

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT LIFE 2002-2003

The Committee on Student Life had a relatively quiet year, with very little that required our attention or mediation. As always, we conducted the Wendell Phillips Award competition to determine the student Commencement speaker. After a meeting on January 24 to choose the finalists, we held the oral competition on March 3. Although the presentations were all impressive, we selected Elaine P. Wang as this year's Wendell Phillips Award winner, with Katharine M. Elder as runner-up.

At our April 11 meeting, Senate Historian Alison Clarke summarized the proposed changes to the student government constitution. Based on that presentation, we recommended that the constitution be forwarded to the student body for a vote, as it subsequently was. We also heard from representatives of *Queen's Head & Artichoke*, a campus literary magazine, who were appealing the TCU Judiciary's decision to de-recognize the publication. A spokesperson for the TCUJ defended their decision.

Time constraints necessitated our continuing this hearing on April 25. After listening to representatives of both groups (*Queen's Head & Artichoke* and the TCUJ), we deliberated and made our decision. Although we upheld the J's decision not to recognize *Queen's Head & Artichoke*, we also acknowledged an ambiguity in the language of rule #4 ("Recognition of Student Organizations: Procedures," *Pachyderm*, p. 131) which needs to be clarified in a joint committee of the J and CSL in fall 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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