

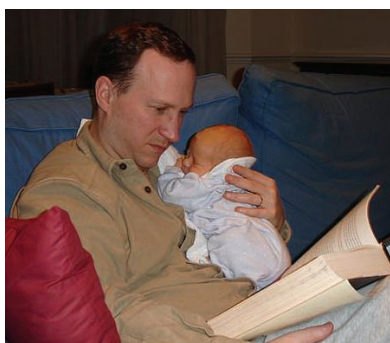
# The Harvard Club of the United Kingdom



◆ News & Notices ◆ March / April 2007

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ **15 March-17th June**  
British Museum Exhibition - A New World:  
England's First View of America
- ◆ **\*17 March 6.45 pm**  
Annual Oxford Dinner, St Edmund Hall
- ◆ **\*24 March 11.00 am**  
Family outing to the American Museum,  
Bath. Contact: kbrough@yahoo.com
- ◆ **29 March 7.30 pm**  
Recent Grads Quarterly Drinks  
Top floor of Franks (above Pappagallo),  
54 Curzon Street, Mayfair, W1J 8PG  
Contact: Mark Best & Tamas Eisenberger  
hcuk\_recentgrads@yahoo.co.uk
- ◆ **\*30 April 6.30 pm**  
Lecture by Professor Michael Sandel  
Freshfields, 65 Fleet Street,  
London EC4Y 1HS Contact: Susannah  
Evans (evans@apollorealstate.co.uk)
- ◆ **16 May 7.00 pm**  
Reception and Talk by Dame Pauline  
Neville-Jones DCMG "Terrorism" The  
Athenaeum, Pall Mall, SW1.  
Contact: Lizzie Martin (harkness@acu.ac.uk)
- ◆ **\*23 June 7.00 pm**  
**John Harvard Dinner,**  
Emmanuel College, Cambridge  
Contact: Sylvia W. Houghteling '06  
(wh29@cam.ac.uk)  
*See also events listing on [www.hcuk.org](http://www.hcuk.org)  
\* invitation enclosed*



### Announcing Baby Bradkin

The first child of our HCUK President arrived on 11 January 2007 weighing 6lbs 7oz. His name is Andrew. Parents report that he has a fierce grip, impressive appetite and an independent spirit. Newsletter editor can objectively report that parents are absolutely delighted. Many congratulations to Brandon and Ann.

## Letter from the President

In this issue, we are profiling two of our members and the work they have done in setting up an industry wide charitable foundation. We are all highly fortunate to have been able to attend Harvard, and Harvard hopes that its graduates will go off and make a difference in their communities. Both Scott and Ramez were involved on an individual basis with a variety of charities and thought that maybe they could marshal the various firms in their industry to collectively pool resources and leverage the charitable instincts of their peers. When I was a freshman, Dean Spence told us that if we wanted to do something and there was not an organisation that does it, go start one. Ramez and Scott did just that.

We also are pleased to introduce Harvard's President Elect. Precocity and a strong moral compass are characteristics that Harvard seeks in its students. Drew Faust showed her colors when in 1957, as a nine year old on her own initiative and without telling her parents wrote a letter to President Eisenhower. "Dear Mr. Eisenhower," the letter began. "I am nine years old and I am white, but I have many feelings about segregation . . . Please Mr. Eisenhower please try and have schools and other things accept colored people."

She was a child of the Old South who recognised that the old ways needed changing. That same year another product of the old South (and of Harvard) John Minor Wisdom was appointed to the Federal Appeals Court by President Eisenhower. He went on to lead the judicial effort to end segregation in "the schools and other things" and when asked why, he would respond simply "because it's wrong". I spent my first year after Harvard as his law clerk, and saw how individuals fired by passion can make a difference. We look ahead with great expectations that Drew Faust as Harvard's next President will use the power and pulpit of that office and make a difference.

**Brandon Bradkin AB '89, JD '92**

## HCUK Members and the Private Equity Foundation (PEF)

**Successful PE practices include selecting strong businesses with good management, backing them with capital and then adding real skill and monitoring input to make them successful. Now these practices will be applied to promising charities with critically important agendas.**

Eighteen months ago, a number of senior leaders across the private equity industry liked the idea of pooling funds to make a meaningful charitable contribution as an industry. Now they have completed their first fundraising of £5 million from the industry, and announced support of four charities. **Scott Collins** and **Ramez Sousou**, both Harvard College '87, have been founding members and represent two of the eight trustees of the foundation. As Scott describes, the initiative started as an idea, but soon generated a critical mass of 25+ PE firms committed, as well as many other professional firms connected to the industry. The foundation has prioritized three areas of charitable causes: children, community support and education, and initial grants include a literacy group and an East London alternative education program.

But what is distinctive about the undertaking is the notion of applying private equity capabilities and techniques to their efforts. The PEF seeks out charities with good management teams and robust business models, putting strong emphasis on the potential to become more self-funding. PE executives will personally engage in selecting the charities and then monitoring how they put the funds to use and have even greater impact. The Foundation also pools investing, legal, accounting and consulting talent to work with charities, adding distinctive value to their efforts.

Looking ahead, the PEF plans to support and invest in 4-6 charities per year. Well done to Scott and Ramez for their roles in shaping this important initiative. Anyone interested in more information can find it on [www.privateequityfoundation.org](http://www.privateequityfoundation.org)

## HCUK Bursary Awards

Dr Sean O'Harrow informs us that this year, the Grant-in-Aid Committee received 15 applications and chose to recommend four people for awards. Those four are:

**£500: Yonina Murciano-Goroff** (2006 AB summa cum laude in History and Science), Yonina Murciano-Goroff is studying in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology program at Oxford. Yonina's interest is in how shifts in funding and management of cancer hospitals shape researchers' quest for cures, and her research is designed to promote international collaboration in the fight against cancer. (yoninamg@post.harvard.edu)

**£400: Agnieszka Anna Rafalska** (2006 AB magna cum laude in Social Studies), MSc in Global Politics (Effects on Polish civil society of Poland's entry into the EU) London School of Economics (rafalska@post.harvard.edu)

**£500: Raphael Rosen** (2006 AB summa cum laude in History and Science). Semiconductor Physics is Raphael Rosen's field of study at the Cavendish Laboratory of the University of Cambridge. Raphael's group's inquiry will both address fundamental questions about the properties and interactions of electrons and tackle applied concerns, most notable among them quantum computing, i.e., the quantum computer. (rcrosen@post.harvard.edu)

**£500: Caroline Whiting** (2006 AB magna cum laude in Linguistics and Psychology). Caroline is pursuing her PhD studies at the University of Cambridge in Biology at the Brain Sciences Unit of the Medical Research Council. Under the supervision of Professor William Marslen-Wilson in the Speech and Language Group, she will investigate how words are represented in the brain, making use of the latest neuroimaging technology to analyze the link between language and neural activity. (whiting@post.harvard.edu)

### WANTED!

#### "Recent Graduate" Class Representatives

The Recent Graduates Committee of HCUK is looking for volunteers to act as class representatives for each of the Harvard College classes from 1997-2006.

We are looking to assemble a Recent Grads committee comprised of a representative from each class who will act as the primary contact point for their undergraduate classmates here in London. The committee will together put on events throughout the year. This will not be a major time commitment and the only pre-requisite is enthusiasm!

There are far more recent grads in London than you may realize and we hope you'll consider flying the flag for your class. If interested, email **Mark Best '02** and **Tamas Eisenberger '01** on hcuk\_recentgrads@yahoo.co.uk or call Mark (07769 725 391) or Tamas (07786 171 832)

#### Recent Grads Quarterly drinks evening

The first HCUK Recent Grads Quarterly Drinks of 2007 is coming up on Thursday 29th March. Join us for post-work drinks...you'll be surprised how many people that you know are now living in London! All welcome - no RSVP required.

**Location:** Top floor of Franks (above Pappagallo), 54 Curzon Street, Mayfair W1J 8PG **Time:** 7.30pm onwards

**Questions?** Ask **Mark Best** or **Tamas Eisenberger** as above.

## John Sherman MBA 1959

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of John Sherman on January 20th. John had been a member of HCUK for many years but it was outside the Club that I really got to know him. He and I have been members of the same golf club since 1991. It has been said that you really get to know a person when you play golf with them and that was especially true of John. He was a very keen golfer who had played off a single figure handicap, but took the game with the right measure of seriousness. He was a gentleman, in the true sense of the word, both on and off the course and a stickler for golf etiquette. His name will always be prominently displayed at our Club as one of a handful of members who has shot a hole in one during a Club competition. I will remember him in particular for his charm, wit and dry sense of humour. He and his wife, Xandra, loved to travel, very often to remote and exotic destinations. They once had cycled part of the Karakoram Highway, the highest paved road in the world, and during their descent into Pakistan they spent several days freewheeling! It made my own travel experience sound very tame. But with John, it was never one-upmanship but more the honesty of genuine shared interest. He was very proud to be the great great nephew of William Tecumseh Sherman, the American Civil War Unionist General. John was born in Venezuela and later attended Yale College, graduating in 1955. He then served two years in the US Army prior to attending HBS. He will be greatly missed by us all.

**Jim Baker '68 MBA '71 Past President**

## Introducing Harvard's 28th President

**Drew Gilpin Faust**, an eminent historian and outstanding academic leader will become the twenty-eighth president of Harvard University, effective July 1. Faust previously served for 25 years on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. Starting as assistant professor in the Department of American Civilization in 1976, Faust ultimately became the Annenberg Professor of History from 1989 to 2000. She also chaired the Department of American Civilization for five years, and was director of the Women's Studies Program. She was twice honored at Penn for distinguished teaching.

Raised in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and a pupil of Concord Academy in Massachusetts, Faust received her bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr in 1968, magna cum laude with honors in history, and her master's degree (1971) and doctoral degree (1975) in American civilization from the University of Pennsylvania.

Faust is married to Charles Rosenberg, one of the nation's leading historians of medicine and science, who is Professor of the History of Science and Ernest E. Monrad Professor in the Social Sciences at Harvard. Faust and Rosenberg live in Cambridge. They have two daughters, Jessica Rosenberg, a 2004 summa cum laude graduate of Harvard College, and Leah Rosenberg, Faust's stepdaughter, a scholar of Caribbean literature.

### Have you attended a club event? Would you like to try your hand at helping organize one?

In many ways, events are the lifeblood of the HCUK so the Events Subcommittee is always looking for members willing to help with the club's active events calendar, particularly for members who have a special interest (it could be anything) and may have helped present events at other clubs or organizations. However, experience is definitely not a prerequisite, just a bit of enthusiasm, time and follow-through. The club can provide both financial and logistical support and most of our past event organizers say that they have enjoyed the fun, camaraderie and finite time commitment in creating an event from start to finish. In addition, because maintaining a smoothly running events calendar is also part of the process, if you just want to "organize the organizers" and not necessarily run a particular event that would also be of help. If interested and you want to know more, please contact either **Deepak Abraham** (Deepak.Abraham@gs.com) or **Robert Gould** (robertgould@post.harvard.edu).