Residents, Alums Protest Proposal

By Daniel C. Stevenson

Current residents and alumni of Senior House and East Campus are upset and worried about the plans being discussed to renovate the two dormitories for graduate housing.

The Undergraduate Association president has also expressed concern.

Since early September, the Strategic Housing Planning Committee has been gathering information to develop a plan to move undergraduates out of east campus dormitories into current graduate and new undergraduate dormitories on west campus. The committee, chaired by Robert M. Randolph, senior associate dean for undergraduate education and student affairs, was formed at the request of UESA Dean Arthur C. Smith.

According to a source who spoke with a committee member, the committee's plans call for renovating Senior House and East Campus as graduate dormitories within three to five years.

Randolph has said that he cannot guarantee that undergraduates would be living in Senior House next fall.

The idea of moving undergraduates to west campus "is completely ridiculous," said East Campus resident Leah C. Schechter '96. The east campus area is important because of the strong undergraduate tradition, she said.

"If you try to shove everybody into housing in west campus and you take away this tradition, you will not only be making a lot of people who live here very unhappy, but also will be hurting the grand tradition that has been carried on for years," Schechter said.

If such a plan is enacted, the Institute will be "a very grim and unpleasant place," Schechter said.

Sparvero Claims 1994 UMC Title

By Shang-Lin Chuang

After a week of dressing up in costumes and performing in Lobby 10, Stephanie A. Sparvero '96 was declared the Ugliest Manifestation. The religious groups moved into the adjoining ablution - or clean-up - room, dining rooms, kosher kitchens, prayer rooms, and kosher kitchen in the basement and a radik to the ground floor porch, Rosenblum said.

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During the week, Sparvero dressed up in various hats, nerdy glasses, a metallic silver and navy jacket, plaid skirt, tied-dyed dress, and gold shoes, and thought I was funny and stupid, she said. "Lots of people laughed at me and I thought I was funny and enthused. And that was my goal. A couple of people thought I was totally strange and couldn't believe that I dressed up like that," Sparvero said.

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