

The Harvard Club of the United Kingdom



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Letter from the President

In case you missed the big event, nearly 300 members and friends welcomed President Drew Faust during her visit to London in late January. I have received dozens of emails and calls from members sharing how positive they felt about President Faust's visit. President Faust has expressed her appreciation for the warm reception and said she already is putting her new crimson broly (presented by us) to good use. Cindy Levy, our newsletter editor and coordinator for the evening, discusses her talk in more depth in this newsletter.

One of President Faust's goals is that Harvard is viewed as a single university instead of a collection of schools. Certainly, this is how we view the Harvard Club. Within the umbrella of the club, specific schools participate in the general life of the club as well as organise some school specific events. The Law School and the Business School grads have a tradition of providing representatives to the HCUK. I encourage graduates of the other schools to contact me to discuss how they can ensure their alums are fully engaged with Harvard in the United Kingdom.

Brandon Bradkin AB '89, JD '92

President Drew Gilpin Faust's Visit to London

The Club started 2008 with President Drew Gilpin Faust's inaugural visit to London. The HAA and HCUK collaborated to organise an extremely memorable 300-person event in Grosvenor Square. Club members commented on the enormous energy in the room as President Faust, HAA members, HCUK members and spouses enjoyed an excellent reception and sit down dinner. There was an impressive mix and attendees from our recent graduates through to longstanding alumni, as well as a good cross section of the College and different graduate schools in attendance.

During the dinner, President Faust was extremely generous with her time both in her remarks and her responses to the questions that followed. Perhaps her most passionate comments were around Harvard's decision in December to approve material increases in financial aid to middle and upper-middle income families. The programme follows other measures addressing lower-income families. Harvard's initiative will make financial aid to the \$120,000-\$180,000 salary band the most generous of any of the prestigious US universities. She was adamant that any outstanding, deserving student for Harvard admission should be able to attend without inordinate strain on family resources. Specifically, it should no longer be acceptable to expect families to re-mortgage primary family homes to fund Harvard. She also mentioned that the response from current students to the new measures has been passionately appreciative. Students have written letters pointing out that they will now be able to stay at Harvard the full four years rather than racing to finish in three, and that they will now be able to enjoy extra-curricular activities for the first time rather than working in every free time slot to contribute to the tuition bill.

Other memorable comments were around her tremendous efforts to create breakthrough levels of collaboration and integration between different faculties and departments across the university. She cited Public Health as one university-

Upcoming Events

◆ *20 April 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Hendrix Flat Tour in Handel's House

Contact Jenny Lo: jennylo@msn.com

◆ *26 April 7.30 pm

Verdi's Requiem at the Royal Festival Hall. London Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir.

Contact Evi Kaplanis: evi@kaplanis.com

◆ *3 May 7.30 pm

Harvard Oxford Dinner Exeter College

Oxford Contact Jesse Elzinga: jesse.

elzinga@exeter.ox.ac.uk

◆ *21 June 7.00 pm

John Harvard Dinner,

Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Contact: Moira Weigel Harvard Scholar

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◆ *24 June 6.30 pm

An Evening of Music and Science with the Longwood Symphony Orchestra from Boston at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, 65 Fleet Street, London EC4Y 1HS.

Contact Evi Kaplanis: evi@kaplanis.com

◆ 22 July

West Side Story - the 50th anniversary of a musical landmark at Sadler's Wells. Contact Evi Kaplanis: evi@kaplanis.com

* invitation enclosed

See also events listing on www.hcuk.org

wide priority requiring unprecedented levels of cross-cutting thinking across multiple departments. African studies is another. Through this aspiration, she has embraced the challenging task of forging new links between departments and radically different ways of working between global leaders in their respective fields - an unenviable leadership agenda. She also spoke candidly about her surprise in finding herself as 'the largest property developer in the region' having taking hold of the ambitious plans around the Allston campus. Overall, it was hard not to be struck by the breadth and depth of her 'grip' on the range of university priorities after such a short time in her new role, as well as the calm and thoughtful leadership style she applies to all that she embraces.

Before and during the event, there was also a wonderful opportunity for informal discussion with President Faust where she shared with us her great excitement over her latest (and recently) published book on the Civil War, her fondness for the UK, and some of the open reflection and questioning around the unfolding financial events. HCUK presented President Faust with a lovely crimson travel umbrella from St James' Street to express our enormous appreciation for her time with us. After London, President Faust went on to Davos in which she was representing Harvard at a forum for university presidents.

Cindy Phillips Levy AB'88

'Justice online' and the HCUK

There was a final wrap up session at the end of January for the Justice online course at Freshfields with members of each of the three discussion groups turning up. Reflections on the course were very positive. Most of us agreed that it was hard to keep up with the readings with all our busy lives but also very important to discuss the readings and issues with others - some participants wanted to have more sessions than the four that each group had. **Professor Sandel's** lectures were inspiring and I think most participants will henceforth change the nature of their reading matter and indeed the way they look at the major current moral and ethical issues. On behalf of the club I wish to thank **Timothy Corbett, David Devore** and **Donal McElwee** for leading the group discussions and club member **Don Guiney** of Freshfields for his extra support and enabling us to have our final session at Freshfields. We would all like to thank Professor Sandel and the HAA for making this exciting new venture possible for all alumni and guests and look forward to hearing what they come up with next!

Joan Porter MacIver '75
HCUK Co-ordinator for Justice online

Mentors Needed for Summer Interns

Partnering with Harvard's Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies (CES), the Harvard Club of the UK has linked alumni employers and their colleagues with students from the College to create meaningful and rewarding summer experiences for both the current generation of Harvardians, and the organisations that hire them, since the programme's inception in 2005.

Many interns from last summer gave us the feedback that they would like to have a local "mentor family" to help them adjust to living and working in a new country. To that end, we are looking for volunteers to:

- Act as a "buddy" by giving advice and helping to answer questions on living/working in the UK prior to and during the student's internship;
- Meet with/host the student at least once during their stay here; ideally by inviting them to your home (although taking them out is fine too)

You will NOT be required to provide housing or be responsible for helping interns to find housing (although any tips/advice you have on house hunting will surely be appreciated!)

This year, there are approximately 20 internships based in the UK; most of these are in London, but we also will have interns based in Scotland, Durham, Cambridge, Liverpool, and Bicester, Oxfordshire. The internship schedules vary, but most students will be here from late May through the end of August.

If you would like to participate, please contact **Yuko Thomas** at yuko.thomas@post.harvard.edu. For more details about the internship programme, please go to the CES website at: http://www.ces.fas.harvard.edu/info_for/students/abroad_

Are you receiving us?

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English, Nipmuc, and Wampanoag Lead Send-Off Ceremony in Honor of International Harvard Alumni

On February 2, 2008, citizens from the United Kingdom (UK), Nipmuc Nation, and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head Aquinnah (WTGHA), signifying Harvard's first international community, led a Send-Off Ceremony in honor of international Harvard alumni who had traveled to Cambridge to attend the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA) Winter Meeting and Harvard Alumni Leadership Conference.

Through oratory and song, Jim Baker (AB '68, MBA '71, past President of HAA '03-'04, Harvard Club of UK), The Honorable Bruce Curliss (former Tribal Councilman, Nipmuc Nation), and The Honorable Tobias Vanderhoop, (Tribal Councilman, WTGHA, MPA candidate '08), provided international alumni with personal reflections on the international origins of the University and how this history permeates the global character of Harvard today.

*Pictured l to r:
The Honorable
Tobias Vanderhoop,
The Honorable
Bruce Curliss and
Jim Baker*



The Harvard University Charter of 1650 calls for the "Education of English and Indian Youth of this country in knowledge and godliness." When John Harvard arrived in Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Bay Colony was a colonial outpost located in the heart of the intersection of the territories of the Massachusetts, Nipmuc, and Wampanoag Nations.

Send-Off Ceremonies are held by a host-community in honor of friends and guests who have traveled from afar in the hope that they will have a safe journey home. Councilman Vanderhoop opened the Ceremony with a powerful Wampanoag Honor Song in tribute of the international alumni who had traveled to Cambridge. Councilman Vanderhoop's Tribe sent the first Native American graduate, Caleb Cheeshahteumuck (AB 1665) to Harvard College. Mr. Curliss drew thought-provoking parallels with his ancestor, James Printer - a staff member at the College in the 1660's where he played an instrumental role with the English missionary John Eliot in translating the English to Algonquian version of the King James Bible.

Patrik Johansson, (MPH '01, elected director, Harvard Clubs of Sweden and Washington DC, Native American Alumni at Harvard SIG), moderated the event. More than 30 international Harvard alumni from as far away as the Republic of Georgia, China, Argentina, and Australia attended. Robert Skogstad (SMP '89, Harvard Club of Munich, and Regional Director of Western Europe) said, "While the interwoven histories of the English, Nipmuc, and Wampanoag may not always have been in the foreground at Harvard in the past 350 years, it is especially appropriate in today's world showing this global background and diversity as a core strength of the University."

Patrik Johansson MPH '01