



**President's Reception
Sunday, March 26**

On Sunday, March 26, we will be hosting a reception for **President Neil Rudenstine** at the Hang Gallery at 556 Sutter Street in San Francisco, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. President Rudenstine, Ph.D. '64, will be in San Francisco as part of his winter visit to the West Coast. This is your opportunity to meet and talk with the

man whose stewardship is guiding Harvard into the new millennium. The Hang Gallery will also give you an opportunity to view the works of current California modern artists. As in past HAA-sponsored events, your invitation will come directly from Cambridge, and will contain a special reservation form. The Club also accepts Visa and MasterCard credit cards.

**China's Future in the Light of its Past
Monday, March 13**



Would you like to learn from a real expert where China is headed in the new millennium? **Professor William C. Kirby** AM '74 PhD '81, Chair of the Harvard History Department and Senior Member of the new Asia Center at Harvard, will offer his insights in a talk at the University Club on the evening of Monday, March 13.

Professor Kirby received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College and his graduate

degrees from Harvard. Prior to joining the Harvard Faculty in 1992, he taught at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was director of the international affairs and Asian studies programs. Professor Kirby's current projects include China's "international development" in the 20th century, the history of modern Chinese capitalism on the mainland and Taiwan, and the international socialist economy of the 1950s.

This event is being co-sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Join us for a fascinating and informative evening.

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**Luncheon Lecture Series
INTERNET "ARMS DEALERS"
Monday, March 13**

Companies like Inktomi and Tradex have commanded staggering valuations by essentially acting as Internet infrastructure and platform providers, delivering enabling services or software to customers who want to quickly deploy e-commerce and community sites. **Oliver Muoto** is Co-founder and VP Marketing of Epicentric, a leading provider of portal infrastructure software & services for the Internet and intranet marketplace. He will talk to us about successful infrastructure models that allow companies such as Epicentric to become "Arms Dealers in the Portal Wars."



Monday, March 13, 2000, 11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Bankers Club, Bank of America Building, 52nd Floor. \$30 members, \$35 non-members, \$5 discount for reservations made 48 hours in advance. Call the Club office at (415) 421-4700 or e-mail: hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org.

**Public Charter Schools: Boon or Bust?
The Charter Schools Movement
Thursday, March 16, University Club**

Join us on March 16, when HCSF member **Mark Kushner** (Ed.M. '95), Principal and Founder of San Francisco's Leadership High School, will moderate a panel of speakers discussing the pros and cons of



charter schools, regarded by some as one of the most promising grassroots educational reforms. A charter school is a public school that is held accountable to goals in a charter, or contract, with the local school district. In exchange for this accountability, a charter school has the freedom to design its own curriculum, hire its own teachers and control its own budget.

The Harvard Club panel will include Luis Huerta from U.C. Berkeley's and Stanford's PACE (Policy Analysis for California Education), Johnny Fernandez and Loran Simon (a teacher and student from Leadership High School), Barbara Kervelis (Principal of the for-profit Edison Public Charter Academy), and Marjorie Wilkes, the Executive Director of the West Oakland Community School. Discover why many regard charter schools

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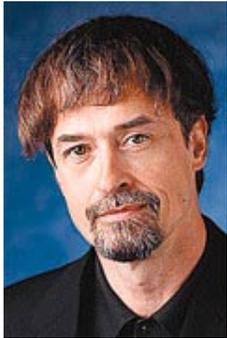
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Luncheon Lecture Series
GETTING IN ON THE IPO "GROUND FLOOR"
Wednesday, April 12, Noon



Join us on Wednesday, April 12th, as OffRoad Capital's Chairman and CEO, **Stephen Pelletier** gives us some expert answers to the dilemma of "ground floor" access to IPOs. He'll explain how his company's business model addresses the problem by enabling private growth companies to raise capital from qualified investors in \$25,000 - \$50,000 chunks over the Internet.

Pelletier will discuss company financings in this high-flying Internet sector and how the current climate affects non-Internet companies. And what happened to old-fashioned tenets like good management? Are these things still important? Don't miss this unique look into the nature of changing financial markets on the Internet.

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Hold the date!

Expert Presentation on Immigrant Civil Rights -- May 4th.
 Full details in next newsletter.

Is There Positive Power in Negative Emotions?
Thursday, April 13



Anger, jealousy, resentment... these common emotions evoke powerful responses. Most often, we attempt to repress these feelings - but is there a way to direct these potentially damaging emotions in a constructive and useful way? Join us on Thursday, April 13th, when noted psychologist and author, **Dr. Gerald Amada**, will read from and discuss his new book *The Power of Negative Thinking*. Dr.

Amada will explore ways in which we can benefit from threatening emotions through critical thinking and acceptance. Rather than viewing negative emotions as flaws, we can learn to see them as necessary counterparts to desirable attributes such as humor, creativity and activism - shedding a positive light on the darker corners of the human psyche.

Dr. Amada is a founder and director of the Mental Health Program, City College of San Francisco. He has published seven books, including *A Guide to Psychotherapy*, and more than 50 articles on mental health issues.

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YOUR EXCUSES FOR NOT BIKING ARE OFFICIALLY OVER

Saturday, April 15

We live in one of the most beautiful biking areas of the world, yet how many times do you actually take advantage of that? Here's the incentive you need to get going. We have organized a guided bike tour from San Francisco to Tiburon on April 15th. We will be taking the easiest, flattest course possible and you will be rewarded with lunch at Servino's right on the water and drinks next door at Sam's. Afterwards, you can take the ferry back to San Francisco.

You don't have to be Lance Armstrong to come along but you should be able to handle two hours of moderate biking (those spinning classes were good for something!). You'll need to bring your own bike, a helmet, and some layers of clothing (it can be nippy crossing the bridge, but quite warm in Marin).

We will be meeting at the Par Course at Crissy Field (that's the Southeast corner with the pull up bars and sit up inclines) at 11:30. Email SusanMKim@aol.com or call 415.474.6146 if you have questions or need help in finding a bike rental.

There is a \$5 fee for the tour, checks should be made out to The Harvard Club of San Francisco. Bikers will need to bring money for lunch at Servino's (moderately priced), drinks at Sam's and Ferry fare (if not biking back).



Book Discussion Group
Sunday, March 26



The March meeting will be on Sunday, March 26, at 4pm, at the home of Joan Lenzner. This month's book is James Boswell's "Life of Johnson". (This is rather a large book, so start with only the first third of the book.) Please call Dr. Ernest Levinger at (415) 752-7954, if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

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An illustrated lecture by Ciji Ware
THE WORLD OF JOSIAH WEDGWOOD



Join us at the University Club on Tuesday, April 25, for a talk by **Ciji Ware**, noted novelist, historian, journalist and Emmy-award winning public affairs producer—and the first woman graduate of Harvard College to be president of the Harvard Alumni/ae Association. Ms. Ware will present the story of the “Potter To His Majesty” that marked the beginning of the Industrial Age. This period in England also produced some of the most beautiful chinaware that we still admire two hundred years later. In fact, Harvard University has been a steady customer over the years, commissioning a host of commemorative pieces that are highly prized as collectors’ items—some of which will be on display the evening of the lecture. Novelist Ware, whose talks at the Harvard Club are immensely popular, takes us behind the names of Wedgwood, Doulton, Minton and Spode—men who evoke the legendary eighteenth century English pottery trade—to present a compelling tale of an unforgettable era. In addition to examples of eighteenth and nineteenth century chinaware, Ms. Ware’s lecture will be illustrated with slides from the Huntington Library’s collection as well as her own.

Got China?
Do you have any Harvard Commemorative Wedgwood or Staffordshire? If so, please bring some samples to show and discuss following the lecture.

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Exclusive Reception Following Performance
Behind the Veil: The World of the Harem
Friday, April 28, Herbst Theater



Join **Alev Lytle Croutier** on an exciting visit to the harem, followed by an exclusive wine-and-cheese reception with Ms. Croutier at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books near the Herbst Theater.

19th Century European artists imagined the harem as an erotic paradise where every male fantasy was attainable. Using lush slide illustrations, Ms. Croutier, author of “Harem: The World Behind the Veil,” contrasts the prosaic harem of her grandparents with fantasized portrayals by Ingres, Delacroix, Gerome, Flaubert, and many others. Soprano Susan Lane Stokes and baritone Philip Skinner add harem-inspired music from Mozart’s “Abduction from the Seraglio” and from operas by Rossini, plus Ravel’s mesmerizing mezzo solo, “Shéhérazade.”

For preferential Harvard Club seating at the Herbst Theater through the courtesy of Humanities West, reservations and payment **must** be received by the Club no later than March 10th. Later requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis. For more details about the program and reception, call Frank Rettenberg at (415) 472-2707 (and ask him about the symposium on “Orientalism” on April 29th, the day following the performance).

Cost is \$25 per person. Friday, April 28th at 8pm at the Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness Ave. \$25 per person includes reception at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books. For more details and reservations call the Club office, or email hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org.

Reservation & Donation Form (Events marked (R) require advance reservations)

Just a reminder for the new membership year, the Club policy requires 48-hour notice for cancellations. No-shows will be charged. We accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards. All credit card charges MUST include a daytime phone number.

EVENT	DATE	COST	NO.	\$ AMT.
William Kirby	3/13	\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door	x _____ =	\$ _____
Oliver Muoto	3/13	\$30 members, \$35 non-members. \$5 discount for paid registration 48 hours prior to the event	x _____ =	\$ _____
Charter Schools	3/16	\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door	x _____ =	\$ _____
Steven Pelletier	4/12	\$30 members, \$35 non-members. \$5 discount for paid registration 48 hours prior to the event	x _____ =	\$ _____
Dr. Gerald Amada	4/13	\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door	x _____ =	\$ _____
Bike Ride	4/15	\$5 per person	x _____ =	\$ _____
The World of Josiah Wedgwood	4/25	\$10 in advance; \$15 at the door	x _____ =	\$ _____
The World of the Harem (R)	4/28	\$25 per person	x _____ =	\$ _____

***Fax or mail in YOUR IDEA for a Harvard Club Event! My idea is _____

Name _____ Degree & Graduation Year _____

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You may fax credit card payment to: Harvard Club of San Francisco, (415) 421-6424. Please make checks payable to: Harvard Club of San Francisco. **Note:** Refunds require 48 hours notice. No confirmations are made. Door lists are maintained. All reservations made less than 48 hours prior to an event must be made by credit card. The University Club dress code requires coat and tie for men and comparable formality for women. NO denim or tennis shoes.

Hire a Summer Intern from Harvard

A smart, energetic Harvard student may be a real asset to your organization during the summer months. Imagine this enterprising individual doing a special project or helping you with technology solutions at relatively low cost.

If you are interested in hiring a summer intern from Harvard, please get in touch with Nancy Saunders at the Harvard Office of Career Services, 54 Dunster Street, Cambridge MA 02138. You can also reach her by fax at (617) 495-3584 or by e-mail at nesaund@fas.harvard.edu. Your message should include the name and the mail, fax and e-mail addresses of the contact person, the application procedure, and the nature of the internship, the days and hours, salary level, starting and ending dates, duties and responsibilities, and qualifications sought.

Become a Club Director!

Would you like to become a member of the Board of Directors of the Club and help to make the policies that guide its operations? With the terms of several directors expiring this year, there are a number of vacancies to be filled at the annual meeting in June. Directors are elected for three-year terms. The Board meets six times a year, usually at 6 p.m. at an office in downtown San Francisco, with a light supper available. If you are interested in serving, and have sufficient time available to attend meetings regularly, please send or email a short note to the Club Office with a brief description of yourself. The selection of nominees will be made by the Nominating Committee, which is seeking directors with a variety of ages, backgrounds, and interests.

Recent Grads Book Club Sunday, March 19

The Harvard Recent Graduates Book Club will be reading William Faulkner's "Light in August" for March. We will meet at 1400 47th Ave. Apt. 3, at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 19. Please RSVP to Abby Fung at ayfung@post.harvard.edu or Anne Brody at anne_brody@post.harvard.edu if you plan to attend. Thanks, and hope to see you there!

Schools Committee Report

30 Bay Area Applicants Gain Early Harvard Admission

Peggy Brown, the Club's Schools Vice-President, reports that, for the Bay Area as a whole, there were 152 completed Early Action applications to the Class of 2004. Thirty applicants were admitted in December, 1999, 120 were deferred until April, and two were rejected.

Peggy honored the admittees at an informal reception on December 28; a number of current students, parents and county chairpersons also attended.

Meanwhile, the work of the Admissions Committee and the local interviewers continues. Three hundred and sixty eight additional "Regular Action" Bay Area applications to the Class of 2004 have been received.

The Club's Schools Committee interviews undergraduate applicants considering Harvard College, sponsors the Under-graduate Luncheon, and coordinates the Harvard Prize Book Program.



Recent Grads News

Come grab a drink with the Harvard Young Alums Tuesday, March 14 at The Bus Stop from 7-9pm. The Bus Stop is located at 1901 Union Street @ Laguna. Also keep your eyes open for more info on an upcoming community service event and a mentor dinner. And please feel free to contact Jaime Chambron (chambron@post.harvard.edu) if you have any ideas for Happy Hours or special events with the group.

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as one of the most promising educational reforms in American today — and why others don't.

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