



GREGORY COLLEGE HOUSE YEARBOOK 2007-2008



As you can probably imagine, summers are not particularly exciting in a college house closed from late May to late August, so I always look forward to taking a few minutes to write the welcome note for our little annual House brochure. After all, there's always something new to dwell on—the upcoming influx of more than a hundred freshmen, the handful of fresh faces on staff, plus whatever new wrinkles that particular year has in store; this Fall we had the House's second-ever faculty master, our first-ever RAs, and the trial run of Chinese House, just for starters. Writing a note for this end-of-year keepsake is a much more ambivalent experience. Saying hello and waxing optimistic about a new season is easy; closing out the year is a lot tougher. While we reminisce about two great semesters, take pride in the myriad achievements of our graduating seniors, and celebrate the fact that so many Gregorians will be back in the House next year, we also face the dawning departure of friends who have indelibly changed this place for better, and who made us all feel at home.

Our seniors, who have been with us for the long haul, are listed in the back of this book; we'll miss them all, and we're proud to have shared some of their time at Penn before they move on to global domination. BYOM will miss Thura's bizarre emails, the Oscars won't feel the same without Justin's inevitable contest triumph, and Gregory RAs will forever have the imposing legacy of Gus and Teri to live up to (good luck, Christie and Sarah-Jane!). Our GA staff will miss Jenn, Gunder, Danie and Bartek; I particularly need to signal out Gunder and Bartek, both of whom have been here almost as long as me, it seems (please don't point out the fact that this is hardly true). Gunder has been our most steady, wise, and good-hearted presence in her two stints in the House. Bartek has been, well, uniquely Bartek, from his ceaseless good cheer to his suit-and-tie decorum during his ping pong tournament. Winnie Tang, our house coordinator, is moving from compiling this yearbook to slightly more impressive things, having received a Fullbright to study in Hong Kong. Among Winnie's many accomplishments was making the Office a fun place to visit, an enormous feat given the fact that the Dean is often there. And no list of fond farewells can be complete without a last mention of Bea Murray, who defined Gregory spirit in her many years welcoming our residents to the Van Pelt Lobby.

But enough with the farewells. This book is full of some the year's highlights, at least the non-scandalous ones (it's easy enough to find photos of those). As always, we're all about longstanding traditions here, though we've forged some new ones in 07-08 that I'm sure we'll see again, including Nasri's bonfire breaks, Teri's whitewater rafting trip, and Lance's TV marathons (complete with delectable homemade cooking). More importantly, these pages are full of Gregorians, who somehow make these drably decrepit buildings special.

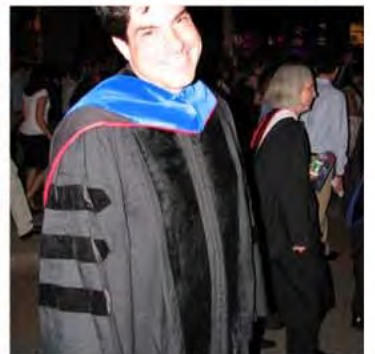
Have a great summer.

--Chris

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Convocation



Barbecue & Karaoke



Sex Quizzo



Thanksgiving



Progressive Dinner



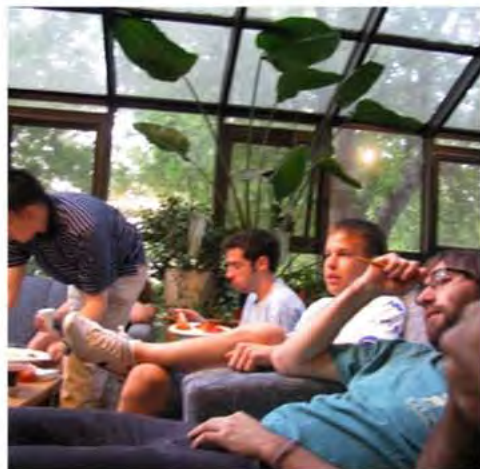
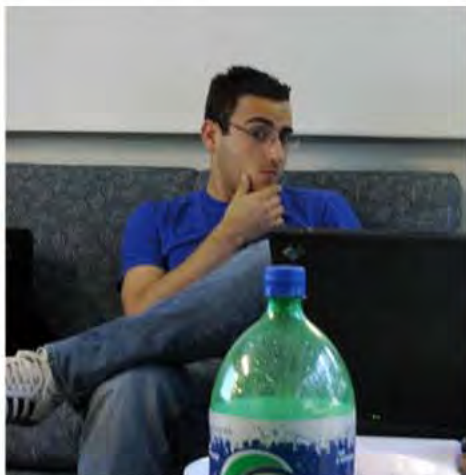
Fall '07 Study Breaks



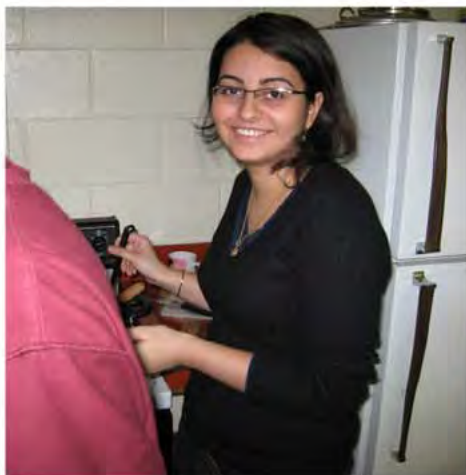
International Dinner



Dinner with Gregory



BYDM



Van Pelt Frosh Barbecue



Lucid Dinner



Phillies Game



Senior Staff

Professor Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw
Faculty Master

Dr. Christopher Donovan
House Dean

Professor Heather Love
Faculty Fellow

Professor Talid Sinno
Faculty Fellow

Dr. Leslie Delauter
Senior Fellow

Winnie Tang
House Coordinator

Managers

Thara Al-Windawi - BYOM

Jenny Birnkrant - Events

Helen Byelyakova - Russkij Dom

Gustavo Centeno - ITA

Erin Daley/Teri Kirby - Film Culture

Christie Gutierrez - DWG

Lauren Gutstein - Hospitality

Emilia Hermann - Maison Francaise

Eric Logan - Events

Shannon Munyan - Hospitality

Serena Stein - The Gregorian

Justin Sykes - The Gregorian

Ferrell Townsend - Events

Ludovic Vincent - Maison Francaise

Andrew Watterson - ITA

ABby Weng - Asst. ITA

Austin Williams - Office

GAs/RAs

Priya Dedhia—GA for Van Pelt 1st Floor

Lance Wahlert—GA for Van Pelt 2nd Floor/Film Culture

Ela Jamiolkowski—GA for Van Pelt 3rd Floor

Gustavo Centeno—RA for Van Pelt 3rd Floor

Danie Jackson—GA for Van Pelt 4th Floor

Teri Kirby—RA for Van Pelt 4th Floor

Cat Gillespie—GA for Casa Italiana

Jenn Crewalk—GA for Casa Hispanica

Gunder Varinlioglu—GA for Maison Francaise

Matt Handelman—GA for Deutsches Haus

Bartek Czech—GA for Chinese House

Maribel Kissack—GA for Casa Hispanica

The Seniors of Gregory ...

