It was Inauguration Day, and the large-screen TV beckoned in the graduate student lounge at Dudley House. Rows of chairs had been set out, and every seat was taken; stragglers stood two- and three-deep along the walls. There were plates of cookies with red, white, and blue icing, some decorated like flags, others O-shaped, with “Obama” and “2009” written out in sugary ink. As the speech started, a quiet settled over the room. A cheer, and then laughs, when the new president promised to restore science to its rightful place. More cheers as the speech ended, and then the sound of champagne popping. Trays of plastic glasses were passed around the room, enough for everyone.

In a wired world, it was an hour that easily could have passed in private, with students and staff watching on their computers from wherever on or off campus they call home. But it was immeasurably more fun at Dudley House — a gathering place for Harvard’s graduate student community on momentous days and every day.

From its commanding location on the southwest corner of Harvard Yard, across Massachusetts Avenue from Au Bon Pain, Dudley is the center of graduate student life at Harvard, creating connections and planning activities for some 4,000 GSAS students. Under the direction of 29 House fellows, two House masters, and an enthusiastic profes-

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The ceremony will be simulcast on large screens at the Science Center, and students may request three guest tickets for seating at that location.

**Persons with Disabilities**

Sanders has limited space for wheelchairs and only a small number of easily accessible seats. It is strongly recommended that Commencement guests who need special seating due to a disability arrive early.

For information about wheelchair accommodations, parking, transportation, and related matters, contact Marie Trotter, University disability coordinator, at 617-495-1859.

**Regalia Deadlines/Information**

Deadlines for ordering regalia from the Harvard Coop are Wednesday, April 15, for master’s regalia, and Friday, May 1, for PhD regalia. Complete information about renting and purchasing regalia is available on the Coop website at http://harvard.bkstore.com. To order regalia, call 617-499-2070, fax 617-499-2016, or e-mail hbooks@bcncollege.com.

**Ticket Information**

Tickets are required for Commencement Day events. Your Commencement packet will contain an order form; orders are handled by the GSAS Office of Publications and Alumni Relations. The deadline for ticket orders is Friday, May 1. Tickets cannot be mailed.

Tickets will be available for pickup Monday, June 1, through Wednesday, June 3, in the Holyoke Center Information Center, Arcade Level, and on June 4 in the GSAS Information Tent at 35 Oxford Street. Degree candidates must pick up their tickets in person and show picture identification.

**International Students**

Families of international students sometimes experience difficulty obtaining visas to attend Commencement. Family members who will require U.S. visa stamps must apply to a U.S. embassy or consulate far in advance to complete the process in time. International students who received a November 2008 or March 2009 degree or who will receive a June 2009 degree may request that the Dean’s Office send an invitation letter to their families; this letter may facilitate the granting of a visa. The Dean’s Office will also send a copy of that letter to the appropriate consulate or embassy.

To request a letter, call the GSAS Dean’s Office at 617-495-1814. Details about the visitor’s visa may be found on the U.S. Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1262.html.

You may also visit the Harvard International Office website at www.hio.harvard.edu/guides/continuingscholars and navigate to “Inviting family members to the U.S.” Contact Darryl Zeigler, international student advisor, at 617-495-2789 or darryl_zeigler@harvard.edu.

**Security**

Heightened security measures will be in effect for Commencement. All degree candidates attending Commencement must visibly display their Harvard identification (ID) cards or Harvard Yard Passes before being granted admission to Harvard Yard. GSAS will distribute Commencement lanyards (a cord with an attached pouch to be worn around the neck) and Yard Passes to degree candidates when they pick up their Commencement tickets. Lanyards allow degree recipients to display their ID cards or Yard Passes visibly and gain speedier access to Harvard Yard. Degree recipients who are unable to pick up their lanyard and tickets before Commencement Day may obtain them at the GSAS Information Tent at 35 Oxford Street. Please be aware that additional security may be in place at the entrance gates for Commencement guests, and delays can be expected. These gates will open at 6:45 a.m.

**For More Information**

Students with questions about GSAS Commencement activities should visit www.gasas.harvard.edu/current_students/commencement.php or contact the GSAS Office of Publications and Alumni Relations at 617-495-5591 or gss@fas.harvard.edu.

For information about University-wide Commencement activities, visit www.commencementoffice.harvard.edu.
A New Venture in Professional Development at SEAS

The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences has launched a weekly professional development seminar series for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The series, developed by graduate students, invites faculty members to discuss such topics as time management, public speaking, academic writing, and other subjects relevant to professional training.

Haoqi Zhang, departmental teaching fellow at SEAS, says that planning for the series began last fall, following discussions with Greg Morrisett, the Allen B. Cutting Professor of Computer Science, and other members of the SEAS faculty. “Our goal is to design a seminar series covering topics of professional development that are useful for graduate students and postdocs of all levels and that are not taught elsewhere, certainly not in classes,” Zhang says. “We want the seminars to be general and diverse enough to apply to students from across SEAS, yet specific enough that students can act on the information and develop a framework for approaching topics such as writing, presentation, time management, choosing a career path, and mentoring.”

Seminars are held every Monday at noon in Pierce 307. April topics will include writing grant proposals, mentoring and management, and leading discussions on science. Student response has been overwhelmingly positive thus far, Zhang says, and the series will certainly continue next year. For more information, visit http://seas.harvard.edu/profdev. To be added to the mailing list, contact Haoqi Zhang at hq@eecs.harvard.edu.

Commencement 2009: Timeline of Events

**Dudley House Masters’ Reception, Wednesday, June 3**
4–6 p.m. Dudley House Masters Jim and Doreen Hogle will host a reception for degree candidates and their guests in the Main Dining Room, Dudley House.

**Commencement Day, Thursday, June 4**
Please note that scheduled times are approximate, subject to change, and may overlap.

6:45 a.m. Harvard Yard gates open for all guests.

7 a.m. **GSAS Breakfast with the Deans**, Gropius Lawns, behind Perkins Hall, 35 Oxford Street, for all degree candidates and their guests. *tickets req’d, no limit

7:45 a.m. CSAS Procession begins from 35 Oxford Street to Sever Quadrangle.

8:05 a.m. Degree candidates line up next to Emerson Hall in Sever Quadrangle.

8:50 a.m. Academic procession begins.

**9:45 a.m. Morning Exercises** begin in Harvard Yard. The Deans of each School will introduce their graduates as a group. Then, President Faust will confer the degrees on each School’s students as a group. *tickets req’d: 2/degree recipient

Please note: Guest seating in the Yard is extremely limited and cannot be guaranteed. Guests with tickets to the GSAS Diploma Awarding Ceremony in Sanders Theatre or for the simulcast of the Diploma Awarding Ceremony in the Science Center are encouraged to view the Morning Exercises on simulcast at these sites.

11:30 a.m. **Champagne reception** begins on the Gropius Lawns, behind Perkins Hall, 35 Oxford Street, and continues until approximately 3 p.m. for all degree recipients and their guests. *tickets req’d, no limit; $15 (includes luncheon)

**Noon. Buffet luncheon** for degree candidates and their guests begins on the Gropius Lawns, behind Perkins Hall, 35 Oxford Street, and continues until approximately 3 p.m. *tickets req’d, no limit; $15 (includes reception)

1:30 p.m. **Alumni procession** begins.

2:15 p.m. **Afternoon Exercises** begin in Harvard Yard. President Drew Faust gives her address, followed by a distinguished Commencements speaker. *tickets req’d, no limit.

Please note: This event is generally less crowded than the Morning Exercises; degree candidates and their guests are encouraged to attend.

**11:30 a.m. The GSAS Diploma Awarding Ceremony** in Sanders Theatre begins immediately following the Morning Exercises. *tickets req’d: 2/degree recipient

The ceremony will be simulcast on large screens at the Science Center Lecture Halls A-D. *tickets req’d: 3/degree recipient.

Please note: Limited space is available for wheelchairs in Sanders, and there are only a small number of easily accessible seats that do not require climbing stairs. Guests should arrive at Sanders as early as possible.
Upcoming Fellowship Sessions to Prepare for Fall Opportunities

Two valuable workshops are scheduled for April to help students use the summer break to prepare for the important fellowship competitions in the fall. A meeting on Tuesday, April 28, at 4 p.m. will deal with Fulbright opportunities. A second meeting, on Thursday, April 30, at 4 p.m., will cover writing fellowship proposals.

In addition, there will be a session on applying for postdoctoral fellowships on Wednesday, May 13, at 4 p.m., also to help get ready for the fall.

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Spring Teaching Awards Ceremony

Each term, the deans of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and undergraduate education award the Certificate of Distinction in Teaching to teaching fellows and teaching assistants who receive exceptional scores on the course evaluation distributed by the Committee on Undergraduate Education. The Teaching Excellence Awards Ceremony will be held on April 21. Watch the Bok Center’s website for a list of winners.

Fulbright Details for U.S. Postdocs, Faculty, and Professionals

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has announced the opening of the next competition for Fulbright Scholar Awards for research, combined research and lecturing, or university lecturing abroad. Opportunities range from two months to a full academic year. Nearly one-third of Fulbright grants are for research, and many lecturing awards also offer research opportunities. There are openings in nearly 135 countries and, in many regions, multicountry research is possible. Virtually all disciplines and subfields participate. Many offerings through the program allow scholars to propose their own lecturing or research projects.

Scholars in all academic ranks are eligible to apply. Applications are also encouraged from independent scholars. U.S. citizenship is required; a PhD or comparable professional qualifications is also required. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries, but most lecturing assignments are in English. Former grantees may reapply. A single early deadline of August 1 exists for research and lecturing grants to all world areas. Other deadlines are in place for special programs. For further information, call or write the Council for International Exchange of Scholars at 3007 Tilden Street, N.W., Suite 5L, Washington, D.C. 20008-3009 or 202-686-8677. You may e-mail apprequest@cies.iie.org to request application materials.

—Cynthia Verba

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Early Feedback

The time to get feedback is now! Find out what your students are thinking about your class while you still have time to make adjustments and capitalize on successes. The Bok Center offers feedback forms (in both printable and online formats) for courses, sections, and tutorials. Online forms are an option for courses with active websites. If you have a smaller class, you may prefer to get feedback by discussion, without using forms; we can help with that as well. Just as important as getting early feedback is discussing it with your students. You certainly don’t have to do everything they suggest, but discussing their feedback lets them know you’ve considered what they’ve had to say. For assistance with setting up or making sense of student feedback, please contact the Bok Center at 617-495-4869 or visit our website at bokcenter.harvard.edu and navigate to Services/Early Evaluations.

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For Arriving International Students, a Friend and Guide

Dudley House announces the start of the 21st annual Host Student Program for incoming international students. Host students are continuing GSAS students who provide friendship to incoming international GSAS students as they make the transition to life in the United States and to graduate studies at GSAS. Host students answer general questions, share their Harvard experiences, and offer support and informal advice. For the many current GSAS students who may have benefited from this program, becoming a host is a chance to give something back.

In April, currently enrolled GSAS students will receive an e-mail invitation to join the program. Registration is conducted online, and students are matched as closely as possible according to their stated preferences. We will be sending everyone the link to the on-line registration form in the invitation letter this month.

Host students contact their “match” over the summer, and everyone meets at the Host Student Dinner on August 24. (The date of this year’s dinner has been moved up to accommodate the new academic calendar). It is a celebratory start to the academic year and a wonderful opportunity to introduce new students to the resources of Dudley House.

Watch your e-mail for your invitation to join the program. We hope students from every year and GSAS department will enthusiastically volunteer! E-mail Susan Zawalich (zawalich@fas.harvard.edu) for more information.

A Conversation with President Faust
Thursday, April 2, 4 p.m. in the Common Room. Have you ever wanted to meet the president of Harvard? Here’s your chance. The Graduate Student Council is sponsoring a town hall–style gathering with Drew Faust. Ask her your questions about Harvard and about graduate student life, and stick around to chat informally at a reception after the event.

Social Events
Saturday, April 4. The Dudley Spring Swing. Dance lessons 8:30–9:30 p.m., dance 9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m., Dudley House Dining Hall. The Dudley House Jazz Band will provide the tunes for the last big party of the year. Come learn how to swing at 8:30 p.m., and then cut up the dance floor (or just listen to the band) at 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 in advance at the House Office starting Monday, March 29, or $12 at the door (if any remain). Dance open to Dudley House members and their guests. Questions? E-mail Mary Ruth Windham at mwindham@fas.harvard.edu.

Thursday April 16. Faculty/Student Dinner. Reception, 5:30 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge; Dinner, 6 p.m., Common Room. This is a good chance to invite your favorite

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facul ty member to a beautiful catered dinner at Dudley House. Sign up for free tickets, while they last, at the HouseOffice. Questions? E-mail Mary Ruth Windham at mwindham@fas.harvard.edu.

Athletics
Spring Intramural Sports. As the weather finally starts to get warmer, now is a great time to get involved in intramural sports. Spring sports include softball, ultimate Frisbee, football, tennis, soccer, swimming, volleyball, fencing, kickball, and more. For information on how to get involved, visit the Dudley Athletics website at http://godudley.webhop.org or e-mail one of the fellows: Doug McClure (dmclure@fas.harvard.edu), Mehmet Akcakaya (akcakaya@seas.harvard.edu), and Will High (high@physics.harvard.edu).

Intellectual/Cultural Events
Monday, April 6. Senior Common Room Dinner. 6 p.m., Common Room. Please join us for an evening with Professor Frank Moss, director of the MIT Media Lab, which has played a pioneering role in creating today’s digital lifestyle. In the last five years, Moss has been looking for ways that technology can make a broader contribution to the world by addressing pressing social issues, such as health care. He believes the best is yet to come: a globally connected digital society that makes people smarter, healthier, and more creative. There are a limited number of free tickets to the dinner; sign up at the House Office. Questions? Contact Sahand Hormoz at hormoz@fas.harvard.edu or Yanyan Liu at liu3@fas.harvard.edu.

Thursday, April 9. Fireside Chat: Trading, Physics, and Economy. 7 p.m., Fireside Room. Join us for a talk by Mark Mueller, a physics PhD from MIT who is now a lecturer at the Sloan School of Management in trading and finance. He will share his distinctive background and experiences bridging physics and the economy. For information, contact Peiqiu Chen at chen29@fas.harvard.edu.

Saturday, April 11. Backgammon Tournament. Noon, Common Room. Bring your best game to Dudley’s annual backgammon tournament. All skill/luck levels are welcome. Pizza and drinks will be provided. For more information contact Sahand Hormoz at hormoz@fas.harvard.edu.

Monday, April 13. Documentary Night: Man on Wire. 7 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Man on Wire, which won an Oscar this year for best documentary feature, chronicles Philippe Petit’s 1974 high-wire walk between the twin towers of New York’s World Trade Center. Questions? Please contact Yanyan Liu at liu3@fas.harvard.edu.

Thursday, April 16. Fireside Chat: Using Film and Media in Graduate Research. 7 p.m., Fireside Room. Interested in utilizing film media as part of your research? Hanna Rose Shell, a recent PhD recipient from the History of Science department, will share her experiences working across different media as a graduate student. She will screen a film, and a short discussion session will follow. This event is open to the entire GSAS community, regardless of academic background or research interests. Wine and cheese will be provided. Don’t be late! RSVP to Anouska Bhattacharyya at abhattac@fas.harvard.edu.

Crosstalks. Would you like to tell your peers about your research? “Crosstalks” are short informal talks given by graduate students in front of other graduate students in Dudley House. Crosstalks are fun and informal, and they provide an excellent opportunity to give a talk to a general audience. To give a crosstalk or obtain more information, contact Yanyan Liu at liu3@fas.harvard.edu.

Language Tables and Language Exchange.
Dudley’s language table and language exchange programs are a great opportunity for anyone from beginner to native speaker to practice Modern Greek, Japanese, German, French, Czech, Chinese, Turkish, Portuguese, Russian, English, Italian, Hindi, Urdu, or Bengali in an informal setting. Language tables meet weekly in venues on campus and around the Square. For more details, and to join our e-mail lists, go to www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/cultint and look under “Language Table Information.” Questions? Contact Esra Sahin at egssahin@fas.harvard.edu.

Dudley House Knitting Group. Join other knitters for a weekly knitting group in the Gato Rojo. Want to learn to knit? We have yarn and needles and can teach you. The group meets on Wednesday evenings, 7:30–10 p.m. Contact Katie Humphry (katie@physics.harvard.edu) for more information.

Book Swapping. A shelf in the Café Gato Rojo in Dudley House is dedicated to book swapping. Leave books that you liked and want to share, and take books left by others. We expect people to leave as many books as they take, or the program will die out. And remember: it is not a dump for bad books!

Dudley Classic Films
Friday, April 17. Easter Parade. 6 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Now that the Easter season is upon us, what better way to celebrate than to enjoy one of the most entertaining of the great MGM musicals, Easter Parade, starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland. This is the only film the two great musical stars made together, and it is a gem. Music by Irving Berlin. Everyone is welcome.
Friday, April 24. **Shakespeare Retold: The Taming of the Shrew.** 7 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. Join us for this imaginative retelling of one of Shakespeare’s classics. “Kate” is a driven conservative M.P., “Petruchio” an impoverished aristocrat. Sparks will fly! Everyone is welcome.

**Outings**

Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.; **J. S. Bach’s St. Matthew Passion.** The Orchestra and Chorus of Emmanuel Music, John Harbison, conductor, Emmanuel Church in Boston. Dudley House has obtained student discount tickets at just $10 each. Every Dudley student is entitled to two tickets, available for either performance. Pre-concert talk by Professor Christoph Wolff, one of the world’s great experts on Bach. Tickets on sale at the House Office.

Friday, April 3. **A Tour of the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston.** Join Dudley House for a guided tour of the magnificent Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. The Gardner displays an art collection of world importance, including works that rank among the most significant of their type: paintings, sculpture, furniture, textiles, drawings, silver, ceramics, illuminated manuscripts, rare books, photographs, and letters from ancient Rome, medieval Europe, Renaissance Italy, Asia, the Islamic world, and 19th-century France and America. The museum building itself was constructed to evoke a 15th-century Venetian palace. Tickets for this outing are only $5 and are on sale in the House Office. Open to all House members and a maximum of one guest each. We will meet outside the House at 2 p.m. and take the T (please bring money or a Charlie Card to cover the cost of public transportation) to the museum, which will remain open until 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Dudley Arts Program. Questions? Contact: jbruno@fas.harvard.edu.

Sunday, April 26. **A Visit to the Adams House National Historical Park.** Join Dudley House for an outing to the home of John and Abigail Adams in Quincy, Massachusetts. This was the home of the greatest political couple (see Abigail’s letters if you doubt her role) in American history. The two lived here for much of their lives; indeed, for as long as political business did not pull them away. It is a rare gem of early American history located very close to Harvard. We will meet outside Dudley House at 1 p.m. and travel to Quincy on the T and commuter rail (please bring a Charlie Card or cash to cover the fare). Tickets on sale Monday, April 13, at the House Office for $5 each, which covers admission only. Open to all House members and a maximum of one guest each. Questions? Contact: jbruno@fas.harvard.edu.

Thursday, April 23. **Boston Ballet’s Sleeping Beauty.** 7 p.m., Citi Wang Theatre. With its scenario drawn from the stories of Perrault, a glorious score by Tchaikovsky, and choreography after Marius Petipa, *Sleeping Beauty* has enchanted audiences of all ages for over a century. Join Dudley House as we encounter this tour de force of classical dancing. Tickets are $28 (discounted from $56); on sale in the House Office starting April 6. Each Dudley House member may bring one guest. Limited to 30. Contact Rachel Pepper (rpepper@fas.harvard.edu) for more information.

Sunday, May 2. **Alvin Ailey Dance Company.** 2 p.m., in Boston. The Celebrity Series presents this great treasure of African-American culture, often hailed as the world’s best modern dance company. Discounted tickets are for sale in the House Office starting April 13. Each Dudley House member may bring one guest. Limited to 30. Contact Rachel Pepper (rpepper@fas.harvard.edu) for more information.

**Sure sign of spring:** A small section meets outdoors on a warm late-March day.
Dudley Arts

Friday, April 3. Tour the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Leave Dudley at 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 each, on sale in the House Office. Questions? Contact: jbruno@fas.harvard.edu. (See more details above, in Outings section.)

Wednesdays. The Weekly Daily Show/Colbert Report. 8–9 p.m., Graduate Student Lounge. What’s better than watching actual news? The Daily Show and the Colbert Report, that’s what’s better. And with the Graduate Student Lounge’s inappropriately large flat-screen TV and some cash to fund our collective drink and snack habits, we have all the tools to provide a consistently awesome Wednesday night after-dinner experience. Contact Andy Friedman at friedman@fas.harvard.edu for a detailed schedule.

Music at Dudley House

Dudley Orchestra. It’s time to dust off your musical skills and play with the Dudley House Orchestra. All instruments are welcome but we are especially looking for violin players, trumpet players, and percussion players. The program for the spring includes Copland’s Billy the Kid and Nielsen’s Symphony No.1. For more information about the Dudley House Orchestra contact Bert Van Herck at vanherck@fas.harvard.edu.

World Music Ensemble. Contact Behtash Babadi at babadi@fas.harvard.edu for more information about upcoming concerts and/or to join the group.

Dudley Jazz Bands. The Dudley Jazz Combo meets weekly and develops its own repertoire in a workshop format. Musicians bring their own arrangements or compositions, and we develop the ideas collectively until the concert. The Big Band is a full jazz orchestra and plays a repertoire covering about 80 years of music, from the 30s to new music. There may be a few openings this spring, especially in the combo group. Rehearsals Wednesday nights. Concerts on May 10, plus the Spring Swing April 4. Contact: Jean-François Charles at jcharles@fas.harvard.edu.

Dudley House Chorus. The Dudley Chorus is accepting new members in all sections. Our spring concert will feature a performance of a Haydn Mass in conjunction with members of the Dudley Orchestra. For more information, contact director Michael Barrett at mbarrett@post.harvard.edu, or stop by one of our regular Tuesday night rehearsals, 7 p.m. in the Dudley Common Room.

Dudley Public Service

Sunday, April 5. MS Walk 2009. 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Dudley House steps. Join Team Dudley and walk to raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Please enroll as a Team Dudley member by e-mailing dudleypublicservice@gmail.com. It would be great if you could sign up as a fundraiser, but you don’t have to raise funds if you don’t want to — just come along for the walk!

Saturday, April 11. April Parks Cleanup Series I: Middlesex Fells. 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Dudley House steps. Free on this early spring Saturday? Join us to pick up litter near Spot Pond in Middlesex Fells. Please bring your own lunch and water. This activity is subject to good weather. To sign up, please e-mail dudleypublicservice@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 18. April Parks Cleanup Series II: Franklin Park. 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Dudley House steps. This week we help clear litter from Franklin Park in Boston. Please bring your own lunch and water. This activity is subject to good weather. To sign up, please e-mail dudleypublicservice@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 25. April Parks Cleanup Series III: Belle Isle Marsh. 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Dudley House steps. On this last Saturday of April, explore Belle Isle Marsh. We’ll pick up litter within sight of planes taking off and landing at Logan Airport. Please bring your own lunch and water. This activity is subject to good weather. To sign up, please e-mail dudleypublicservice@gmail.com.

The Dudley library, a quiet place to read and work, has a new computer and offers free printing for GSAS students (courtesy of the Graduate Student Council). Drinks are permitted (a teapot is available), but food is not. The library receives three daily newspapers and numerous periodicals, contains a large array of foreign language dictionaries, offers equipment for the game room, and soon will have a record player for a small collection of classical music.

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## Dudley House Calendar

Please note: Information in this calendar is accurate as of March 15, 2009. For the most recent information, check Dudley House e-mail postings. Contact Susan Zawalich at zawalich@fas.harvard.edu for information on events.

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### Food Drive

Ongoing. The food pantry at St. Paul's Church serves the needy of Cambridge and is always in need of non-perishable food. If you would like to donate, please place your donations in the collection box in front of the Dudley House notice board, facing Dudley Café.

### COOP Public Service Grants for fall 2009

**Deadline April 30, 2009.** These grants fund community service projects organized by students at Harvard graduate programs. Students from any of the graduate and professional programs (GSAS, HLS, KSG, HMS, GSE, etc.) are eligible to apply for a grant. Application details, criteria for projects, and past supported projects are at www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/pubserv/coopgrants.html.

### Volunteer Placement Service

Want to volunteer but don't know where to start? Are you looking for other people with similar volunteer interest? The Dudley Public Service Fellows can suggest volunteer options that suit your interests and schedule. E-mail the fellows at dudleypublicservice@gmail.com for more information.

### Dudley Literary Program

For information, visit www.fas.harvard.edu/~dudley/fellows/lit/lit.html, and sign up for our mailing list at dudley_literary-subscribe@yahooogroups.com.

Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5. **Dissertation Boot Camp.** 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Private Dining Room. Need a place to sit down and write? Join us for the weekend. We will provide a quiet place to write, food (breakfast and lunch), caffeine, and some guidance from the writing center. Students from all disciplines and at any stage of writing are welcome. The cost of the event is $10. To encourage prospective writers to make a commitment to the weekend, we will also charge a $20 deposit, which will be returned in full to those participants who attend both days. Sign up in the Graduate Office on the third floor of Dudley House. Questions? E-mail Keith Stone at dudley_literary@yahoo.com.

Thursday, April 9. **Cercle de Lecture.** 7–9 p.m., Fireside Room. We welcome you to take continued on next page
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Part in Dudley House’s French Reading Club. Please e-mail Keith Stone (kas@fas.harvard.edu) for information.

Sunday, April 12. Cambridge Writer’s Workshop. Noon, Zoe’s Café (1105 Massachusetts Avenue). Explore your inner poet, novelist, storyteller, or mythmaker — join the Cambridge Writer’s Workshop, sponsored by Dudley House. If you are looking for some quality feedback on your creative writing or the chance to converse and collaborate with fellow writers, come see what the Cambridge Writer’s Workshop has to offer! Writers of all talents and genres are welcome.

Friday, April 17. International Poetry Night. The World Music Ensemble will be performing, we will have a host of international delicacies for you to sample, and there will be wonderful songs and poetry in various languages. If you would like to participate, please e-mail dudley_literary@yahoo.com and let us know which favorite international poem you would like to read.

Thursday, April 23. Book Club. 7:30–10 p.m., Third Floor Lounge. If you enjoy reading good novels and sharing your ideas with a congenial group, the Dudley Book Club is your best option. It doesn’t matter if you aren’t a specialized critic or if you’ve read only a few books! For each session a copy of the selected book will be available three weeks in advance at Dudley House Library.

Digital Dudley
What’s the fastest way to get up-to-the-minute news about events at Dudley House? Subscribe to the Dudley House e-mail list! It’s the best way to stay informed of events, outings, talks scheduled between Bulletin publications, or changes or additions to the calendar. To join the list, visit the Dudley website at www.fas.harvard.edu/-dudley and follow directions to subscribe.

Wireless Dudley
Dudley House is equipped with wireless technology, so you can use your laptop computer in any of the public areas of the House. Check out www.fas.harvard.edu/computing/kb/kb0826.html for instructions about how to outfit your computer for wireless communication.

Free Lunch! Invite a Faculty Member or Administrator to Dudley House
Each week free tickets are available for Dudley House members who want to bring a faculty member (professor, associate or assistant professor, or instructor; no teaching fellows or postdocs, please) to lunch at the Dudley Café. We also offer students the opportunity to treat their favorite administrator (from their department, GSAS, or elsewhere on campus) to lunch as well! To pick up a ticket for yourself and your guest, please stop by the Dudley House Office on the third floor and sign your name and the name of the faculty member or administrator. Each student is entitled to two pairs of tickets per term.

Notices

Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (HGWise)
Tuesday, April 14. Science Publishing and Writing: A Career Chat with Journal Editors and Published Authors. 4:30 p.m., Office of Career Services Reading Room. The third HGWise Career Chat for 2009 will concern science publishing, both of scientific journals and of nonfiction books. The panel will show the breadth of the field, including an academic who is also a journal editor, an academic who is also a published author, and a career journal editor. Sponsored by HGWise, GSAS, OCS, and the SEAS Graduate Student Life Council.

Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology
April 3–4. Visualizing Power: Plains Pictographic Arts. Peabody Museum’s annual Weekend of the Americas, Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street. Saturday, April 4: Talks, discussions, and tours that focus on Native American pictographic arts — the stories they tell, the things we can learn from them, the significance they hold today for Native people. 9 a.m.–6:30 p.m. Registration required; visit www.peabody.harvard.edu/weekend.html or call 617-495-2269.

Friday, April 3. Starting at Standing Rock: Following Custer and Sitting Bull to the Little Big Horn. A lecture by Nathaniel Philbrick, 5:30 p.m., Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford Street. Philbrick traveled to the Standing Rock Sioux Agency in North Dakota in June 2007 to research an upcoming book about the Battle of the Little Big Horn. He ventured up the Missouri River to Fort Lincoln, home to General George Custer’s Seventh Cavalry, and then followed Custer’s route more than three hundred miles to the Little Bighorn National Monument in Crow Agency, Montana. In this illustrated lecture, Philbrick, who is noted for Mayflower and other bestselling books about maritime topics, will talk about the challenges of moving from the sea to the American West, as well as the unexpected importance that photographs and native artwork have had in shaping his understanding of the battle.
Tillim traveled through Angola, Mozambique, Congo, and Madagascar, documenting grand colonial architecture and its role on the contemporary African stage.

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Practices are flexible and happen three times a week beginning in late April. Our first race is in Boston on June 6–7, with more races throughout the summer. Check our website (http://hcs.harvard.edu/dboat/) for details.

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Applications for the May 4 window assignment lottery will be accepted between March 1 and April 26, 2009. Windows are specific dates on which applicants can view available apartments and make their selection. Applications received after April 26 will be placed in the last window. The window period will run from May to July 2009, and approved applicants will be notified of their specific window dates via e-mail by the beginning of May.

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Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

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Wednesday, April 1. On Rewriting the Cultural History of Russian Jewry. 3:30 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street. Radcliffe Institute Fellows’ Presentation Series, with Steven Zipperstein, 2008–2009 Vera M. Schuyler Institute Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute, Stanford University.

Monday, April 6. A Poetry Reading by Gail Mazur. 3:30 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street. Mazur is the 2008–2009 Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute, Emerson College.

Monday, April 13. Toni Stone’s Challenge to Baseball and America. 3:30 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street. Radcliffe Institute Fellows’ Presentation Series, with Viet Thanh Nguyen, 2008–2009 Suzanne Young Murray Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute, University of Southern California.

Wednesday, April 15. Remembering the American War in Vietnam. 3:30 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street. Radcliffe Institute Fellows’ Presentation Series, with Martha Ackmann, 2008–2009 Anson Whitney Scholar at the Radcliffe Institute, Mount Holyoke College.
Thursday, April 16.  **2008–2009 Boston Seminar Series on the History of Women and Gender: Anticolonial Feminism in the Cold War Era.** Jacqueline Castledine, Empire State College, State University of New York, with commentary by Margaret Burnham, Northeastern University. 5:30 p.m., Massachusetts Historical Society, Seminar Room, 1154 Boylston Street. Cosponsored by the Massachusetts Historical Society. Registration is required.

Wednesday, April 22. **The History of the Creative Imagination.** 3:30 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street. Radcliffe Institute Fellows’ Presentation Series, with Koen Vermeir, 2008–2009 Radcliffe Institute fellow, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium).

Monday, April 27. **2008–2009 Dean’s Lecture Series,** featuring Jeremy Waldron, New York University School of Law. 4 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street.

Wednesday, April 29. **Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine.** 3:30 p.m., Radcliffe Gymnasium, 10 Garden Street. Radcliffe Institute Fellows’ Presentation Series, with Wendy Cadge, 2008–2009 Suzanne Young Murray Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute, Brandeis University.

**Bureau of Study Counsel**
The Bureau of Study Counsel, at 5 Linden Street, serves students in many capacities, including academic and personal counseling, tutoring, groups and workshops, and the Reading Course. The following programs are being offered by the Bureau. All groups and workshops are confidential and unless otherwise indicated, are open to graduate and undergraduate students. Call 617-495-2581 to register or for more information. Also, visit our Cranium Corner library, replete with free study-strategy handouts. Our website: bsc.harvard.edu.

**Mondays, April 6 and 13.** **Perfectionism: A Double-Edged Sword.** With Jennifer Page and Meredith Carter. 1–2:30 p.m. To register for one of the two sessions, contact Jennifer Page at jpage@bsc.harvard.edu.

**Harvard Satirical Press**
**Rolling submissions now being accepted for the fall 2009 issue.**
Feel like laughing and procrastinating at the same time? If so, check out www.harvardsp.com to experience Harvard Satirical Press, Harvard’s only graduate student comedy magazine, generously funded by the Graduate Student Council. Look for print copies of our fall 2008 and spring 2009 issues all around campus and in Dudley House, and check out archives of all 17 previous issues online. Send HSP submissions or other inquiries to harvardsp@gmail.com, attention Andrew Friedman, editor-in-chief.

**Harvard Music Department Events**
All events are free and open to the public. Call 617-495-2791 for more information.

Tuesday, April 7. **Memento Mei: Polyphonic Music in Some 15th-Century Commemorations for the Dead.** 5:15 p.m., Davison Room, John Knowles Paine Concert Hall. The Louis C. Elson Lecture, by Margaret Bent of All Souls College, University of Oxford.

Monday, April 13. **The Dean’s Noontime Concert,** featuring the Chiara String Quartet, Blodgett Artists-in-Residence. 12:15 p.m., Faculty Room, University Hall.

Friday, April 17. **Blodgett Chamber Music Series.** 8 p.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall. Blodgett Artists-in-Residence the Chiara Quartet performing Mozart Quartet in D minor, K. 421; Hillary Zipper a field guide to falling snow (Blodgett Composition Competition Winner); and Beethoven Quartet in C, Op. 59, No. 3. Free tickets (required) at Harvard Box Office beginning April 3.

Monday, April 20. **Barwick Colloquium Series: Technotopia 1969.** A talk by Michael Veal of Yale University. 4:15 p.m., Davison Room.

Friday, April 24. **“Old Lamps for New”: Alexander Krein and Jewish Neонаtionalism.** A talk by Klara Moricz of Amherst College. 10 a.m., Davison Room. Presented by the Harvard University Department of Music and the Jewish Music Forum of New York City.

Saturday, April 25. **Harvard Group for New Music with White Rabbit.** New works. 8 p.m., John Knowles Paine Concert Hall. 🎤
sional staff, Dudley has its own orchestra, chorus, jazz band, literary magazine, library, public service program, film series, game room, and intramural sports program. It offers talks in disciplines across the academic spectrum, outings as various as going ice-skating and going to see the latest Beckett production, and parties large (the annual winter waltz) and small (the occasional ice-cream social).

It also has its own dining hall and coffee-house, both open to the public, drawing an eclectic mix of undergraduates, graduate students, staff, and faculty. It is a hub for GSAS student services and student leadership, housing the office of the dean for student affairs, the director of student services, the housing director, and the Graduate Student Council, among other resources. And it also serves a small but vibrant community of undergraduates who live in the Dudley Co-op or in private housing.

The point of it all, according to House Master Jim Hogle, is community. “It seems obvious, but there is nothing like this at most graduate schools,” says Hogle, who with his wife and co-master, Doreen, has been affiliated with Dudley House since 2002. “It can be a lonely experience being a graduate student. If you’re in a small program, or if the culture of the program is such that students don’t do a lot together, it can be isolating. And inevitably, there comes a time when you’re ABD, doing your research — and you’re alone. Dudley gives people a community they can belong to from the moment they enter Harvard to the moment they leave.”

And it’s a community that welcomes the whole person, not just the graduate-student part of the person. “Our students are multitalented; they’re not just academic,” Hogle says. “We have people who are musicians, who dance, who write — these are things they’ve done all their lives.

“By providing an opportunity to continue those things, and by having a visible center that sponsors them, we’re making it clear to students that the University believes they should be continuing them,” he says.

“One of the greatest assets we have is the building itself,” says Susan Zawalich, who has been the House administrator since 1993. “The building provides an opportunity for people to find respite. I always say to the students, this is your safe house. No one is competing with you here, no one is judging you here — not that that ever happens outside, of course,” she adds with a smile. “You can come here and relax, have a cup of coffee, find an empty space where you can sit with your computer and do your stuff but be around people.

“Having this building in this very prominent place at Harvard Yard is a wonderful affirmation of the importance of the graduate student community in Harvard,” Zawalich continues. “Graduate students are a vital part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and this says that.”

Dudley House was named for Thomas Dudley, who signed the Harvard College Charter in 1650 as governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony. It traces its origins to 1935, when Allston Burr, a fellow of Harvard College, became concerned about the experience of undergraduates who did not live on campus. He turned the basement and ground floor of the old Dudley Hall, on Dunster Street, into a non-resident center, and in 1958, the space was officially recognized as the eighth unit in the Harvard House system and was formally renamed Dudley House. Its mission evolved over the years to meet changing needs, and in 1991 Dudley House was established in Lehman Hall as the graduate student center.

That Dudley is a home, not just a house, has a lot to do with its caretakers. The Hoglees are a warm couple who, amid busy careers, decided that making the commitment to become House masters would both strengthen their own bond and let them contribute meaningfully to an endeavor whose cause they support. Jim Hogle is the Edward S. Harkness Professor of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at the Medical School, professor of biophysics in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and chair of the Committee on Higher Degrees in Biophysics. Doreen Hogle is an intellectual property attorney at the law firm of Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds in Concord, Massachusetts.

Zawalich is the face of Dudley, the connector of students past and present, and the purveyor of the fine art of toy therapy. “It’s not hard to see what I’m interested in,” she says, gesturing toward her office, chock full of knickknacks and mementos of Paris, Shakespeare, Jane Austen, nieces and nephews, Godzilla, Audrey Hepburn, Kermit, and, especially, Fred Astaire. It would make a novelty shop owner feel at home, but the point is that it makes students feel at home.

“Dudley House is a really nice place just to hang out,” says Anouska Bhattacharyya, a Dudley Fellow who personifies the spirit of curiosity and collegiality that infuses the place. “There are all these big lovely couches up on the third floor, and you often walk in and see someone just sprawled out asleep. It isn’t this formal atmosphere where you always have to mind your p’s and q’s. It’s a place where you can just relax.”

The Fellows are a group of specially appointed graduate students responsible for programming cultural, artistic, and social activities each year. Bhattacharyya, a second-year student in the Department of History of Science, applied to become a Fellow because she “wanted a way of grounding myself in the GSAS community,” she says. “It’s really easy for you to just do your research — eat, sleep, research. I wanted a way to break out of that little bubble.”

Fellows make a significant time commitment, but for Bhattacharyya the extra obligation has had an unexpected payoff. “When I need downtime from my research, I do the work I need to do for Dudley,” she says. “But when I’m up to here with logistics for an event at Dudley, I know I can just return to a quiet place in the library and do some reading. I’m definitely doing more work on my degree this year than I was last year when I wasn’t a Dudley Fellow, because I didn’t have this other outlet.”

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For more details on our spring schedule, visit www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu and click on “For Students” then “Calendar of Events” in the red GSAS Students section.

Career Options Day
Friday, April 24, 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Dudley House Common Room. Spend an hour or the day exploring some of the many career options for those with a master’s or PhD. Panels of GSAS alumni will share advice and information on parlaying an advanced degree into a wide variety of exciting career fields. Take the opportunity to hear from and network with GSAS alumni in many different career fields! This event is co-sponsored with the GSAS Office of Alumni Relations.

Professional Development for Life Scientists Series
OCS and Harvard Integrated Life Sciences (HILS), will once again offer a series of professional development workshops geared toward scientists. All events will be held in the Longwood Medical Area. Be sure to check the OCS website to confirm details. This month’s events are:

• Choosing a Thesis Lab and Seeking Funding. Wednesday April 15, noon–1:30 p.m., Longwood Medical Area, Goldenson 122. Come hear advanced graduate students in the Division of Medical Sciences share advice on how best to select a lab or to change labs for your dissertation. Also learn about funding sources and strategies for applying for graduate fellowships.

• “Junior Scientist Survival Training,” a lecture by Peter Feibelman, author of A PhD Is Not Enough. Thursday, April 30, 5–7 p.m., TMEC Auditorium. Though curiosity about nature and the romance of discovery are what draw us to a research career, landing a permanent position also requires hard-headed self-analysis and a realistic approach to the scientific marketplace. Feibelman, a senior scientist at Sandia National Laboratories, will focus on ways to establish a scientific identity and generally to persuade the research community it wants you as a permanent member.

Science Writing and Publishing
Tuesday, April 14, 4:30–6 p.m., OCS Reading Room. Come hear from a panel of science writers and journalists about their experiences communicating science through a variety of media outlets. This event is co-sponsored with the Harvard Graduate Women in Science and Engineering (HGWISE). To register, e-mail ocsgsas@fas.harvard.edu; include your name, G-level or PhD year, and department.

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To stay informed about job opportunities, career workshops, and local networking events, we recommend that you subscribe to either or both of our GSAS-focused listservs. To receive information related to academic or nonacademic careers, go to www.ocs.fas.harvard.edu and click on “For Students” then “Join a Listserv.”

Walk-in Hours and Appointments
The GSAS counselors hold walk-in hours every Monday, 1–4 p.m. If you have a quick question, please drop in for a 10–15 minute meeting with Laura Malisheski (Mondays, 1–3 p.m.) or Amy Sanford (Mondays, 2–4 p.m.). To schedule an appointment with one of the GSAS specialists, please call 617-495-2595.

—Laura Malisheski, Robin Mount, and Amy Sanford

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The Graduate Student Council
The Graduate Student Council (GSC) represents all GSAS students and works to improve the quality of graduate student life at Harvard. We regularly meet with the Deans of the Graduate School and represent graduate students on more than a dozen university and student committees. We offer travel and research grants and continue to work for paid time off for new parents and increased access to affordable childcare. We continue to promote outstanding faculty mentorship through the Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards and we frequently partner with Dudley House to sponsor social events for the graduate student community. To learn more about the GSC, visit our website (www.harvardgsc.com).

Next Open Meetings: Wednesdays, April 1 and May 6
All students are encouraged to attend the GSC’s next open meetings, on April 1 and May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dudley House Graduate Student Lounge. Come learn how the GSC is improving student life and how you can get involved. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. through May (excluding January). Meetings include free drinks, pizza and the opportunity to chat with members of the GSC. Issues may be added to a GSC open meeting agenda by submitting them no later than two days in advance to harvardgsc@gmail.com.

Elections for the GSC Executive Board!
At April’s meeting, the GSC will hold elections for positions on the 2009–2010 executive board. Interested in serving on the board? Visit our website to learn about the positions on the board or contact harvardgsc@gmail.com. Make sure you are present at the April meeting!
A Conversation with the President
Thursday, April 2
Do you have a question you would like to ask President Faust? Have you ever wanted to meet the President of Harvard? Join the Graduate Student Council in the Dudley House Common Room on Thursday, April 2 at 4 p.m. for a town hall-style meeting with Harvard University President Drew Faust. President Faust will answer your questions about the university and graduate student life. Stick around after for a reception and a chance to chat personally with the president.

Can’t make it to the meeting but still want to ask a question? E-mail your questions to harvardgsc@gmail.com. Minutes from the meeting will be posted on the GSC website.

Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards Reception: April 7, Harvard Faculty Club
These annual awards are sponsored by the Graduate Student Council and GSAS. The winners are chosen by a GSC student panel from nominations submitted by GSAS students. Contact harvardgsc@gmail.com for information about the reception.

Deadline April 22: Spring Conference Grants
The GSC will accept applications for Spring Conference Grants this April. Completed applications must be received by 5 p.m. on April 22 and are only accepted electronically. Applications, additional information and deadlines are available at www.harvardgsc.com.

The GSC awards several students each semester a grant to attend a conference or symposium in his or her field. Conference grants can be up to $1,000. Any student who has paid the GSC fee and whose department has been represented at the monthly GSC meetings is eligible to apply.

Does Your Department Have a GSO?
In order for students in each department to be eligible for conference grants and summer research grants, they must have at least one official GSC representative. This representative acts as a link between the GSC and your department and must attend two or more GSC meetings each semester. Contact your Graduate Student Organization, department administrator, or graduate student coordinator today to ensure that your program is represented!

Does Your Department Have a GSO?
Representing GSAS students starts at the department level. Graduate Student Organizations (GSOs) are department-level student groups that meet periodically to discuss important concerns. Each department should form its own GSO and choose department representatives to attend the GSC open meetings. If you would like to help your department build its own GSO, please contact the GSC and your At-Large Representative (see the GSC website for more information).

Mailing Lists and Events
Want to know more about the GSC? Please visit www.harvardgsc.com and navigate to “GSC email lists.”

Resources and Facilities
The GSC operates computers in the Dudley House Library for all students who have paid their GSC fee. In addition, the Graduate Student Lounge, located on the mezzanine level of Dudley House, is equipped with a big-screen TV, DVD player, and VCR. The lounge can be reserved for groups, meetings, or viewing movies through the Dudley House Office.  
—Bruno Afonso, Information Coordinator

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Next Deadline: The May issue will be the last of the 2008–2009 academic year. Deadlines for submission have already passed, but essential additions may be possible; e-mail bulletin@fas.harvard.edu. Note that the first issue of the 2009–2010 academic year will be September/October. Plan to submit copy for that issue by August 5.

Change of Address: Current GSAS students must contact the Registrar’s Office at 617-495-1519 or at www.registrar.fas.harvard.edu. All others should send address changes to gsas@fas.harvard.edu or call 617-495-5591.

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What Is It? Where Is It?

Guess the subject and location of the photo on the right and win an official GSAS tote bag.* It’s a big bag (14” x 18”) made of 100% heavy-duty cotton with an outside pocket and top-closing snap. Holds gym clothes, scholarly tomes, and dissertation chapters by the dozens.

Submit your guess with your name, department/program affiliation, and mailing address by Thursday, April 9, 2009, to bulletin@fas.harvard.edu. Please be sure to put “What Is It” and the contest month in the subject line of your e-mail.

The answer to the March quiz is…the main stairwell in Dudley House. Congratulations to these savvy guessers: Jason Angel (psychology), Andrea Ault (health policy), Katherine Bain (religion), Evangeline Balletini (organismic and evolutionary biology), Jacob Barandes (physics), Joseph Barillari (engineering and applied sciences), Matthew Barr (physics), Angie Berg (organismic and evolutionary biology), Julian Blake (government), Michael Bordonaro (regional studies—South East Asia), Heather Brink-Roby (English), Christine Canabou (architecture), Celene Chang (biological sciences in public health), Rex Cheung (mathematics), Chen-Yu Chi (mathematics), George C.K. Chiang (organismic and evolutionary biology), Yiwen Chu (physics), Efwin Chu (regional studies—East Asia), Rain Cui (biostatistics), Eduardo Davila (economics), Dilyan Donechev (political economy and government), Natalie Farny (medical sciences), Dan Fetter (political economy and government), Alex Fields (biophysics), Jenny Fisher (earth and planetary science), William Fleming (East Asian languages & civilizations), Maria Gulda (applied physics), Jennifer Hou (physics), Tom Hoyt (regional studies—East Asia), Nina Illic (medical sciences), Kate Jensen (physics), Alison Jones (sociology), Monica Kepaca (engineering and applied sciences), Adrian Kwek (philosophy), Caroline Laurent (romance languages and literature), Geng Li (medical sciences), Van Mai Do (engineering and applied sciences), Mihai Manea (economics), Megan McClan (engineering and applied sciences), Jared McCormick (anthropology), Emily McWilliams (philosophy), Anna Nikkanen (literature and comparative literature), Elizabeth Ogbum (biostatistics), Philip Owutskly (applied math), Joshua Puzey (organismic and evolutionary biology), Katherine Rose (Slavic languages and literatures), Janet Rosenbaum (health policy), Jonathan Ruel (physics), David Saunders (English), Alex Shalek (chemical physics), Jamin Sheriff (engineering and applied sciences), Jacob Sider Jost (English), Jascha Smilack (East Asian languages & civilizations), Ruifang Song (mathematics), Emily Standen (organismic and evolutionary biology), Keith Stone (near eastern languages & civilizations), Jennifer Sykes (sociology), Anna Szybowski (design), Haruka Tanji (physics), Lucia Tian Tian (economics), Pei-Chen Tsung (near eastern languages & civilizations), Bert Van Herck (music), Anna Wang (biological and biomedical sciences), Yikai Wang (chemistry and chemical biology), Chin Lin Wong (physics), Nan Yang (engineering and applied sciences), Ozgur Yildirim (applied physics), Sheltan Yuen (engineering and applied sciences).

*Membes of the GSAS community are welcome to enter the contest every month to test their visual memory, but only one tote bag will be given out per person per term.