

VH1, too, as a segment producer. You can check out his work on the upcoming *100 Hottest Hotties Show*. Hilarious **Jackie Cohen** works on rival Comedy Central's *Tough Crowd* with Colin Quinn and lives in New York's Chelsea district. Also in New York is **Steve Lehmann**, who has two forthcoming CDs on the Fresh Sound/New Talent and Clean Feed labels. So keep your ears pricked up. **Tim Howard** continues to make music (see solterosongs.com for info). He lives in Somerville, Mass., near **Liz Darlington** and **Paul Edlefson**, both of whom are pursuing *degrees* (Liz an M.S.W. from Boston College and Paul a Ph.D in statistics from Harvard). Also at B.C., **Jonah Dickstein** studies law (and has earned favor with Class Notes by complimenting our work, a sure-fire way to get into them—enough complaining, already! It won't get y'all anywhere).

Our own **Avery Esdaile** (and now co-secretary) lives in the Boston area, too, with **Sean Huse '99** and neighbors **Sean O'Brien** and **Matt Hochstein**. **Leah Grabelsky** reports that she is now living in Providence and training to be a high school history teacher, while **P. Scott Cunningham** already teaches high school in Florida. **Erica Johnson** also teaches high school in San Diego and coaches her school's varsity field hockey team. Check out **Sandy Cleary's** band's Web site, for her skinny: www.pierocks.com. In case you were wondering why you haven't heard from Jennie LePard, it is because she now goes by **Tyler LePard** (change in name only, not gender!) and is happily living in D.C., getting a master's in public policy at GWU.

That's where **Janee Gasper** was studying law, before graduating and moving on to fashion school in London. By the Thames, she might bump into **Lisa Owusu** who studies law (okay, in Bristol, but close enough) or **Hirut McLeod**, who is getting an M.Sc. in development studies and writes that her school is "all gypsies, spies, and diplomats' kids...I'm quite enjoying myself!" Unfortunately, there was so much info for the notes this time that some of you will have to wait to appear in three months and have been temporarily exiled to Online, where nobody (I know) ever ventures. I will, therefore, leave you with the following thought: What do you do in life when you...find yourself nightly in front of your computer (make that your roommate's computer!) gazing at the letters scrolling across the screen, nibbling on the end of a pen (or making that satisfying "pu-puff" on the end of your lite cigarette like some kinda Cary Bradshaw-Doogie Houser hybrid), and considering what life-step to take when...your ex boyfriend has split off to grad school in L.A. and moved in with new beau while you are simultaneously over- and under-qualified for your job in the gallery basement, where you have already broken at least one Jorge Pardo lamp and are eating as many sweets as possible (your social brilliance mysteriously unacknowledged by the Teutonic population), and preparing for a life of eternal spinsterhood? Or am I alone on this? BTW, our favorite report this time comes from **Alua Arthur**, who has completed law school (who hasn't?) and is the *only* classmate to report that she

is... "happily single (and moving to S.F.)". God bless you, Alua! And everyone else, K.I.T.!

[Ed. note: We welcome *Avery Esdaile*, who has agreed to be co-secretary for the Class of 2000.]

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You know something's fishy when it's 63 degrees in New York City in November, and 32 degrees in El Paso, Texas. The only place where the weather makes sense is northern California, where the Class of 2001 is still seriously representing. **Reyhan Harmanci** travels every morning across the seven levels of the candy cane forest and beyond the swirly curly land of gumdrops to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, where she writes music reviews and full-length pieces, which I carefully file away in my scrapbook each month. She was planning a large Thanksgiving with **Rob Powers '00**, **Lisa Charbonneau '99**, and a host of other alums. I was out in S.F. in August visiting Reyhan and **Diana White**, who is dominating San Francisco's real estate/investment scene, and got to briefly see **Samantha Morgan** on the street. Unfortunately, I just missed **Louisa Michaels**, who relocated to the Bay Area this summer, along with **Chuck Legere '00**. Louisa and Chuck have a reportedly awesome apartment in Berkeley, where Chuck is pursuing a Ph.D. in English, and

Lou is turning heads all around the nonprofit sector. Another recent migrant is **Maria McKee**, who left N.Y. (she is sorely missed) to do bigger and better things at the Global Fund for Women in S.F. **Jenn Congregane** loved her two years in S.F. and is now working for photographer Richard Avedon in N.Y.C.

Jeff Lane wins the 2001 entrepreneurial award: Jeff moved to Williamsburg, Brooklyn, where he is working on a basketball sociology book and running his tutoring company for middle-school and high-school students, Schoolhouse Tutors. Jeff and roommate **Matt Stimmel** recently threw a "killer" housewarming party attended by a host of 2001 grads, including **Amy Prisco**, **Jon Osler**, **Rose Cahn**, **Lauren Snow**, **Mara Hoberman**, and **Kent Lam**. Kent lives in Park Slope and is a book scout for a N. Y. publishing company. He does freelance construction consulting in his spare time. Kent reports that he recently ran into **Sujata Sidhu**, who is a union organizer all over the East Coast.

Rachel Feinstein is studying architecture at Harvard's Graduate School of Design. **Sarah Nolting** is also in Boston, where she works in a women's health outreach program coordinating Boston's Mammography Van, a mobile low/no-cost screening service. Speaking of Boston, I was fortunate enough to run into city socialite **Jesse Kudler** this past Halloween; he was looking fantastic in a pink space cadet outfit. The backdrop was **Sarah Kirshen's** beautiful new apartment in Washington Heights, close to Columbia's School of Public Health, where she is pursuing a degree.

WESLEYAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Vote for Alumni-Elected Trustees

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of Wesleyan University. Sounds pretty impressive. You probably know a current or former trustee. But what do you really know about the Board and how people come to be members? Each year, you receive a ballot, asking you to vote for alumni trustees. Do you vote? Why should you care? The trustee election provides you with an opportunity to shape the evolution of the university by electing its leaders. Voting is important and it's easy.

The Board sets policy for the university and directs the president in implementation of policies. Serving on the Board requires a big commitment. Board members work tirelessly for Wesleyan, with at least four trips a year to campus, as well as special meetings and other events. The Board has 33 members, including President Doug Bennet '59 and the Chair, Alan Dachs '70.

Out of 33 Board members, nine are elected by alumni, serving three-year staggered terms in groups of three—that's more than one-quarter of the Board that we vote in. Many of Wesleyan peer institutions do not offer such a role in governance. Each spring, Wesleyan's graduating senior class and the entire Alumni Association (all

30,000 of us are eligible) vote for alumni elected trustees to serve on the Board and to help shape the evolution of the university. At present, every member of Wesleyan's Board is either an alumnus/a or a Wesleyan parent.

The process of developing an alumni ballot begins with David Britt '59, who chairs the Wesleyan University Trustee Nominating Committee. Joining him on the committee are eleven other dedicated alumni (including three *ex officio* members). The committee works hard to develop a slate of diverse, outstanding candidates.

Each November, the Nominating Committee meets to go through names and personal statements submitted by nominees. It looks at past involvement and participation, professional and personal accomplishments, as well as letters of recommendation. The process is subjective, but thorough. Per Wesleyan's by-laws, the Nominating Committee selects three alumni who graduated 15 or more years ago, and three alums who graduated within the last 15 years to run. The top vote-getter in each category wins, as does the candidate from either category who has the second greatest number of votes. Unfortunately, we have more qualified candidates than room on the ballot.



Why is David Britt the chair? He was appointed by the chair of the Alumni Association. David previously served as an alumni-elected Wesleyan trustee and as president of Sesame Workshop. His sense of humor, his

patience, and his deep dedication to the diverse Wesleyan community keep the nomination process moving and make sure that consideration is given to representing all facets of the Wesleyan community.

Wesleyan's petition process further opens the election to diverse viewpoints. In 2003, David Siegel '69 was elected to the Board as a petition candidate. The Wesleyan Progressive Alumni Network, rather than the Nominating Committee, offered David's name to the ballot. The petition process is open to any candidate who obtains signatures of 1 percent of alumni.

What does this process mean? Most important, it means you should vote for trustee candidates. In 2003,

only 3,195, or 10.5 percent of all alumni, voted in trustee elections. Voting is easy. You can vote the old-fashioned way and mail in the ballot you receive this spring. You can vote on line at www.wesleyan.edu/alumnitrustees/vote/. As David Britt says, "It's pretty basic: if you care about where Wesleyan is going, you will vote to select trustees who will guide us there."

Whom do you vote for? That's up to you. My personal view is that the demographics of the Board will continue to better reflect the changing demographics of Wesleyan students and alumni. I strongly support electing more women, more alumni of color, and generally more diverse Board members to better represent the entire Wesleyan community. Whatever your view, I hope you will join me and vote for Wesleyan Board of Trustee candidates this spring.

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