

READY TO LEAD STANFORD INTO THE FUTURE?

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*“The Alumni Committee on
Trustee Nominations is seeking
four extraordinary alumni
leaders to serve on the Board
of Trustees. If you are [...] a
proven leader with a history of
professional achievement and
civic involvement, [...] this could
be your call to service.”*

Dear Co-Chairs of the Alumni Committee on Trustee Nominations,
Thank you for your email
of July 15.

I am intrigued
by your generous offer
of Trusteeship.
It has diverted me
from this morning’s hangover.

My intestines woke me
with the pleasant creaking
of unrendered alcohol,
as if to say, “Try
as you will to obliterate
your body, we are all
still here, still working.”

I did not want to put on clothes today
but I did. I found the stairs
and I found the sink.
I found the old *New Yorker*
and the hammock in the back yard
and the sun found me,
humid in the hammock.

My skin fermented
and I sweated beer
into my girl moustache.
I went in for some water
and swallowed it
and felt it cold,
cold the whole way down.

I must inform you:
I am not ready
to lead Stanford
into the future.
Sincerely,
Dara Weinberg,
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