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## **Alan Lightman**



You are invited to an afternoon with Alan Lightman, awarding-winning author, physicist and founder of The Harpswell Foundation. Build Cambodia is hosting this informal gathering to raise awareness about the Harpswell Dormitory for University Women in Cambodia and the work of Alan Lightman.

**Sunday November 4, 2007 • 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

**1555 North Astor Street 45W • Chicago**  
**light refreshments served**  
**casual dress**

Alan Lightman will be presenting at the [Chicago Humanities Festival](#) Saturday November 3rd.

Alan Lightman founded the Harpswell Dormitory in 2006 to enable some of the brightest women residing in Cambodia's countryside to pursue a university education. Cambodia's universities are located in the city and do not provide housing for their students. Male students who come to Phnom Penh are able to live in Buddhist temples, but this option is not available to women. Even if a young woman from outside the city is among the small percentage of people who can afford the \$500 yearly tuition, she cannot attend unless she has a relative with whom she can live.

In its first year of operation, the dormitory has enabled 35 women to pursue bachelor degrees in Cambodia's best universities. The dormitory aims to play a major role in raising the next generation of women leaders in Cambodia. Toward this end, leadership seminars are held twice weekly and a leadership residency program was created where non-Cambodian women with broad international and cultural experiences live in the dorm for short stays to promote leadership and English-speaking skills.

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*A Build Cambodia Fact-Finding Trip Visits the Harpswell Dormitory in January 2007*