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
Convocation
Barbecue & Karaoke
Sex Quizzo
Thanksgiving
Progressive Dinner
Fall '07 Study Breaks
Van Pelt Frosh Barbecue
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
Thura 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/RA

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 ...

Thura Al-Windawi
Erica Denhoff
Sergei Peysakhov
Maki Shibata

Tsega Anbessie
Tyler Giddings
Erin Pirrucello
Ashish Shrestha

Gustavo Centeno
Amit Khasgiwala
Caitrin Rinehimer
Justin Sykes

Kai Chin
Teri Kirby
Amanda Santana
H. Andrew Watterson

Vanessa Cid
Robert Medina
Ray Sehgal
Phillip Whitehead