Dear freshmen:

Good luck as you tackle end-of-term papers and sit for final exams, and then embark on summer plans. There is a wonderful poem written by Mary Oliver entitled “The Summer Day,” something good to keep in mind during this season.

**THE SUMMER DAY**

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper, I mean –
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down –
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don’t know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn’t everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life?

It’s been a delight to work with you. All of the staff in the FDO wish you a restorative summer – with plenty of opportunity “to be idle and blessed… to stroll through the fields” – and hope very much that you will come by 6 Prescott Street when you are back in town.

Sincerely,
Tom Dingman

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Saturday, May 3, 8PM** - My Soul Is Anchored: The 44th Annual Dean Archie Epps Spring Concert. Join the Kuumba Singers of Harvard College for a celebration of Black music, dance, and spoken word. Founded in 1970 by two African American undergraduates as a safe haven for Black students at the University, the Kuumba Singers seeks to celebrate the musical creativity of the African diaspora in order to leave a space better than we found it. Our spring concert expresses the power and beauty of an African American history that has been turbulent and yet deeply triumphant. Join us for a night of song, dance, spoken word, remembrance, and joy. $8 tickets are available from the Harvard Box Office. Sanders Theatre.

- **Sunday, May 4, 9PM-1AM** - Bacchanalia! The Lowell House Committee and Senior Common Room invite you to Lowell’s Spring Formal. Enjoy The Intrinsics from 9-11PM and DJ Ian from 11PM-1AM. HUID required. $10 tickets are available at the Harvard Box Office or Lowell Dining Hall during meal hours; SEF eligible. Lowell Dining Hall and Courtyards.

- **Monday, May 5, 4PM** - Taste of Justice.

Have you ever wondered how the food you eat gets to your plate? Interested in sustainability, worker rights, or animal welfare? Come to Taste of Justice, an interactive discussion of food and food-related issues, sponsored by Real Food for Harvard and the Food Literacy Project. Enjoy a lively discussion of important issues, meet cool people, and, of course, taste a variety of delicious food! Harvard Hall 202.

- **Tuesday, May 6, 11:30AM - Class of 2017 Photo & Spring into Summer Picnic.** Join the FYSC and the UC for a picnic of delicious food, games, friends, and more! Be sure to join your classmates for the long-awaited Class of 2017 photo which will be taken on the steps of Widener Library prior to the picnic. Please dress in clothing similar to what you wore for Convocation for your photo. Tercentenary Theatre.

- **Wednesday May 7, 7-9PM - Wellness Study Break for the Class of 2017.** De-stress like you mean it! Come by the Center for Wellness study break to enjoy community acupuncture, chair massage, fresh fruit, and crafts. Call 617-495-9629 to schedule your 30-minute acupuncture session. Ticknor Lounge.
Important Move-Out Information

All freshmen must vacate their rooms by 12PM on Sunday, May 18. Use the check list below to help you stay on track with move-out responsibilities.

Before Vacating Your Suite:

- Remove all personal furniture and belongings. Any non-Harvard furniture you wish to donate to Habitat for Humanity should be taken to the bulk item stations by Boylston and Thayer.
- Bag all trash and recycling, and take it to the closest trash/recycling room. Do not leave trash/recycling in your room, the hall, or outside the building. (Each roommate will be term billed for leaving trash or discarded personal items in the suite.)
- Sweep the floors and remove all posters, as well as poster gum, from the walls.
- Return any borrowed dishes and/or silverware to Annenberg.
- Report anything in your dorm room that needs repair (lights out, plumbing issues, shade repairs, lock problems, broken furniture, etc.) to Yard Ops.

Before Leaving the Yard:

- Check out in person at Harvard Yard Operations located in the basement of Weld during business hours (Monday - Friday, 8AM - 4:30PM). Longer office hours will start Thursday, May 16 through Saturday, May 18 (8AM - 8PM). A HUID card is needed to check out.
- Return your room key to Harvard Yard Operations. The key should be placed in the envelope provided in your HYMC mailbox. If you have lost your envelope, use one supplied at the key drop off box. Write your name and suite # on the envelope and seal it. There is a $25 term bill charge for keys not returned, for the return of copied keys, and for the return of a loose key if we can’t determine to whom it was issued. Use the envelope!
- Fill out the Student Mail Forwarding form at: hums.harvard.edu/mail-delivery-services. For more information on Yard access for vehicles, visit: www.fas.harvard.edu/~yardops.

Annenberg Dining Hall will be closed for lunch on Tuesday, May 6. Students can eat at the Spring into Summer picnic in Tercentenary Theatre.

Annenberg will close for the term after dinner Saturday, May 17. Lost anything in Annenberg this year? Look through the Lost & Found box near the checker’s desk for your items.

Reminder

AY15 Health Insurance Waiver Application. Apply to waive the HUSHP Student Health Insurance Plan for fall or full 2015 academic year. Students must have comparable health insurance to be eligible to waive: hushp.harvard.edu/waive.