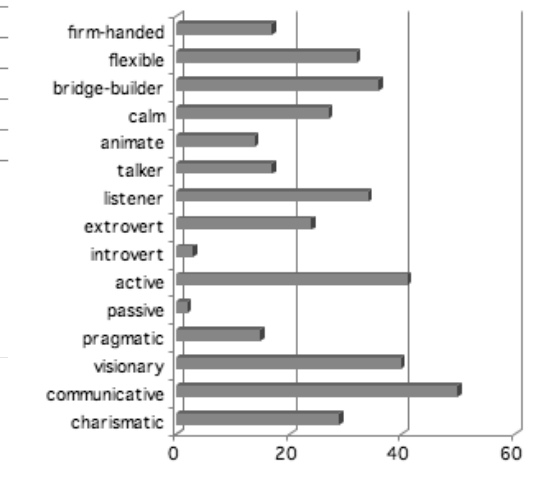
be from an underrepresented gender/ability/race/sexual orientation



be an alumna/us?



Preferred Qualities



Major Donor Meeting continued from p.1

A statement put out last night by President Nancy Crow of the Alumni Association asserts “Everyone at the meeting agreed, in keeping with the November 2, 2007 Agreements in Principle, that Antioch College must be in control of its own destiny, through its own Board of Trustees. The discussion revolved around the degree of that Board’s authority and autonomy and the timetable for its establishment.”

Chair of the University Board Art Zucker, recovering from recent surgery, connected via speakerphone for the duration of the meeting that lasted three hours longer than scheduled. Zucker opened the meeting, which included presentations by individual donors and former trustees. What followed was a “very frank, very serious, sober discussion about the future of the University and the College,” says Winslow.

Terry Herndon, one of the donors in attendance, agrees that there are many things to be worked out, given that this is the first time that representatives of the university have directly talked to the major donors. “In addition to talking about Antioch and governance, there was discussion about the money to be raised to keep Antioch going,” recalls Herndon. “Donors had some suggestions as to what they like to see happening in regard to Antioch College. The chairman of the trustees is going to be talking to members of the Board of Trustees about the suggestions that donors have made, seeing whether they can come to an agreement.”

Also present at the meeting was consultant Tom Ingram, who was hired by the university prior to the suspension. Ingram’s original written report from early 2007 addressed the issue of self-governance for the various

campuses within the university. He continues to be involved as a member of the university governance commission that is currently looking into models for installing an advisory board for each satellite, under the auspices of a University Board of Trustees.

Donors, however, are looking for a board to be in place by mid December with full authority over the college, including fiduciary responsibility and the power to hire and fire a president.

To expedite this process, a group that includes former trustees and major donors adopted a memorandum of understanding that states a number of expectations, including that the college will receive a board that is interim and not advisory. In the meeting itself a number of donors further pushed for total separation of the college and university in the future, a step that might be necessary to fulfill all of the donors’ expectations stated in their memorandum.

Meanwhile, those donors and former trustees that may take seat on the new board for the college, according to Crow, “made it very clear that they have no intention of serving on a body whose advice the UBoT (soon to become the Antioch University Board of Governors) would be free to accept, reject or ignore, and pressed for meaningful and increasing authority for the interim body and the future College Board of Trustees.”

The marathon five-hour session ended as a “preliminary” meeting. Several of the attendees are expected to represent their constituencies again at the executive committee meeting of the University Board at the Dallas airport on the 2nd of December.

“There is really nothing to say at this point besides that we had discussions and that nothing has been resolved yet,” says Winslow. “Given the fact that the next amount is due by the 15th, it is obvious that time is of the essence.”

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Friday & Saturday
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In the South Gym

(the rest of the space is dada filler.)

College Revival Fund Gets 501(c)(3) Status

By Marysia Walcerz

Ever since the College Revival Fund was set up in June 2007 in response to the suspension, there has been a legal team working on securing non-profit, or 501(c)(3) status for it. The application for 501(c)(3) status was filed in August by the alumni legal team, and as of November 12th, the Revival Fund has achieved non-profit status. Ken Sussman, Ina Frank, Rick Daily, and Martin Fried comprised the legal team who

filed the 501(c)(3) application. The process of becoming a non-profit involved incorporating the College Revival Fund as a non-profit corporation in Ohio, and then filing an application with the Internal Revenue Service.

What the achievement of 501(c)(3) status means for the College Revival Fund is that donors can now claim income tax deductions for contributions made to the Fund. This is important to people who itemize deductions on their income tax returns, and can be a major factor in donors willingness to give. “Hopefully, the fact that the Fund has the status will encourage individuals to contribute,” said Martin Fried, a member of the legal team. Risa Grimes, director of institutional advancement agreed, saying that “501(c)(3) status is imperative for a non-profit, especially if people are going to give at a higher level.”



Gorilla Recruitment Group

Friday, 2:00 p.m., The C-Shop

Notes from ComCil

By Natalie Martin

The last Comcil meeting before Thanksgiving break was dominated by issues surrounding the Community Government (CG) elections and the next CG officers. Amy Maruyama from the Development Office joined ComCil in session to discuss potential fundraising options to finance a fourth CM position and the sort of help Development can provide. Comcil further discussed the process of creating a job description for the fourth CG position, that both collectives aspire to have when moving into office in the summer of 2008.

Maruyama suggested that Comcil and the CG candidates work closely with the Development Office while raising the \$21,500 needed for the extra position, including taxes and housing, and noted that the amount of money required is small enough that it could possibly come from one or several gifts. "Alumni feel very strongly about community government," she said, expressing hope that fundraising efforts would go smoothly.

Discussion of creating an endowment for CG in the future, for the time being, ended in an agreement that CG candidates would meet with Development and work out fundraising plans. Endowing Community Government is expected to be a long term project that would not show any benefits for several years.

After a long conversation about the tasks set aside for the fourth candidate of each collective, it was generally agreed on that both groups should use the same job description and that it was crucial to get community input on the specifics of the position. Complicating matters is the short time before the end of the term on December 7th. A motion asking the collectives to write a job description, vet it with the community, and finalize a proposal before Thanksgiving break failed. Events Manager Rory Adams-Cheatham finally suggested that ComCil focus on developing the process to create the new position before the election in the Spring of '08. This motion passed and the collectives proceeded working on a sound process before the fall break.

Dispatches from Community Meeting

By Billy Joyce

Community Meeting limped along. Back from break and with only a week and a half left in the term, attendance was sparse and energy ran low. And battling clean-up was another CG candidates question and answer.

Rowan Kaiser '05, Mariel Traiman and James Kutil all won community member of the week. As of Tuesday there was more than \$1,500 left in community funds. Div themes will be decided on Fri. in the caf. And...trivia.

"We're winding down, so we need to celebrate," said Events Manager Rory Adams-Cheatham. Div dance is the third installment of the contemporary Antioch social troika. Adams-Cheatham promised free pizza and that the party theme would be decided by student nomination and vote. The vote would be held in the caf on Fri..

2008 wall calendars are being sold by MaryAnn Wilits and Cody Luedtke as a fundraiser for the science department. Contained within are pictures of science majors, professors, and staff.

the community budget works."

Micah Canal, who is running for budget manager in the opposing collective conceded that Pergrem had more experience with the CG budget. "I don't have as much experience," he said. Then he added, "But I do think I have the ability to step into new positions."

Canal pointed out that a focus of his was attracting new students to Antioch and working for retention of current students. He'd been working with Angie Glukhov before she quit.

Sarah Buckingham said that her experience as ComCil chair gave her insight as to how a great leader works. She said a great leader doesn't have an ulterior agenda and that they work best as facilitators. Buckingham said, "I think I'm ready," citing her familiarity with the institution's inner-workings as a strength she would bring as a CM. "I know how to make things work smoother, faster and better."

Fela Pierrelouis said that her boldness made her stand out as a candidate. She also highlighted her work with non-profits in New York as a reason she could be an effective CM. "I've been organizing since I was 14."

She said her connections are still strong there and that



The CM collectives stood in front of the Community for the second time to answer questions about their candidacy

Photo Alex Borowicz

The CG candidates conducted themselves with exemplary class and respect for their opponents. Opponents often agreed that each member of both collectives were well qualified for the job.

When asked what distinguished her from her opponent, Meghan Pergrem said that her experience working for Danny Solis, Hope Swigart, and Corri Frohlich all CG budget managers have qualified her for the budget manager role. "I've been training for this position since my second year of school."

"Most importantly," Pergrem said, "I understand how

she's the type of person who could hook people up if they needed help. Pierrelouis also identified her availability to the community as an asset she possessed.

The last Community Meeting of the term is on Tues. in McGregor 113. Do it.

Head Librarian to Leave Antioch at the End of the Term

An interview with Debra Oswald

By Jeanne Kay

How long have you been working in the Olive Kettering library?

For a little over two years; I came in September 2005 but so much has happened it feels like a decade! [laughs]

So you have decided to leave Antioch and to take another job? Can you explain why?

It was a difficult decision to make, very difficult. But from what I know now by job will be ending on June 30th 2008. And I wanted to stay in Yellow Springs; I love the town, I love Antioch and this job was a good opportunity for me. I'll be a reference and instruction librarian at St Clair and that's what I came to Antioch to do; that's where my interests are and what I love to do. And I'll be able to stay in Yellow Springs.

When will you be leaving Antioch?

I will be here until the end of the semester, so December 7th will be my last day. And then I start at St Clair on December 17th.

Is there a funny anecdote that you recall from your time working at the library?

Well...on my first day at the library, some of my



Head librarian Debra Oswald

Photo Alex Borowicz

coworkers had to ask me what my name was because Joe [Cali] had nicknamed me Ozzie, when I interviewed he'd just called me Ozzie so when I got here a couple people said "welcome Ozzie... what's you're real name again?" I also remember... the day I signed the contract, I came to the library just to say hello to everyone and let them know I had signed the contract, and... Duffy came up the stairs from the basement and as he walked towards me it looked like he was going to hug me , so I put

out my arms and he gave me a big hug and he said: "now tell me again who you are?"

The community here had been wonderful, and people have asked me "I bet you wish you hadn't come to Antioch" and that's not the case at all; I never regretted it. I feel like it was the best place for me to be in the past two years and I just feel grateful to have had the opportunity to come here and be part of the Antioch community, and to work with Joe Cali and the other people in the library. It's been a great experience.

Are we going to have a head librarian next term?

Rich Kurns will be taking over as head librarian so I'm leaving you in good hands ... He's been here for seven years and he knows this library inside out and he can find journals like nobody else.

Is someone taking his place or is the number of staff reduced?

No, the number of staff is reduced.

Is it going to impact the opening hours?

I think they will try to keep it open the same number of hours. I heard that some students were concerned about what's going to happen with the library next term, is it going to be closed for renovations...no that's not the case, the library will be here for them next term.

What are your hopes for the future of Antioch?

I want to see Antioch continue, and grow stronger and of course be more independent. I think it has a future and I'm expecting great things of Antioch.

What will you be taking with you from Antioch?

A real understanding of excellent customer service; I think the library has really provided great service and I learned a lot from the two years I was here. People go out of their way—and not just in the library, in other places in the college as well—and that sets up warmth in the community where people know you and really care about you. Just a memory of the very talented people here...taking with me some great memories... And don't count me out yet, I think you'll still see me around.

Popularity Planner

Starting November 30th

FRIDAY

- >> 2:00 p.m. in the C-Shop: **Guerilla Recruitment Meeting**
- >> 4:15 p.m. in the C-Shop: **RAB**
- >> 9:00 p.m. at Wellness Center : **Friday Night Events/ Chem Free Parties**

SATURDAY

- >> 6:00 p.m. in Mills Kitchen: **Vegan Potluck**
- >> 11: 00 p.m. in the Dance Space: **DIV**

SUNDAY

- >> 1:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center: **Studying On a Lazy Afternoon**
- >> 6:00 p.m. Antioch Environmental Center: **AEG Meeting**

MONDAY

- >> 8:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center: **The Icharus Project**

TUESDAY

- >> 8:00 a.m. in Main Building Conference Room: **AdCil**
- >> 3:00 p.m. in McGregor 113: **Community Meeting**
- >> 7:00 p.m. in the Philosophy Lounge in Main Building: **Dialogia**
- >> 7:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center: **Radical Crafting**
- >> 10:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center: **Story Time**

WEDNESDAY

- >> 12:00 p.m. in the McPhaden Room, Antioch Inn: **Campus Greening Committee**
- >> 8:30 p.m. in the Wellness Center: **Survivor's Group**

THURSDAY

- >> 3:00 p.m in the Main Building Conference Room: **ComCil**
- >> 7:00 p.m. in the Wellness Center: **Dream Group**

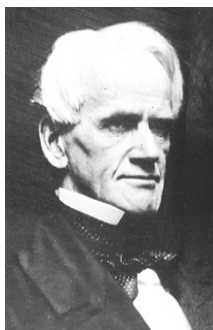
The Antioch Presidency

By James Thomas Robertson IX
and Alexander Borowicz

Horace Mann

In 1852 Horace Mann was appointed the first president of a Christian affiliated school in the United States, Antioch College. Before taking presidency Mann's work had built up quite a reputation which involved speaking out against slavery, helping to establish the First Unitarian Church, and serving as Secretary of the Board of Education. Soon after arriving at Antioch he became the target of several faculty members who felt Mann was trying to make Unitarians of the entire student body. With in the first several years of its existence Antioch College hit its first financial bump, however several Unitarian groups were able to bail the college out, which also improved Mann's image around campus.

Under Horace's presidency Antioch College was considered one of the most rigorous college educations available in the country. Mann's primary goal for Antioch College was to equally provide an education for all races and sexes. Eventually Mann's interests drove off all religious affiliation from the college. In 1859 two months before his death Mann delivered his famous quote, "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity," at that years graduation. Towards the end of his time at Antioch College financial struggles weighed heavily on Mann and his family. Mann's wife felt like the strain from the college was responsible for her husbands' death and had his body dug up and removed from campus.



Arthur Morgan

Arthur Morgan became Antioch College's eleventh president in 1920, surprisingly with very little education, only three years in high school and six weeks in college. Morgan's greatest influence on Antioch College was the creation of the industrial education program, or the current day co-op program. Morgan felt there was more to an education aside from just what is taught in the classroom, for a student gain a true education they must be able to support and take care of themselves. Morgan was able to launch Antioch College into the national spotlight by building a prominent image for the college in national press. Morgan also worked on creating an environment open to discussion and creativity by inviting demonstrators and research projects to campus, such as the Fels Institute for the Study of Human Development. The work that Morgan did during his presidency not only strengthened the college, but also attracted industry to Yellow Springs. Arthur Morgan left Antioch College in 1936 when he was offered a job by Franklin D. Roosevelt as director of the Tennessee Valley Authority.



Algo Henderson

Algo Henderson first joined Antioch in 1925 when the president at the time Arthur Morgan convinced Henderson to join the faculty as a professor of accounting. Henderson quickly started climbing the Antioch administration ladder becoming the business manager, and then dean of the college. Algo Henderson became Antioch's twelfth president in 1936, and immediately showed huge support of the college's co-op program. Henderson's careful budgeting and financial planning are credited for what brought Antioch College out of the depression. Henderson believed punishment was not the solution to campus problems, which led to the creation of Antioch's shared governance structure. By creating a board of standards incorporating the students and faculty, Henderson felt punishments would decrease as the community developed a sense of campus ethics. Algo Henderson left Antioch College to serve on President Truman's Commission on Higher Education in 1947 after nine years of presidency and 22 years total.



James Dixon

Known best for his work in the birth of the Antioch Network, later to become Antioch University, James Dixon became Antioch's president in 1959. Beginning in the early sixties, Dixon began the path towards the massive multi-campus institution Antioch was to become in the seventies. After acquiring the Putney School, a graduate education institution in Putney, Vermont, Dixon helped Antioch acquire other schools around the nation while opening several others that often in turn spawned their own offshoots. Dixon graduated from Harvard with a medical degree, and he continued to serve in various capacities regarding the health profession, including as a presidential advisor. Following a disagreement between Dixon and the Board of Trustees, Dixon stepped down as president in 1975. He continued to be active in higher education, later teaching at the University of North Carolina's School of Public Health Administration.



William Bierenbaum

William Bierenbaum came to Antioch in 1976 after working as Dean of the New School of Social Research and president of Staten Island Community College. When Bierenbaum entered presidency in 1976 he faced a steadily dropping enrollment and budget. Facing financial issues Bierenbaum's main focus was on balancing the college's retention and increasing enrollment. Even with staff, faculty, and budget cuts Bierenbaum was unable to stabilize the college's finances. In 1978 facing bankruptcy Bierenbaum merged all Antioch satellite schools and the college into Antioch University. With the creation of the University the president of Antioch College would also hold the position of Antioch University President until 1994. With his new responsibility from the creation of Antioch University, Bierenbaum was able to appoint a Chief of Operations, David Barry who held power similar to an interim president. This allowed Bierenbaum to avoid meeting that are usually required of the president, such as an ad hoc or community meeting. Bierenbaum left Antioch after 9 years of service, and a completely restructured Antioch.



Through the Ages

Alan Guskin

Coming from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside where he served as Chancellor for ten years, Alan Guskin would serve not only as president of the college, but also as Antioch University's first chancellor. After serving in the Peace Corps for three years, an organization inspired by a student group he helped form while studying at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Guskin finished his studies and later became provost of Clark University. While at Antioch, Guskin continued the consolidation of the Antioch Network. By 1994, Guskin had whittled the number of campuses down from the tens of offshoots of the seventies to the five campuses of today. Guskin instituted the federal structure to create a genuine University. He inserted himself into the newly formed position of University Chancellor. Guskin retired from the chancellorship in 1997.

Jim Crowfoot

Jim Crowfoot became president of the college in the summer of 1994. Formerly the Dean of the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Michigan, Crowfoot During his two-year tenure, Crowfoot oversaw the adoption of a new set of personnel policies, experienced the solidification of the Sexual Offense Prevention Policy, and catalyzed a curriculum revision. Unfortunately, as in most years, the college experienced heavy deficits and financial woes, including an \$800,000 deficit in 1996. In 1996, following a strong request by the Board of Trustees, Crowfoot resigned. Only months before his forced resignation, the Board decided to freeze spending at the college.

Bob Devine

One of only three Antioch College presidents to have graduated from the college, Bob Devine was appointed Acting President following the resignation of James Crowfoot in 1996. Working at Antioch on and off since the mid seventies, Devine brought national acclaim to the college's communications and media program, which he has chaired on several occasions. Outside of Antioch, Devine has worked in numerous locations in the field of film and video communications, especially within the cable access systems. Before his appointment as acting president, Devine had served for a year as Academic Dean. Devine spearheaded a fundraising campaign that brought a significant amount of money to the college during his presidency while he saw attrition drop and enrollment rise.

Joan Straumanis

Joan Straumanis had worked all over the world before coming to Antioch in 2002. From China to Egypt, and Turkey to Mexico, Straumanis participated in a variety of projects and jobs. After her appointment to the presidency of the college in 2002, Straumanis hired senior staff, took part in union renegotiations, and was part of the curriculum reform of the early '00s. In 2003, Straumanis formed the Eco League consortium of colleges, with Antioch College joining schools like Green Mountain College, Alaska Pacific University, and Northland College, among others to create a league of schools that work towards environmental initiatives and exchange students interested in environmental concerns. Following her resignation from the presidency, Straumanis worked with the Fund for the Improvement of Post-secondary Education in the US Department of Education. Straumanis currently serves as President of the Metropolitan College of New York.

Steven Lawry

Steve Lawry came to Antioch College at the beginning of January in 2006, after fourteen years of service under the Ford Foundation. Lawry entered presidency only six months after the renewal plan had been put into effect, and faced a rapidly dropping retention along with financial emergency. In order to increase retention Lawry took a stand against the "toxic culture" which he felt drove many students off. In attempt to remove the toxicity students were singled out as examples and expelled. The college's newspaper The Antioch Record also came under attack from Lawry, who felt the declassified section of the paper created a negative image of violence and fear. Students became upset over the newspapers censorship but also over the feeling Lawry was trying to tame the campus in order to attract more conservative young people. While Lawry's changes in the college were disliked by many he still gained much support by fundraising money, something the last several presidents had not taken seriously. In 2007 several days after Antioch University made the decision to close Antioch College Lawry made the announcement that he would be stepping down at the end of the year. Lawry began to publicly support Antioch College gaining a separate board from the university, however was swiftly removed from the college even though Lawry had announced his leaving.



Psychology Department Results of First-Year Study

Alaa Jahshan

Earlier this term, four researchers from the Psychology Department, conducted research on first year students throughout the semester. Christine Smith, Kelly O'Keefe, Julie Phillips and myself first involved students in a series of interviews throughout September. This was followed by surveys that Smith and I administered and analyzed in October. When reading the findings below, it is important to keep in mind variables such as the fact that these are students who came to a college with an unstable fate; In addition, they were not required to take Core classes and instead had mixed classes with upper-level students. In my narrative, I propose some explanations for these results. Readers are encouraged to draw other conclusions based on the research in the context of their own experiences.

Interviews

In mid-September, 18 first year students were interviewed. To be able to compare all the information, interviews were made up of a standard set of questions and were taped and transcribed. The results were generally consistent. In the following, five questions from the interviews are discussed.

Although the amount of information students had about Antioch College before coming was different, many said they knew Antioch to be liberal, progressive, and having a close knit community. One student said, "It seemed like a really creative place to be with a lot of interesting people." Their expectations were met yet were still slightly different. Things were more complicated on campus but for the most part it was, "everything and more" they expected it to be.

The majority of first years who came to campus were hooked on Antioch right away. Many decided this was the right college for them during prospective student visits and upon receiving acceptance letters. For them Antioch clearly was their first choice. "It was pretty much given that, if I got accepted, I was going," one student said, reflecting a typical response of interviewed first year students.

"People" and "campus community" came up most frequently, as the most appealing features of Antioch, followed by a "beautiful campus", "interesting classes," and "small environment."

"Everybody is so open and friendly and accepting," another student responded. This information brings up the question of how come classes are not at the top. Then again, it may reaffirm other research in psychology, that social relationships are the greatest predictors of satisfaction.

A significant majority of the students said they were sure to stay, if the college was to remain open. They explained their attachment to Antioch based on reasons listed above and stated their love for the college regardless of the added stress and commotion as a result of the uncertain future of the college. If Antioch was to suspend operations, many students will prepare to continue their college careers at other institutions. This shows us that these are students energized about getting a B.A. degree.

When asked to talk about their thoughts on campus climate and campus politics, there were responses ranging from "interesting" to "overwhelming." "Campus politics are so confusing," one interviewee stated. "I wish I knew better all the key players on campus." Words like "tense" and "intense" came up frequently and students generally expressed a mix of

emotions. Some had difficulty understanding current events regarding the college ("I think uncertainty is the best way to describe the campus") others wished to be more involved ("I honestly feel left out of a lot of it"). Although these interviews were in September, it poses questions about responsibility of others in the community. One could ask, for example, whether these responses discern neglect of first years, or if these sort of uncertainties are typical of a first year experience.

Surveys

The following looks at significant findings from a survey that 28 first years took in late October. This annual survey that began last year consists of 60 prompts, which students respond to from a scale of 1 to 5 (strongly disagree to strongly agree) and two free response questions. This year and last year's averages are compared. In Figure 1, the averages of two genders are shown from both years that the survey was conducted.

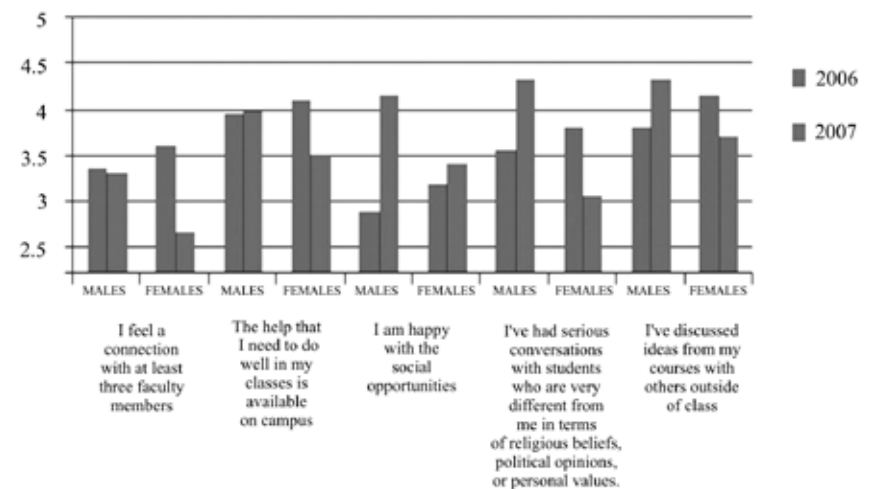
Overall first year experiences have been slightly better than last year's. This year, first years are more satisfied with their decision to attend Antioch and their experiences have been more positive. They also find courses they are taking more challenging and they feel stronger about their educational needs being met. This could be because there were no Cores this semester and students that came to campus this year were more motivated to be here because of save-Antioch events.

Their relationships with professors, on the other hand, this year have been generally more negative than last year, although still on the positive side. Compared to last year, students feel significantly less connected with at least three professors and their academic advisors have not made as much an effort to help them with their education, students said. In addition, scores indicated they feel slightly less treated respectfully by professors. Outcomes were still positive.

Although first year students are slightly happier with the social opportunities this year, results show a greater need for social opportunities. Students last year wanted more opportunities to work with upper-level students. For this year's incoming students, the opportunity to take courses with upperclassmen may have bridged the gap that last year's class struggled with. In addition, shared hardship and organizing in the ongoing effort to save Antioch increased social cohesion.

When rating the attitudes of their fellow students, this year's students perceive their peers to be less negative and more satisfied with the campus climate. Students that entered this fall, overall scored lower on the prompt "I am thinking about leaving," yet results show they think that more of the people around them are thinking about leaving. Again, first

Figure 1: Average scores of responses to five survey prompts of Males and Females in 2006 and 2007
Generally, scores fluctuate more in females and tend to be more negative.



years this year are more motivated to be here and judging from the interviews in the beginning of the semester, most of them were planning on staying. It is important to keep in mind, however, that these studies were conducted earlier on in the semester and more recent developments in regards to future operations at the college might have affected student perspectives.

It is interesting to look at the two free responses. In response to, "What aspects of Antioch do you enjoy the most?" there is a greater focus on other students, classes and faculty; for example, a student listed "fellow Antiochians and interactions with like-minded independent thinkers." In response to, "What ways can we improve first years students' education?" answers included having more classes, professors and contact with upper level students. Interestingly, eight out of 20 responses regarded first year's relationships with upper classmen.

In addition, the research attempted to find factors that strongly correlated with students feeling satisfied with their decision to attend or their wish to leave. It is important to remember that correlation studies do not imply causation; it only shows which variables are related. Out of the four significant correlations that were found, two of the strong correlations had to do with upper-level students. The more negative the interactions with upperclassmen, the more likely the student is thinking about leaving. The wish to stay or leave is linked to seeing upper-level students as positive role models. This again is associated with them being satisfied with their decision to attend. Other correlations are shown in figure 2.

Overall, students in the beginning of their first year experience at Antioch, then still scheduled to close, was highly positive. The majority found courses to be challenging and campus atmosphere appealing. In light of continuing uncertainty after the October Trustees meeting that was expected to be a turning point, and increasing word of mouth that students are considering their options, it would be informative to conduct this research again at this point in the term.

Figure 2: Strongest Negative or Positive correlations of four survey prompts to satisfaction with attending and thinking about leaving. A positive correlation indicates that as one variable increases, the other increases as well. A negative correlation indicates that as one increases, the other decreases.

	I am satisfied with my decision	I am thinking about leaving
Interactions with upper level students has been positive		Negative
Antioch students are too negative		Positive
I feel comfortable expressing opinions that are not in the norm	Positive	Negative
I see the upper level students as positive role models	Positive	Negative

REAL WORLD NEWS

P R E S I D E N T I A L P R O F I L E S

REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

I Heart (Mike) Huckabee: The Republican Response to Bill Clinton

By Zachary Gallant

I Like Mike. There. I said it. He's a Republican. And I can't help liking him. I don't like anything he believes in. I don't agree with any of his policies. I hate all that he stands for. But damned if I don't want to grab a beer with the guy and shoot the shit. Romney is tempting me to vote for him because of his history with economics and business and his ability to create positive growth in the American economy, but I don't like him. But Mike Huckabee, The Boy From Hope: Part Deux, is just a generally likeable person with some great one-liners and good old-fashioned down home charm.



And that's what scares me most. Just like George Bush, but with less money and more charm, Mike Huckabee is the most electable candidate by middle America. He simultaneously leads the pack in wit and restraint, mixing insult with honor in a very respectable way. While he is perfectly willing to attack with quick one-liners in debates and in person, notably attacking John Edwards' \$800

haircut or Mitt Romney's employment of illegal labor on his home as a rebuttal to an attack on his immigration stance, he is strongly against attack ads and swiftboating in media, pledging to keep his campaign clean and asking his colleagues in the Republican primary to do the same.

He is a powerful populist. Though certainly he'll never match up to the man's charisma, Huckabee's southern tones and accents bring a certain Clintonesque charm that his more affluent and recognizable counterparts simply can't match, just like Bill did his first time around. Complaining that his second-tier status came from the field being "ruled by candidates with the biggest names and the fattest purses," Huckabee brings up campaign finance and the corruption of the electoral system as a main issue in the campaign. A former preacher, Huckabee shores up the blind-faith conservatives with his outright dismissal of evolution and his clear and concise explanation of the pro-life platform. And while his ethics play wonderfully in the moderate to liberal sector, his endorsement by general badass Chuck Norris, who calls Huckabee "The Real Deal," will ensure the loyalty of the law and order voters. Seriously, I'd drop out of the race if I were up against a guy endorsed by Chuck Norris for my own safety.

Rarely breaking double-digit support in any polls, Huckabee remains a strangely viable Dark Horse, and at very least the top choice for Vice President on any Republican Ticket. If George Bush grew a spine and a capacity for witty dialogue, he'd be Mike Huckabee, and he'd be unstoppable. And as impressed and frightened as I am by Mike's potential to turn the tides in this election, I'm even more impressed by his ability to put me at ease and think, "Maybe it'll be ok if he does..."

And that's what a great politician looks like.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

Bill Richardson The Man with the Experience

As Americans we hope that all Presidential hopefuls have the experience and that is all Bill Richardson has. I speak, of course, of New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson. For the only Hispanic person to hold one of the nation's governorships -- and in a border state to boot -- 2008 will be either the best time to run for president, or the worst.

Richardson would have to be considered a serious contender, no matter what his ethnicity. He's got the goods. Having served as a member of Congress, a Cabinet secretary and U.N. ambassador, Richardson also has the benefit of being a governor in a Democratic field likely to be chock-full of senators, in a country where voters haven't elected a senator to the presidency since 1960. He won reelection this year with 69 percent of the vote.

And now to the question at hand: Is 2008 the best or the worst of times for Richardson to run for president? The answer depends on what happens this year, in Washington and around the country, with regard to one issue: immigration. A Democratic-controlled Congress might approve comprehensive reform that includes a path to legal residency for illegal immigrants.

Richardson has been pushing for just such an outcome, including lobbying members of Congress during a recent trip to Washington. "I'm urging Democrats to take on immigration reform and to put it in the top tier of priorities, say in the top five, or else it'll never happen," he told me.

Richardson said his fear is that if Congress continues to duck this issue, local enforcement measures will take over and then "it's going to get ugly."

One thing that Richardson thinks is already pretty ugly is anything resembling a wall along the border. He said so recently when he called on Congress to scuttle plans to construct 700 miles of new fencing. "They passed this bill for this stupid fence, this horrendous symbol," he said. "It's not fully funded. It's

so unpopular and not just with Hispanics. The border states hate it, business leaders hate it. It was this terrible vote in the last session, and it was just to convince voters they were serious, but it backfired on the extremists if you look at the election returns."

If immigration takes center stage, it could convince people that what they really need in 2008 is a president who is well-versed on the issue and all it entails.

That's Richardson. His mother was born in Mexico, and his father was an American businessman. Richardson was raised in Mexico City before going off to prep



school in Massachusetts and then earning college and graduate degrees at Tufts University. Being of two worlds -- bilingual, bicultural and binational -- he is well-suited to introduce one to the other.

On the other hand, if the anti-illegal-immigrant backlash continues in many communities around the country -- and continues to morph, as it has been, into an anti-Hispanic backlash -- Richardson could spend half the campaign trying to convince those with closed minds and hair-trigger prejudices that his loyalty lies with the United States and not with Mexico.

This should ring a bell. In 1960, a Roman Catholic named John F. Kennedy spent a lot of time trying to convince protestant voters that, if elected president, he wouldn't take orders from the Vatican. Nearly a half-century later, we can shake our heads at how ridiculous it was to even ask the question -- one grounded in ignorance and bigotry.

PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFS BY BRYAN UTLEY

Kucinich: In an interesting move current Democratic Presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich (D, OH) announced if nominated he would pick Republican Congressman Ron Paul to be his VP running mate. They both are adamantly opposed to the Iraq war and pro civil liberties. Paul's people were quick to reject his proposition citing that the two candidates differ on issues like abortion, taxes, and healthcare.

Edwards: In an interesting turn Democratic Presidential hopeful John Edwards called for the end of the Don't Ask Don't Tell policy in the military. In a letter written the Human Rights Campaign Edwards said "It is long past time to end the military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy and to allow openly gay men and women to serve in the military. This is an issue of fundamental fairness and our military ought to treat everyone fairly. 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' did not become wrong. It was always wrong."

GOP: Senator Trent Lott (R, MS) announced Tuesday that he will be retiring before the end of this year. Lott is the current Senate Minority Whip and has 35 years under his belt. Ironically he will be retiring just in time for him to be eligible to become a lobbyist. Effective January 1st 2008 it will be illegal for former legislators to become lobbyist.

The Other Side of Love

Anal sex is the topic of some confusion and intrigue among many sexually active people. Here are my answers to a few common questions.

Why would somebody want to do that? Doesn't it hurt?

First of all, if it's done properly it DOES NOT HURT. In fact, anal penetration can be pleasurable in a number of ways. The anus (the butt opening controlled by sphincter muscles) is loaded with sensitive nerve endings. Stimulation of the anus, by fingers, mouth, dildo, butt plug, or penis can feel extremely pleasant and exciting. Similar to vaginal penetration, many people enjoy the feeling of fullness that results from anal penetration. Other people describe a feeling of tension and release that comes with anal penetration, sort of like the satisfaction of a healthy poop. An element of anal sex that I find exciting is something that can only be experienced on a "female" body. The wall of tissue between the colon and the vaginal canal is thin enough that if you put a (gloved) finger in the butt and one in the vagina you can feel each finger with the other through that wall of tissue. A dildo (etc.) penetrating the anus while a different dildo (or other object) penetrates the vagina will press against the object inside the vagina, pushing it harder against the front of the vaginal wall and the G-Spot. In male-bodied people, the prostate can be accessed through the butt, the stimulation of which can be extremely pleasurable. For this reason, the prostate is sometimes referred to as the P-Spot.

In addition to being physically pleasurable, there are other reasons for a person to want to engage in anal sex. Some people find that being penetrated makes them feel vulnerable and/or empowered in a way that they desire, and that may be the only (or only available) hole a person has in which to be penetrated. Further, some people define sex as the act of penetration, and, again, that may be the only (available) hole a person has in which to be penetrated. Clearly, too, anal sex is considered to be taboo in our culture (it's even illegal in some places). The act of breaking a taboo can contribute to feelings of excitement and increased arousal due to the perception that the act is secret, dangerous, wild, etc. Also, breaking a taboo with a partner or partners can help bring you closer together, as breaking a "rule" or trying something new together can be a unifying bonding experience. Some people may want to access the characterization of anal sex as "dirty" or "slutty" for purposes of role play or (consensual) power play.

Isn't it dangerous, though? What about germs?

It isn't really dangerous. I won't lie to you: there is a certain germ factor, and, for some



people, a certain grossness factor, that comes along with the possibility of encountering poop. The grossness factor is something you just have to, well, get over. I remember reading an article on anal sex once that advised the reader to just accept that they would encounter poop. You actually won't always, but if you do, so what? It'd not like you've never seen poop before. In terms of the danger, though, routine safer sex practices will protect you the same as they do for other sex acts. Use condoms, gloves and dental dams for all the sex you have. You are still dealing with sex organs that can receive or carry STIs, so be safe.

The potential danger of anal sex comes from the thinness of the wall of the colon. It is much thinner than the vaginal wall or other skin. Because it is so thin, it tears more easily and absorbs things (like viruses) into the bloodstream more effectively. Again, though, this is not a problem if you are using the proper barriers (like condoms) and also using plenty of lube. The ass is not self-lubricating, so do not be afraid to go overboard on the bottled lube.

I'm ready to try anal sex...but what do I do?

If it's your ass that will be receiving the attention, and you're feeling a little self-conscious, I recommend you start with an anal-prep shower. Take a nice hot shower, soap up a finger with a very short, well-manicured (I like to call it "lesbian-manicured") fingernail on it, and stick it into your butt, and then rinse your butt really well. It's a way to wash away any residue that toilet paper might have missed, as well as a little bit of a private warm-up for the upcoming activities.

When it's time to get down to business, make sure that you are properly turned on first. Watch porn, engage in foreplay, or think sexy thoughts. If you are trying this with a partner, try first experimenting with rimming, which is oral-anal sex. Be sure to use a dental dam for this, preferably with a little lube on the ass side (not the

mouth side). It can be difficult to use a dental dam over butt cheeks, so experiment with holding and stretching the dental dam in different ways.

When you are ready to try penetration, start small and go slow. Use a finger or a slim butt plug, lube it up (and/or your anus) and just press it to the opening, barely pushing it inside. If your ass wants it, it will open up and actually kind of "suck" the object inside in a contracting or "winking" motion. Let your butt and the object cooperate and meet each other half-way. Never force something inside. Continue to slowly push the object in and suck the object in until it's where you want it. Keep adding lube as you go. When you're ready, you can try moving faster, going deeper, adding another finger, or switching to a bigger toy. Apply lube often. If it hurts or just won't go, you can slow down or stop and try another time. Next time, try a different position, a thicker lube, or try to mentally think about relaxing and opening your anus. If you are doing this with one or more partners, you and your partner(s), as always, have to communicate. Check in with each other. Ask questions. Give directions. Say when to give more, when to slow down, when to stop, when to go faster, when to go bigger.

If it's not working, though, it's not working, and you shouldn't try to make it work. Nina Hartley says, "No one knows a liar like your ass." That is to say, no amount of time and lube can make you or your butt do something one or both of you doesn't want to do. It will only work if you really really want it.

Another word of caution: If you are using a toy for anal penetration, it MUST have a flared base. Your intestines are a long and winding maze and things can get sucked up and lost in them, which will result in an uncomfortable (in more ways than one) trip to the ER. A handle on the end is also useful, but a flared base is an uncompromisable necessity.

So – start slow, use lots of lube, listen to your body, communicate with partners, and use toys with flared bases. Anal sex can be fun, exiting and bring your sex life to new heights. So give it a try!

Lusting for You,
Levi B.

They Too Were Once Young

Every week, an Antioch faculty member remembers their college years

By James Thomas Robertson the Ninth



Dennie Eagleson

Associate Professor of Photography

Where were you when you were 20?

Antioch College.

What kind of student were you?

I really drifted here for a while, at first I wanted to be a teacher. I wasn't very focused, but I loved co-op. That is what got me through the first three years of my experience here. I loved being in the world and testing myself. I found my focus and passion when I was on co-op. When I came back with that I was a very engaged student. Finding myself in the part was what grounded me, and made me become a successful learner. Before that I had focus or idea of what I was doing.

Were there any faculty here at Antioch you feel influenced you?

I would say Karen Shirley the ceramics professor supported me enormously, and gave me a lot space to do the work I wanted to do. I didn't have a lot of relationships with other faculty at that point. There were just a lot of students here, I think almost 1,000 on campus at a time. There were some amazing professors here at the time, I just never connected with them.

Were there any books you remember reading?

I was trying to think of the very influential books for me and the first one that pops up is M.C. Richard's Centering. Which is sort of about Zen and centering clay on a wheel, like it was all one. I was also very involved in the diaries of Anaïs Nin, until she became very self-indulgent.

What movies came out then?

I vividly remember going to see Space Odyssey 2001. It was huge at that time to go and experience that dimension of reality. There were a lot of French and foreign film played on campus. I can't remember the name of the woman who was so influential, but there was a very strong film community back then. There were many student films from then that made an impact on my mind.

As a past student what would you say the biggest change at Antioch has been?

The size of the student population, definitely. Quality, character, and the creativity of the students hasn't changed. I have experienced Antioch in many different time slices. Now that I have been here for 20 years it's easy to see the similarities, passions, and vitality of Antioch students, and really it's just a matter of scale. Back when I was here there were like 10 ceramic majors and 40 art majors, which is really different than having just three art majors in a year. There were performances all the time, just because there were more people to do it.

Pillow Talk at Antioch

Amorous Alumni tell their tale

By Kelly O'Keefe

Ty and I met a few different times during my first term at Antioch, but we really started talking at Black and Tan over a few free cups of whiskey (with a dash of generic cola added for taste.) Ty was in his third year, and it was exciting to talk to a bigshot upperclassman that I'd had a crush on since I entered.

Although I pushed for my own dorm room, being 24 upon entering, Ty and I became inseparable and he moved in to my room soon after. We considered ourselves the big brother and sister of the Bingle dwellers, and had a ton of fun with them. We consoled breakups, gave advice when we could, and prepped our hall before parties with pre-party ne-

cessities. We stayed on campus during one winter break, enjoying the solace of the quiet and my cozy room, but we definitely took comfort in the late-night giggles upon the return of our neighbors. (You know who you are...)

After Ty graduated at the end of that year we moved out of Bingle 322 (which I argue is the best room on campus, but Ty argues takes a second to Willet 5 years ago,) and into an apartment downtown. We adopted a puppy named Spencer, got engaged in 2006 and were recently married in September.

Our wedding was the most beautiful and important day of our lives, and not just because we were able to commit to each other and have a huge party in honor of, well, ourselves. It was amazing because we both believe that we are, in part, products of those who have loved and supported us throughout our lives, and we were able to thank those people and include them in our ceremony. We were married in the Glen Helen, which we both found important because it meant not only supporting the nature preserve but holding the ceremony at Antioch, where we met. In a beautiful

ceremony created and delivered by Levi Cowperthwaite we attributed our meeting and growth to Antioch College, as well as our belief in love as fluid and ungended, constantly changing and always a working part of our larger community.

On the list of our common goals and themes that we've committed to for our lives together, such as Agape, lifelong learning and friendship, we've placed Antioch College. It's the place that we met, it's the central theme in the formation of our values and educational goals, and we commit to supporting the true Antioch and it's values for the rest of our lives.



The Darjeeling Express

By Marysia Walcerz

In Wes Anderson's new film, *The Darjeeling Limited*, he endows his characters with 11 pieces of bulky matching luggage that they drag with them throughout the movie. It's easy to see where he got the inspiration for that particular motif – Wes must have needed at least twice as much baggage to move all of his retro-60s aesthetics, hyper-stylized characters, signature slow-motion shots, poignantly melancholic music and dry, dead-pan delivery all the way to India.

The *Darjeeling Limited* follows the adventures of three brothers who have been reluctantly reunited with each other since their estrangement following the death of their father. The eldest, played by Owen Wilson (whose bandages do little to disguise his association with *Shanghai Knights*) directs the trip under the premise of “spiritual enlightenment,” complete with a detailed schedule of



holy sites and timed revelations. Adrien Brody and Jason Schwartzman make up the trio, each bringing in their own unique brand of neuroticism to the eponymous train that's whisking them from revelation to revelation.

I like to think Wes Anderson made *Darjeeling* just a little self-consciously. After all, he includes a character that has his ideal sad-yet-romantic song cued up on his iPod, just waiting to deploy itself into the perfect moment. Anderson's films are made up of a string of those perfect moments where every aspect of his shot comes together to produce a particular feeling. When it gets to be the same mix of nostalgia and poignancy tinged irony over and over again, though, you've got to start praying that the director will take a step back and realize how many OTHER emotions exist -annoyance, for one.

In short, the film reminded me too much of Wes Anderson himself-smug, overly precious, and trying just a little too hard for that note of dry whimsy that should come naturally. Fans of his will go wild for it.

Declassifieds

Trees without their leaves,
Sunshining on Main Building
Hurrray Antioch!

Bowie to Bowie to Bowie,
are you far out?

Elephants of the world:
UNITE!

Ma Brown Congrats! YOU did it!

From Grendle to community: you are loud, I want to cry :(

Nicole Bayani is the hottest girl on campus

I would like to live in a world where science and logic work. It's a matter of faith

The way your hair covers your gaze when it doesn't fall on me makes me long for the love that we can never share

Mahina, let's be friends

Nicole Bayani-I'm going to miss you. Please stay!

Dear Gaelle Bakhounin
I am incredibly glad to have met you this term and am very proud that you are my doppelganger

You: By dread I'm inspired, By fear I'm amused. Exalt, these last few days are precious. we are golden. And poised for greatness. [heart] Night-crawler

Dearest Shauna, Thanks for making thanksgiving so much fun! [heart]
Emma

Dear kelsey, Don't know what I'd do with out you [heart] Emma

Thanks for hitting on me. -sexually frustrated senior

There is a fine line between discussions on privilege and racism. Just because we're white or straight doesn't mean we should be judged by it. We did not choose our race,

sex or ethnicity either and reverse racism is still hate

No one is innocent.

Dear Paulie, Where the fuck is my fucking water bottle? love, ringo

Dear anyone who hosts an event on Tuesdays, I apologize for saying that story time is everyone's favorite event on Tuesdays. Those tuesday events other than my own, like my own are wonderful. That wasn't cool of me to make that joke, sorry, please know I support your events too.
-Rachel

To Ringo and [the new] George,

I had many tickets ride, on various airplanes, And while I was away you called me everyday and I sent all my zombie to you. But now I've gotten back, I've gotten back to where I belong. And I'm back at the A-N, back at the A-N-T-I-O-C-H! So yeah thank you for making this such a wonderful term for me, both while I've been on

Vegan Recipe of the Week

By Sally Bell Alper

Levi's Sicky Soup

Great for the winter sniffles.

Ingredients:

- 1 package firm tofu, cubed
- Nutritional Yeast
- Vegetable Oil
- 4 diced carrots
- 4 stalks of celery, diced
- 1 bunch of roughly chopped kale
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 head of garlic, minced
- Salt and Black Pepper
- Cayenne Pepper
- 6-8 cups vegetable stock

Preparation:

In skillet fry tofu in vegetable oil, season with salt, black pepper, cayenne pepper, and nutritional yeast. Set aside.

In the bottom of a large stock pot, sauté carrots, celery, kale, and onion in vegetable oil till the onions are almost translucent. Add garlic and sauté for one more minute. Stir in salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper to taste. Add vegetable stock and tofu, simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Serve hot with a good movie.

Horoscopes

by MARYSIA WALCERZ

Birthday - You're all for holiday leftovers, but you may be forced to draw the line at turkey birthday cake this week.

Aries - Try to avoid the pitfalls life will bring you this week. Or at least start carrying rope when you go walking in the Glen.

Taurus - Your television withdrawal will leave you with cold sweats and severe cramping this week. But don't worry- it's never lupus.

Gemini - Fight negativity! Use a flamethrower!

Cancer - The freezing weather will give you the opportunity you've always wanted to put your immune system through a rigorous, no holds barred reevaluation period. Whether or not you end up replacing it with a cybernetic one is up to you.

Leo - Better and brighter things are on the horizon . Such as the sun.

Virgo - As fun as it is to rip out the hearts of others, the stars suggest a slightly less passive approach this week. Look into Miracle Blades- on sale at the hardware store now!

Libra - You'll be picked up on suspicion of potential loitering in town this week on your way to commit a violent crime, which would disappoint the local police terribly if they only knew.

Scorpio - Although heavy escapism is tempting at a time like this, just try to imagine the look on your friends faces when you're caught with thirty packets of lime Jello and a live raccoon.

Sagittarius - In honor of your birthday, celebrate with a long night of deep personal introspection and meditation on your future. It's only traditional to get bitterly depressed before starting to drink.

Capricorn - A new brand of deodorant will release super powers of social competence and sudden availability of friends you never knew you had until this week.

Aquarius - Your one-man-band one-man-tour will be forcibly cancelled this week by friends and loved ones who aren't willing to take even the slightest responsibility for releasing that kind of suffering on the world.

Pisces - You may think this week is stressful, but we guarantee you'll look back on it with fondness and longing from the fresh hell next week will bring.

All horoscopes are guaranteed accurate to the fullest extent of the law. If you feel your horoscope is in error, please contact Mish in Mills 219 for a full refund.

Question of the Week

With James Tommy Robertson the Ninth

How has the Big Olive influenced you while at Antioch?

"It has made me less afraid of the dark basement stacks, now I love them"
Cici, 4th Year



"Bumper cars with book trolleys in the isles"
Bryan, 3rd Year



"It made me fascinated with the concept of outdated literature"
Paul, 2nd Year



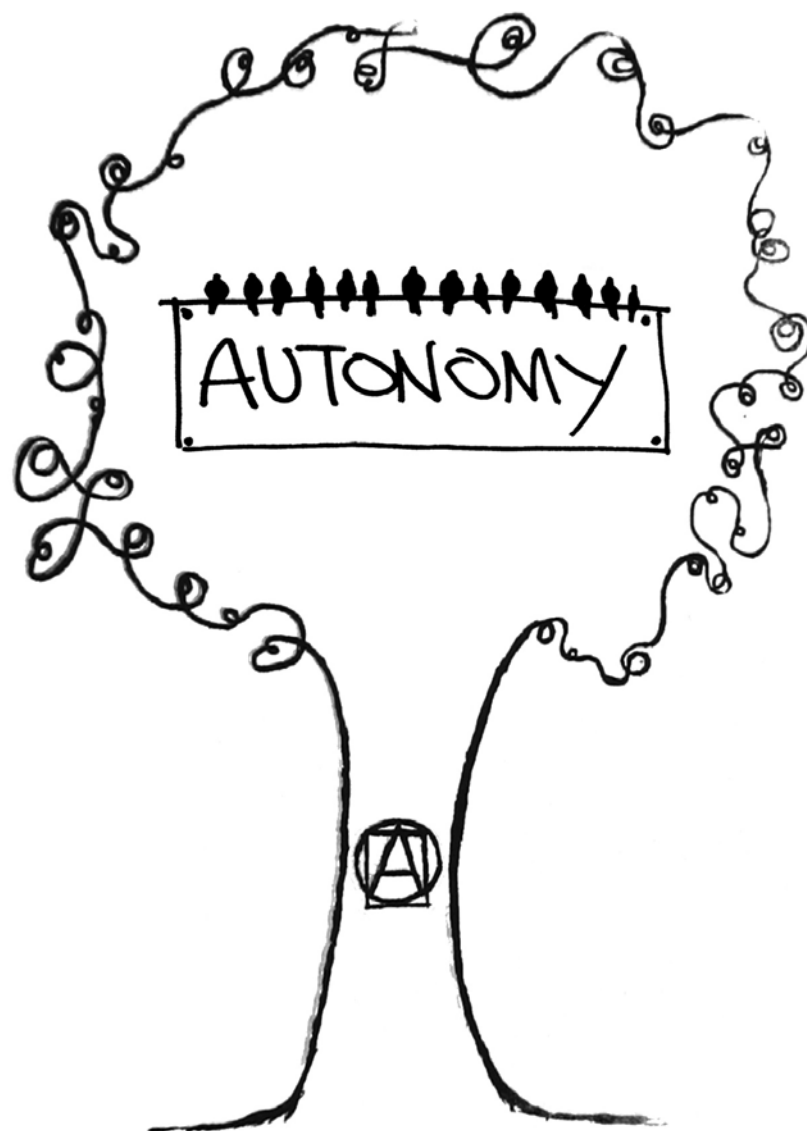
"I lost my virginity in the stacks"
The Masked Squatter, 2nd Year



"It's how I will pass Research Methods for Hassan"
Julian, 4th Year



"That's where Mahina and I fell in love and I did all of my homework for the last three terms there"
Nicole, 4th Year



ANTIOCH COLLEGE ACTION NETWORK

The Antioch College Action Network is an independent collective of students, faculty, staff, alumni, villagers and friends of the college. We are in the process of building a strong, sustainable, directly democratic structure. Sign on to this statement for updates on getting involved.

To truly reverse its closure, Antioch College needs to begin acting like it's open, and begin building on its vibrant academic foundation to grow into a healthy, self-sufficient institution.

To make this happen, **Antioch must immediately:**

- ✦ establish the College Advisory Board and invest it with real authority, including hiring a College President
- ✦ remove internal barriers and begin recruiting and admitting new and transfer students for Fall '08
- ✦ restore tenure and remove the threat of firing that hangs over faculty and staff
- ✦ maintain all academic and support services during renovations
- ✦ hold leadership accountable for past decisions and statements
- ✦ ensure an open and participatory decision making process
- ✦ guarantee a commitment from leadership to operate on principles of openness and honesty
- ✦ have leaders committed to the turnaround of Antioch College
- ✦ call for respect in communications from all university officials so the College's already challenging task isn't made more difficult

If you support this message, please lend your name to the cause by signing on to this statement at
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