



March 28, 1978

Dear Member:

Some members of the Harvard Travellers Club have raised the question of whether we should relax the unwritten custom of inviting only male guests to our dinner meetings and lectures. That is, should we allow ladies to be invited to more meetings than just on the occasion of Ladies Night?

Your Council has discussed this matter and recognizes that such a change has a number of implications for the future character of the Club. The regular admission of ladies as invited guests will change the ambiance of a men's club. This can be interpreted as an improvement or as a detraction depending on one's point of view.

By this letter, I am informing all members of the change that has been suggested and I am proposing that, if the membership is willing, it be discussed further and acted upon at the Annual Meeting in May. The idea is to admit ladies as guests during the 1978-1979 season on a trial basis, with review and reconsideration of this change to occur at the Annual Meeting in May 1979. Specifically, a vote will be sought on the following three options for the coming year (with other suggestions welcome if received in time):

1. Stay as we are.
2. Allow ladies as guests for half of the meetings in 1978-1979.
3. Allow ladies as guests for all of the meetings in 1978-1979.

Neither option #2 nor option #3 requires a by-law change. Please reply to this letter whether or not you plan to attend the meeting in May. We need to have an indication of the wishes of all of the membership.

Listed below are some of the more obvious arguments for and against the proposed change.

#### *ARGUMENTS FOR CHANGE*

1. More younger men who might want to bring their wives to some of the meetings would be attracted to the Club.
2. The subject of the talk on Ladies Night may or may not be one which interests the ladies. People have different interests.
3. Life in general is becoming more and more a mixed society, and we should keep up with the times.

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HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB

Membership sentiments: Women

Stay as is

Henry Hall  
 Paul Fremont-Smith  
 Hays Kenward  
 Alfred Baldwin  
 Frank Balch  
 Albert Hornor  
 Francis Hill  
 Francis Skaw  
 Relye M. Forbes  
 Rost Humenan  
 Alex Kummel  
 Prof. G. Bates  
 Earl Chapman  
 John Griswold  
 Charles Bradford  
 Don Gillespie  
 F. Leslie Jones  
 Bill Latady  
 Warren Haley  
 Haven de F. Lockwood  
 Albert De Friez  
 Wm. Gardner  
 James A. Lowell  
 Joseph Hayes  
 Marcus Morton  
 Albert Crichton  
 J. J. Gerald McClue

(28)  
 38.4%

Ladies 1/2 meetings

Fredene Windrop  
 Stephen Riley  
 Sidney Smith  
 Ed Mansfield  
 John Hubble  
 B.H. Endicott  
 Gilbert Payson  
 Hal Coolidge  
 Bert Zarins  
 Rob Stephenson  
 Terry Moore  
 Os Field  
 Sidney Shercliff  
 Welt Jones  
 John Ross

(18)  
 24.7%

Ladies all meetings

JOE  
 Rost Goodale  
 David Patten  
 Fred Vigor  
 Walter Wood  
 John Boyer  
 Dan Paull  
 Carleton Howe  
 Thomas Cabot  
 Ray Kjellberg  
 Lisphenrd Plister  
 Lauriston Ward  
 Lot Page  
 Colton Hazzard  
 Don Fawcett  
 Fred Jennings  
 Rost Goodwin  
 David Thomlike  
 Walter Kilham  
 John Stanbury  
 John Boyd  
 Thomas Quigley

(23)  
 31.5%  
 A.K. Belayh

Two ladies nights - Warren Beland  
 Don Gillespie

Etiquette #1 or #3 - Theodore Budget

Only after dinner - George Bates

(4)  
 5.5%

WOMEN

Mar 23, 1982

Harvard Travellers Club

Officers and Councillors

Gentlemen:

I have read the Constitution and Standing Rules of the Club with an eye to additional changes that might be required if Article III, Paragraph 1 is changed to

The membership shall be composed of all who are interested in the object of the club.

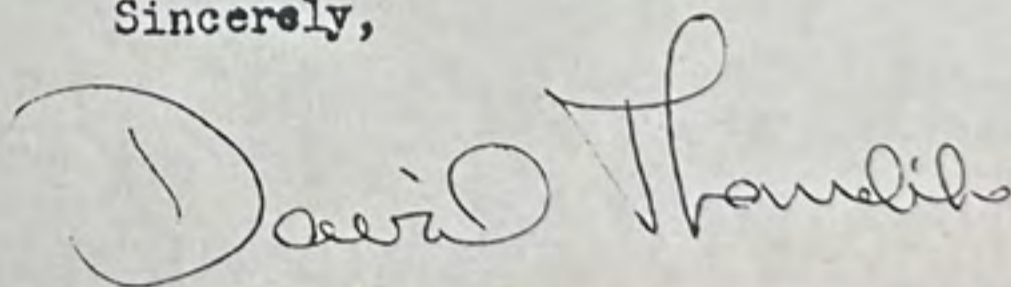
Article V, Paragraph 2b, dealing with dues, might be revised to accommodate the spouse of a member if the spouse chose to join independently.

Right now the only saving would be, from the clubs point of view, the postage of 1.60 if two members were at the same address.

I do not think any change should be made in the club dues because of the change in Article III. All members should pay the full dues.

There are no other articles that need to be changed to accommodate a broader membership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Thoradiko". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

David Thoradiko

15 May 1978

Dear Mr. Field,

With due recognition of my being a relatively new member of the Harvard Travelers Club, I am vehemently opposed to the inclusion of women in our preprandial, prandial, or postprandial deliberations. My position rests on three points:

1. Men the world over have a psychic need for male-only associations.
2. If I were able to take my wife, leaving her at home would be a slight, but taking her would double the cost, so I would attend less often.
3. There is a profusion of events to

which I can take my wife, whereas for  
an evening with my son in a masculine  
environment, the Club is my only  
resource.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald McCue

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~~15 NEWBURY~~  
DONALD L. GILLESPIE AIA

Dear John:

A preference:

Stay as we are or

add one or two additional "Larkin Nights."

Let's try out the change & see if we  
like it before going all the way.

Don

8 ORNE SQUARE  
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS 01970

April 13, 1978

Dr. John O. Field  
28 Glencoe Road  
Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167

Dear Dr. Field:-

This is in reply to Ben Ferris's circular letter of March 28th about admitting ladies to the Harvard Travellers' Club meetings.

My reaction is, "Let's try it and see", so please put me down as in favor of Option #2 to allow ladies as guests for half of the meetings next winter. It is not clear to me whether the "allowance" would be for alternate meetings, or some other arrangement, but at the moment it probably doesn't make much difference.

No. 2 of the "Arguments Against Change" in Ben's letter states that membership in the Women's Travel Club might be available to wives of H.T.C. members. Let's not be too sure of this. As I understand it, the W. T. C. has already become somewhat unwieldy and some of the members wish that it might somehow shrink a little, but they're not quite sure how to go about it. At any rate, they're not exactly reaching out for new members.

Sincerely yours,

Gilbert R. Payson

DR. HARRISON E. KENNARD  
246 DUDLEY ROAD  
NEWTON CENTER, MASS. 02159

Apr. 11, '78

Dear John,

My preferences in regard to inviting ladies to Harvard Travellers Club Meetings:

#1. Stay as we are.

Besides the "Arguments Against Change", stated in Pres. Ferris' letter, another reason to "Stay as we are" is that, with ladies present at all or half of our Meetings we would probably not be able to seat everyone in the Aesculapian Room. I would certainly like to continue those very pleasant, informal meetings of 40 or 50 men in the Aesculapian Room.

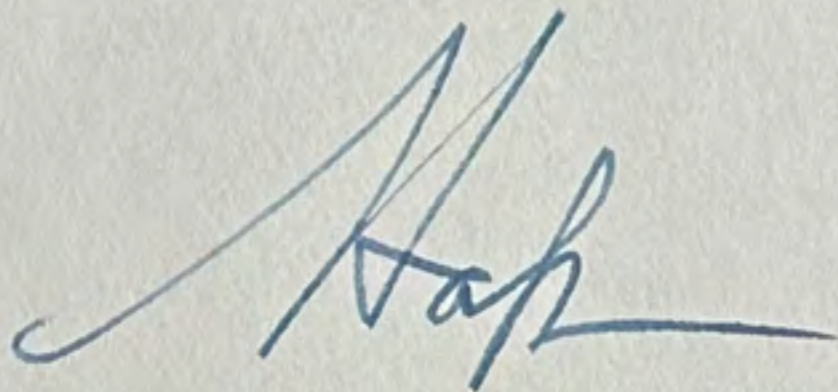
For the Annual Meeting, May 23, '78, I would like to suggest that we ought to invite ladies for one special extra ladies' night as a courtesy to Nancy Dupree.

I would like also to suggest that at the Annual Meeting on May 23, '78,

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all the ladies and other guests be  
asked to leave the room, temporarily,  
while the matter of inviting ladies  
to future meetings is discussed.

Sincerely,



COLTON D. HAZARD  
16A CHESTNUT STREET  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02108

April 16, 1978

Harvard Travellers Club  
John Osgood Field, Sec. Treas.  
28 Glenoe Road  
Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02167

Dear John,

I vote for No. 3 - "Allow ladies  
as guests for all of the meetings in  
1978-79."

My wife probably would not  
attend all of the meetings but she  
would be interested in many of them.

Sincerely,

Colton D. Hazard

By all means, admit ladies  
to all  
meetings.

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Not  
I will be present for Supper on  
Lecture APR 25 1978  
I will bring no guests as we will be away

The guests' names are:

I have not attended meeting  
since my marriage 5 years ago  
as I do not attend social  
affairs  
Signature, Lispenard B. Phister  
without her. Wives enjoy an  
evening "on the town", and out of the  
KITCHEN

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<sup>20 f</sup>  
I will be present for <sup>Supper</sup> ~~Lecture~~ on APR. 25 1978

~~I will bring~~ \_\_\_\_\_ guests

~~The guests' names are:~~

Options: - Stay as in card

Signature, Harold Zonta

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The guests' names are:

*my wife Doris  
I favor ladies as guests at  
all meetings 1978-79*

Signature, *Robert H. Goodwin*

POST CARD



28 April 1978

By air mail  
Par avion

TO use the  
POST CODE

Dear Mr. Field,

(1) I feel that the meetings should be open to invited ladies.

(2) Postal code is  
OX7 5PX

AIR MAIL

Harvard Travellers Club

to John Osgood Field

28 Glencoe Road

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass.

02167 (U.S.A.)

Flat 4 (Over Norton House)  
Chipping Norton (Oxon) ← England

Sincerely,  
John Boyd

Cotman-Color

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# TERREY MOORE

1. Move in direction that younger members prefer.
  2. Don't lose intimacy, informality
  3. More frequent L.N.'s during next season (when Mess. Room available) = declared by Council
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I STRONGLY FAVOR THIS EXPERIMENT.  
The Women's Travel Club is more  
exclusive than the H.T.C. & would not  
admit many of our wives. We cannot assume  
that best travellers always take wives with them.  
Harold Z. Colville

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J. S. Hayes

Joseph Hayes

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Purely on a trial basis -

JPH  
John Husbell

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Fall or Winter  
+ the normal Spring  
Ladies night.  
2 Mixed meetings -  
Just a suggestion.  
Wam Dham

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e. Bradford

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Club smacks of the  
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doctrine

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JBF

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in "travelers" etc in The City - let's stay  
"pure"

Paul Remond-Smit

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Sidney B. Smith

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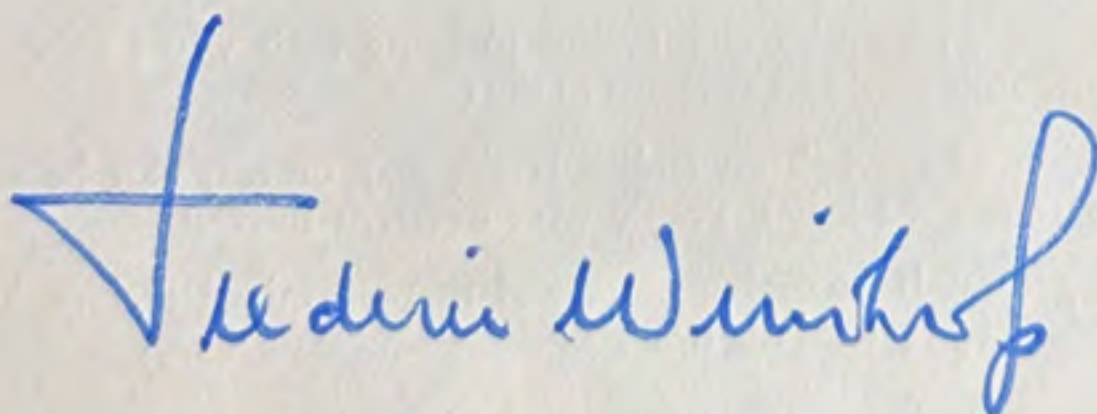
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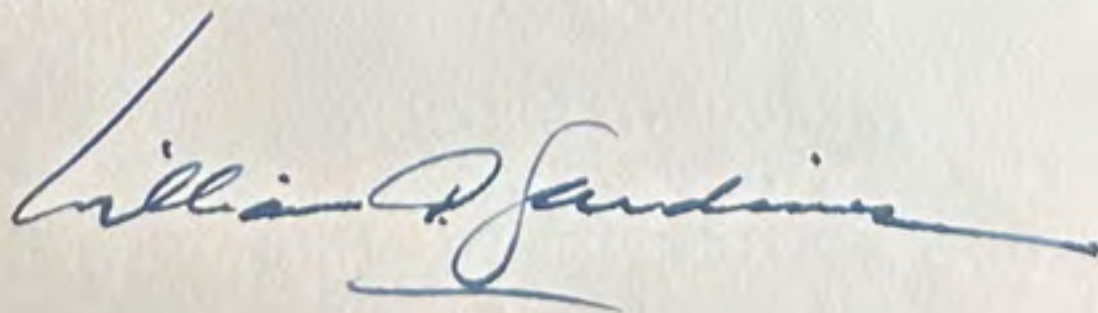
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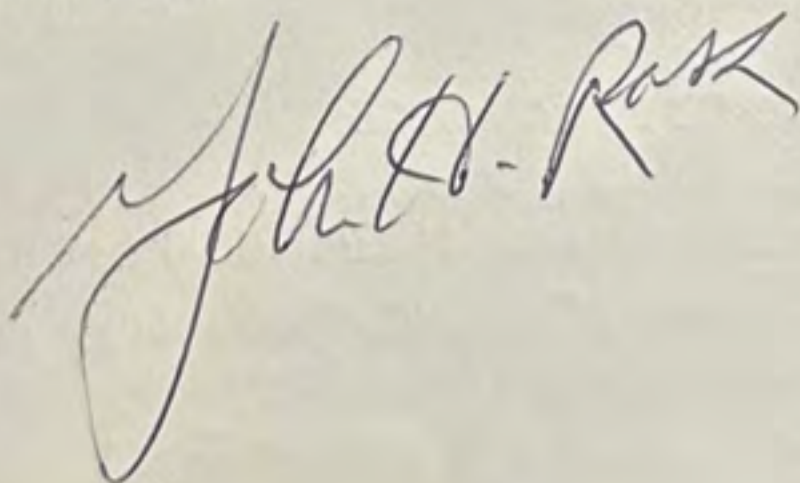
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