

### The Kittenplan Administration

Unfortunately, the written records for the 1990's are few and far between. Only through oral histories of alumni who come forward will the complete story of HCC be able to be told. It would not be until 1996 that HCC would arise again to the forefront of not only Hinman politics but of campus politics as well. It would also introduce one of the most dedicated and influential Presidents that HCC has ever seen and one of the most passionate Hinmanites ever to serve the community. That Hinmanite would be Joshua Kittenplan.

Oddly enough, Kittenplan's rise to power began with scandal. In the Spring of 1996 a man named Anthony Benardello was elected as President of the Student Association. Benardello was a nontraditional student. He was in his thirties and a former Army Ranger. What made Benardello notorious was his particular brand of reactionary politics. During that year's election for SA E-Board positions, Benardello won the position of SA President by a considerable margin. Many monitoring the election cried foul, believing that Benardello and his campaign had fixed the election. No one at the time was ever able to prove that there had been tampering in the election, and voter turnout was so low that it was not inconceivable for someone with such strong views as Benardello to be elected.<sup>1</sup>

Later on it turned out that Benardello had rigged the election. Benardello hired 13 to 15 pollsitters who used two-way radios to keep him informed of the number of votes cast at each site. Then in an off-campus location he filled fake ballot boxes with the same number of ballots. The next day Benardello and his associates took the boxes to the Nature Preserve and switched them with the real ones. Even though Benardello had agents with two-way radios who were supposedly keeping track of the number of votes, the final count was still off. Although the exact number is unknown, it is estimated that the SA presidential race was off by about 400

votes. It was also unclear if other SA races were tampered with. Some of the people that Benardello hired to help him rig the elections were from Hinman.<sup>2</sup>

Upon taking office, Benardello immediately took actions that many on campus viewed with dismay. He threw two minority students of color off the SA Judicial Board and filled six vacant spots in the SA with Caucasian males who had helped with his campaign. Perhaps the most controversial of his actions was that he completely eliminated the position of Vice President of Multicultural Affairs (VPMA) from the SA E-Board. During the summer, when the VPMA came to enter the office, she found that all the locks had been changed by Benardello. Benardello defended his actions by stating that the VPMA position was not sanctioned by the SA Constitution. This was technically true. The VPMA position was an appointed position and not a democratically elected one. Still, it had been recognized as a position in the SA during the previous few years. Actions which some saw as reactionary were beginning to infuriate many groups on campus, and many began to call for his resignation or impeachment.<sup>3</sup>

The meeting to confirm the new Judicial Board, which had six Benardello appointees, was held in the Mandela Room. During this time, a number of students came to protest the meeting. The protestors were not allowed to enter the Mandela Room and speak their concerns in front of the assembly. Outraged at not being able to speak, the protesters began to disrupt the meeting so much that no vote to confirm the Judicial Board took place that night.<sup>4</sup>

The next week's SA meeting was held in UU 133. Although it can never be known for sure, it is suspected that Benardello chose this location in an effort to control access to the meeting. The last straw came when Benardello closed off the SA meetings to the public and allowed only thirty people (chosen by lottery) to view the meetings. Outraged at the actions of Benardello, approximately one hundred students congregated outside the SA office in the

University Union and demanded to be let in to the meetings. After the crowd was denied entrance, a number of students became agitated and tried to force their way into the meeting. ULED had to be called in to stop the angry students from entering the room. The fear was that the protestors would come to blows with Benardello and his supporters. Fearing for their own safety, ULED officers used pepper spray on the belligerent student protesters. One student was arrested in the process and others were taken to the hospital.<sup>5</sup>

News of the melee quickly spread and angry students staged a rally in opposition to what they saw as the abuse of power on the part of Benardello and his cronies in the SA. The rally was so big that classes were cancelled and a group of students even stormed the Couper Administration building and took it over for several days. Even the SA office for a time was occupied by protesting students. Following the rally and subsequent student takeovers, a movement took place to impeach Benardello. One of the big controversies had to do with the process of impeachment. The SA Judicial Board was the body actually responsible for trying Benardello and removing him from office, and six out of the nine Judicial Board members were appointed by Benardello. Many area government meetings' main focus during that time was how to best support the efforts to impeach Benardello and the matter was even discussed in individual hall meetings. In Lehman Hall over 175 people packed into the Lehman Hall Main Lounge to discuss the issue of Benardello's impeachment. One of the people at that meeting was Joshua Kittenplan. It was here that Josh got his first taste of campus politics and came to understand the importance that area governments played in the process.<sup>6</sup> Later that semester, Benardello resigned, along with many SA representatives who had been close to him.

The SA was radically changed following Benardello's resignation and numerous seats now needed to be filled. The SA reps for Lehman and Hughes were two such casualties. A

special election in the Spring of 1997 was called to fill the vacancy. Around this time, Josh was sitting in his room when his phone rang. On the other end was his RA, Shannon Odenweller, and she asked him to come down to the RA office. Josh came down to the office fearing the worst. In the office were Shannon and several other RA's and they told him about the vacancy and spent a good deal of time trying to convince him to run for the position. Josh argued that he did not have the experience necessary to hold the post, but the RA's countered by saying that they needed someone who they could trust to represent them in the SA. After much cajoling, Josh finally agreed to run for the position. He ran unopposed and won in a landslide victory. The young, inexperienced Josh Kittenplan was about to enter the Hinman College political landscape.<sup>7</sup>

Josh was woefully unprepared for the SA. Many of the SA representatives were still holdovers from Benardello's administration. They were battle-hardened and nasty and knew how to use Robert's Rules of Order to their advantage. The SA meetings were tough and malicious and a great deal of mistrust was held by everyone in the room. It was during this time that Josh came to be an expert in Robert's Rules, something which he would bring to HCC, albeit in an abbreviated form, with great results. Also during this time, Josh met the new SA rep for Hughes Hall, a man by the name of Larry Garnier. Garnier would become very active in HCC for the following three years.<sup>8</sup>

In stark contrast to the SA meetings, HCC meetings were warm, friendly and fun. Joe Scaduto was the HCC President at the time and was very charismatic and trustworthy, something that the SA E-Board was not. Although he was not very vocal in HCC at this stage, Josh saw the camaraderie of the group and knew that this was an organization that he wanted to continually be involved with. It was during this time that he met HCC greats like Brian Haggerty, Ben

Greenzweig, and Brent Landau. Brent Landau would be the start of what would become a sort of HCC political dynasty. Both Brent and his younger brother Eric and years later another brother, Matt, would become active in HCC.

Josh also met Jojo Karchanabut, who would later go on to be HCC President. When Josh told Jojo that he was interested in running for a position on the Lehman Hall E-Board, Jojo suggested he run for President. Once again, Josh felt that he wasn't ready for such an important position, but Jojo continued to inspire him to run for the office. Before the year was out, Josh asked a friend of his, Melissa Snyder, to run with him. Melissa was charismatic, funny and attractive—all attributes which made her highly electable. She agreed to be his running mate and Josh left Hinman that summer and began to plan out his campaign for the Lehman Hall presidency.<sup>9</sup>

The Fall of 1997 saw the sophomore Josh Kittenplan return to Lehman Hall ready to campaign for the Lehman Hall presidency. He quickly realized that just about all of the Lehman Hall E-Board would consist of people whom he was friendly with and they would almost all certainly win (most of the positions were unopposed). Unfortunately, three different sets of candidates were running for the presidency. One set of candidates was Alex Chesko and Nick Rosenberg, friends of Josh and Melissa. In what can be called his very first backroom political deal, Josh took Nick and Alex aside and explained to them that both their base and his base were essentially the same people and they would cannibalize each others campaigns and that the other set of candidates (the former social VP of Roosevelt Hall and her friend who had moved to Lehman) would certainly win. Josh convinced them to drop out of the race for the presidency and run instead for the open position of Academic Vice President of the building. To help their campaigns, the four friends became Dorm Wars captains and were tremendous in getting regular

Lehmanites out of their rooms and onto the quad to participate in the events. This increased their visibility in the hall and helped their campaigns. Also, during sweeps there was a high turnout and both Melissa and Josh sounded out their platform to the residents of Lehman Hall. This was especially difficult for Josh, who for the longest time was anxious about public speaking. On the night of the election, Josh was all pins and needles. He continually went around the building encouraging people to vote. That evening he got a call from Jojo who told him the good news. He and Melissa had won the presidency with 79 votes to their opponents' 35.<sup>10</sup>

Following his ascension as Co-President of Lehman Hall, Josh Kittenplan was about to undertake what can only be called one of the most transformative years of his life. Lehman had barely lost to Roosevelt in Dorm Wars that year and the energy from the building's residents was absolutely amazing. The Lehman Hall E-Board was also exceptional. Even though they were all sophomores (with the exception of one freshman) they were mature beyond their years. Josh and the others on his E-Board actively sought out freshmen talent and encouraged them to be active in the hall. From this policy of inclusion in hall and community government, virtually the whole Lehman Hall E-Board for the next year would arise, mostly because of the tutelage of Josh Kittenplan. They also had 10-12 Hall Council Representatives (HCR) and fully 1/3 of the active members of HCC were from Lehman Hall. This large number of representatives meant that Lehman Hall, when voting as a bloc, could significantly impact the outcome of many HCC resolutions. Josh remembers this time vividly:

We had a reputation of being mean because of several highly vocal members of the E-board and the fact that 8 of us were always outside smoking before and after HCC meetings. I played the straight man, trying to keep it all together. Alex and I often scripted our hall reports to HCC to make them funny and we had several skits as hall reports, complete with props, music and dry ice.....just to be creative. It created a strong Lehman identity.<sup>11</sup>

Seeking to become more involved in the process, Josh joined the Rules Committee. Then an opportunity to join the Elections Committee arose and Josh joined that as well and became its chairman. Slowly but surely, Josh began to come out of his shell and became more vocal in HCC. He also noticed that many people began to listen whenever he spoke. It was during this time that he along with others, like Brent Landau, amended the HCC Constitution and its bylaws. Josh was personally responsible for drafting reformed Election Bylaws. Much debate arose about how to improve the constitution. Through these amendments and debate, Josh and the rest of HCC learned the ins and outs of the constitution and knew it like the back of their hands.<sup>12</sup>

Early in the Spring of 1998, already there was speculation on who would run for office on the E-Board of HCC. Early on the favorite to win the Presidency was Eric Landau, Brent Landau's younger brother. Eric, like his brother Brent, was charismatic and intelligent and had been very vocal and active in HCC and had gained a following. Josh and Eric quickly developed a rapport. Josh at the time was seriously considering moving off campus the following year and certainly had no intention of running for HCC office. However, the fates had different things in store for Josh Kittenplan. The first twist of fate was that his parents essentially forbid him from moving off campus. The second twist came when Jojo approached Josh and encouraged him to run for President of HCC. Jojo told Josh that if he decided to run for President, Jojo and the rest of the HCC E-board would throw their support behind him. With this new found encouragement from a leader in HCC that he respected and admired, Josh decided to stay on campus and run for HCC President.<sup>13</sup> One of the most hotly contested battles for the presidency of HCC in the history of Hinman College was about to be fought.

When Eric Landau was nominated chair the Hysteria committee, Josh's E-Board motioned to have a separate election to qualify Eric for the position. This was highly illegal and

Josh vocally opposed his E-Board. Still, the thought was nice that so many people were throwing themselves behind him. For the rest of the semester, Eric and Josh carried on like two experienced politicians. They smiled at every HCC meeting and shook hands and got to know as many people in Hinman as possible. Josh had a slight advantage with both the Lehman Hall E-Board and the majority of the HCC E-Board on his side. Still Eric had a great deal of support himself and it was quickly growing. Eric's campaign hit a stumbling block during Hysteria that year. For whatever reason, the planning and execution of Hysteria was a complete mess. Since he was the chair for the Hysteria Committee, Eric took much of the blame for what many called an unmitigated disaster. Although the reality was that Eric Landau's actions probably had very little to do with the final outcome of Hysteria 1998, he still wound up taking much of the blame for its failure. Although he had taken a hit politically, Eric still had a strong base and the race for President was far from over. Josh organized his campaign staff of over thirty people and had them paper the walls of Hinman with his campaign posters. As the election time loomed ever nearer, Josh prepared to do battle with his opponent.<sup>14</sup>

Right before the date when letters of intent were due, Eric pulled Josh aside one day to discuss the upcoming election. Here Eric told Josh that he was seriously considering dropping out of the race to take a position in the SA. Eric offered to remove himself from the race if Josh could guarantee him a spot on the HCC Rules Committee. Josh agreed and in his second backroom political deal, Josh became unopposed in the race for the HCC presidency. Even though he was the only candidate running for the position, Josh saw sweeps as a validation of all his hard work over the past two years, with many people throwing their support behind him.<sup>15</sup> In the end he won in a landslide victory and became the next, and some would say, one of the most influential HCC Presidents of all time.

The 1998-1999 academic year started off with a bang. Unlike Hysteria 1998, Dorm Wars 1998 was a tightly run and well oiled machine and was one of the most successful Dorm Wars in recent memory. That semester also saw a new Faculty Master come to Hinman. Nick Sterling, the longest running and one of the most beloved Faculty Masters in Hinman history, finally retired the semester before. Taking his spot was Professor Al Vos. At first, many who had known Nick and who had grown close to him were not sure how to size up this new, untried Faculty Master. Their fears soon dissolved when they saw just how energetic, supportive and enthusiastic this new Faculty Master was. Josh remembers this transition of power in Hinman vividly. "...it was Al Vos's first year as Faculty Master and he was just brimming with enthusiasm. He was so incredible because not only was he vocal but he also took a lot of time to listen to us and to understand what made Hinman and HCC tick. This attention is shown by his understanding of Hinman even today."<sup>16</sup> A new Assistant Director, Donna Denoncourt, also came to Hinman that year. Like Al, Donna was also brimming with enthusiasm and was incredibly supportive of HCC. Al and Donna became the dynamic duo of Hinman College, many even calling them "the mom and dad" of Hinman because of their incredible energy and support of the community.

Believing strongly in tradition and passing down the legacy of Hinman College's glorious past, Josh would frequently dig out old back issues of the *Hinman Halitosis* and share stories from them during HCC meetings. Nearly a decade after his time in HCC Josh would write: "The incoming freshmen would never know the fabled Nick Sterling, who was revered, as well as Tamara Clark, who was steeped in Hinman tradition and was vocal about it at HCC. We knew that we needed to bridge the past with the future and overemphasized the history of Hinman that year. I was very proud of that because I think it was critical."<sup>17</sup> Josh and his E-Board fought

hard to preserve Hinman's traditions and to pass them along to a new generation. During the 1997-1998 academic year, not a single issue of the *Hinman Halitosis* newsletter was published. Fearing that the new generation would all but forget what *Halitosis* was all about, Josh and his E-Board made sure that the newsletter was published during the 1998-1999 academic year. The E-Board appointed four people to chair a committee to oversee the publication of the newsletter. Even though only two editions came out during the year they were terrific and well designed issues of the uniquely Hinman newsletter. They even brought back "Herm the Worm" the official *Halitosis* mascot of bygone years. To the outside observer, two issues of *Halitosis* may not have seemed like an accomplishment, but it had an impact. Dave Berkowitz, the President of Cleveland Hall, was so inspired by the newsletter that he even created a mock newsletter called the *Hinman Gingivitis* which lampooned many popular Hinmanites including Josh and his E-Board.<sup>18</sup>

Besides the welcome addition of a new Faculty Master, Assistant Director and the success of Dorm Wars, Josh and his E-Board settled down to implement policies that would bring Hinman into the new millennium. This year's HCC E-Board was, by far, one of the best E-Boards in history. The Social Vice President of HCC was Sarah Dethlefsen, a fellow Lehmanite and a close associate of Josh. Sarah quickly proved to everyone that her mind had a sharp attention for detail. Furthermore, under Sarah's guidance many social programs in Hinman that had traditionally lost money either broke even or turned a small profit that year. HCC's Financial Vice President was Ross Wolfson. Ross had a reputation for being somewhat eccentric and highly political, but he was the best at this job. He also knew how to get money for HCC. Ross was not afraid to approach the SA and give presentations on why the SA should give Hinman more money. Josh and Ross would give amazing presentations before the SA and

quickly learned that if they told the SA that their programs would not happen if they did not receive extra funds, then the SA would typically give them more money. With Ross Wolfson handling HCC's finances, HCC, perhaps for the first time in its history, actually made money. Cat Suchy was the Academic Vice President of HCC. She had experience as the AVP of Cleveland Hall before entering HCC. Although not as political as some of her peers on the E-Board, Cat organized and ran some of the most successful academic programs (typically the hardest programs to develop and execute) in Hinman history. Cat was perhaps the person most responsible for the highly successful Academic Fair, one of the most successful ever to be seen in the history of Binghamton University, and that year's Siblings' Weekend was the most successful of its kind. Rounding out the E-Board was Hirsch Fishman, the HCC Public Affairs Vice President. Hirsch was the first person in Hinman history to create a website for Hinman. Hirsch posted the minutes of HCC meetings, committee assignments, and the names and contact information of elected officials on the website. The site also became a great way to advertise programs in Hinman and was a huge success PR-wise for the E-Board. Hinman became the first residential college in Binghamton history to have its own website. The talent and passion of this E-Board is undeniable and is considered to be the Dream Team of HCC E-Boards. Every member of the board was hungry and eager to get to work to make life in Hinman the best of every community.<sup>19</sup>

HCC got a lot done that year. Countless social and academic programs were instituted and were highly attended. Well over 90 Hinmanites every week packed the HCC meetings, willingly, to take part in the student government process. Every HCC was fun and filled with enthusiastic Hinmanites who relished taking a part in their community and making life better for the average Hinman resident. One particularly humorous moment occurred when Mike

Eisenstein bet Josh that he could not get Binghamton University President Lois DeFluer to come to an HCC meeting and if he ever did, Mike would flash her. Never one to turn down a challenge, Josh pulled some strings and was able to get DeFluer to attend an HCC meeting. Josh decided to move the meeting to the Hinman Dining Hall to accommodate the extra people who would attend. Before the meeting started, as Josh and rest of his E-Board was sitting down waiting for the appropriate time to start, Eisenstein approached wearing a long trench coat. He then quickly pulled back the coat and pretended to flash Josh. Luckily for all involved, he really was fully clothed under the trench coat. This was just one of many examples of the lighthearted and fun moments behind-the-scenes at HCC.<sup>20</sup> Things were going better than they ever had before in the history of HCC. Dave Berkowitz, co-President of Cleveland Hall and one of the many great charismatic Hinman leaders of that era, called it a new golden age for HCC and for Hinman College and that was exactly what it was. At the end of the fall semester, both Al and Josh challenged the members of HCC to make the spring semester even better than this semester. The dedicated HCCers took up the challenge and made the spring of 1999 one of the best semesters ever. One of the major events in the spring semester was Bandemonium. Bandemonium, a now defunct program, was a musical event that was held on the Hinman Quad in the spring and various musical acts would perform sets to an audience of Hinmanites. Bandemonium was always very popular, but that year's Bandemonium was the best that had ever been seen. While the musical acts were usually student groups from on campus, Josh was able to book the band Perfect Thyroid, a popular group that regularly performed at Cheers, one of the more popular bars in Binghamton at the time. Hinman also had a carnival that year complete with rides and booths of games and other activities. Coming off this high of numerous successful programs and leading one of the best HCC's in recent memory, Josh began to realize

that the semester was drawing to a close and that his term of office as HCC President was about to expire. For two years Josh had won the Mr. HCC paper plate award. He had also lived, breathed, and reveled in Hinman political and social life. For a time he considered applying to be an RA, but some of his friends convinced him to move off campus. Not applying to be an RA in Hinman was the single regret that he has for his time in college. At the last minute Josh decided on a gambit. Although he knew he would never again be involved as much as he was in HCC politics, maybe he could try his hand at campus politics. At the last minute he threw his hat into the ring and announced that he would run for SA President.<sup>21</sup>

Josh quickly organized a campaign staff made up of HCCers and began his trek towards the presidency. He made the runoff elections against Jordan Fox, who was a BU Counsel Rep from Dickinson. Jordan and Josh were friends, and the campaigns, though hard fought, were never nasty. Jordan had the upper hand on Josh. While Josh was known mostly in Hinman, Jordan was a well-known figure all around campus and had a wide array of support. Josh ultimately lost the election, but the bright spot in it all was that he received 188 out of 222 votes in Hinman College, which was the highest count vote-wise and the highest percentage of any candidate of any race that year, in any one community. To Josh this was validation. He may not have been chosen to lead the campus politically, but he had undoubtedly left his mark on Hinman. Two other Hinmanites who ran in the SA elections did win. Eric Landau won the Academic Vice President spot on the SA and Robyn Kaplan won Vice President of University Programming. His senior year, Josh was still active in politics. He was the chair of the SA rules committee, a member of the Harpur College Council (the other HCC) and on the board of directors for Off Campus College Transport (OCCT). Through it all, Josh's heart was still in Hinman and he became an active student fellow. The Spring of 2000 saw the very last of the

Bandemoniums. In the past, the event had coincided with Hysteria, as an event on the Hinman Quad (Co-Rec having long since moved to Sterling Field). That year, however, Bandemonium moved to the dining hall and became a night event and its popularity quickly dropped. That year, Josh and his one time political rival, Eric Landau, co-hosted Rockefeller Room which drew over three hundred people. By this time, Josh had finally gotten over his fear of public speaking.<sup>22</sup>

That year during Hinman Commencement, Josh would share the Harvey D. Hinman Award with Sharon Sher, a fellow Lehmanite who was Social Vice President of Lehman when Josh was President of the building. The award was presented by Lisa Hyman, the Lehman Hall RD, who spoke eloquently of all that Josh had done for the community. To this day, Josh still proudly displays his Harvey D. Hinman Award on his desk at work.<sup>23</sup> Josh left Hinman that year proud of his accomplishments and honored that for even just a brief period of time, he had been able to make a difference and be active in his home away from home: Hinman College. Little did he know that his work on behalf of Hinman would not be over just yet. There was still one more battle to be fought.

When Josh had first come into office he began to poke around the HCC Office and discovered a letter written by Shaw Marguiles, a former President of HCC. Marguiles had addressed the letter to all future HCC Presidents. In the letter he told the story of the fight to save the Hinman Quad (which the university wanted to pave over) and implored all future Hinman leaders to be on the lookout because he was suspicious that the administration would go back on its word and pave the quad. Inspired by reading this note, Josh had taken the letter to HCC and had made a huge deal about it, beseeching all future Hinman leaders to be vigilant and to protect the Hinman Quad at all costs. That summer after his graduation from Binghamton

University, Josh returned home for a welcome respite. That August, all the RA's returned to campus for summer training. During that time, Josh received a frantic Instant Message from Hinman RA Mike Estrich, who had been the President of Cleveland Hall when Josh was President of HCC. Estrich alerted Josh that during the summer after everyone had left, the university had paved a path across the quad, effectively making it unusable for any sporting events like Dorm Wars or Hysteria. Enraged at this news, Josh got a hold of his old friend Dave Berkowitz and the two of them spewed fire and brimstone at the university administration. He and Josh and fired off a slew of angry emails to President DeFleur, all the Vice Presidents, and every Residential Life email address they could find stating that as new alumni they were horrified and livid over the deceitful tactics that the university employed. They also alerted every alumni that they could think of and encouraged them to do the same. Josh also called a reporter from the *Press and Sun Bulletin* who owed him a favor. With legions of angry alumni making phone calls, writing angry letters and emails, and with the bad press, the administration quickly relented and ripped up the pavement and reseeded the quad. It made the front page of the *Press and Sun Bulletin*. Josh Kittenplan had scored one final victory for Hinman College.<sup>24</sup>

To paraphrase an old proverb, you can take the boy out of Hinman, but you can't take Hinman out of the boy. The years that he had spent in Hinman and all the good times that he had in the community inspired him and his friend Dave Berkowitz to create the Hinman Alumni Network in the year 2000. Although Josh would eventually step down to pursue his law school studies, the Hinman Alumni Network saw the creation of the annual Co-Rec in the Park, where Hinman alumni from all eras are invited to New York City's Central Park for a picnic lunch, a pickup game of Co-Rec football, and the chance to catch-up with old friends and to meet new ones—the common bond being that everyone has lived in Hinman.<sup>25</sup>

In 2007, Joshua Kittenplan had this to sum up his experiences with HCC:

HCC is at its best when it is a team environment. My role that year was as much a motivator as anything else, but without so many wonderful people dedicating so much time and energy to the community, my impact would have been substantially minimized...I could rave about so many people and their contributions to HCC that year, it was such a special, spirited bunch.<sup>26</sup>

There is no doubt that there was truly something special about that HCC E-Board the year that Josh Kittenplan was President. However, as he said, it was truly a team effort. Any student government is a team effort and HCC is no exception. Countless people throughout the 1990's made HCC an active and integral part of Hinman College and helped to make it the great place to live that it is today. Even though they may not be mentioned by name, it is these unsung heroes that helped continue the tradition of excellence of HCC and Hinman College.

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<sup>1</sup> Joshua Kittenplan, e-mail message to author, February 8, 2007.

<sup>2</sup> Abby Benezra, "New evidence reveals election fix," *Pipe Dream*, date unknown, circa 1996.

<sup>3</sup> Abby Benezra, "Sa VPMA removed from SA E-d," *Pipe Dream*, Vol. LI, No. 1, September 10, 1996.

<sup>4</sup> Brent Landau, telephone conversation with author, May 4, 2007.

<sup>5</sup> Cathy Anderhalt, "Riot erupts at SA meeting," *Pipe Dream*, Col. LI, October 16, 1996 and Rebecca Goldstein, "ULED detains SA Rep," *Pipe Dream*, Vol. LI, October 16, 1996.

<sup>6</sup> Joshua Kittenplan, e-mail message to author, February 8, 2007.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

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<sup>17</sup> Joshua Kittenplan, e-mail message to author, February 7, 2007.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

<sup>19</sup> Joshua Kittenplan, e-mail message to author, February 8, 2007.

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