

# Bowdoin Student Government

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01/28/09 - Daggett Lounge

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BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the **Bowdoin Student Government**

*10 December 2008*

- I. **Call to Order** at 8:31 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Hannah, Rasha', and Branden are absent.
- III. **President's Welcome:** This is our last meeting of the semester. We have some actual business. If we stay focused, we can get this done quickly.
- IV. **Approval of the Minutes:** Approval passes unanimously.
- V. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **BSG Affairs Committee:** They talked about meeting with the High School Student Government. They also considered the newsletter that will come out after Winter Break; it will include what BSG did last semester, what we would like to do next semester.
  - b. **Student Activities Funding Committee:** Full budget report will come out at the first meeting of next semester.
  - c. **Student Affairs Committee:** They are working on the cost reduction booklet. John has set up an online forum, and they have received one suggestion. Massages are ready to go. They got information about the second survey as well.
  - d. **Student Organizations Oversight Committee:** Hannah sent a message—they started talking about a program for next semester, which would entail leadership development for club leaders. They also discussed updates for the student activities website. Ugo adds something huge. He wants an electronic version of the budget form. If anyone is into programming, let him know.
  - e. **Academic Affairs Committee:** Sam says that the resolutions are going over well. They are also talking about Arabic and looking at issues from the Orient like distribution requirements and the Phase II camping adventure. Distribution Requirements will be a long process. This year's freshmen might see the results of this. Bring forward any short-term ideas that you might have.
  - f. **Facilities Committee:** Mike says that tomorrow night is a pub night at Sea Dogs that there will be a taxi to. The Airport shuttle for Winter Break is coming up. Movie tickets are also in. They talked about next semester, in which they hope to advertise.

- VI. Health Center Survey:** Carly points to the survey that Sandra Hayes and Dean Hazlet have come up with. It's organized in 3 parts; the first part is general information, the second is about visits to Dudley Coe (the answers are given on a scale from disagree to strongly agree), and the third is health services. This last section is to see what they should publicize more, what students know about, etc. Sophia asks everyone to turn to page 8. This is a preliminary draft. She explains that there is a process that exists that during one week a year, everyone who visits the center is sent a feedback form. This survey was built roughly following that form.
- Greg suggests: "Did they diagnose me correctly?"
  - Sam thinks that a lot of these questions skirt around the issues. Asking to rate experiences on average might not be what we are going for. We need to hear about the extremes and eliminate those as well, even if they are unusual cases.
  - Lindsey wants something about whether or not the care at Dudley Coe was comparable to that from a student's own doctor.
  - Emma says that one issue that they saw was about the hours. This is talking about past experience. If it could ask about what was currently missing or lacking, or about timing issues, that would be helpful.
  - Kristen says that she has heard about people who are really sick and that scheduling and getting care quickly can be a problem. A question about timeliness would be good.
  - Ian thinks that it should be more concise. This would take a long time to go through. A lot of the questions seem to ask the same thing. Maybe have general sections and ask for comments.
  - Mary thinks that remembering the name of the staff that you interact with is difficult.
  - Greg thinks that this is safe-handed. We are here to make it better, not to compliment them. Being courteous and actually doing the job are different.
  - Sam wants to throw something at the end—why don't we have 2- hour service or why are hours limited on weekends—so that they have a change to explain commonly asked questions.
  - John thinks that we could cut most questions from section 3. We are trying to get a feel of what people think about the Health Center. We need more pointed questions, like: Do you have confidence in the Health Center?
  - Alicia thinks that there should be room to comment on these questions.
  - Sophia says that Hazlet and Hayes are willing to talk about this and make it collaborative. They also might co-author a "here's why we're doing this" introduction to the survey.

**VII. New Business**

- a. Brunswick High School Student Government: John says that this is what he has been talking about with his committee. The Student Government from Brunswick H.S. wants to work with us. They are trying to start a drug prevention program. They sent a very flattering email. Right now, the plan is to invite as many students as want to come to attend a meeting and have

dinner with us beforehand. Also, a few of us could attend their meetings. What would be good dual-programs to work on? They mentioned drug prevention, which might be good. He thinks that we could help. People could do testimonials, maybe.

- Christian says to do something about getting ready for college or about college opportunities.
- Greg wants to be careful, because Bowdoin students think that we aren't doing anything for them. We don't want to be distracted by the high school.
- Lindsey thinks that leadership and going to college would make sense for us, but we aren't trained for drug prevention. We could connect them with other groups who focus on this area, maybe.
- Sophia says that they have done a program with Upward Bound about student government. The students got into it.
- Bryce wonders if they are content with their system. Are they looking at restructuring their meetings or redrafting their constitution? John doesn't know.
- Greg wonders if we have to pass a bill. Right now, we are looking for ideas.
- Anirudh wonders if they have programs that we could benefit from. Could we set up something that could help students here?
- Mary thinks that something like this might be going outside the realm of the student government's job.
- Derek mentions meetings that include BSG, the high school, and the town to discuss issues that concern all three of us.

b. **BSG Semester Evaluation:** Turn to the last page of the packet and tear it off. We will follow in professors' footsteps and take a few minutes to fill this out. There is relative silence for a few minutes. Sophia asks everyone to hand these to John as they leave. She will look at them over break to recognize trends, and they will hopefully have a fruitful discussion next semester.

## **VIII. Member Reports**

- a. **Class Representatives:**
  - 2009: Caroline mentions pub night this Thursday. They are working on Senior Week.
  - 2010: Alicia says that they handed out sunglasses and are giving out candy canes in mailboxes.
  - 2011: White party is awesome, and they are getting sweatpants soon.
  - 2012: They have a Secret Santa/non-denominational gift-giver thing in the works.
- b. **IHC Representatives:** Joint house parties on the quad—skating, cookie-decorating, etc. A-Board has a concert on Saturday. Holiday parties are this weekend. They are starting an anti-bias initiative, an idea that was brought by an outside group of students.
- c. **A-Board Representative:** Andrew Bird is coming, masseuse Friday.
- d. **Athletics Representative:** Giving out tickets to the hockey rink opening at the SU desk Monday.

**IX. President's Report:** Sophia met with Foster Monday. He met with the staff/faculty advisors and students from the J-Board, and they went through the resolution point by point. There is a subset of people looking at this more closely. They will figure out the implementation of the resolution. They also talked about feedback from the last Campus Conversation. He heard feedback from that event. They talked about supporting and educating students about finding a balance and managing time. She had a trustee conference call. She has been talking about collaborating with other groups for the social event. There will be a video testimonial project as well. BSG members will be asked to do this. You will be able to sign up a time to give this testimonial.

**X. Adjournment** at 9:04 p.m.

# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809021

**Proposed by:** Facilities Committee

**Date:** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### **FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING THE BSG SHUTTLE SERVICE AND NIGHT TAXI**

#### *Opinion*

For the past few years, the Bowdoin Student Government has provided a weekend shuttle service to destinations such as Freeport and Portland. This year, Cook's Corner was also added as a destination. Since many students do not have cars on campus, this shuttle service provides them with an affordable means of transportation. Additionally, the BSG Night Taxi service is a partnership with Brunswick Taxi which allows free use of taxi service around campus to augment Security's Shuttle Service. Finally, last semester, a preliminary deal was worked out with Brunswick Taxi to provide a "Bowling Bus" to the bowling alley on Thursday nights. It is the opinion of the Facilities Committee that the BSG should continue support of these programs.

#### *Action Required*

The Committee requests that the BSG Assembly allocates \$4,500 for the aforementioned shuttle service and night taxi for this semester and up to an additional \$500 for the bowling bus.

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# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

**Proposal 0809022**

**Proposed by:** BSG Affairs Committee

**Date:** January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### **FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING A COUPON IN OUR NEWSLETTER**

#### *Info*

In an effort to both continue our efforts towards sustainability and entice students to hold onto and read the BSG newsletter, a coupon should be included toward the purchase of reusable water bottles at the bookstore. Ideally, the bookstore and BSG will cover equal parts of the discount.

#### *Action Required*

The BSG Affairs Committee requests that the BSG allocate no more than \$1000 towards this coupon, the final amount depending upon how many coupons are redeemed.

## Social Issues Event Itemized Budget (1 of 3)

### Who are you on Monday?/What does your week look like?

Coordinators: Branden Asemah and Rasha' Harvey

Set Up: Smith Union, Morrell Lounge

Set Up Date: January 31, 2009

#### Who are you on Monday Budget:

Nalgene Bottle	(Donated)
Bowdoin notebook	(Donated)
Backpack	(Donated)
Bowdoin pens/pencils	\$ 5.00
Books	(Donated)
Calendar similar to one in Q magazine photo (ridiculous schedule)	\$15.00
Hangers	\$ 5.00
Professional Clothing	(Donated)
Blow-up photo of classroom scene	\$50.00
Posters (for students to write about their academic week at Bowdoin)	\$10.00
Display Board	(Donated)
<b>Who are you on Money Budget Total:</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>

#### Saturday Night Budget:

Printed Pictures (snapshots of weekend parties on campus)	\$50.00
Solo Cups	\$ 5.00
Jello	\$ 2.50
Strobe Light	(Donated)
CD Player	(Donated?)
Blank CD	\$ 1.00
Drink (increase floor stickiness)	\$ 1.00
Flyers to hang around the party scene	\$10.00
Blow-up photo of one party scene	\$50.00
<b>Saturday Night Total Budget:</b>	<b>\$119.50</b>

**Total Budget:** **\$204.50**

**Reminder:** The cost of wood and the secured comment box are not included in the budget figures.

## Bowdoin's Handbook for Students on a Budget

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### Introduction

In light of current economic challenges, Bowdoin students face more financial pressure than ever before. Therefore, noticing hidden costs and finding ways to reduce costs can make life at Bowdoin more fun and less stressful for us all.

This booklet was produced and compiled by the Student Affairs Committee of Bowdoin Student Government.

Possible coordinating offices/entities: Director of Financial Aid, Office of Student Affairs, Registrar's Office, Athletics Office, Academic Affairs Office, Bowdoin Student Government, Students, Faculty, and Staff

1. **Books.** Books can be a major expense for any college student. But there are a few things you can do to reduce the amount you spend on them.

**A. Buy used books, rather than new books, from the Bowdoin Bookstore.**

The Textbook Center of the Bowdoin Bookstore, located in the basement of Coles Tower, carries almost all books required by professors. The bookstore sells used books for 25% off the list price (the price of the new version of the same book). The used books are just as useable or "good" as the new versions – in fact, if you buy a used book, you might even inherit the book from a great-highlighter or note-taker, which would definitely be a plus!

- B. You can order your books online.** Many websites offer discounted prices for books – you can save up to 50% on each book. Just make sure that you, one, order the correct edition. And, two, don't place your order at the very last minute; shipping may take a few days. To order your books ahead of time, go to the Bowdoin Bookstore website, in order to find the lists of books required for your courses:

<http://www.bkstr.com/CategoryDisplay/10001-9604-16903-1?demoKey=d>  
Websites which sell books at discounted prices:

[www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com)

[www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

[www.half.com](http://www.half.com)

[www.cheapesttextbooks.com](http://www.cheapesttextbooks.com)

[www.campusbooks.com](http://www.campusbooks.com)

[www.ecampus.com](http://www.ecampus.com)

[www.textbookx.com](http://www.textbookx.com)

[www.zooba.com](http://www.zooba.com)

**C. If you have books you no longer want to keep or have any use for, make some money by selling them.** At the end of each term, if your book is being used in a Bowdoin class the following term, the bookstore will buyback your book at 50% of the list price. Or, you can also resell your book online (i.e. through Amazon).

## 2. Computer Stuff

**A. Buying a computer. Is it necessary?** The technical answer is “no.” There are 200 computers on campus which are available for students to use. And, some of these computers are even accessible 24 hours a day. Computers can be accessed in labs, classrooms, the library, smith union as well as many other locations. However, the more informal answer is that, although there are many computers available for you to use on campus, having a laptop or your own personal computer can be very convenient and useful. If you like to type, you may want to take notes on your laptop during class. Or, when it gets cold, you may rather use your computer in your room than to face the blistering cold in order to access the internet.

**B. Are printers necessary?** Although some students do have their own printer, having a printer in your dorm room less essential than is having your own computer. There are many places on campus where students can print for free (for example, in the libraries, Kanbar Hall, Druckenmiller, and so forth). By not buying your own printer and continuously purchasing ink cartridges and paper, you can save yourself a few bucks and a hassle.

**C. What about an external drive?** If you are looking to back-up documents, it isn't necessary to buy an external drive. One great thing about being a Bowdoin student is that you can save documents (and/or music and other files) on the school's microwave server. Although each student only has a limited amount of place on the server – you can upload your files for free. So as long as you aren't trying to load you're entire iTunes library of 2,000 songs, this server can be mighty helpful. To learn how to access this server go to: <http://www.bowdoin.edu/it/network/researchdirmicrowave.shtml>

**D. Make use of IT.** Information Technology, commonly known as IT, is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Coles Tower. If you're having computer problems or other 'technical difficulties' IT provides students with help at no charge. Furthermore, before you purchase the new computer software, such as

Microsoft Word, check to see if Bowdoin supports that program – if so, IT can provide you with the software for free – potentially saving you hundreds of dollars. To find out which types of software Bowdoin offers, go to:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/it/software/index.shtml>

### 3. Phone Service

**A. room phone service advertisement (especially long-distance service)**

**B. cellular phone service (AT&T best network on campus)**

**C. the online program “SKYPE”**

### 4. Campus Groups:

**A. Athletics:** The Dean of Students Office has made a very small amount of money to help defray costs for break trips and competition for those with significant need. For the most part, students who have problems work with their coaches to meet their need either your team or individual fundraising. (Note: we do not solicit alumni for gifts.) Intramurals work out of Res. Life. Most club sport funding comes Student Activities. The Dean has provided the same support for Rowing break travel as for Varsity teams. Again, this is a modest amount.

**B. Student Organizations and clubs:** Students who have any financial need should first speak with their Dean. The Dean of Student Affairs' office manages several funds that have specific terms (that is, one might be for students to purchase books; another for study away). If there are not monies available from the Dean's Office, then the student activities office would determine on a case by case basis whether they could help. Usually, help is granted on a limited case by case basis.

<http://studorgs.bowdoin.edu/bsg/studorgs.php>

**C. Craft Center** – if you're into art, pay \$25 per semester to join the center and make all the crafts you'd like! The center is located right next to admissions and is open 24 hours a day. A few of the possible activities include making pottery, using a pottery wheel, sewing, creating stained glass.

**D. Outing Club:** The outing club is a great way to explore Maine's natural wonders while staying on a budget. For \$50 you can use all of the equipment available at the Outing Club and go on any excursions offered. You can do things from hiking the Appalachian Trail to visiting the club's island on Meadows River (yes, the Outing Club has its own island!). For more information check out the outing club website:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/outing/index.shtml>

**E. Like serving others?. . Get involved with the McKeen Center for the Common Good.** Participating with the McKeen Center is great way to do service while spending little to no money. The Center even provides financial aid upon request for community immersion trips before the beginning of the school year! For more information on the center and the trips it offers:

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/mckeen-center/index.shtml>

**5. Cheap Entertainment:** There are plenty of things to do on campus for free! Here is a list of ways to have fun on the cheap!

- **Buy BSG-subsidized movie tickets in Smith Union**
- **Small Parties**
- **Athletic events (Varsity, club and JV)**
- **A capella and symphony and band concerts**
- **Use fitness facilities (fitness room, gyms, weight room, pool, and so forth)**
- **Drink coffee and play pool in Smith Union**
- **Go on an outing club trip**
- **Cross-country skiing on Bowdoin's trails**
- **Rent a movie in town or from the library**
- **Hang out at Supersnacks in Thorne on weekend nights**
- **Visit the Bowdoin Art Museum**
- **Go to a Bowdoin student play**
- **Attend lectures, including Common Hour**
- **Play pool in Smith Union**
- **Take a walk down Maine Street**

**6. Food**

**A. meal plans**

1. if you are on financial aid, it will save you money to chose the 19 meal plan a week, than to switch down to the 14 meal plan. [\[need more research on this\]](#)
2. If you are not on financial aid, it may save you money to reduce your meal plan. Although you can divvy up the meals any way you'd like, for instance, if you reduce your plan to 14 meals a week, you could have lunch and dinner in the dining hall every night and only have to worry about making breakfast on your own. Breakfast can be a very cheap meal, by having it in your room, you could feasibly reduce the amount of money you spend on meals. Info on meal plans:

<https://www.bowdoin.edu/dining/forms/protected/boardPlans/index.shtml>

**B. Using the C-store and polar points.** If you are a big snacker and do like to have food in your room, shop at Hannaford's, Shaws or other grocers. It will be cheaper to shop at one of these stores than it will to shop in the C-Store. Grocery stores sell food in bulk, making their foods cheaper than food at the

c-store. Basically, if you're looking to save money, don't use the c-store as a grocery store.

## 7. Health and Wellness

**A. Health Insurance:** Bowdoin offers students an accident and sickness insurance plan provided by Gallagher Koster. The plan is available online at [www.gallagherkoster.com](http://www.gallagherkoster.com). Click on "Student Access" and click on Bowdoin. Documents and FAQs are all available there. Financial Aid students receive Bowdoin's health insurance if needed and qualified as part of their package.

### **B. The Dudley Coe Health Center**

**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm **except** Wednesday, 10:30am - 5:00pm

**Weekend Hours:** Sundays, 12-2pm for **ACUTE** problems

#### **List of services Dudley Coe offers:**

Laboratory and X-Ray Services

Allergy Injections

Orthopedic Specialist

Vaccines

Nutritionist

Travel Clinic

HIV/AIDS testing

Testing for Sexual Transmitted Infections

Women's Health Services

self-care packets (includes over-the-counter medicines, lozenges and thermometers) and condoms

**Transportation to Midcoast and Parkview Hospitals:** Should you need to visit a local physician's office or either Midcoast or Parkview Hospitals call Security. Security is available to assist you with transportation

**C. COUNSELING CENTER:** Offers free and confidential counseling services to any student who wishes to speak to counselor.

#### **Location:**

32 College Street, Herbert Ross Brown House

207-725-3145

#### **Hours:**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### **Schedule an Appointment:**

Please call 725-3145 or stop by in person during business hours.

#### **Emergency Hour: 4-5 p.m. (M-F)**

Emergency hour is for situations requiring immediate attention. No appointment is necessary, but please call ahead if possible. Your

walk-in appointment will take place with the counselor assigned to walk-in hour on that day.

## 8. Transportation

- A. **Bowdoin Shuttle:** free shuttle service provided by BSG (need more info about this and about how far security will take you)
- B. **Zip-car:** especially useful for incoming first-years, first-year car ban
- C. **Transportation for breaks (to the Airport or other cities)**
  1. BSG organizes shuttles for students to take to the airport. This will likely be much cheaper than taking a taxi alone. Since the shuttles are not organized for the way back from the airport you should try to carpool with friends- likely there will be another Bowdoin student coming in to the airport when you are
  2. Busses are a cheap way to get to Boston or other cities in the area

[http://www.concordcoachlines.com/maine\\_bus\\_schedule.htm](http://www.concordcoachlines.com/maine_bus_schedule.htm)

## 9. Making Money or Earning Extra Cash

- A. **Campus Jobs:** First Year Job Placement Program –This program guarantees jobs to incoming freshmen who qualify for the work/ study program.

For more information about the first-year job program, go to the Bowdoin Student Employment website at

[https://studentemployment.bowdoin.edu/JobX\\_Home.aspx](https://studentemployment.bowdoin.edu/JobX_Home.aspx)

Or contact the Student Employment Office at [Seo@Bowdoin.edu](mailto:Seo@Bowdoin.edu) or 207) 725 – 3386

- B. **Babysitting:** Students often babysit for faculty and administrators on campus. These can either be a singular or repeated job. Most often arranged between the faculty and the student, though also offered on the student employment website.
- C. **Local Jobs:** Students also have the opportunity to work for organizations such as Teach For America and the Community Resource Center. Through these organizations students can find jobs tutoring at local elementary and high schools. Various jobs can also be found locally. Specifically places such as local supermarkets or clothing stores.

## 10. Avoiding Charges

- A. **Lost ID Charge:** Residential Life imposes a \$15.00 charge every time a student damages or loses an ID Card.  
<http://www.bowdoin.edu/reslife/idcard/index.shtml>
- B. Overdue library books
- C. Other miscellaneous fees (research them)

i. Room Charges

a. Avoid damaging walls, showers, hallway furniture, etc. You will be charged by Residential Life

ii. Laundry-wearing the same pair of jeans at least twice a week; wearing T-Shirts and/or laid-back gear more often

**11. Good deals (bargain hunting/shopping)**

**A. SPORTS:** If you would like to take part in Intramural sports or are simply looking for a good deal for a new baseball glove, Play It Again Sports is sporting goods store located on Maine St. in downtown Brunswick. It is simply a walk away from the college and is full of great deals for usable sports gear.

**B. CLOTHES/FURNITURE/ DORM ROOM DÉCOR**

**Garage Sales:** Keep your eyes posted for garage sales. Many families who live just a walk away from campus have garage sales during the first few weeks of the semester.

**Bowdoin Classified:** Check the Bowdoin classifieds on Bowdoin's webpage. Local Brunswick Residents are often selling old furniture, TVs, and other items at bargain prices.

**Salvation Army:** The thrift store is located 127 Pleasant St. It has great deals on clothes, furniture, and random decorations. Shopping at Salvation Army is a cheap way to make a great Halloween Costume or an outfit for a themed party. All items are half price on WEDNESDAYS!

**Second Hand Rose:** Is a cheap, vintage, thrift store located at the end of Maine St. in downtown Brunswick

**Grand City Variety:** Sells about everything you can imagine from work clothes, to pajamas, to candy, and home decorations at very low prices. Locals also enjoy grabbing a cheap bite to eat there at the diner.

**Estillo:** A great vintage shop full of trendy flashbacks and sweet accessories for very low prices. The store is located on Pleasant St., less than a block off Maine St. and in easy walking distance from the college.

**C. Food.**

**Gelato Fiasco:** Hate winter but love gelato? Delicious gelato is available on Maine St. in downtown Brunswick at a discounted price during the winter months. Every degree below freezing is equivalent to a percentage off your gelato.

**Little Dog Café:** Sick of all the usually study places on campus? Hate Bowdoin's coffee? Little Dog Café is an easy walk from Bowdoin and is located down Maine St. It has free internet access and provides comfortable couches for studying and writing papers. Ask for a coffee card and after your tenth coffee, get one free.

**D. STUDENTS WHO HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR**

**Storage:** For those of you who have to travel a long way to Bowdoin, storing your belongings is really useful. Storage facilities are located all around Brunswick. Save money by splitting the cost of a storage space with a friend.

**Host Family Program** Bowdoin offers opportunities for students to part take in a host – family program. Students who are far from home are encouraged to have host- families. These families are local Brunswick residents who often provide students with the comforts of a familiar home, such a free home cooked meal, adult advice, or simply an escape from the stresses of school.

#### **e. RECREATION**

**Skiing:** You go to school in Maine so you simply MUST take advantage of that skiing. Look for advertisements for season passes to Sunday River or Sugarloaf in the digestengine. Buy your season tickets early, as soon as they begin to be advertised. The longer you wait the higher the prices become. Season passes are much more economical for the frequent skier.

### **12. Extreme Financial Bind**

**A.** If you run into an unexpected financial emergency, see either the Director of Student Aid or the Dean of Student Affairs. Do not be afraid to ask for assistance. They are there to help you! Bowdoin offers discretionary loan and grant funds to help students with unexpected emergency expenses. The College usually gives out short-term, no interest loans usually between \$50 and \$200. In some cases, depending on the nature of the emergency and level of financial need, the loans could be turned into outright grants at the discretion of the administrator.

**B.** Financial emergencies could include the following:

- loss of eyeglasses/contact lenses
- uninsured medical treatment
- serious dental care, excluding preventative care and cosmetic improvements (braces, retainers, etc.)
- unplanned trips home for family illness and/or funeral
- travel/clothing associated with job interviews senior year\*
- significant need with the cost of an LSAT, GRE, or MCAT prep course, interested students should contact career planning\*

\*only available to a very limited number of students who demonstrate the greatest financial need