

Bowdoin Student Government

Meeting Agenda

11/19/08 - Adams Hall 208

- I. Call to Order (8:30pm -
- II. Roll Call
- III. President's Welcome
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. Public Comment Time - 8:40pm)
- VI. Committee Reports (8:40pm-8:50pm)
 - a. BSG Affairs Committee
 - b. Student Activities Funding Committee
 - c. Student Affairs Committee
 - d. Student Organizations Oversight Committee
 - e. Academic Affairs Committee
 - f. Facilities Committee
- VII. Old Business (8:50pm-9:20pm)
 - a. Health Center Follow-up
 - b. Judicial Board Information Release
- VIII. New Business (9:20pm-9:50pm)
 - a. Course Registration Policy
 - b. First-year Seminar Prioritization
 - c. Social Issues Task Force Event
 - d. Campus Conversation Preparation
 - e. Counseling Center Event
- IX. Member Reports (9:50pm -
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BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the **Bowdoin Student Government**

19 November 2008

- I. **Call to Order** at 8:33 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Caroline Burns & Esther Sosa are absent.
- III. **President's Welcome:** We have another busy meeting. One thing on the schedule is a rescheduled visit with Randy. Please refresh your memory about questions we were going to ask. Please listen so that you don't repeat. Also only ask one question at a time.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Approval Passes unanimously.
- V. **Visit with Randy Nichols, Director of Safety and Security (8:40 p.m.)**
 - Dan asks about the new security-owned parking spots. How restricted are they? Randy says that those are shuttle spots. There are multi-use spots near Moulton. Overnight parking here isn't a big issue, but there is one spot by Adams that the security vehicles use a lot. It's a little bit of a risk to park there, but not a huge one.
 - Sam wonders what they are seeing with off-campus housing, dealing with landlords, etc. Randy says that the new noise ordinance has taken affect. Some landlords are adding this to lease agreements. At least one student house that is fairly big in the party scene is under strict guidelines now. They have curtailed the hours that they can have guests and events. A lot of it depends on the landlord—some are happy to have it, some were wary. When complaints start coming in, the police chief is obligated to come up with a mediation of sorts to work with tenants and landlords. The good part is that anything related to college property is dealt with by the college.
 - Alicia has two questions. One, there are different movements to get close houses to be considered historic, or to limit them to one family. How would the school work with the town to meet our need for off-campus housing? Randy doesn't know much about these designations. There are plenty of apartments off-campus. When student choose to live off-campus, they need to really keep in mind the issues that come with that. There is a meeting every year in which they talk about these very things.
 - Alicia asks a second question. We have new safety and fire concerns this semester. She has heard talk of getting a gladiator event, and last year they tried to get a mechanical bull. They can't do these because of safety rules. How can they bring events like this and stay within the rules? Randy just met with the staff from the Student Activities office. They talked about some of these things. Location/space is an issue. He suggests coordinating with the Student Activities Office. You also have to work closely with the fire department. As long as things meet fire code, it is a go. It is a matter of working with Student Activities. If there is anything that security can do to make these things happen, they are very willing to work to make these things happen.

- John asks about Randy's view on the Amethyst Initiative. Randy says that he is personally not in favor of a legal drinking age below 21 years. He says that with 20+ years experience with the Maine state police. He has seen people like those of us in this room wrapped around telephone poles too many times. There is shared responsibility and a partnership. HE prefers this working relationship and was glad to see that Barry Mills held off. It's a huge issue that goes beyond campuses.
- Greg asks two questions. Does Randy agree with the Orient article; should house members pay for the kegs? Randy things that it should work the way that it does now. He takes safety efforts very personally. He disagrees that alcohol hosts are shouldering all the responsibility. Randy takes that responsibility very close to heart, as do his officers. It is a community effort. Security does everything they can to make sure that events run safely. They do pre-party checks for food and non-alcoholic drinks. Banning hard alcohol and drinking games are efforts to create a safe drinking environment. Students are responsible for their own choices, however. His goal is based on health and safety—this is where there efforts are concentrated. They look at high-risk behavior instead of minor situation. They keep a presence at these events, but they want students to have freedom. It is a delicate balance. He wants every student to survive the Bowdoin experience. He doesn't want any death, injury, or arrests. If he walks into an event and is concerned—he sees very intoxicated students that keep drinking, for example—he will go and talk to the alcohol host. They don't try to bust parties, but they make adjustments as they see fit. If he doesn't like the tone or tenor of a party, he will do something about it. It might mean talking to the host about over-serving. He finds that their relationship is generally good. Greg says that the problem is that it is underage student funding the purchase for students who are also under 21. Randy says that he doesn't know about this; bottom-line, a 21-yr-old has to purchase the alcohol and host.
- Lindsey is curious about the official policy for people who call after the shuttle ends. Randy says that if it is a safety issue, you will get a ride after the shuttle ends. Make it clear to the dispatcher that there is a safety issue. They will be ready in the late hours until dawn. Don't take no for an answer.
- Nyle asks what Randy does that makes him the Man on campus. What does he do that other officers around the country don't do, that make youth disillusioned with authority? Randy says that he cares, and that people pick up on whether or not people care. He literally stays up at night thinking about student health and safety on this campus. If this were an 8-5 job for him, it would be different. He can't do this. You have to be out there, visible, seeing student in their world day and night. It's about mutual respect and courtesy. He likes to be respected and to return the favor. Treat people like you want to be treated—it's that simple. It's *how* you do the job. Are we doing things *to* students or *for* them. Students know instinctively if they're being treated fairly. About the time he loses the relationship with the student body, is the time he's out of here. His job is to make the campus safer and safer, which happens through trust and respect. If someone is afraid to call, it means he's unapproachable and that he can't do his job. His name is Randy; if you know someone by first name, you're more approachable. This creates a safe environment. You have to love the job and the students.
- Dan wonders if it would be possible to make shelters by the shuttle stops, because people use it when it rains. Randy says that they are working on a station for the Brunswick Apartments stop. Most of the other stops are near shelters.

- Kristen wonders how first-year dorms have been this year. Are there trends in alcohol violations? Randy says that the dorms have been relatively quiet this year. They patrol regularly, which keeps it down. This year as a whole is the safest year since he started (it's his 4th year). It's amazing how the time went. This year is remarkably safe—knock on wood. Alcohol transports are very low. There have been 3 or 4. This is not the case at their sister schools, whose security directors he meets regularly. They have staggering numbers of transports in a single weekend. He would be fired if that happened at Bowdoin. They do checks when students call, so it comes down to the trust issue. He doesn't want a student not to call because they are afraid to call. If students aren't helping and watching out for each other, someone could get hurt. You won't get busted, you will be thanked. He feels very strongly about that. Most students understand that they will get help. Overall, we have had a safe year. He worries more about first-years, so they spend more time with them.
- Greg wonders about relations with the town. Randy says that it's fine. They are always on the alert for people who shouldn't be on campus. It takes him about 3 seconds to determine whether or not he wants someone on campus. If he gets one answer that he feels is deceitful, he sees this person as a threat. This community can be a target or a magnet for people trying to victimize student and staff. If people are following students for theft or physical threat, we zero in, identify, post a picture, and make sure they aren't on campus. Relations with college neighbors have never been better—we are getting fewer complaints. We do have to be on the alert. There were murders at Colby and Bates in past years. It can happen.
- Mary asks what his jurisdiction in off-campus houses is. Randy says not a lot. It is out in the community, but you are a Bowdoin student, so actions may still be under their purview. Call security for assistance if there is a problem off-campus. He has to be invited in to private property.
- Alicia says that there are paths that are private property that scare people. Have they thought about how they could talk with Brunswick about lighting these paths? Randy says that this has come up before, and they have heard that it's private property. He was there ½ hour ago. There are 4 spotlights on the building near the path, but 3 aren't working. The one that was working lit up the area, but it went out. Tomorrow he will call the town and talk to maintenance at the building about getting these lights working. They are massive spotlights, and if they can be brought around, it will light up the area beautifully. He will make that a project.
- Bryce understands that there is great potential for misuse when it comes to hard alcohol. One reason that we do so well is because there is a trusting relationship with security. He has seen that situations that involve hard alcohol make it harder for students to call security. He thinks that it seems “off” to ban hard alcohol. Could hard alcohol misuse be reduced through regulations rather than restrictions. Randy says that it doesn't matter to him how people get intoxicated when they call. They try to use judgment and common sense in dealing with these cases. They use less discretion with hard alcohol because everyone knows that it is banned. You have still got to call, though, because health and safety is always more important. 99% of alcohol transports are hard-alcohol based, sometimes straight, sometimes mixed with beer or some other drug. They are often female, younger females, and small females. Schools that don't have a hard alcohol ban have a tremendous amount of transports. Hard alcohol is not bad per se, but the abuse of it is very dangerous. It is all about responsible drinking. It won't come to their attention if it is consumed safely. Bryce says that someone took a bunch of shots once and then went to the hospital. He thinks that the reason she took

so many shots was because it was banned. Randy doesn't completely understand this reasoning. Randy just emphasizes to drink responsibly if you choose to drink. We don't preach prohibition, but we do preach safe behavior. Trust that we are here to help.

- Jack says that there was a Halloween incident of a student knocking on a Brunswick resident's house. How does the school handle this? Randy says that the student was so drunk that they got lost between Crack House—actually the Farley Field House—to campus. That is a problem. To wake up a family at 3 in the morning is pretty scary. The student then went across the street and banged on another door. Randy is obviously concerned about the safety of the student. What if he falls and hits his head, walks into a tree, or falls in a bank? Why was this person alone? We have got to watch out for each other. The other issue is the neighborhood relations, which pales in comparison. The student will be disciplined, but Randy is just glad that they found the student.
- Greg wonders if anything has changed in regard to the missing Middlebury student. Randy says that they have a missing persons policy. He doesn't think it would've helped in this case. That could happen on any campus in the country. It's the kind of thing that you worry about. Don't let people slip through the cracks. We need to partner up. This student just went off on his own. It happens across the state. The fact is, when a person is missing, we can't find them, regardless of policy. It is a scary feeling. It doesn't take long for a body to disappear into the ground.
- Nyle says that November 4 was a pretty huge night. He saw 200 people going one direction, sirens, and then people running. The second response was when Randy was there with them by the flagpole. What is the proper response that Bowdoin Security should have? Randy jokes that whatever he did was the right response. There were no bad intents in the celebration or on security's part. They were shorthanded, and Randy was home that night. An officer was surprised by what was going on, and he was trying to bring order. We are all excited, and all want to celebrate. Randy just wanted to know if there was violence, fighting, or property damage. He came in, just to be on the safe side. It took him 7 minutes—he has connections. Everything was fine. It was a historic night. It was exciting, and there were similar demonstrations all across the country. What's the harm? There was none.
- Derek says that a group got stopped by security that night. How should they react? Randy says to cooperate with the officer. In this case, the officer was taken aback. Always cooperate. Explain yourself, and understand their perspective.
- Christian has an important question, and a very important one. Christian says that people started parking their cars in an odd place. Randy says that this is a town issue, so the P.D. was on it. This is not angled parking, it is for parallel parking so that the ends don't hang out. The thought wasn't bad, and it just takes one person to start. Christian also asks if Randy has the sweatband that he gave him sophomore year during Ivies.

VI. Old Business (part of this actually occurred before Randy visit—see times indicated)

- a. Town Council Representative: John explains that this was passed unanimously last week. To change the bylaws we need to pass something twice, so we need to vote again to make it part of the bylaws. Ian asks if we could do this temporarily to see how it works out before we make a permanent change. Sophia says that we could remove it very easily if it doesn't work. Those in favor: unanimous.

- b. Evergreens: Mike says that Facilities talked about the tap water thing. They aren't throwing out a resolution, but will support their efforts to increase options apart from bottled water. They have plans to do a taste test. He will help them meet with dining and facilities, and other departments who will be involved in the change. Let Mike or the Evergreens know if you are interested in this effort.
- Ian asks if they are supporting the elimination of bottled water. Mike says that this isn't official. The Evergreens have a long-term goal, and right now they are supporting the Evergreens to increase other options. Their first mission is eliminating bottles from college events.
- Ugo says that they talked to the machinist from the physics department about adding a water system into Moulton. Sophia repeats that anyone who's interested should talk to Mike.

Break for visit with Randy at 8:40. Resume 9:26 p.m.

- c. Dudley Coe: She hasn't met with Sandra yet, which they hope to do. This won't happen until next week. Hopefully she will come in soon. This is some information (last page in the packet). These are plans that they have discussed. There is also information that compares our health center to other schools. Greg says that our pales in comparison. Other schools have a 24/7 nurse (Colby). Dan says that a nurse can't prescribe medicine. Dan says that you end up going to the hospital if you are sick enough to have to go in at all. Carly says to look at options that Sandra talked about. Also look at the differences between doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners.
- Mary thinks that "neutralize rumors" sounds like propaganda. Sometimes rumors are true. Carly says that the effort would be to dispel rumors that aren't true. They want to deal with real issues. Rasha says that the goal is not to sweep issues under the rug or to whitewash the program.
- Sam says that a theme is transparency. They haven't had this lately. Dr. Jeff had a weekly segment in the Orient.
- Christian says that they are working on putting something back in the Orient. Sandra was also interested in working with Peer Health. Sophia says that education is something that they have talked about, and Sandra is very enthusiastic about it. Carly says that many of these ideas came from Sandra.
- Alicia knows that some expectations are too high, but students do depend on non-emergency needs at the facility. Having a doctor full-time would serve needs better. Carly says that this is something that would be great to talk about with Sandra. This information doesn't include potential changes, this is just from meetings that they have had.
- Nyle thinks that it's amazing that students at Amherst can go to the UMass Health Center free of charge. Could we work out something like this? Mike says that hospitals are businesses.
- d. Adjournment Rules: Bryce says that last meeting, they did well in terms of extending debate time. Initially, the proposal was set forward because he didn't think we were doing an adequate job...(..) (...) Mike wonders if Bryce is trying to say that he is rescinding. Bryce responds: What? Bryce thinks he will rescind.

VII. New Business

- a. **Judicial Board Information Release:** John says that people approached them about looking further into the J-Board. His committee set about doing this. They compiled information about peer schools. One interesting thing is the way that the J-Board communicates information and reports. The committee has come up with a proposal to increase education about what the J-Board deals with. This would supplement the report that they put out. We would be working with them to increase the information that students get. The end-goal is that a student should be able to look at the report and know that actions on the report are wrong. The report now is vague, mainly to protect privacy. The statements are broad, and they want it to be more concrete. They don't want to identify students, but hope that it could be more educational. He reads from the proposal. It includes education for first-years and accessibility of the reports. He reads an example from a Williams report—it gives you an idea of what happened. They do a good job releasing information about sanctions. We aren't voting this week.
- Bryce wonders if another school were to look at how our board is selected...would it look different? We sort of have a role. John says that most of this is from handbooks, newspapers, etc. Most of these showed that candidates are selected by the student body or appointed like committee appointments. They didn't look at selection too closely in this study. That's been going on for a couple years—they focused on information policies.
 - Dan thinks that our J-Board is harsh compared to Williams's.
 - Bryce thinks that this is a great way to go forward. There are places that we could go further, but this is a great start.
 - Sam wonders if the J-Board will see this before we vote. Sophia says that they know that we are talking about this. John says that we will send all of this to them.
 - Alicia wonders what details of punishment pertain to. John says that this means sanctions.
 - Sophia says that when we vote on this next week, it will be the official opinion of the Bowdoin Student Government. If you don't agree, it's important to think about this. Also, talk to the people you represent.
 - Nyle wonders about publishing in the Orient. John says that this is their hope—that a report be in the Orient. These are suggestions. Hopefully this would happen semi-annually.
 - Bryce wonders if the Orient could print this anyway. John says that they could, and that we would need to talk about it with them too.
 - Sophia would like to repeat herself. She says to look at the words, because this will be something that we support.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **BSG Affairs Committee:** John says that they talked about the J-Board. Come by if you want to add to the conversation. Anirudh brings snacks.
- b. **Student Activities Funding Committee:** Ugo says that it's great.
- c. **Student Affairs Committee:** Carly says that they talked about the Health Center. She talked with Bernie about the surveys from the counseling center, and people were generally very happy. They will work on creating the book for reducing cost.
- d. **Student Organizations Oversight Committee:** They cleaned the office. Make a mess, and we'll kill you. Others attest to the glory.

- e. Academic Affairs Committee: They will hopefully meet with Cornish next Monday to talk about Advising. Send comments and questions to Sam. The CEEP talked about team teaching, which is the idea of having multiple professors in the classrooms. Judd was intrigued about having more course information available before registration, like course syllabi. Next Campus Conversations is about balance between academics and extracurriculars.
- f. Facilities Committee: They met with the Evergreens. If anyone knows about underground movie ticket sales, let him know, because they are disappearing. Shuttle for Thanksgiving. Alicia asks about the station at Brunswick Apts. Mike says to expect it in the next couple weeks.

IX. Member Reports

- a. Class Representatives
 - 2009: They had a sweet Sea Dogs night. Thinking about the Ball.
 - 2010: Preparing for a coffee house. They have cake this week to give out.
 - 2011: They are doing an all-sophomore college house party. They are getting sweatpants. Christian wonders what the date of this party is.
 - 2012: They have a pub night in the works for the 22nd.
- b. IHC Representatives
 - Lindsey says that they are working on a rotating dance party. Winter Carnival will be January 30-31. A-Board is having a concert. They discussed alternative parties and faculty advisors.
- c. A-Board: They booked some acrobats for March. They will do a teaser and a workshop. SunSplash is coming up—either henna tattoos or massages. They are thinking about booking a singer/songwriter for Jan. 30. They were trying to book Fannypack, but they were too expensive (\$14000 plus plane tickets for all of them). They are researching other dance groups. The big announcement: Nov. 21 Racer-X is playing a 4-hour show.
- d. Athletics: Emma says that they are talking about the opening of the hockey rink, on the last day of winter break. Alum will be here. The dedication is at 4, followed by games. Field Hockey is playing this Saturday, and men's Basketball has their first game.

X. President's Report: Sophia will meet with Tim next week, and maybe with Barry. Monday is our economic forum. The entire community is invited to talk about the state of affairs is with Bowdoin. It will be in the Shannon Room. It is important for everyone to come. It is also something to talk to friends about. Not everyone has these opportunities to talk with Mills. It is at 7:30 p.m. There will be posters. The title is "Is Bowdoin Broke? A Fireside Chat with Barry Mills." This was Mike's idea. Also, Ian asked about Executive Session. Even though nothing scandalous was said, our rule is that when you go into Executive Session, nothing said in the room can go out. If anyone has reservations about going into ES, you need to voice that when we vote. It can't be undone.

XI. Adjournment at 9:58 p.m.

Bowdoin Student Government

Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809014

Proposed by: BSG Affairs Committee

Date: November 12th, 2008

PROPOSAL TO ENHANCE STUDENT EDUCATION ABOUT THE ACADEMIC HONOR AND SOCIAL CODES

Opinion

The Academic Honor Code and Social Code underpin Bowdoin's strong academic and residential community. The Judicial Board performs a difficult and essential service in maintaining these standards. Each year, the Judicial Board and Sexual Assault and Misconduct Board issue a written report to the community outlining the previous year's activity. This report is a valuable source of information and recognizes the need for community education.

In order to prevent themselves from unknowingly violating either code, however, students need more concrete information on what constitutes a violation. This information is best obtained from the specific causes and outcomes of Judicial Board proceedings.

This information can be released to students while at the same time maintaining the necessary confidentiality of those accused or found responsible of violations in the following ways:

- Providing a report semiannually.
Currently, Judicial Board reports are provided annually. If the report were provided semiannually, it would reinforce the significance of the Academic Honor and Social Codes and serve as a concrete reminder to students.
- Giving specific detail of the circumstances and consequences of each case.*
Specific detail is defined as enough information that a student could not read the report and then repeat the action without knowing that the action violates one of the codes. The parties involved in the case should not be easily identifiable, but it is crucial that other students have access to useful information. Past reports have already provided the right amount of information about the consequences of violations.
- Sending the report to the Bowdoin Orient.
The Orient is the most widely read source of information on campus and is the best way of educating the Bowdoin community about the Academic Honor and Social Codes.
- Publishing the report on the Judicial Board webpage and leaving it there indefinitely.
For future students to have access to this vital information, it should be put on the Judicial Board website. This portion of the website may be password protected to ensure that the information stays within the Bowdoin community.

* An example of specific but non-identifiable detail from the Williams College Spring 2006 report: *A first-year was accused of consulting the on-line source, BlackBoard, while taking a self-scheduled exam. The student had been expressly told by the Professor not to access BlackBoard during the exam. The student admitted to the charge. The Committee found the student guilty and imposed failure in the course and Disciplinary Probation for the remainder of this academic year.*

- Educating Incoming Students

The introduction to the Academic Honor and Social Codes during a student's first year can be expanded to point out common misunderstandings and pitfalls. The new reports would be very valuable in this training.

These recommendations are based on a close examination of Bowdoin's disciplinary system, as well as those of peer institutions. The included chart provides a quick comparison of the various systems.

Action Requested

The Bowdoin Student Government requests that the language of *Publication of Proceedings and Findings* under the *Judicial Procedures* section of the Student Handbook be modified to meet the aforementioned goals.

Bowdoin Student Government

Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809015

Proposed by: Academic Affairs Committee

Date: November 19, 2008

RESOLUTION REGARDING COURSE REGISTRATION POLICY

Facts

During the spring 2008 course registration cycle, 23 students were enrolled in their 2nd choice classes even though their 1st choice classes still had spaces. These enrollment decisions were made to allow less popular courses to be offered, while preserving classroom dynamics and ensuring that small majors could continue to offer necessary courses.

Unfortunately, in this process, there was a conscious decision not to inform students that they would not receive their first choice under the assumption that they would never know.

Opinion

We ask that the committees involved with the organization, approval, and enrollment of courses would consider alternative of means of remedying the issues that inspired the 2nd-choice placement decisions to be made.

Should similar methods of course assignment be implemented, we ask that a notification system be created that would make students aware of the possibility and/or extent to which course enrollment decisions like the aforementioned could affect them.

Notification of their intentional enrollment in their second choice could incite willing cooperation, specifically if a brief explanation of the policy, emphasizing the potential benefit this enrollment could have for the student and his/her peers, is included.

Bowdoin Student Government

Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809016

Proposed by: Academic Affairs Committee

Date: November 19, 2008

RESOLUTION REGARDING FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR REGISTRATION POLICY

Facts

In August of this year, the first-year class, rather than prioritizing their first-year seminar choices, was asked to put their top four choices without any indication of preference.

Opinion

Choice is an integral part of the course registration process, and the former prioritization process better upholds the integrity of this process. Greater confidence is given to the process if students are able to feel that their wishes are accurately represented, even with the knowledge that they likely will not be able to get into their first choice. We ask that the Curriculum Implementation Committee vote to recommend a reversal back to previous policy because of the negative effects that it has on the first-year seminar selection process.

The previous policy is preferred for several reasons:

- While we believe that exploration should be encouraged, we feel that this should be an area of advice reserved for advisors and that the decision should in the end be made by the student.
- It has been suggested that by not prioritizing, students do not become as upset when they do not get into their first choice. We believe that even if a student has not prioritized their choices on the registration sheet, they have done so mentally are equally upset when they do not get their first choice.
- We believe that students are more likely to be engaged in the seminar if they are in a class that interests them. It is believed that this is more likely when they are given the ability to prioritize.
- Deeper engagement also allows the goals of the first-year seminar program—including intensive reading, writing, and discussion—to be more fully realized.

While there are certainly valid concerns with the former policy we feel that it is always better to give students choice rather than putting that choice in the hands of another person or leaving it up to a computer. Reverting back to the old policy will allow students to be confident that they are being treated fairly and reassure them that the course registration process is designed to best meet their needs and desires.

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Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809017

Proposed by: Social Issues Task Force

Date: November 19, 2008

FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING SOCIAL ISSUES EVENT

Opinion

The Social Task Force feels the Bowdoin community needs an event to start and harness frank discussion about daily issues facing students. We would like to turn Morrell Lounge (Smith Union) into the "Bowdoin Bubble." We plan to transform the lounge into an interactive museum/gallery that will present participants with questions relating to various issues. Examples of questions are:

- How do you define yourself?
- Whose bed have your boots been under?
- Who do you sit with at dinner?
- Who are you on Saturday?
- Who are you on Monday?

Each question would be a stop in the "Bowdoin Bubble." The areas would be filled with information, art, testimonials, interactive displays, and other items pertaining to issues such as: sex and dating, stereotyping, the role of alcohol on campus, cliques.

Once students reach the end, they will be spat out of the bubble and into an area where they will have the opportunity to fill out a survey, sign-up for follow-up discussions and events, participate in activities, and give feedback. We also hope to provide food and space so that more discussion can take place. This event is not meant to pass judgment or take stances. Instead, it is to be a catalyst for discussions and future action. It is also designed to create a more open atmosphere on campus. Although the main goal is to make people think about their lives and the lives of the people who surround them, we also hope to make it a fun time.

Ideally, this would remain open in Morrell Lounge for an entire afternoon, allowing any passing students to take a tour. Tentatively scheduled for January 29th.

Action Required

Members of the Social Issues Task Force request that the BSG Assembly approves up to \$1,500 to move forward with this project, pending an itemized budget. No money will be dispensed until this budget is presented to the Assembly. We will seek collaboration and co-sponsorship with other student organizations.

Bowdoin Student Government

Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809018

Proposed by: Student Affairs Committee

Date: November 19, 2008

FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING AN EVENT WITH COUNSELING

Info

This event will take place during one day of reading week. 3 massage therapists will be hired to work with students (offering head, neck, and shoulder massages) for 3-4 hours on the given day. The massages would presumably last 10-15 minutes (depending on the demand). This event should provide at least 50 students with a massage and its total cost should be around \$600 total.

Action Required

The Student Affairs Committee requests that the BSG allocate no more than \$400 to this event, with the final amount depending on funding received from other sources.
