

THE STUFFER TRIBUNE:

The Voice of the Residents of Stouffer College House

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Who's Who

From the voices of the people that have positions in Stouffer, Whose Who In Stouffer. Some people went quite long, others fairly short, but all wished to share something about themselves to the rest of the Stouffer community. The winner for Best Whose Who, though awarded no prize and, probably little pride, is Michael Keeley, GA of D- Section in Stouffer Hall. Though I cannot throw anyone off an island, or command any real respect or power, I can encourage you to read these informative but occasionally boring biographies. (You know who you are!...just kidding) You might learn something. And isn't that what this is all about? -- short answer no - just read it already! If you would like to see your name in print, email me articles at jschnei2@sas.upenn.edu. It's just that easy! - Ed.

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Phil Nichols is Faculty Master of Stouffer College House, Faculty Director of College Houses and Academic Services, and a professor in the Legal Studies Department at the University of Pennsylvania. He attended Harvard undergrad and Duke for graduate school. He grew up on a farm in Oregon. His goal for the year is to help Stouffer be an excellent community.

Please read "Welcome Home" for more from Phil.

Phil is the man. Plus he runs the show. Welcome back Phil. - Ed.

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Stouffer College House was basically the only reason we wanted to come back to the United States this year after a year in Mongolia (please don't tell the grandparents!). We moved in to Stouffer in 1996 and have enjoyed every minute of it. We love to have people stop by at any time and, of course, for coffee and cookies on Wednesday nights. Just be careful of the sink hole in the sofa; you may never get up. (P.S. I grew up in McLean, Virginia and I have a BA from Duke (1988) and an MBA from Georgetown (1993)).

Tanner, Hilyard, and Browning Nichols, Guide to Telling Them Apart

The three Nichols boys can often be seen running around the patio. Their most common implements of fun are balls, street hockey stuff, swords, squirt guns and, when challenged, super-soakers. For many residents, it is difficult just to get the names straight. Here are a couple of tricks: 1) Tanner looks like Phil; Hilyard, unlike the rest of his family, has blonde hair (remember 'H' for hair); Browning will tell you his name in the process of talking your ear off. 2) The first letters of their names are in reverse alphabetical order according to their ages and heights: Tanner is 9, Hilyard is 7, and Browning is 6. Good Luck!

Amy is awesome and good cookies to boot. "Hamster Dance" shout out for the kids. - Ed.

Anne Mickle - House Dean

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Anne Mickle is the House Dean of Stouffer College House. She attended Connecticut College for undergrad picking up majors in both history and government. Anne went on to Columbia University Teachers College for her masters (Student Personnel Administration). Then she went to the University of Massachusetts, Amherst for her Doctorate (Higher Education Administration) and she wrote her dissertation on college student athletes. Recently Anne has been trying to learn how to play golf. Anne's goal for the upcoming school year is to continue all of the great Stouffer traditions and maybe start some new ones. Stop by and visit in 101A in Stouffer or 101 in Mayer
Anne is my boss. Thank you so much!!! – Ed.

Felicity Paxton - Faculty Fellow, 7th Floor

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Felicity Paxton is a Postdoctoral Lecturer in American Studies and Women's Studies at Penn. She was born and bred in London but has spent the past nine years living in the US. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and recently finished a two-year appointment at Emory University where she worked at their Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life and taught graduate and undergraduate courses in women's studies and anthropology. Felicity lived for seven years in West Philly and is delighted to be back in a "real" city. She's planning to enhance the Healthy Living of Stouffer residents by organizing bike trips and exercise classes during the school year. She'll also be running film nights and discussion evenings. Felicity is currently learning Spanish and looks forward to torturing any Spanish-speaking Stoufferites with her bad grammar and invented phrases. As a Writing Fellow, she feels compelled to point out that her English is a good deal more proficient. As your faculty fellow, she'll be sponsoring events designed to enhance the joy of learning and broaden all our horizons. She'll be happy to listen to your questions and concerns, offer advice and referrals, and generally be there for you as you start this new school year. She is confident it will be a great one. Felicity...Groovy, Baby! Smashing British accent! Yeah baby, yeah! – Ed.

Beth Hagovsky - Senior Fellow, A- Section

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Beth graduated from Rosemont College (on the posh Main Line of Philadelphia) in 1993 (before most of you were even in middle school) and then came to Penn to do a Master's degree at the Graduate School of Education in Higher Education Administration. She first worked in the Office of Student Life with SAC and the Junior and Senior Class Boards. Over four years ago, Beth made the jump to Wharton Undergrad where she is now the Senior Associate Director, which means she's an academic advisor and coordinates all of the student affairs initiatives within the Division. Should you have a question about Wharton classes or if you're a Wharton wannabe - Beth is the person to ask. She's also a doctoral student so she feels your pain around midterms and finals. Beth has lived in Stouffer for almost two years and has been encouraged by the recent transfer of "Section coolness" to the A/B Section of the House. She loves movies, theater, awards shows, The West Wing, and baking - especially with chocolate - so whenever you smell something good - head on down to A Section and see what's cookin'!

Transfer of "section coolness"...? Wharton wannabe...? Andy and I still want cookies. – Ed.

Lisa Campbell – GA, B- Section Stouffer Hall

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Lisa Campbell (D, Lebanon PA) spent much time on the reelection campaign trail for the esteemed B-Section GA position. Having been a resident of Stouffer College House as an undergrad at Penn (BA in sociology), Lisa decided to give back to her community and run for GA. After a successful stint as a Graduate Associate last year, Lisa was determined to return for her third and final year of law school, as she had many more ideas to continue the legacy of Stouffer College House. She had a scandal-free year, and although few can forget the "Harry Potter Uno Game of April 29" or "QuizzoGate," she feels as if those memories can only push her to be a better GA. Her platform focuses on academics, pop culture, music, and sports, and she is eager to learn from and with her constituents.

Giving back to the community one Quizzo game at a time. – Ed.

Roel Gonzalez – GA, C- Section Stouffer Hall

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My name is Roel Gonzalez. I am a GA in the C-Section of Stouffer. I am a 4th yr. dental student and I enjoy biking, snowboarding, movies, reading, and eating.

My section's GA. Still looking for my 6th sighting of the illusive GA. – Ed.

Michael Keeley – GA, D- Section Stouffer Hall

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Michael Keeley graduated from Bucknell University, where he earned a BS in biochemistry, played intercollegiate volleyball, performed with a dance company, and was VP of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He spent one year in medical school through Penn's MD/PhD program and then transferred to the PhD program. Michael took a leave of absence to study for an MSc in Philosophy and History of Science at the University of London through the Thouron Award foreign exchange scholarship. Michael is now a doctoral research student in Ted Abel's lab in the Biology Department, studying molecular mechanisms of learning and memory. During the summer months, Michael sustains himself by trapping and eating insects in the lower catacombs of Stouffer hall. He looks forward to move in, when his gaunt, pale body can finally emerge from the shadows and thrive with the twin glories of sunlight and Penn Dining.

Trapping and eating insects. The frat boys would be proud - didn't even force him *this* time. – Ed.

Bob Harscheid – GA, E- Section Stouffer Hall

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I'm going to be a GA this year (the only new addition to the [Stouffer Hall] staff so I'm told) and will be working on a Master's degree in Higher Education Management. I did my undergrad work at Providence College in Rhode Island and I have a virtual boatload of ideas for activities, though I still need to check to see which ones are feasible. Some of the ideas I've been playing with include service oriented activities like getting a couple of Habitat for Humanity teams together and team building activities, perhaps a paintball game. I would like to see if we are able to organize an outdoor movie showing during the fall and/or spring as well. Believe it or not, I've also heard that there are some great dive/scuba locations outside of Philadelphia that might be fun to check out if it's ever warm enough. Because I tend to be a pretty easy going guy, some people find it hard to believe that I enjoy trying out extreme sports and have been skydiving, hang gliding, bungee jumping, and parasailing. I am also a

recently certified open water scuba diver and have made visiting all 7 continents one of my many personal goals.

6 are plenty. What's on Antarctica that you can't see growing in Stouffer's freezers? – Ed.

Laurie Allen – GA, F- Section Stouffer Hall

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Laurie hails from Ipswich, Massachusetts--a small, sleepy New England town. Longing for bigger better things, she left Massachusetts behind and went to James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia--an even smaller, sleepier country town, where the new Super WalMart was the source of excitement for 2 years. While she was able to grow from the experience, her true desire and affinity for all things urban was not quenched until she decided to travel to Philadelphia and attend Penn, seeking her master's degree in City and Regional Planning. This will be her sixth consecutive year living in a dorm, and her fourth year in a RA or GA capacity. She is addicted to MTV and TLC, and, shamefully, sometimes the WB as well, and she loves arts and crafts. She has expectations of fun in Stouffer, but is always open to the unexpected.

Ask her about the vanity license plate she owns. Wawa is better than Sheetz. – Ed.

Gerard Joseph – GA, 2nd Floor Mayer Hall

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Gerard Joseph went to undergrad at PSU (Stop bashing it!). He really enjoys speed...as in velocity. GA Gerard enjoys collective experiences, trips, a psychic, cuisine, more cuisine...and even more cuisine.

Sorry Gerard but I go to "Not Penn State." Speed + cuisine...Would you like fries with that? – Ed.

Rodney Hameroff - GA, 3rd Floor Mayer Hall

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Rodney attended Miami University in Oxford, OH where he earned a dual degree in Geography and Urban & Regional Planning. While at Miami, Rodney spent his free time working for the student government, planning events for the Geography club, swimming, and playing tennis. After living in small town Ohio, Rodney vowed never to live in a town entirely surrounded by cornfields ever again and thus pursued a graduate program in an urban setting. He will be entering his final year of the City Planning Masters Degree Program here at Penn this fall. Some programs and activities you can count on from Rodney this year include the March Madness Basketball Pool, and the occasional Ice Cream Social and Movie Night.

Small town Ohio seems like redundancy. Philly is better. – Ed.

Beverly Jogan – GA, 4th Floor Mayer Hall

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Beverly Jogan, a GA in Mayer, is originally from Reading, PA and is currently attending the School of Veterinary Medicine. She was also an undergrad here at Penn, studying Biology and Anthropology. For the past four years, she has been playing the cello in the Penn Symphony Orchestra and Baroque Ensemble, and also loves traveling, especially to South America. She is very excited to plan trips to see performances on the Avenue of the Arts, and may also take an occasional bus ride to Pearl for craft supplies :)

She chose the best undergrad major...Anthro, you know. – Ed.

Noelle Shipman – GA, 5th Floor (Healthy Living Floor) Mayer Hall

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Welcome everyone! My name is Noelle Shipman and I am the Graduate Associate (GA) on the Healthy Living floor in Stouffer House. Currently, I am studying to get my BS/MSN in Nurse-Midwifery. I received my undergraduate degree in Biology from University of California, Santa Cruz and have spent most of my life on the west coast (mostly California, some Oregon). Nowadays I call Portland, Oregon "home." ok...so now for some interesting tidbits about me: I love the outdoors, hiking, mountain biking, snowboarding, running, swimming, reading, traveling...pretty much anything other than watching TV. I am really looking forward to putting together some health related programs. I am thinking about yoga classes, self-defense, cooking sessions, guest lectures, etc... I would love some input, so please feel free to contact me!

This message constitutes 100% of your daily value of something. West Coast represent! – Ed.

Kirstin Engelhardt - GA, 6th Floor Mayer Hall

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Kirstin Engelhardt graduated in May from Rice University in Houston with a BA in Anthropology and Spanish. While at Rice she played intramural volleyball and Wally ball (volleyball which is played in a racquetball court), taught ESL to custodial staff, led a Bible study, and spent a semester in Spain at the University of Granada. She is a first year graduate student in the school of education, getting her masters in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). Last summer she worked on a multi-million dollar employee turnover problem for Schlumberger, an oilfield services company. She spent this summer as a head counselor at an all girls' camp in central Pennsylvania, started her first campfire, and allowed children to throw pies in their counselors' faces. This summer has been much more fun.

Who's up for some Wally? Pie fights? Good Lord! That is a lot of pie! – Ed.

James Schneider - Communications Manager

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I am a Junior in the college, majoring in anthropology and minoring in psychology. My position as Comm Manager requires me to edit this publication, as well as to create advertisements for the GA's programs. This is my 3rd year in Stouffer College House, 2nd is C- Section. I have been spending a great deal of time writing, for 34th Street, the Summer Pennsylvanian and just for kicks. I have a serious obsession with music of all sorts – any of my neighbors could vouch for that. If anyone has articles, or ideas for articles that would be at all interesting to the Stouffer Community, email me. I look forward to meeting all the incoming students. Stop by 234C if you have questions or just want to hang out and listen to good music.

Who writes this garbage? – Ed.

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Mike Portnoy is the Computing Manager. He lives in Mayer Hall. Mike is majoring in CSE and Math and also picking up his Masters in CIS. He is a fan of and can often be found playing tennis, foosball, pool, and ping pong – usually not together though. His goal for the year is to make sure that no one has any lasting computer problems.

Mike is the God of Bam. Soybomb himself once wreaked havoc at the Grammy awards. – Ed.

Arman Anvari – Computing Manager

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Arman Anvari is a senior Economics and History double major in the College. Arman transferred to Penn after spending his freshman year at the University of North Carolina, where he saw his beloved North Carolina Tar Heels reach the NCAA Final Four. While at Penn, Arman has worked at the Daily Pennsylvanian, been involved in several community service activities and worked as an ITA for two years running. He has also seen his beloved North Carolina Tar Heels get blown out by everybody from Duke to the College of Charleston and achieve the worst win record in school history. Arman's beloved Baltimore Orioles are doing similarly badly but he's hoping and praying that Steve Spurrier can do something with his beloved Washington Redskins and hey, Michael Jordan is playing for his beloved Washington Wizards, so how can he complain? On a side note, Arman is not a hockey fan so he has no love for the Washington Capitals. Hailing from Germantown, MD, Arman will be one of Stouffer's computing managers this year. However, if you have computing problems, please see his colleague, Mike Portnoy, for help.

A much "beloved" introduction. Another Computing Manager passes the buck to Mike. – Ed.

Patti Kangwankij - Computing Manager

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Patti Kangwankij is a junior studying finance in Wharton. She is from Fullerton, California, best described as "10 minutes from Disneyland." This year she is living in Stouffer B section and will be the Computing Manager. At Penn, she is involved with the Women's Club Tennis Team, Thai Club and the Wharton Asian Business Conference. This year she hopes to meet a lot of new faces and hopes that Stouffer can become as comfortable as a home for all its residents.

You've come a long way from our ITA days...will managing suit the former minion? – Ed.

Kevin Galloway - Facilities Manager

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Kevin Galloway is the Facility Manager for Stouffer and Mayer. So, if you need to get into storage or reserve a conference room, talk to him because those are his only responsibilities. If you want tp, paper towels, or the bathroom cleaned, talk to the cleaning lady (remember this when you are filling out the house survey a couple months from now =). Currently, Kevin is a first year senior majoring in mechanical engineering. If you have any questions about switching into engineering late in the game, talk to him. Kevin is a very interesting and handsome fellow. During his free time, Kevin enjoys designing furniture, tools, and so forth. Swing by his room (fourth floor Mayer) to see some of his latest creations!

Kevin is a self-described interesting and handsome fellow. Others describe him as modest? – Ed.

Angelina Lok - Finance Manager

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Angelina is finance manager in Stouffer. She is in Wharton, concentrating in finance. She is a junior, and a very happy person. =) Angelina hopes to see Stouffer turned into a haunted house on Halloween, as well as advocating a buddy program for incoming Freshman.

Happy person. Be afraid, be not so afraid. – Ed.

Brenna Kelly - House Office Manager

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Hi! My name is Brenna and I will be the House Office Manager for Stouffer this year. Being the house manager mainly involves hiring house office workers, creating the schedule and resolving any problems or conflicts that may arise. To tell you a little bit about me. I am a junior Biochemistry major. I play the violin (although not terribly well) and I want to learn how to play the guitar this year. When I hear a song that is too fast or muffled for me to understand the words (usually rap or Dylan) I like to look it up and try to sing along. This year I'll be working in a physical chemistry lab, trying to understand computer simulations of protein folding. Although I'm not a movie buff, I like the movies I own: The Red Violin, The Nightmare Before Christmas and Sleeping Beauty (my favorite Disney movie).

As it happens, I am hiring several people for this school year. The primary responsibility of the house office worker is to provide friendly service selling tokens, stamps, taking housing forms, compiling the house directory and selling tickets for various events. The job is by no means difficult, but it does require a 6-10 hour commitment per week. The pay rate is \$7.00/hour and you would work literally less than 2 seconds from your room (if you live in Stouffer Hall) or 5 minutes (if you live in Mayer). Please come see me if you are interested in this position. I live in Stouffer E section, room 158 and my phone number is 7-6688. Stop by anytime.

Brenna will give you a job if you say please. Warning: 2 secs from room = exaggeration. – Ed.

Matt Sklar – Special Events and Recreation Manager

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It must be that time of year again. The days starting to grow shorter, summer internships and jobs coming to a close, and college kids everywhere hitting up their parents for last minute "study" cash. That's right kids, it's time to pack the bags and move into the little corner of Penn we like to call home [I mean Stouffer (just making sure you all are keeping up)]. Even though the faces and the rooms change, there are a few things that will always stay the same: 1) Dining will suck; 2) Finals will suck; and 3) Princeton will always suck!

All right time to get down to the formalities, my name is Matt Sklar and I'm currently a junior (sorry, but darn that sounds scary) in the school of engineering, and I'm majoring in Computer Science. I hail all the way from beautiful, sunny Long Island, where I enjoy watching horrible movies, driving around aimlessly and golfing (I know the last one doesn't quite fit but what the hell its fun).

As your Recreation and Special Events Manager, I assist the GA staff in planning events for the college house. Our events range all the way from educational (cover letter writing seminars, resume workshops) to recreational (Movie Nights, Paintball, and Midnight Disco Bowling). We'll work hard to try and plan the best events possible, but we're going to need your feedback. If anyone has any suggestions or requests for events it's only an email (msklar@seas.upenn.edu) or phone call away (look it up! You frosh need to learn to use the directory anyway). I'd love to hear your input.

I'm excited to be back and I hope you all are too; look forward to a great year and you won't be disappointed.

Princeton will always suck. Matt will always point that out. I will always agree. – Ed.

Welcome Home by Phil Nichols

There is no place like home. That is probably true. A lot of us are leaving our home for the first time, or just spent a summer at home after our first year away from home. And so, naturally, a lot of us are thinking about home, even as we enjoy all of the things that accompany the beginning of another year at Penn. And the beginning of the year is fun, both for the formal and the less than formal things that happen.

Home is where the heart is. For the last year I have been in Mongolia, and Mongolia took my heart. I love the place. Ulaanbaatar is just difficult enough to make life interesting, just easy enough to make life pleasant, and is changing so rapidly that anything seems possible. The countryside is gorgeous, and the country people are generous and kind. Buffalo do not roam, but there are herds of thousands of gazelle, and the skies are not cloudy all day. Mongolia is an excellent place to call home.

So, why aren't I moping about, staring blankly at walls and dreaming about thousands of kilometers of open steppes? Because I also get to call Stouffer College House my home. And now so do you. Stouffer is an amazing home. Those of you who are returning already know why, those of you who are new get to figure out why on your own. (Okay, some of you think Stouffer is a good home because you have the biggest – by far – rooms on campus; that is not quite what I am talking about.) All I will say is that I am really happy to be here, especially since all of you are here too.

Home sweet home, and indeed it is. Of course, you can make of it what you want – nobody is going to make you join our community. If you choose to, you can limit the size of your home to the four walls of your room. Or you can hang out in some dark room in some other corner of campus and make fun of Stouffer (there are plenty of people who make fun of frats, and of the High Rises, and of the Quad, and of everything else, so I am sure that someplace there must be one or two people making fun of Stouffer). Ultimately you can do whatever you want, but what I really hope is that you will get to know our community. The people who live here are really interesting and have good hearts. They make Stouffer a home.

At the very least, I hope that you will come by and say hi to me, and to Amy, and our boys. The boys have cool toys, and we would love to see you.

Welcome back to Stouffer. Nothing comes closer to home.

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