Message from the Dean

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 we can keep in touch when you return to take up residence in the Houses next fall.

Sincerely,
Tom Dingman

Upcoming Events

- **April 27-28, 7PM & Sunday, April 29, 2PM** – The Harvard Dance Project Spring 2018 Performances. See three world premières by preeminent choreographers created for The Harvard Dance Project student dancers: WILL by Shamel Pitts; PUBLIC/private by Chanel DaSilva; and Fitting Out by Peter Chu. $5 advanced tickets are available at the Harvard Box Office, or pay $10 at the door. Farkas Hall.

- **April 27-28, 7:30PM & Sunday, April 29, 2PM** – As You Like It. The Hyperion Shakespeare Company and the Office for the Arts present As You Like It. Featuring an enchanted forest, a crossdressing heroine, and bucket loads of bawdy humor, this story of four young people who leave an oppressive court for the wondrous Forest of Arden is Shakespearean comedy at its finest. Watch as Rosalind, Celia, Orlando, and Oliver discover themselves, fall in love, and live their lives, surrounded by a motley crew of philosophers, musicians, and shepherds, all of them looking to create a home for themselves and find their purpose in life. Tickets are available for purchase at the Harvard Box Office and at the door. Agassiz Theatre.

- **Saturday, April 28, 1PM** – Women’s Lacrosse vs. Cornell. Come cheer on your Harvard Women’s Lacrosse team in their last regular season home game of the season! Admission is free, and students will receive a free pair of Harvard socks. Students can also check-in on the CrimZone Rewards App for 25 rewards points, and get a bonus 25 points after halftime. Harvard Stadium.

- **Sunday, April 29, 6:30PM** – Antigone. Come see a spectacle of unprecedented proportions as ARTS FIRST storms Harvard Stadium with an original translation of Sophocles’ Antigone! Featuring a new theatrical score performed by a small army of chorus members, a dynamic set that breathes with the action, and undergraduate, faculty, and professional actors, this performance launches Antigone into the heart of contemporary discourse. This event is free. Harvard Stadium.

Annenberg Announcements

Be sure to take breaks during this last push of the semester to enjoy delicious, themed Brain Breaks in Annenberg, 9:15-10:45PM, on the following days: Tuesday, May 1 – SMHL Smoothie Study Break; Wednesday, May 2 – FLP Iron Chef Competition; Friday, May 4 – Nacho Bar; Sunday, May 6 – Baked Potato Bar; and Wednesday, May 9 – Cheese & Crackers.

Annenberg will close for the term after dinner on Saturday, May 12.

Lost anything in Annenberg this year? Look through the Lost & Found box on the bookcase in back of the hall for your items.
Before Leaving the Yard:

- Check out in person at Yard Operations in the basement of Weld during business hours (Monday-Friday, 8AM-4:30PM). Longer office hours will run Thursday, May 10 through Saturday, May 12 (8AM-8PM), and Sunday, May 13 (8AM-noon). Your HUID is needed.
- 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 number on the envelope, and seal it. There is a $50 term bill charge for keys not returned, for the return of copied keys, and for the return of a loose key if we cannot determine to whom it was issued.
- Fill out the student mail forwarding form at: hums.harvard.edu/mail-delivery/student-mail-forwarding.