

"Poking Ghost" of Wright Hall Sighted Again

To the Editor:

After having read the article on Wright Hall's ghost in your last issue, I feel compelled to write to you. I'm a first-year student, and I, too, have noticed strange occurrences within the dorm. My roommate went home last weekend, and I woke up early Saturday morning to find a strange figure looming over my bed. It looked like the creepy first floor RA, but it was glowing and purple. It jabbed at me with a set of keys and then vanished through the radiator. At first, I thought I was still drunk, but then I remembered that I don't do any drugs.

I've also heard the voices mentioned in the previous issue. They seem to come from under my bed, but all I have under there are some books and old socks. The voices seemed to say "We're the Fugawi," but I can't be sure. It's all very creepy, and I'm thinking of transferring to Anna Maria, just to get away from it. I really hope it finds someone else to bother.

Sincerely,

Pat Catalano ('00)

[Editors' Note: Mike Schemaille, the reporter who has been covering the Poking Ghost incidents, has been continuing his research, and offered the following update on the Ghost.]

The land that was used to build Wright Hall was not a burial ground, as previously suspected. It now seems that the land was set aside for the building of a casino, but was snatched up by the University before groundbreaking could begin.

Various mediums and psychics were consulted regarding the hauntings, and they all had several common findings. First, the most prevalent finding was that the Fugawi want a portion of all vending machine sales transferred to a Swiss account, in order to make up for lost revenue. Secondly, the ghost(s) will not leave until gambling is legalized on campus or until Jack Foley has gender-transforming surgery. The final common finding was that this author would soon be meeting a dark, mysterious woman, but that is irrelevant and is merely inserted as wishful thinking.

The Fugawi seem to be more of a nuisance than a hazard, and should be dealt with accordingly. They seem to prefer haunting rooms in the second and third floors of Wright's west wing, but have been known to roam mysteriously around to the east wing and the first floor. So far, only the basement seems safe from these strange occurrences. I will keep the Clark population apprised of the situation as my research progresses.

— MS •



Poking Ghost as sketched by UPD artist Jay Rasku, based on victims' testimonies.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED IN TENSE RACE

Political analysis by a(nother) self-proclaimed expert

The Undergraduate Student Council of Clark University held its annual elections for representative positions on September 24, 1996. No casualties were reported. The event marked the conclusion of one of the most tumultuous political seasons in recent memory.

The most passionately fought races were those relating to areas of recent political events. The Black Student Union's ill-fated dance last Friday threw a harsh spotlight on Physical Plant's remarkable capacity to repair a very public UC door in 12 hours but to take more than six months to install a phone in a student group office.

Angry and upset, Jenny Sun ran a courageous campaign for Minority Representative, under the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," and pledged to get ROC-U [XRCU] a second phone line in our lifetime. Sun ran unopposed under the I Did My Flyers On My New Paint Program, Can You Tell? (IDMFOMNPP-CYT) party platform, along with new Freshman Rep Ron Saykin and Dana Hall Rep Amanda Mitchell.

Mitchell's lack of flyers was the subject of some controversy when Clark's party politics intensified in early September. Josh Schiffer, the cigar-smoking politician who runs the "Hookers and Beer" party, was reportedly upset with Mitchell's failure to appear at the semi-annual Agrarian Club Charity Auction, where large sections of Worcester get auctioned off to rich international students each year.

Mitchell was reportedly skydiving nude in Madrid on a fact-finding mission, and was only able to win Schiffer's endorsement back by filibustering before Council until his eyeballs bled. Satisfied, Schiffer allowed her back on the party ticket, but denied her the chance to run against anyone.

The remaining positions at a glance:

— International Representative remained a relevant and controversial position, as the existence of other nations continues to be a large source of bother to Americans. Lizanne Correa, class of UG00, eventually took the title with the creative campaign of "My Name Sounds Vaguely Like Lorraine Garcia." Her twenty-seven opponents reported being "pissed."

— The Freshman dorm rep positions were taken through shrewd campaigning that lasted from the Iowa caucuses straight

until election day, despite a broad consensus that this year's freshmen deserve to be severely beaten. Casey Frantz, Wright Hall, and Bob Sweet, Bullock Hall, ran successfully under the banner of the Organization to Elect People Whose Names Sound Like They Might Be Country-Western Acts (OEPWNSLTMBWA).

Pundits attribute their success to the fact that their opponents, Travis Murray and Katie Matta, have names that *definitely* sound like Country Western acts. Voters were barely able to tell them apart, and Frantz and Sweet were swept into office by a margin of 9 votes and 2 votes, respectively.

— Zack Ordynans, despite a slow start in the southern dorms and an ungainly haircut, campaigned hard on a platform of "I'm Unopposed" [see post-factum campaign speech, this issue]. Bethany Nadeau was elected Hughes Hall representative on a similar platform. Come to think of it, so were the infamous Fuller Quad Reps (Stephanie Currier (Johnson), Jim Strickulis (Sanford), Carla Miller (Dodd)), whose uncompromising principles on drugs and fast cars (they're in favor of them) led to a clear voter mandate not to have elections for at least another year.

— Leah Camposeo ran unopposed for Senior Representative, despite opposition. As the former Business Manager of the *Scarlet*, Camposeo was able to dodge Council's strict campaign finance restrictions, and was reported to have rejected donations from the Agrarian Society on the grounds that they didn't really exist. Camposeo was able to recover from this setback and finished strong, coming in well ahead of write-in candidate John Spelman, whose campaign slogan "Council Sucks" resonated with the voters but failed to produce votes.

— Maywood Hall Rep became Rob Leeman, who was elected by Chris Condon voting 51 times in a row, and was backed by both the Committee to Elect Roommates of Council's President to Everything (CERCPE), and the National Alliance to Let Members of Newman Run the University (NALMNRU). In his acceptance speech, Leeman swore that actually being elected would not interfere with his position as Chair of the Budget Committee, and hotly denied blow-drying, although nobody asked.

[Names, positions, and statistics courtesy Student Council] •

Corrections for *WheatBread* #5

1. The Jonas Clark 103 Computer Lab has two, not one, inkjet printers, one for IBM-compatibles, one for Macintoshes. [Courtesy OIS]
2. The Jonas Clark 103 Power Macintoshes are not presently equipped with DOS cords. [Courtesy OIS]
3. Telecommunications' charge of \$.50 on all 1-800 number calls was reduced and restricted several times between the time WB went to press and was released. The specific charge rate, and its specifications, were obsolete by the time readers saw it. WB hopes this didn't fuel student concerns. Ultimately, under pressure from Student Council, the charge was eliminated for one year, pending "research." [Courtesy Student Council]

Updates

— Clark University's Emergency Medical Service (EMS) was given a spacious room, a triple, in Dana Hall to be their home. [courtesy EMT Bill Evans]

— Director of Housing David Milstone threatened *WheatBread* magazine with the loss of their office because a staff member's cat was being let into dormitories. WB expressed "disappointed" with such abuse of authority. •