

Senate Agenda
February 5, 2006
Academic Council Room- 4th Green Hall
6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. New Business

A. Yang Qiu (CGVP), Rosa Fernandez, and Christine Chu – CLIO
New Organization presentation (5 min, 3 min ?s)

III. Open Discussion

A. Cortni Jones – Student Bursar: SOFC Update on the debt
situation (7 min, 5 min ?s)

B. Shloka Ananthanarayanan and Mimosa Burr – Student
Representatives to the Drug and Alcohol Board (15 min, 5 min ?s)

C. Edlyn Yuen - Student Represe ntative to Diversity Committee
(15 min, 5 min ?s)

IV. Dean's Corner: Dean Michelle Lepore and Dean Kim Goff-
Crews (12 min, 5 min?s)

V. Beyond the Bubble: Malina Swiatek – CPLA Chair. (5 min)

VI. Adjourn

Estimated Time: 1 hour 35 minutes

Emily Oxford, College Government President: Glad to see you all here – we are two people away from not having quorum to vote, so make sure to encourage all your fellow Senators and friends to keep coming to Senate. Next we have Rosa Fernandez and Christine Chu to present about their organization, Clio.

Christine Chu, Clio Co-President: I am one of the co-presidents of the History Club. We started Clio about two years ago and it is going really well. We are open to all history majors and minors or any one who likes history or is enrolled in any history classes. We orchestrate fun events, formal and informal, and help build a sense of community among history students and professors and try to present a better appreciation of history on campus. We foster dialogue between students and the history department, and we are a network for history students, about citations, papers, anything like that. The E –board consists of myself and Rosa, Patsy Bailin, Liise Lehtsalu, and Susae Elanchenny.

Rosa Fernandez, Clio Co-President: As Christine mentioned, Clio is two years old and we have been constituted since last year. We have organized events including a field trip to Old Sturbridge Village, two film discussion series, two great films – “Born into Brothels” and “Balseiros” – with history professors leading discussions. We also hosted a history professor luncheon series, open house, fundraiser, UN Day study break and winter break sale. We also campaigned for history majors and other students to write letters to CFA for history tenure-track professors. Last semester we also held the history department gathering information session with majors about what they would like to see. We also offered a lecture last semester and this semester we are helping with the search for a 19th century American historian.

Shayla Adams, MAC: What does Clio stand for?

Rosa: It is Greek Muse for history, suggested by Professor Kapteijns. We want to invite the entire Wellesley community to come to our events and general meetings on Thursdays at 7PM in Pendleton West.

Christine: You can also come to the lectures for the American search.

Rosa: There are public lectures which you can attend to hear them speak and give feedback to the department or contact us with questions.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I was wondering since you have such a close affiliation with the History Department, will you be requesting funds from Student Activity Fee since you are operating well under the realm of the History Department?

Rosa: I think I'm not quite sure I understand your question. Although we have a close relationship with the History Department and we co-sponsor events, we are also a regular student organization so I assume we are eligible to apply.

Cortni Jones, Bursar: I was asking if you were going to, not if you were eligible. I was just wondering because you do have other funding available.

Christine: The History Department doesn't really give us that much money, just a little for food. We don't have much money right now.

Rosa: We work together but there aren't a lot of benefits from them for us. They do photocopying, they buy food for meetings, and they subsidize our cost to some extent. Thank you.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Okay, Senators. This is what you do tomorrow at House Council. Just like votes in the fall, you are voting to endorse that these organizations have followed the SOAC process to become eligible for SOFC funding – Peace Coalition, GLOW, and Clio. Make sure you vote on all three tomorrow and we will finalize the vote next week in Senate. Let me know if you have any questions. You can vote en bloc if you want within your house council, but if there is a motion to vote separately, we can do that too. On to open discussion, we have some student representatives: Edlyn Yuen and Shayla Adams from the Diversity Committee.

Edlyn Yuen, Diversity Coalition Student Representative: I am your student rep with Shayla to the Diversity Coalition. Originally from past years there was CARD – Committee Against Racism and Discrimination – but it wasn't effective so they started this new committee. The committee meets once a month and we have reps from all kinds of people at the college.

Shayla Adams, MAC: there are four primary functions for this committee. First, the committee is designed to foster effective collaboration for groups that already work on diversity on campus, and to foster collaboration for events and programs. Second, the committee names the winner of the multicultural achievement award. Third, the committee conducts annual reviews of college progress on diversity issues. Finally, the committee reviews initiatives started by the college.

Edlyn: we have been working on implementing and researching for an ESL program on campus for union workers. Union workers here are very well paid and many workers have been here for decades and can't move up the ranks because they lack language skills so we want to implement a project to allow the workers to learn the skills and foster a community here on campus. Right now we are looking into instruction and costs to make sure that it won't fail without maintenance, and we double checked how students can get involved so it isn't only at higher-ups.

Shayla: This has been piloted in the past, but this will be another opportunity to provide union workers a possibility to advance. We are also doing a college-wide assessment of diversity plans across the college – to see if depts. and orgs have diversity commitments – looking at all faces of the college and seeing if it is part of these bodies. Once we find this info, we will make a final report, present it to the college, and then make a website where all this info could be located at once so you could access a dept diversity statement and the office of equal opportunity statement in one place for students, prospectives, and community members.

Yang Qiu, College Government Vice President: would both of you tell us how you are selected to be on this comm. And how are you as student reps – what are your functions specifically?

Edlyn: I have to go through the application and interview process through SOAC and as a student you write down your qualifications, and you talk about your vision for how to contribute to this committee. As a student rep, I gauge what the students' response is to diversity issues on campus. I have cultural org experience and I talk to students and then I contribute during our meetings.

Shayla: I'm the MAC and I sit on it as my job – I get to interact with all different groups on the college and it has reps from staff, senior staff, students, admin, union, and they do differ to us on different issues that may arise.

Edlyn: we are the student experts for the committee.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: I remember Linda Brothers, the former director of Equal Opportunity, resigned and I was wondering if you had a sense on if that office would be changed or if someone had been hired – just an update or if your committee has taken that role.

Shayla: As I understand, there is an interim person in that job right now.

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: Some of the work she did was oversee faculty and admin hiring so that work has been absorbed by the HR dept and there is someone who has been added to help with that. The rest of the work – we don't have someone in place to do that, and the dean of college and I are taking care of that, but the goal is to leave that decision to the new president so she will inherit it and we will leave it to her.

Dana Montalto, Tower: Do you know why it didn't work in the past – financial reasons, lack of interest?

Edlyn: Quality of instruction and infrastructure weren't well thought out, so it died after a year or two.

Ayesha Gregory, Ethos: What collaboration projects could we look forward to?

Shayla: The campus wide assessment will look to see if people have a plan for diversity. As part of the 2015 report there was a part that recommits the college to diversity issues and we want to challenge depts. And then compile the info, release the report, and put it in one central location – that is the biggest effort you'll see out of this year.

Edlyn: You can click on the website and see how everyone is working towards diversity and what the mission statement is saying about diversity.

Shayla: Other schools have this and prospective students can see this and see how a college is addressing the diversity issue on their campus.

Tiff: how is the ESL program funding

Edlyn: It is the union workers contract that a program should be offered, so the college should probably pay.

Shayla Adams, MAC: If you can only move up if you have certain language proficiency, then it's hard to work the night job and not have time to take classes, so we are researching to see what we can do.

Victoria Starett: I was having a conversation with a student and she mentioned that the professors don't seem to be diverse outside of African/Latin American studies and I'm not sure if you deal with that, but what plans are there?

Shayla Adams, MAC: If you have specific questions about diversity in faculty, there is the minority recruitment and retention committee, and a couple years ago ethos presented at senate and the comm. Took a lot of suggestion that were raised so the comm. Had an open house when they invited diverse faculty to the Boston area to come and see Wellesley – and that is one example of how the committee is working towards that. Other groups advocate for more diversity faculty – CWDI, multicultural council – also, if you know a faculty member is up for tenure or up to be hired and they are a minority or person of color, write a letter and that can influence decisions. Holla at me if you have questions.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thanks for working on the ESL thing. My question is in regard to GLBTQA issues and I didn't know if you had talked about it – about faculty members, community members face at Wellesley?

Edlyn: We have talked about it briefly but we haven't come up with any substantive ideas to work towards – we would love to have suggestions.

Shayla Adams, MAC: As the MAC, I am always working on this issue so we are trying to sponsor some collaboration with Spectrum so we can look at the history of the advisor position at Wellesley to see how we can change the situation as it stands now. Right now the queer advisor has 10 hours and that isn't meeting student needs, so this committee hasn't dealt with it, but contact us and I can bring up the issue at our meetings.

Sara Dickhaus, Claflin: In your assessment, are you going to look at racial diversity, or economic and sexual orientation, etc.?

Edlyn: We are doing research so we are looking right now – like the classes will be free or at a really low cost.

Shayla Adams, MAC: I think diversity in our sense encompasses everything – sexual orientation, religion – do you have a statement in general about anything?

Edlyn: Feel free to email either of us and thanks so much!

Emily Oxford, CGP: I like the collaboration. Next I have Miss Cortni Jones here to talk about debt.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: Prior to my first election as Student Bursar in April 2005 every year during the budgeting process SOFC relied on a reversion of funds. These reverted funds are the money that is given to student organizations by SOFC, but then not fully used up by them. At the end of the year any money that has not been used by student organizations would be considered reverted to SOFC.

In the summer before the 2005-2006 Academic Year, SOFC and the Student Bursar's Office have noticed that in recent history Student

Organizations at Wellesley have been using the full amount of money given to them each year, rather than reverting any money back. Through out this long history of the reversion miscalculation a shortfall of \$63,301.70 has accrued.

To remedy this shortfall SOFC took a few proactive steps in the Academic Year 2005-2006. I am proud to report that all organizations who applied for SOFC money and were allocated the funds through finished budgeting processes did not have their money altered in any way.

To address this shortfall SOFC had to institute some decisions in the 2005-2006 Academic Year. SOFC allocated a lower percentage overall to only two funding processes, the Lecture Funding and the Emergency Funding.

Emergency Funding in Academic Year 2005-2006 was reduce from 8% to 5% of the Total pool of Student Activity Fee (SAF) money that was collect in 2005-2006.

Lecture Funding in Academic Year 2005-2006 was reduce from 18% to 12% of the Total pool of SAF money that was collected in 2005-2006. This alleviated \$26,603.40 of the debt.

These two actions still left \$23,396.60 debt to be relieved. SOFC decided in April 2006 to take the remaining funds out of the 2006-2007 SAF pool prior to any fund distribution. This spread the effects of the debt relief to all organizations, including honoraria that were largely unaffected by the Lecture Funding and Emergency Funding reductions in 2005-2006.

A total amount of \$24,662.17 was taken out of the SAF before Spring Budgeting for the 2006-2007 Academic Year. \$23,396.60 was due to the debt that was created prior to Academic Year 2005-2006. The remaining \$1,265.57 was due to an enrollment miscalculation done in March 2005, where SOFC assumed more students would be on campus than actually came. This assumption was inline with the assumption that the college made for their budget.

For the Academic Year 2006-2007, SOFC assumed few student would be attending than the college in order to conservatively estimate how much money SOFC would have available for 2006-2007.

Both SOFC and I, as Student Bursar, are happy to report that the account of the Student Activity Fee are stable, and have mechanisms in place to ensure that debt will not be an issue for SOFC in the future. With this good news and stability comes a desire to evaluate the processes of SOFC. As I briefly explained to Senate last Monday, SOFC is pursuing Constitutional changes to add flexibility and also stability year to year for Student Organizations.

Sabina Kahn, Student at Large: When I pay my student activity fee, I am paying to go towards student activity fees, not to go to the college again, not to pay off the debt of previous colleges, so how important was it to pay back the loan immediately that students now had to give money to the college?

Cortni: It did go to activities, there were just too many activities. It's not like the college took our money, it was spent for activities that took place last year – it's not like they took our money, they're just the intermediary. The thing with the college, they are nice to hold our money for us and they could transfer it over to Bank of America and say, "Have fun!" To be honest, it is an account like any other and they have this burden on them as we pay off. There was an unwritten agreement that this would be done as soon as possible. There wasn't a lot per org used to pay off \$23,000 and also, the longer you hinder a good relationship, the more likely you are going to have it fall down and have them not willing to help you. Staff members devote half their time to student accounts and they aren't paid extra to work with student activities and their time and resources are donated to us, and they do a lot for us and it is a good relationship. We don't want to bite the hand that feeds you. And it was spread over two years, and if it was spread over two years, and I'm glad it's done and over with and we don't have lots left to do. I hope that gives you resolution. It's not going to college, but to pay past activities. It's not that bad. Thanks!

Emily Oxford, CGP: Thanks for balancing our budget. Now we have more representatives from the Drug and Alcohol Board.

Shloka Ananathrayanan: I am here to talk about the Drug and Alcohol Hearing Board. Currently, Mimosa and I are the only student representatives on the board, but if you want to be a member, email Don Leach.

Mimosa Burr: So what is the board? We are a hearing board like a court – we handle violations of drug and alcohol policies. We do not deal with other policy violations and we do not write or change policies – we deal with violations and enforce the policies only. Also, not all policy violations go to the hearing board – if you don't contest the charge, you don't go to a hearing, you will just get a sanction.

Shloka: If a student contests a charge, they are assigned a hearing. The person bringing the charge and the student charged are present with the hearing panel which is comprised of two student members and Don.

Mimosa: During the hearing, both sides present their cases to clarify the cases and we will ask questions and then the board deliberates to determine the validity of the charge and a sanction based on the history of the charges and the offenses. This past semester, the majority of the charges were uncontested alcohol charges – 14/21 for underage use of alcohol. For such a charge, the sanction would be to meet with Katherine Collins, the campus health educator. We had 23 drug charges in the past semester, and we had the first category 4 drug violation so in the last semesters we've had ranges from meeting with Katherine Collins to one year suspension. A Category 4 is defined as the distribution or potential distribution of drugs.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: You said there was a noticeable rise in drug violations – are there overall trends? Can you discuss information from past years and are drug and alcohol uses going up or are just the categories shifting?

Mimosa: We did have our first Category 4 but there is also a rise in cases in general.

Shloka: But cases with alcohol are probably stable from last year.

Dean Michelle Lepore: The Drug and Alcohol Hearing Board doesn't hear category 1 cases because students can take responsibility but for other categories you must have a hearing – category 4 is an automatic hearing depending on the category violation. The other thing is that this policy was implemented in 2001 and has been revised once and this is the first year that we can say we've had a violation of every single category of the alcohol and drug policies – now we have a sense of how the policy works. We can get back to you with the trends of the other years.

Mimosa: Here are the basic categories. Category 1 – underage use or possession of alcohol/drugs. Category 2 – dangerous intoxication or hazardous conduct with others. Category 3 is distribution – sell, deliver, furnish alcohol to people under 21 – also distribute in common spaces without registration. Drug policy: category 1 – violation to possess or use drug paraphernalia. Category 2 – possess or use illegal drugs or misuse prescription drugs. Category 3 – provide illegal drugs /prescription drugs to another person category 4 would be to distribute to others.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: How many representatives are there and why wouldn't they go through SOAC?

Mimosa: Don would get you to SOAC info and there isn't a maximum number, but there must be at least two at each hearing and there are only two.

Yang Qui, CGVP: When in doubt, contact CGVP for student appointments.

Cor tni Jones, Student Bursar: If students are consuming alcohol in common spaces, do they go through you? And what is the difference between distributing and consuming it if everyone is 21?

Mimosa: In a common room, it would be difficult because it should be registered. And only if you were distributing it.

Aileen Haigerman, Beebe: What is the process so the student can understand the policies and different categories?

Mimosa: All this information is on the Dean of Students website or you can search the Wellesley site for the alcohol policy.

Emily Oxford, CGP: You said you weren't involved with policy questions, but I want to throw this out there, about the alcohol policy committee. Members should invite you to their meetings to have you talk and we are thinking about common spaces and alcohol. Apparently it is bad if I have a beer at the super bowl. And what is the national, state, local jurisdiction?

Mimosa: Campus police may say the town police have been informed, but campus police can take full distribution can take full jurisdiction until campus police passes it on.

Lena Glaser, McAfee: I know at Brandeis, they don't have rules about having a hookah and having it for tobacco use – would a hookah be considered drug paraphernalia on campus?

Kris Niendorff: Point of information – a hookah is not illegal and you can have one outside with tobacco in it.

Amy Wang, Beebe: So you can get a charge from the school as well as from the town police. Can you face school consequences by the town police?

Mimosa: If campus police decided to do so, I guess.

Liz Marlow, Student at Large: If it is a federal offense, are they required by law to turn it over?

Shloka: They inform the authorities, but they are allowed to handle it themselves.

Jeanne: Is there a set sanction for each category violation?

Mimosa: There are suggestions but we customize the sanction depending on the severity and the student history.

Shloka: Once it hits category 3 or 4, it becomes more a matter of the board deciding.

Mimosa: Also the categories are kind of vague so there is still a range of severity within different categories so the sanctions would be a range as well.

Emily Oxford, CGP: I had no idea we had more drug than alcohol violations – I learned a lot. Now on to Dean's Corner.

Dean Kim Goff-Crews: We have a few announcements. One, we are searching for a permanent PLTC Director of Programs so we will bring candidates soon. And I saw the Q magazine that came out before break, so see it. It is a campus magazine about queer life at Wellesley College. And 3rd, there will be a series of programs called My Favorite Failure – by HPTC – for the next four nights. Tomorrow, it will be with Andy Shennan, Andy Evans, Bridget Belgiovine, Flick Coleman and me. Wednesday will be DCW with Emily Oxford and Cortni Jones. Thursday, will be **XXX**, and Friday will be **XXx**. It is in the campus center tomorrow, Wednesday in Bates, and Thursday Beebe, and Friday in Tower.

Dean Michelle Lepore: We are searching for an assistant director for the counseling center and some finalists are coming – there is an opening meeting for students, and the House Presidents have the info and you can help us interview. Also, a reminder that the alumnae achievement awards are this Friday at 5:30 and you can get tickets in the campus center tomorrow and Wednesday in the campus center.

Emily Oxford, CGP: We talked last semester about student mothers and financial aid. And I thought you were working with the financial aid office and do you have updates?

Dean Kim: We don't have updates – we need to come up with a number to see how to finance this. Before, it has been through the Davis Scholars' program, so as a review, we will get a number and we can have a conversation, and the review is Feb. 27th.

Emily Oxford, CGP: I was wondering how the EMT program went over Wintersession and will it happen on campus?

Dean Michelle: I haven't gotten an update, but the class happened, but I haven't heard from the students yet.

Cortni Jones: I heard that the chapel project will be going on during the year next year and won't be available for services, and I was wondering if there have been thoughts about where the services for religion and spirituality will take place next year.

Dean Kim: We will have a meeting on Friday and he can come to senate to talk about his plans – we'll have a better idea next week.

Emily Oxford: Malina. Beyond the Bubble. Now.

Malina Swiatek, Committee for Political and Legislative Action (CP LA) Chair:

In International News This Week...

**Deadly Bird Flu Confirmed in British Turkeys
By ALAN COWELL**

LONDON, Feb. 3 — British authorities confirmed Saturday that an outbreak of bird flu discovered among turkeys at a poultry farm in eastern Britain had been caused by the deadly A(H5N1) strain, which has killed humans in other parts of the world.

The disease has killed 2,500 turkeys near Lowestoft since Thursday, making it the biggest outbreak of the strain reported in Britain since concern about its global spread began to take root in 2003.

An additional 160,000 birds will now be culled in an effort to contain the outbreak, government officials said.

The prospect of a mass slaughter recalled Britain's battle with foot-and-mouth disease in 2001, when nearly four million animals, mainly sheep, pigs and cows, were burned.

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said that veterinary authorities had imposed restrictions in areas within six miles of the infected farm in eastern England, owned by the Bernard Matthews company, one of Europe's biggest poultry businesses.

The department also said all bird shows and pigeon racing was banned while scientists tried to establish more detail about the virus and the level of risk it presented to humans. The department did not say what had caused the outbreak.

Fred Landeg, a senior government veterinarian, said there was no public health concern. "Avian influenza is a disease of birds," he said, "and whilst it can pass very rarely and with difficulty to humans, this requires extremely close contact with infected birds, particularly feces."

Iran Has Guests In to See, but Not Inspect, Nuclear Site By NAZILA FATHI

ISFAHAN, Iran, Feb. 3 — Iran opened one of its nuclear sites to a large number of local and international reporters and a delegation of foreign ambassadors on Saturday in an effort to show the transparency of its program before a United Nations Security Council deadline this month.

Delegations from the Non-Aligned Movement, Group of 77 and League of Arab States arrived at the Isfahan Uranium Conversion Facility in central Iran with nearly 100 reporters. The delegation included representatives from the United Nations nuclear agency from Algeria, Cuba, Egypt and Malaysia, though none were official inspectors.

Iran has kept up efforts to give the Isfahan facility more publicity, and a senior tourism official said late last year that Iran planned to open it and other nuclear sites to foreign tourists.

Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, said Saturday that the purpose of the tour was to assure the world that Iran's program was peaceful.

"In fact we have representatives from all over the world," Mr. Soltanieh said. "We decided to have them come here and see for themselves." He emphasized that surveillance cameras of the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency were in place there.

Photographers and video camera operators were not allowed to take pictures in the outside area of the compound. But the visitors were given special clothes, gloves and masks to protect them from radiation and toured the main facility for nearly an hour.

In National News This Week...

Bush Urges Stepped-Up Campaign Against Childhood Obesity

By Michael Abramowitz

Washington Post Staff Writer

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President Bush yesterday added his voice to the growing debate over childhood obesity, as he met at the White House with representatives of some of the companies considered responsible for aggravating the problem and urged them to stress the importance of healthful eating and physical fitness in their marketing campaigns.

Among those at the morning meeting in the White House Roosevelt Room were the president of McDonald's USA, purveyor of the Happy Meal; a senior executive of Kraft Foods, which sells macaroni and cheese in the shapes of popular children's characters; and the chief executive of PepsiCo., maker of soft drinks and Doritos, among other products.

"Childhood obesity is a costly problem for the country," Bush said before starting the private meeting, which also included first lady Laura Bush. "We believe it is necessary to come up with a coherent strategy to help folks all throughout our country cope with the issue." As described by those present, the meeting was cordial and the president signaled no intent to pursue more aggressive policies favored by some consumer groups, such as banning the marketing of junk food to children or requiring more detailed nutritional labeling. Bush told the executives that it is an individual's responsibility to maintain a healthful diet, not the government's. The meeting also included executives of entertainment companies involved with marketing to children.

After Storms, Florida Picks Up the Pieces

By Peter Whoriskey

Washington Post Staff Writer

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LADY LAKE, Fla., Feb. 3 -- Where did our wedding photo get to? What about the insurance policy? And where are my dentures? For scores of families here, the answers lie somewhere in the storm wreckage strewn across their yards, under splintered lumber and toppled trees, or perhaps thousands of feet away in a pasture or a forest, unlikely ever to be found again.

Saturday, the day after storms and at least one tornado wreaked havoc and killed at least 20 in central Florida, brought the return of a familiar Florida spectacle: Residents initially exhilarated to have survived turned their attention to the wearying logistical aggravations of digging out and moving on after a natural disaster.

Hundreds of families, aided by dozens of church volunteer groups and local jail inmates in bold green-and-white-striped uniforms, sifted through the debris under sodden skies and through fitful rain.

"The hardest thing is watching the kids," said David L. Pyles, 39, a Marion County inmate who said he was jailed for contempt of court and had volunteered to help clear brush and debris. "It's horrible. They're looking for their toys, they're crying. It's awfully sad."

President Bush on Saturday declared Lake, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties a disaster area -- a designation that makes available federal grants and loans for thousands affected by the storms.

"Whatever federal response is needed, we will make it quick and sure," Bush told a gathering of House Democrats in Williamsburg, Va. All of the fatalities occurred in Lake County, northwest of Orlando. Among the dead were at least six elderly people, including a 92-year-old man, according to the county medical examiner's office. Two teenagers and a 7-year-old boy also died.

Though search operations continued Saturday, Lake County Sheriff Gary S. Borders said that he did not expect to find any more fatalities.

In State News This Week...

Detour signs point the wrong way

**By Mac Daniel, Globe Staff
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The Interstate 90 connector tunnel opened last weekend, ending six months of detours for people going between Logan International Airport, the Massachusetts Turnpike, and Interstate 93.

But you wouldn't know it last week on the South Boston waterfront, which was littered with orange signs pointing out detours that no longer need to be taken.

Not only are the signs wrong, some were sending drivers to the old detour on the Haul Road, which is limited to commercial vehicles.

"Let's hope they take down the detour signs on Congress Street directing people onto Haul Road for access to 93," wrote **Jascha of Jamaica Plain**. "Despite the onramps to 93 from South Boston having been open for weeks, the detour signs are still up."

We took a tour on Friday and found out Jascha is right.

On Congress just before the on ramp to I- 93 north and south near the World Trade Center is one unnecessary detour sign. At D Street and Congress there's another, and midway on D Street, just past Silver Line Way, there's a detour sign pointing drivers to take a right for I- 93. We did and found ourselves on the Turnpike westbound.

Next stop : Allston.

At Summer and D streets, by the Convention Center, another sign directs motorists to I- 93, but if you take that, be prepared for another trip to Allston.

Seaport Boulevard was filled with similar signs. There's even an I- 93 detour sign advising people to go right just before the left-lane on ramp to I- 93.

It's no wonder the Mooninites hate us.

Jon Carlisle, spokesman for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, pledged to send engineers to the area, pronto.

Emily Oxford, CGP: Now we have Cabinet Announcements.

Yang Qiu, CGVP: I have an announcement for Shayla Adams, MAC. There is a Multicultural Council meeting in the library lecture room at 6 PM tomorrow with dinner. If you want to talk about diversity issues, please attend that meeting. I want to touch briefly on the organization voting. You are voting on the process followed by the three organizations, so you are not voting on whether or not you like that organization, but whether or not you endorse the trial process and believe that the organizations that presented followed the process. If you have any questions, email Emily Oxford, Liz Marlow, me, or any other cabinet members and we can answer questions before House Council. If all my SOAC members could stand up. Those ladies are your experts on SOAC appointments – you have seen student

representatives presenting and more will present soon. If you are interested in sitting on the committee or want to talk about fun topics there, think about applying to the SOAC Spring Appointments Committee – talk to any of these ladies or email Rakeen Mabud to ask about these positions. Also, inform your constituencies that they can find the information at Wellesley Conferences, Student Forums, SOAC Applications, and a sub conference called Job Descriptions. Email those standing if you have any questions.

Tiffany Sirc, Chief Justice: Just off of what Emily said during the Drug and Alcohol Hearing Board presentation, Shloka is sitting in for me on the Alcohol policy board so she can help make the alcohol policy better. Have a good week.

Cortni Jones, Student Bursar: We have lecture funding # 4 due February 11th at 5:00 pm so there is only one more after this whose deadline is March 6th. The calendar for all of these dates is on the treasurer's conference. Tonight we will be working on allocating Spring Emergency Funding so that will be exciting. Lots of new organizations applied for funding. Also, my office is hiring a new bookkeeper because we need some additional hours. If you are available any time on Friday 9AM or if you've thought about running for Student Bursar, that would be a good place to get into the job. Being a bookkeeper will help tremendously. And you get paid and get to see how much money organizations have and you feel really smart.

Malina Swiatek, CPLA Chair: The first CPLA meeting is tomorrow at PNE 122 at 5:30 PM and there will be pink frosted cookies and the meeting will last one hour. Let your friends know, talk to yourself, let yourself know, we have to plan pizza lunches, newsletters, distinguished lectures - all so much fun.

Jeanne Amy, DOOCA: You are all sleeping and it is only the second week of Senate! Classes may be boring and Senate may be boring, but SBOG is making your life fun! Look for e-flyers and forward them to your hall conferences!! This semester will be tons o'fun.

Elaine Skowronski, HPC Liaison: The first session of "My Favorite Failure" will be tomorrow at 4:30 in the Anderson Forum in the Campus Center.

Paola Reyes, SPEC Chair: SPEC will have its open meeting for the semester soon so look for flyers if you want to stop by.

Emily Oxford, CGP: I have so many announcements. So get out your planners. Okay. Flip to the end of February and look at March 1st – this is going to be a momentous day, because we will tell everyone how much CG does for the school because it is time we let people know what you do within your committees. We are having a State of CG Address. It will be interactive. We are shooting for PNE atrium, 7:00 PM, and I encourage all of you to make that a priority because it will tie everything from this year together because at Senate we don't usually get the big overview of what the machine of C G is doing. And then the pub is having an Afterparty from 8 to 10, and there will be a comedy show at 10 in the pub, so make Thursday CG fabulous! Tell anyone you know of that is considering of running for an office, applying for a SOAC position, interested in CG, to come and it will be a recapping what we've done this year, where we will go for the last month as a cabinet. Basically bring it on March 1st. I want to have lots and lots to brag about, so, last fall was crazy successful, so stay involved with your committees and be ready to help out your committee chairs – they really appreciate you. Also, I really like theme Senates. Is there a theme anyone particularly likes? We will vote next week and email me with ideas. By general consent, this Senate is adjourned.