says. “It’s like with any person you have to work with: you acknowledge that there is a certain level of discomfort and you try to adapt.” Recently, a horse that had just been brought in from a nearby farm was skittish in the new barn; he “got so upset when I was working on him that he finally just tore away from the person holding him and ran back to the field he had come from,” she says. “That was a bad day.”

But for most horses, shoeing is like going to the dentist, she says: “It’s not how you would choose to spend your time, but you put up with it because you need to.” Sunny is cold-shod, which means his shoes are hammered into shape and attached without being heated (because aluminum melts too easily). His stable-mate Jade is hot-shod, which requires more training, time, and skill, and therefore can be more expensive. Horseshoes range widely in size, materials, and weight; farriers custom-fit each horse depending on its needs, by widening and narrowing the shoe, and by using pads and other add-ons that protect weak points and fill in the gaps to improve how fluidly the foot moves. For teenage riders who might “go hooliganing” around a trail, Cloos screws “caulks,” akin to cleats, onto their horses’ shoes to enhance traction. For Jade, Cloos adds “pour pads” as protection under the shoe because his soles are thin and his coffin bone is easily bruised.

“The goal is to fit them so well it’s like they are wearing nothing,” she says, turning on the propane-fired forge in her truck and using tongs to hold a steel shoe in the flames until it is “orange-hot.” Then she applies it to Jade’s hoof for about five seconds. The billowing smoke smells like burning hair, but her client doesn’t blink because Cloos has trimmed the foot to leave a layer of insensitive tissue. The burns show where she needs to further file down the hoof wall. Then Cloos heats the shoe to pound it into shape on the anvil. Brawn doesn’t count much in the process, but Cloos is compact and athletic. “Our instructor at Cornell used to say that

Overseer and HAA Director Candidates

This spring, alumni can vote for five new Harvard Overseers and six new elected directors of the Harvard Alumni Association (HAA).

Ballots, mailed out by April 1, must be received back in Cambridge by noon on May 22 to be counted. Election results will be announced at HAA’s annual meeting on May 28, on the afternoon of Commencement day. All holders of Harvard degrees, except Corporation members and officers of instruction and government, are entitled to vote for Overseer candidates. The election for HAA directors is open to all Harvard degree-holders.

Candidates for Overseer may also be nominated by petition by obtaining a prescribed number of signatures from eligible degree-holders. (The deadline for all petitions was February 2.)

For Overseer (six-year term):
Fernande R. V. Duffy, J.D. ’78, Boston. Associate Justice, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.
Brian Greene ’84, New York City. Professor of physics and mathematics, Columbia University.
Beth Y. Karlan ’78, M.D. ’82, Los Angeles. Director, Women’s Cancer Program, Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute; director, division of gynecologic oncology, department of obstetrics and gynecology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center; and professor of obstetrics and gynecology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.
Carl F. Muller ’73, J.D.-M.B.A. ’76, Greenville, South Carolina. Attorney.
David B. Weinberg ’74, Chicago. Chairman and CEO, Judd Enterprises, Inc.

For elected director (three-year term):
HAA Clubs and SIGs Awards

The HAA Clubs and SIGs Committee Awards honor both individuals who provide exemplary service to those groups, and groups that have themselves organized exceptional programming. This year’s awards were presented to the following recipients at the HAA board of directors’ winter meeting on February 5.

Peter Mazareas ’73, of Nahant, Massachusetts. Starting in 2009, Mazareas became president of the Harvard Club of the North Shore and established a leadership team that developed a plan that has revitalized it. Activities that explore New England’s attractions and local landmarks, along with events featuring congressional leaders, have consistently drawn new members. Mazareas also created “Making the Curriculum Real,” a program that links alumni with children in local schools. As an HAA director for northern New England, Mazareas has also convened regional club events to foster a stronger alumni community.

Giulia Stellari ’03, of Port Jefferson, New York, and Nicole Buckley ’08, of Omaha. The alumnaes founded the Harvard Alumni for Agriculture SIG in 2011; it has since grown to more than 300 members across 39 states and a dozen countries. Through a dedicated group of board members, the club has focused on investment, mentorship channels, networking, communications, fundraising, and philanthropy. Their efforts have led to a robust website; a webinar series featuring U.S. secretaries of agriculture and executives in the bioenergy and bioengineering fields; and involvement in the AgInvest Conference in New York. Students, faculty, alumni, and corporate mentors can now network and collaborate on agriculture-related projects, bolstering their own professional bonds along with their connection to the University.

Since its inception in 1977, the Harvard University Club of Houston has grown to include more than 300 alumni, 450 of whom are recent graduates. Events cater to the diverse interests and fields represented and have recently included Global Networking Nights, an event with Jeremy Lin ’10 (now of the Los Angeles Lakers), tours of the Houston Federal Reserve Building, and “Back to School” picnics for members and new students, and their families. The club hosts Young Alumni Happy Hours and partnered with the Houston Yale Club for a celebratory event around The Game. Last October, the club also drew crowds for “Your Harvard: Texas,” a gala featuring alumni musicians and faculty panels on the arts, healthcare, energy policy, and the future of cities.

In the last three years, the Harvard Club of Hungary has become a vibrant organization offering unique events such as a reception at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest featuring Mallinckrodt professor of physics emeritus and Nobel laureate Roy J. Glauber. The club also focuses on strengthening relationships with alumni in neighboring European countries. Members helped organize the first Central European Harvard Club meeting in Belgrade, Serbia, and plan a Central European Harvard Ball. Moreover, it has joined with other Central European alumni in annual interactive video conferences with Harvard faculty members. A new initiative, “Back to Your School,” enables Hungarian club members to return to their secondary schools to discuss their experiences and the importance of higher education.

A Special Notice Regarding Commencement Day

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Morning Exercises

To accommodate the increasing number of people wishing to attend Harvard’s Commencement Exercises, the following guidelines are provided to facilitate admission into Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement Morning:

- Degree candidates will receive a limited number of tickets to Commencement. Their parents and guests must have tickets, which must be shown at the gates in order to enter Tercentenary Theatre. Seating capacity is limited; there is standing room on the Widener steps and at the rear and sides of the Theatre. For details, visit the Commencement office website (http://commencement.harvard.edu).

Note: A ticket allows admission, but does not guarantee a seat. Seats are on a first-come basis and cannot be reserved. The sale of Commencement tickets is prohibited.

- A very limited supply of tickets is available to alumni and alumnae on a first-come, first-served basis through the Harvard Alumni Association (http://alumni.harvard.edu/annualmeeting). Alumni and guests may view the Morning Exercises over large-screen televisions in the Science Center and at most of the undergraduate Houses and graduate and professional schools. These locations provide ample seating, and tickets are not required.

- College Alumni attending their twenty-fifth, thirty-fifth, and fiftieth reunions will receive tickets at their reunions.

Afternoon Program

The Harvard Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting, which includes remarks by its president, Overseer and HAA election results, the presentation of the Harvard Medals, and remarks by President Drew Gilpin Faust and the Commencement Speaker, convenes in Tercentenary Theatre on Commencement afternoon. For tickets (which are required, but free) visit the HAA website or call 617-496-7001.

~The Commencement Office