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THE ANTIOCH PAPERS - OPEN PRIMARY SOURCE ARCHIVE - NOW ONLINE

<http://theantiochpapers.org/>

Today a national network of journalists, archivists, and information scavengers opened an on-line public archive of primary source documents concerning Antioch College/University.

University-produced documents on-line at The Antioch Papers reveal:

1. that if by June 30, 2008, a "land development company has not been engaged, the College would move toward permanent closure." – From "College Suspension Scenarios 1 and 2." 2007.

2. the Board meeting in which financial exigency was declared for the College contains plans for \$25,383,000 in new construction at Antioch Seattle in 2012. - From "Data for Financial Planning Discussion." 2007.

The Antioch Papers is an open archive for primary source materials that document the institutional life of Antioch College and, by extension, Antioch University. Source materials have been gathered through publicly accessible archives and through submissions by institutional whistle-blowers concerned about violations of transparency, community governance, and educational standards in the dismantling of the College.

In the spirit of community governance, the staff of the Antioch Papers released 2 collectively developed quotes for the press at this time.

AP Collective Quote 1

"Antioch is about life long learning, in a way the school never leaves you. We feel the University's lack of transparency concerning the closing of the College has robbed us of important teachable moment. Thank goodness for the folks who have been sending us documents."

AP Collective Quote 2

"Our education at Antioch taught us to integrate, elevate, and challenge our personal concerns and insights among the larger social fabric of civic life. We feel there needs to be an institutional review of the college based on internally and externally generated documents as a counter point to the personal-experience based critiques that have dominated so many opinion editorials."

Because of the collective nature of the Antioch College Papers, there is no individual spokesperson for the group. The group as a whole is willing to answer any questions at the email address below. The AP feels this collective strategy is essential at this moment due to the imbalance between personal experience and documented institutional understanding in the popular press's coverage of the closing of Antioch College - this position may be modified as conditions change.

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