

# THE HARVARD CLUB

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# Spotlight On...

### Daniel Ellsberg, '52, Ph.D. '62 Annual Dinner Keynote

Mr. Ellsberg graduated with a B.A. *Summa cum Laude* in Economics and

earned his Ph.D. in Economics with his thesis, Risk, Ambiguity and Decision.



He is internationally known for his work

on the Top Secret McNamara study of U.S. Decision-making in Vietnam, 1945-68, which later came to be known as the Pentagon Papers.

In 1969, he photocopied the 7,000 page study and gave it to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee; in 1971 he gave it to the *New York Times*, Washington Post and 17 other newspapers. Twelve felony counts were dismissed in 1973 on grounds of governmental misconduct against him, which led to the convictions of several White House aides and figured in the impeachment proceedings against President Nixon.

Since the end of the Vietnam War he has been a lecturer, writer and activist on the dangers of the nuclear era and unlawful interventions.

# **Current Events**

#### Date Event

- 5/20 KSG Sacramento Evening
- 5/22 SF Alumni Treasure Hunt
- 6/17 HCSF Annual Dinner
- 8/1 SF Giants vs. St. Louis

# **HCSF Annual Dinner by the Bay**

#### Thursday, June 17th, 6:00 pm San Francisco, CA

ur annual dinner will be held at the St. Francis Yacht Club. Since the facility holds a maximum of 170 guests, please get your

reservation in quickly. We welcome donations to the annual Silent Auction which will feature special Harvard memorabilia.

The HCSF is pleased and honored to announce the Annual Dinner Keynote Speaker, Daniel Ellsberg, who discusses "A Citizen Dissenter's Responsibility in Wartime" and his recent book Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers.



Please submit nominations for our three annual awards: Distinguished Citizen Award, the Secondary Educator Award and the Human Rights Leadership Award. Please email the club office with your nominee and

why you feel the individual should be considered.

Also, the following Committee Chairs have terms expiring June 30, 2004: Treasurer/Chief

Financial Officer, VP Communications, VP Information Management, VP Activities, VP Membership and VP Diversity. Get actively involved in your club's management. Reserve your seat today! (continued on page 4)

# SF Treasure Hunt with the Ivy Allliance

Saturday, May 22nd, noon - 5 pm San Francisco, CA

Join the Harvard Alumni team in a Scavenger Hunt with Cornell Alumni

of Northern Califonia and others from the Ivy League, Seven Sisters Colleges, Stanford, and MIT. Each team will be provided with a webenabled cell phone and digital camera,

and receive missions to explore the Haight Ashbury neighborhood and Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.

Through clues downloaded to a wireless device, hints planted in unlikely places, and actors who are part of the action, you'll be guided through a city you only think you're familiar with. Clues can appear at any time, any-

where. Meet other interesting people from your school, as you work cooperatively to solve riddles, be creative, act crazy, and have fun at our after party.

Registration is \$35 per person. Cell phones, cameras, and all equipment will be provided. For more information on the game, visit www.thegogame.com or email Lisa Pinsky at LYP415-Cornell@yahoo.com.

## Take Me Out to the Ball Game: SF Giants

#### Sunday, August 1st, 1:05 pm San Francisco, CA

The HCSF has secured a block of seats at SBC (formerly Pac Bell) Park for the San Francisco Giants game on Sunday, August 1st against the St. Louis Cardinals and their veteran

Manager Tony LaRussa. Watch the home team make their run for the baseball championship again!

The seats are in the upper deck on the first base (shady) side, with great views over the Bay. The price is \$26 per

ticket. Please get your order in early, since the number of seats is limited.

On the initial allocation, to assure fairness, each member will be limited to

not more than four (4) tickets. To reserve your tickets, please do the following:

1. Contact the Club office with your name and number of tickets desired.

2. Upon receipt of your check or credit



card number (don't forget the expiration date and VCode) via fax, you will be notified that tickets have been processed in your name. Please, at this time, confirm the mailing address for the tickets.

3. Tickets will be sent out in July.

Thank you for your support! See you at the ballpark! - David Ratner

## Be a Perpetual Member!

This year, the HCSF is offering a new option for renewing your membership



every year. Choose to become a perpetual member! The club will automatically renew your membership on an annual basis, so you won't have to worry about filling out forms or a unintentional lapse in coverage.

If you choose to pay by credit card, we will put your number on file. Next June, we will send you a letter remind-

ing you that your renewal is approaching and ask you to confirm the credit card number we have for you. In July, your card will be automatically charged for the membership level you desire.

If you wish to discontinue this program at any time, send a note to the club office indicating that you be taken off this automatic list.

Join today and contact the club office.

## **Club Office Relocating**

The HCSF office has relocated! The new address is Post Office Box 170424, San Francisco, CA 94117-0424. The new telephone number is 415/621-3900 and the new fax number is 415/621-3999. The email address remains hcsf@harvardclub-norcal.org.

## **Renew Your Membership**

With a membership "year" from July through June, the HCSF has exciting new benefits for members and great events planned throughout the coming year. One is the Joint Membership with the Silicon Valley Club - as a joint member, you will receive newsletters and scheduled events from both clubs.

Send in your membership form via fax with your credit card number or in the mail at our new post office box with your check. Please fill out the membership form completely. We need your telephone number (either home, office or both), a cell number if you choose and a valid email address. A lot of our events are sent via email so don't be left out. All membership information is strictly confidential and your email address will never be shared with outside parties.

Consider volunteering for our various committees! We welcome new members with fresh ideas. Your name will be passed on to the committee chairs and they will get in touch with you.

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# **Contribute to Harvard Club Book Prize**

The HCSF is delighted to sponsor the Harvard Book Prize Award at many

local Bay Area high schools. As defined by the Harvard Alumni Association, the Book Prize is to be awarded to the outstanding student in the junior class who "combines excellence in scholarship and high character, with achievement in other fields."



The club invites all members to donate to this worthy program. High School Juniors who receive the Harvard Book Prize can take pride in the recognition that their school has given them. Our Club has supported and funded this honor at more than 50 high schools in the greater Bay Area for years.

The Club supports this program as much as possible from funds specifically donated for the Prize, and not from our normal membership contributions. This year specifically allocated contributions from members fell off.

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Thus, a member, who wishes to remain anonymous has very generously made

a challenge grant to the Club. This member will match all Book Prize donations to the Prize Fund to the total of \$1000 made between now and June 30, 2004.

Please, take the time now to send in a donation, noting that it is for the Book Prize.

If there is a specific High School that you would like to direct a book, please note that as well.

Please contact the club office with your donation. Time is of the essence since we need to purchase the books, notify the schools of our participation and then deliver the books in time for graduation. The HCSF appreciates your help!

Remember, your generous donation will be doubled - thanks to one of our gracious members.

#### Annual Dinner Auction Thursday, June 17th, 6:00 pm San Francisco, CA

The HCSF Annual Dinner will feature the popular Silent Auction. Thank you to those of you who have submitted gifts in the past - we encourage everyone to help this year too! It is more important than ever for our Silent Auction to raise money for the Club.

Please inquire of any bookstore, restaurant, retail establishment, that you trade with or know and request an item for the Silent Auction. Good sources of auction items include

- Harvard/San Francisco historiana
- travel, lodging and tour vouchers
- entertainment and sports tickets

Forward leads to the club office for the follow up and tax donation paperwork.



## Event Reservations - May/June 2004

Events marked (R) require advance reservations and payment. Club policy requires a 48-hour notice for cancellations. No-shows will be charged. Reserve your seats by phone, fax or mail. You may pay by credit card (Visa, MasterCard) or with a personal check.

Current Events		<u>Date</u>	Cost	Qty	<u>\$ Total</u>
HCSF Annual Dinner - recent		6/17	\$75 x	=	
- regular			\$100 x	=	
- sponsor			\$150 x	=	
SF Giants/St. Louis Baseball		8/1	\$26 x	=	
* Non-members must pay \$5 more for all events \$ Total					
RSVP - phone: (415) 750-1442		Or ma	uil this form	& make check	x payable to:

Name:		
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City:		
State: Zip:		
Phone (Day): ()		
Phone (Eve): ()		
Pay by: Visa 🔲 MasterCard 🔲		
Card Number:		
Exp. Date:/ VCode:		
Signature:		

Note: No confirmations are sent. Door lists are maintained. Reservations made less than 48 hours before an event must be placed with a credit card.

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Camino Real, Palo Alto, 650-857-0787,

Our guess speaker will be Wendy

Tokuda, a news anchor for KRON 4

TV, who is a journalism mentor and

founded "Students Rising Above," an

from 7:30-9:30 pm.

## Make a Difference by Mentoring

#### Wednesday, June 9th, 7:30 pm Palo Alto, CA

The Mentoring Committee of the Harvard Club of Silicon Valley is matching mentors and mentees, and invite all local Harvard alumni to participate (as well as Ivy League schools,

its 7 sister schools, Stanford, the University of California, the California Institute of Technology, and MIT).

All local and remote mentorship matches will be made and the

participants notified by May 15, 2004. All participants can attend our "Joint Mentorship Forum" at the Crown Plaza Cavana Resort, at 4290 El

## Kennedy School Alumni in Sacramento Wine Country

#### Thursday, May 20th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm Sacramento, CA

The Kennedy School Alumni Association of Northern California invites the HCSF to attend an elegant summer evening of wine and conversation along the Sacramento River delta with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Chief of Staff, Pat

Clarey, and Press Secretary, Margita Thompson - both Kennedy School alumni. This event be at the Bogle Vineyards, and wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Capacity is limited to 100 people. For questions or comments, please e-mail Adriana Dakin at Adriana\_Dakin@ksg03.harvard.edu or visit www.ksgalumnisf.org.



In its April 26 special issue, Time magazine named Professor of Systems Biology Eric Lander one of the



world's 100 most influential people. Lander is the biomedical visionary behind the Broad Institute. Time noted that Lander played a key role in the

sequencing of the human genome, and is now "leading the effort to use the new genetic tools to find treatments for ancient human diseases." In the article "Unraveling the Threads of Life," Lander stated that his fascination with DNA began while teaching economics at Harvard. "Suddenly it was clear to me that all the beautiful complexity of life had simplicity at its core," he says. "This is the kind of thing mathematicians love."

## Annual Dinner (cont. from page 1)

Tickets for recent grads will be \$75 each and tickets for regular members will be \$100 each. Patrons of the dinner (tickets are \$150 each) will be prominently acknowledged in the dinner program. The club has free parking available, and is located by the bay on the Marina (www.stfyc.com, 415-292-2013). RSVP to the club office.



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ongoing TV series and scholarship program that recognizes students who have overcome tremendous odds.

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