Tennis sweeps La Sierra 6-3

BY: NATALYA KOSTANDOVA

This past weekend, the laurels of victory narrowly missed Snatch, the Women’s Frisbee Team, which came in close second at the UCLA Invitational Frisbee Tournament. Competing against eight other teams in this two-day undertaking, the women played against six of the teams, losing only to UCLA, which emerged as the winner.

“The whole team stepped up and played very well and I was very excited that we were seeded second. I think we did a really good job this weekend,” said Veronica Poulin.

Indeed, the team did more than a good job; although most of the teams in the tournament were of the B level, Snatch defeated all but one of its competitors with a considerably large margin.

Although the circumstances of this tournament were much more pleasant and predictable than those of last week’s UC Santa Barbara Invitational, with sunshine showering the players instead of incessant mud, the tournament was still filled with injuries. During the game against UCLA B, Katherine Poulin dislocated her shoulder, Lizzy Trower hyper extended her knee, and Taiala Carvallo was hit in her nose, broken just last weekend during the Santa Barbara tourney. The three, however, refused to let their injuries keep them from playing, and quickly came back into the game.

Although some of the games had been less than even, with many of the teams playing on a much lower level than Snatch, the game against Cal Poly had its high moments. After scoring the first couple points, Snatch allowed Cal Poly to tear ahead, yet was able to regroup and gain back the lead.

“It was a really good game for us,” commented Katherine Poulin on the semi-final game against Cal Poly.

“We’d played them before, we know they are a very tough team. We started strong and we continued playing strongly the whole game, and that was a highlight [of the tournament] for us.”

Snatch defeated the USC B team 13-3, Claremont B 13-6, Occidental 13-1, Berkeley B 13-6, and Cal Poly (SLO) 11-6, losing to UCLA with a close score of 7-11.

Although the season has just started, much can be expected from Snatch, as it had placed well above its seed in Santa Barbara last week in addition to this week’s impressive performance.

“I hope that we continue to come together as a team. We have very nice team dynamics forming and everybody has a role on the team,” said Poulin. Snatch will travel to Las Vegas this weekend to compete in the Trouble in Vegas tournament.

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USC B: W, 13-3
Claremont B: W, 13-0
Occidental: W, 13-1
UC Berkeley B: W, 13-6
Cal Poly: W, 11-6
UCLA B: L, 11-7

Women’s frisbee takes second at UCLA
Caltech’s 2007 Alcohol and Drug Survey Approaches

BY: JANE CURTIS

The purpose of the Caltech Alcohol and Drug Survey (CADS) is to gather accurate information about current alcohol and drug usage rates, and related areas of interest. The Health Educator will use the CADS data to develop educational programs and services to meet students’ needs. The results of the survey will be shared with students after the data has been analyzed. All currently registered students will be invited to take the survey between February 12-28, 2007. You will receive an email from SurveyMonkey.com February 12th with an embedded link.

By completing the survey, students will be entered into a random drawing to win one of 10 individual prizes. There is also a cash prize for the undergraduate house that receives the highest response rate, and a cash prize for the house with the highest response rate for second and third place. Students who take the survey will receive a copy of the survey question is being asked and the Health Educator will determine which house has the highest response rate for the general cash prize. To ensure confidentiality, this question will be removed and ID numbers will be replaced with codes to protect students’ identities. All student information will be anonymous and confidential.

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Readers can contact Jane Curtis, Health Educator, at jcurtis@caltech.edu, healtheducation.caltech.edu or phone 788-2660 for more information.

Afternoon Delight: Jane Curtis’s Sex at Noon Program

BY: JANE CURTIS

It’s February… Valentine’s Day is just around the corner, and love is in the air. Last year, the Women’s Center Healthy Relationships Coalition (HRC), Vickie Pon and Jane Curtis, Health Educator, are providing their interactive and informative evening that large law firms would be helping to represent suspects held at Guantánamo Bay free of charge and suggested that those lawyers were “very few from whom- knows-where.”

Stimson’s resignation came after the Bush administration worked to distance itself from amid a wave of public outrage.

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In a Jan. 11 radio interview, Stimson that “I think, quite honestly, when corporate CEOs see that those firms are representing very terrifying people who hit their bottom line back in 2001, those CEOs know those law firms choose between representing terrorists or reputable firms.”

Stimson also called it “shock- ing” that large law firms would represent suspects held at Guantánamo Bay free of charge and suggested that those lawyers were “very few from whom- knows-where.”

The small devices portrayed a circuit board, and were placed in the Horizons. They better serve students, so please invest the 20 minutes to take the survey.

Your name or e-mail addresses will never be associated with your responses. Students will be assigned a unique ID number in order for the secure server to manage your online survey input. The undergraduate house affiliation question is being asked so that Education and Health can determine which house has the highest response rate for the general cash prize. To ensure confidentiality, this question will be removed and ID numbers will be replaced with codes to protect students’ identities. All student information will be anonymous and confidential.

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Respectfully Submitted, Vickie Pon

ASCIT Board of Directors
Minutes of the Olive Walk
Wednesday, January 31, 2007

Present Officers: Chris Gonzales, Vickie Pon, RJ Krom, Craig Montuori, Chris Watson, Nate Can, Phil Chen, Chandra Barnett

Guests: Mike Grindolfs, Chris Klien

1. Alumni Board Meeting Recap

* Gonzon went to the Alumni Board Meeting last weekend. He said he got to talk to President Thomas in person while he was there. “He really likes students.”

* Craig mentioned that people are thinking of bringing back the Honor Keys that used to be given to students once a year for good acts of public service. Bringing back the Honor Keys hasn’t really been talked about at the meetings since 2000. It seemed that the alums from the 80’s loved them.

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ASCIT Secretary
Senior Class Co-Presidents
Maria Gutowski and Sarah Stidham

Ryan Bogner and Sonia Tikoo

CELTIC EXTREME!
Leaving Caltech is a good thing, however, I know that transporta-
tion is a huge concern. We can provide for this by creating a spe-
cial program to help you with your travel costs. I think that this
will be a great opportunity for you to travel and see the world.

Marin is a CS major and Sarah is a chem-
istry major, and we’re both mem-
bers of Ricketts. Now that you
have our pictures, you can come
hunt us down and tell us your great
ideas about the class trip or the
class gift. We promise we’ll listen.

Maria was a member of the Rick-
etts social team and Sarah was the
Ricketts prefrosh representative, so
we’ve both had experience dealing
with the administration. We don’t
claim to have a lot of experience,
but we think it will be enough.

We have a few ideas for the se-
niere class trip that we think you’ll
be excited about. Our best plan in-
cudes a day at the beach, followed
by a sunset cruise and dinner. Re-
gardless of what the senior trip is,
however, we know that transporta-
tion is a huge concern. We think
that we can provide for this by cre-
ating a program to help you with your travel costs.

If elected, we will work to get
just that person. Finally, organiz-
ing a senior trip that is enjoyable,
and really closes off our experience
here, is high on our to-do list. If
elected, we will listen to what you
have to say, and we will always
keep the senior’s best interests in
mind. I know Nathan and I will
make a great team that will defi-
nitely get the job done.

Meghan

Ryan Bogner is a Chemical Engineering major and a true
Caltechie-he graduated here in 2003. He has been to many
places all over the world, and has met many people. He
returned to Caltech this year to work as a graduate student.

Sonia Tikoo is a graduate student in the Chemistry Depart-
ment at Caltech. She has worked as a lab assistant, and
has done many experiments. She has also been involved in
many events at Caltech, and has many friends here.

Both of us have been on Caltech’s Intercollegiate sports
teams. Ryan has been on the baseball team for three years,
and Sonia has been a member of the Student Athletic Council.

We promise to work hard to make sure that the senior
class together. We will also try to give the senior class a
larger say in the decision, but we sincerely hope to change
that.

Okay, that’s about all we have
to say, because the we really want
you to watch the rest of the game (and
we’ve surpassed the minimum length of 300 words), but we think
there’s room for one more sen-
tence…Vote for us!

When: Thursday, February 8th at Noon
Where: Caltech Y Lounge

What is procrastination? It’s the problem set that doesn’t
get done on time (again!), or the experiment you don’t
get started. It’s the meeting with your advisor you don’t
get around to scheduling, and it’s the drop card you don’t
turn in on time. Procrastination is the continuing battle
with yourself to do what you know you should…and your
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derstanding their procrastination and what to do about it.

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The role of the CRC (Conduct Review Committee) Chair is two-sided. The first role, like other CRC representatives, is to sit on cases and try to make the fairest decisions possible. The second role involves leadership and a working knowledge of the system. Because of the intimate role that CRC Chair plays in the Caltech community, he or she must have complete knowledge of the CRC system. Because of the intimate role that CRC Chair plays in the Caltech community, he or she must have complete knowledge of the CRC system.

As an acting liaison between the students and the BoD Administration, I will be available, either in person or through e-mail to make clarifications to the minutes, or to answer any questions you have about what is happening in the BoD to make sure that you are aware of the important issues. I will also listen to any concerns you have, and work to solve them. In short, my role is to represent the students to make sure that your voice is heard.

2) Making sure students know what is going on in the BoD. The most obvious manifestation of this is in the ASCIT minutes. I will diligently make minutes to make sure that all of the important BoD to the ASCIT website within a day of the meeting, and holding the most important headlines and events discussed at the meetings. During my limited, yet rapidly growing involvement with the CRC, I have had a chance to work as a Secretary of the CRC. I want to make sure that students are involved in the process and decision making and that you know what is going on in the BoD. I'm not a stranger to student government. I have served as the Secretary's office, ensuring that the Secretary in an efficient, well-composed form.

The honor code says that no member of the Caltech community shall take unfair advantage of any other member. The honor code has a lower impact on nonacademic life probably because in many social situations, there is a very fine line between what is fair and unfair. Still, failure to think about the consequences of one’s actions is no excuse. Thus, I would like to design a set of guiding principles with the CRC that helps all of us determine what is fair. I will make every effort to ensure that the CRC is a significant and dynamic part of the Caltech community.

For those of you who are familiar with the CRC, you know that the CRC is a significant and dynamic part of the Caltech community. They are significant to the extent that they help to shape the non-academic sphere of Caltech. Meanwhile, it is important that the CRC still runs efficiently. I hope to be a strong leader, work hard, and make everyone aware that the CRC is a significant and dynamic part of the Caltech community.

I hold the world record for solving the Rubik’s cube fastest, blindfolded, and without using my hands. I’ve filled in for Dr. Chuse on House on numerous occasions, coordinated the largest protest against blue lighters (can you even read what you highlight?!?) as determined by the Guinness Book of World Records, and lost to President Bush in eight straight games of chess. To help Stella get her groove back.

I was in a boy band that had an album go triple platinum throughout the world, and even had our own action figure; all was going well until someone decided to go ‘bye bye’ but I’m not going to quit the ASCIT Secretary. Let’s all be friends, establish lines of communication, and I pledge to diligently fulfill all of my responsibilities to the Caltech community.

For those of you who know me — yo, sent out that e-mail, here’s a list of things I’ve done:

So in conclusion, I’ve had 13 35 seconds over the years, I’ve played in a band, I’ve been chased by a mob of storm troopers at a Star Wang premire, talked to Kumar over some White Castle in St. Louis, and ran a three- minute mile. I’ve talked with a girl. I developed a perpetual motion machine and told the thermodynamic laws to suck it. I’ve talked hard business with the premier of China, am wanted dead or alive in the Philippines, and have dropped Roger Federer in straight sets 6-0, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2.

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I have always been cursed with a headstrong impulse to challenge my potential. But at a school full of geniuses I feel like somewhat of a disappointment academically. Luckily I’ve taken advantage of another education Caltech has to offer, an education in dealing with administrations and students, through which I have been able to work towards my potential by helping Caltech work towards its own. With the various tasks I’ve taken on, schmoozing with admins and alums has become a significant part of my life. So despite the late home-work sets and sleepless nights that result from added responsibilities, I can’t seem to keep myself from throwing myself at any new challenges that crop up for the undergraduate community.

When I heard that the administration was passing 7-day board under the student radar, I was furious that Caltech had forgotten its highly publicized student input policy. Without position or prompting, but being annoyingly strong willed, I began a petition against it, inciting a war on administration by the students. The fact that students can react so energetically to issues that affected them has been fuel for me ever since. I’ve tackled parties and reunions and board menus and various other crusades on Caltech life. And the more I’ve tackled, the more work I’ve found needs doing. Faculty-student interaction is appalling given the fabulous 1:3 ratio we have. Alumni are practically begging to be involved with student life if they only had a more structured way to do so. There are mural policies, furniture policies, pet policies, and food policies. Being IHC chair would give me an opportunity to more efficiently take on these challenges I also look forward to holding a position that gives student input on where my efforts can be most appreciated.

The one thing I value above else at Caltech is the house system. I’ve been warned that being such a passion ate Flem only hinder me in this election, as we are considered a bunch of cacky assholes that no one else likes. And it’s true, I am an asshole. But I also recognize that it wouldn’t be my house if each other house didn’t have all its quirks and traditions that make it belong to someone else. As IHC chair I’d be ideally positioned to not just preserve, but encourage the uniqueness of the houses. Whether it’s getting Ricketts its fire pit, letting Page keep its Mount Wilson trip, or understanding that Fleming gets overly protective of its bell, I feel it is my duty not just as IHC chair but as a student of this school to protect the legacy of the houses and the uniqueness of this school. After all, there is only one Caltech.

I would be proud and glad to be your IHC Chair. In this position, I will make the IHC a needed student voice, improve student-administration communication, and run a smooth, successful Rotation. I am pro-active, honest, cheerful, objective, and determined. In my tenure as Vice President of Ricketts House, I ran several flaskless roompicks, negotiated improvements to the student living spaces, and developed and improved working relationships with Deans, Student Affairs, and the Housing Office. These qualities and experiences provide a strong background for understanding and responsibilities of the IHC Chairman.

For the past two years the student body has been scattered across the campus, and many noticed stagnation in the House cultures as a result. Now that all the Houses are properly filled with Techers, we must re-establish and maintain the unique character of each House. Active encouragement of House activities and interactions will help re-define and develop these dynamic cultures. Events between Houses, like BBQs, parties, and friendly pranking, will lead to greater undergraduate interaction and improved culture. We can even do the same with alumni. Demonstrating our passion and ingenuity recalls their fond memories of their time here, enriching both our experiences. Through similar faculty interaction we can bring with our professors and make our concerns their own.

When the new frosh come in the fall, I will work to re-define and develop the mod culture. IHC a unified student voice, improve student-administration interaction and improved culture. We can even do the same with alumni. Demonstrating our passion and ingenuity recalls their fond memories of their time here, enriching both our experiences. Through similar faculty interaction we can bring with our professors and make our concerns their own.

An organized, decisively run Rotation will ensure that each pre-frosh gains this perspective. But I also recognize pre-frosh do not get to know nearly half of the Houses. We can improve this by encouraging more house traditional activities during the day and night, planning engaging post-dinner events, and simply getting the pre-frosh out of their rooms and interacting with other students. Rotation is and should be inclusive, enriching for the entire student body. We can make it great.

I am ready for this position. As IHC Chairman I will make it belong to someone else. As IHC Chair I’d be ideally positioned to re-establish and maintain the unique character of each House. Active encouragement of House activities and interactions will help re-define and develop these dynamic cultures. I will bring these goals, skills, and experience to the table as IHC Chairman. I will work for the betterment of undergraduate life and continue to establish our voice on this campus.

Matt Wierman
I have been sitting on the Academics and Research Committee (ARC) for the past year, first as the representative from Avery and more recently as Interim Chair. Currently, the main project for the ARC is to prepare for the Student-Faculty Conference (SFC), which is scheduled for April 5, 2007. As the Interim Chair and Avery Rep before, I have been working on the planning stages of the Conference, including arranging with the Provost’s and Deans’ Offices for classes to be canceled on the date of the SFC. The SFC will feature presentations from each of fourteen committees covering each option as well as other aspects of undergraduate life, including student morale, core curriculum, and honor code. To help the committees gather feedback, I have set up a survey on DonReps.

Other projects in the pipeline for ARC include the 31st Annual ASCIT Teaching Awards. As before, nominations for professors, teaching assistants, and research mentors will be open to undergraduates during the spring break of the spring term. I hope to see even more nominations this year than we saw last year.

As ARC Chair, I also would like to continue the good work that we have been doing the past year as the Student Curriculum Advisory Committee and upon the foundation set this past year for option mentors. Finally, ARC will soon be announcing a new program to promote student-faculty interaction, so keep your eyes open for the announcement!

ASCIT Treasurer
Jason Hernandez

I would like the opportunity to serve as ASCIT treasurer. As treasurer, I intend to keep close track of the money ASCIT spends to maximize the benefits of the membership’s dues. I intend to work closely with the ASCIT social team, ASCIT’s publications team, and the Donut development team to track expenses throughout the year to ensure that ASCIT gets the most for your dues dollars in every transaction. I also think that a thorough review of ASCIT’s expenses before drafting a new budget will allow the BoD to spend wisely throughout the upcoming year.

About half of the budget is spent directly by ASCIT (i.e., donuts, printing The Tech, etc.) and the other half given to clubs and houses. We have more control over the half of the budget spent by ASCIT; this is where I hope to track expenditures most closely. Some of my plans for saving money include leveraging our large social team budget to get the best value on supplies for happy hours and parties run by social team. We may be able to negotiate discounts with certain suppliers and pool ASCIT’s purchases with those made by houses for ASCIT-sponsored social events. I would also like to comb through the rosters of clubs that ASCIT funds to make sure that we are not setting aside money for clubs that are no longer active on campus. Money that has been set aside for clubs that do not meet or even collect what we offer can go into new clubs and the ASCIT general budget. In general, my plans are to keep track of ASCIT’s money and be quick about reimbursing expenses. I want to make sure that all the finances are in place to ensure the smooth operation of ASCIT, while working on ways of saving money to allow the BoD to introduce new services and events in the future.

Social Committee Chair
Ektala Bhujwani

Hello. My name is Ektala Bhujwani. You may have seen me at various ASCIT and house events in the past year, and now I hope you’ll see me become this year’s Social Director. I am not an outsider to the job of Social Director; this past year I was on the ASCIT social team. Gonnio did a fine job as lead Social Director, and I would like to implement my unique ideas so that undergraduates can profit. Caltech is perhaps one of the most stressful places for undergraduates and I believe it’s extremely important for us to get some respite from problem sets and examinations. We may not have the reputation of having the best social atmosphere, but I would like to improve it to the best of my abilities.

First, I hope to make our major events bigger and better. Two years ago, we had a Jimmy Eat World this year we had Interhouse, and this upcoming year we could possibly have both! The planning for this year’s ASCIT Formal has begun and more events are lined for your participation.

Secondly, alongside the larger events, I hope to have an ASCIT social event every two weeks at minimum. These could be midnight milkshakes, pick-up ultimate Frisbee, happy hours, or anything else you would like.

Third and perhaps most importantly, I would like to involve you. Yes, ASCIT’s social team needs your input and feedback. Shortly, the website will be updated so that there will be a calendar showing the next month’s events. In addition, there will be a feedback form where you can suggest things for us to do. Moreover, if you are interested in helping me plan social activities, we can set up a team for social activity. I hope to have an ASCIT social event team that will begin soon. Last year’s team included Michael Inado, Sarah Hafhir, and Mike Ahl. I think we had a phenomenal job with the events, and I will need people to support me as well.

Finally, apart from fulfilling my duties as Social Director, I hope to be an active member of this BoD. They are the voice and means of making life for Caltech undergraduates better. These elections give me mixed emotions. I am disappointed, in the same way as Mike Reynolds was, of the lack of candidates for the ASCIT elections. I would have been much happier if the undergraduates had voted for me from a selection of fine candidates. However, I am joyful that you will be making the best choice for Social Director inadvertently.

Angela Zah

Did you know that the ASCIT annual budget is almost $70,000? This is something that I was completely unaware of until looking into the expenditures. This is much more money that I expected and managing it is a big responsibility that I believe I am capable of undertaking with the new BoD. I feel that I have a good understanding of what is important to the undergraduate population and therefore I will be able to maximize usage of this budget. Last year $2000 was put aside for the DV library that I have yet to actually see up and running. In the past, there have been similar projects that have received funding, but have failed to deliver. I hope to hold ASCIT projects to reasonable deadlines when issuing funding or bring up the possibility of decreasing funding for projects that do not follow through before they continue to suck up your money. I want to make sure that the ASCIT budget is used properly and productively.

Now these decided to come to Caltech, the major deciding factor was the people that I had met here during pre-freshman DonReps. Their kindness and openness attracted me to this school, despite the academic difficulty. I think the committees that I have volunteered for, such as those for improvement of the core curriculum and admissions office, and the jobs that I work on campus, like house waiter and tour guide, have given me these feelings. This is one of the reasons I believe I am qualified to be on the ASCIT BoD and represent the undergraduate population. My open personality and my organization will both be assets to the office of ASCIT treasurer.

I hope that as ASCIT treasurer I will gain a better understanding of how the administration works and with this knowledge be able to work with the other members of the BoD to settle any complaints students may have with the Institute and administrators. Thankful, the last year seems to have been relatively smoothly compared to the recent past and I hope that this will not change with the administration. If the give the privilege, I hope to represent you, be open in informing you about the issues brought to ASCIT, and show an interest in every activity. So the student body gets the most of their money.
To My Fellow Techers –

My vision of a BoC secretary, as a leader of the BoC, will be to assure that the honor code is kept as it was designed to be: the ability to trust others “on their honor”, but also to give those who slip the fair chance to regain their status as full-fledged members of the community. I fully believe each and every person is capable of keeping to the ideals of the honor code and I fully understand the pressures and strain we all face while being students here. The honor code is something that makes this place unique from other universities in that as undergraduates, we are treated as rational adult peers by the community who are able to govern ourselves with integrity. This ideal holds our lifestyles apart from other colleges and gives us so many opportunities and chances that perhaps many of us take for granted.

As a current Blacker BoC representative I have spent time using on cases and I am well aware of both the effort and time required for such. Furthermore, the BoC secretary must go above and beyond this call of duty by supporting the Chair and overseeing with all of the cases brought before the committee. I am willing to accept the responsibilities and time commitment, which sometimes comes in ways that are not always visible, that this position requires. As a biology major stick- ing around next year I have a lighter class schedule and fewer commitments which means I will be able to devote more of my attention and apply my abilities to the duties of this position, which I believe is required to serve the student community well. I am easily found around campus and am available to talk about any questions or concerns anyone might have about the honor code, about concerns or issues at Caltech, and even really about anything at all (time permitting). I sincerely do want and wish to continue maintaining this pillar of undergraduate life at Caltech as your BoC secretary next year and greatly appreciate your vote of support for this honorable position this coming year.

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Editor of The Tech

Marissa Cevallos

I have had an exciting time working for The Tech on its upswing in the past year, and I want to continue finding new ways to improve the student newspaper. The current editors did a fantastic job building up the staff, improving the layout and organizing the online submission process; I’d like to take their efforts a few steps further. First, I’d like The Tech to continue aggressively reporting fair and balanced stories, especially those probing the actions of the administration. The Caltech campus is our turf, and we, the LA Times or CNN, should have first dibs on the news stories that are important to us. Second, I’d like to modernize the look of The Tech, including more issues in vibrant color. Finally, The Tech is long overdue for a web- site. The current editors took the first step in posting a PDF version of The Tech online, but with a webpage team and a bit of work, we could create an HTML5 home for Caltech news. But most importantly, I’m looking forward to improving The Tech so Caltech has a student newspaper to take pride in.

Kevin Watts

Wants to Take Back Houses

With students moving back from the mods into their newly renovated South Houses, it became clear that we were witnessing a massive failure of organization. After countless delays and cost overruns, it would have been nice to walk into complete structures that had working sinks, heaters and show- ers. Instead, students overwhelmed the Housing Maintenance office with complaints. As the issues are being slowly resolved, we can reflect on the lessons learned from the move in. We need more accountability from our admin- istration, and we students need to step up and demand better service for our houses. As Stewardship Chairman, I want to take back a feeling of ownership for our houses, and demand better service for the residents of all eight houses.

Through my previous work on the Stewardship Committee, I’ve worked on countless issues to benefit the north and south houses. I’ve helped investi- gate damages, worked to turn on fans and heaters in the north houses, and worked to make sure the south houses were ready for re-opening. I enjoy serving my fellow students by making sure our houses are fit to live in. Those who’ve seen my work in my house have seen the results of the house under my care, and my leadership as a Steward.

Too often on the Stewardship Commit- tee, we are the victims of the administra- tion. Since they believe they can dictate damages and amounts to the students, we find ourselves forced to pay obscene amounts for things that we don’t even know if we broke, like the Ricketts/ Blacker gate. We cannot let this contin-ue. That gate has cost the students over $5000, and has been the subject of three Stewardship meetings. We must take a harder stance with administration, and make them pay their fair share for dam- ages. The contractors, too, must be held accountable for their failures. We cannot let ourselves be dictated to; we must fight to be treated as equals.

In my dealings with the administration, including housing and the Deans, I have negotiated fairly and respectfully on behalf of students for more privileges, more funding, and more freedom. I intend to do the same as Chairman of the Steward- ship Committee, working on behalf of the students. I will not let this committee become a rubber stamp of the administra- tion, or a front for bullying of the stu- dents. We will be our own voice, and take back ownership of our houses.

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