Aloian Winners

Established in 1988 to honor the late David Aloian ’49, a former executive director of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) and Master of Quincy House, the Aloian Memorial Scholarships recognize two seniors who have made unique contributions to their Houses and to undergraduate life. This year’s recipients are Silas Wang ’02 and Albert Cho ’02. They were to be honored at the annual fall dinner of the HAA’s Board of Directors on October 25.

Cho, from Tempe, Arizona, and Adams House, believes that “communities are built by people who care about others, and a House has to be a community where people know and feel comfortable with each other.” To this end, he has studied the House facebook so he can introduce himself to housemates, organized House events, built sets for House productions, and baked edibles for House teas. He also directs the Molotov Café, the Adams House student grill. He is an active prefect, a freshman-orientation program leader, and cochair of Harvard’s Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgendered, and Supporters Alliance. According to his House master, Cho “is enormously kind and gentle, as well as goal-directed and a forceful leader.” The social-studies concentrator hopes to join the Peace Corps before attending graduate school.

Wang, from Toronto and Leverett House, calls the House system an “irreplaceable opportunity for personal, social, and intellectual growth.” He is, according to his former Leverett House senior tutor, “the invisible glue that holds Leverett together.” As a student, Wang has molded his passion for engineering and art by taking charge of several projects for the House web page, including the development of an on-line facebook and House alumni section. Wang also designed the web page for the Leverett House Arts Society (LHAS). As president of LHAS, he enjoys producing student-run programs that offer housemates the chance to participate in the arts. He is vice president and director of on-line technologies for Harvard’s Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Transgendered, and Supporters Alliance. According to his House master, Cho “is enormously kind and gentle, as well as goal-directed and a forceful leader.” The social-studies concentrator hopes to join the Peace Corps before attending graduate school.

Harvard at Home

The University’s on-line educational venture, Harvard at Home, now offers a dozen capsule versions of seminars, talks, and courses. Designed to give alumni a sense of intellectual happenings around campus, the vignettes cover a range of topics, including physics, library science, global health and AIDS, literature, and biography.

Most recently available on line is “Beethoven’s Ninth: Then and Now,” an edited version of an Alumni College weekend led by music professor Thomas F. Kelly. “It is spying on real-time events,” he says of the segment. Viewers and listeners at home can learn almost as much about the composer as they would have had they attended the event, he says—except that some of the music is missing. An added advantage, he jokes, is that “if I get bored, they can fast-forward to the next segment. Or if they can’t understand my fast talking, they can play it over again.” In the vignette entitled “Oliver Cromwell: Commoner to Lord Protector,” Mark Kishlansky, Baird professor of history and associate dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, explores Cromwell’s rise to power, complete with battle maps and a timeline. Mexico’s secretary of foreign affairs, Jorge Castañeda, a guest speaker at the Kennedy School, can also be seen and heard lecturing on “Border Connections: Mexico-U.S. Relations.”

Harvard at Home is accessible through www.haa.harvard.edu, where one registers for the password-protected alumni website Post.Harvard. A menu on that site links users to Harvard at Home.

Got a Job?

There are various ways to help undergraduates find their place in the professional world. For further information on how to offer paid or unpaid jobs, or internships, contact staff members at the University programs listed below.

The Harvard Career Internship Program matches students with unpaid internships during spring recess. Contact Nancy Saunders at the Office of Career Services, at 617-495-2595, or e-mail her at nesaund@fas.harvard.edu. The Radcliffe Externships program offers female students the chance to accompany alumnae at work and at home during spring break. Call Susan Shemo at 617-495-5964, or e-mail association@radcliffe.edu. To offer a paid summer job, contact the Student Employment Office at 617-495-2385; or post details of job offers on the SEO website at www.seo.harvard.edu.

Comings and Goings

Local Harvard clubs host a series of lectures and social gatherings. What follows is a list of some of the events planned. For details, contact the HAA’s clubs and programs office at 617-495-3070.

On November 1, Thomas Reardon, vice president for alumni affairs and development, was scheduled to give a talk entitled “Is Harvard Rich and Does It Matter?” for the Harvard Club of Maine, at the Portland Club. On November 4, members of the Harvard Club of Long Island can hear Louise Richardson, executive dean of the Radcliffe Institute, lecture on “International Terrorism.” Chinese history professor Peter Bol visits the Harvard Clubs of Sarasota (December 7) and Lee County (December 8) in Florida to discuss “China Today, from the Bottom Up.” And Owen Gingerich, research professor of astronomy and the history of science, chronicles his adventures in searching for copies of De revolutionibus orbium coelestium by Copernicus for the Harvard Club of Cape Cod on December 14.