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WIRED FOR WEIRDNESS: HOW FAIRY TALES WORK THEIR MAGIC

By *Professor Maria Tatar*

John L. Loeb Professor of Germanic Languages and Literatures and of Folklore and Mythology

Professor Tatar will explore how fairy tales, as the simple expression of complex thought, take up cultural contradictions that get us talking about what could be, what might be, and what should be.



Professor Tatar received her Ph.D. from Princeton University. Her teaching and research interests include Weimar Germany, German Romanticism, folklore, children’s literature, and cultural studies. She serves on degree committees in Folklore and Mythology as well as in History and Literature. The author of books on the Brothers Grimm and on fairy tales (*The Hard Facts of the Grimms’ Fairy Tales*, *Off with Their Heads*, *Secrets Beyond the Door*), she has also published *Spellbound: Studies on Mesmerism and Literature* and *Lustmord*, which explores sexual violence in the literature, film, and art of the Weimar period in Germany. Professor Tatar is a Senior Fellow at Harvard’s Society of Fellows. The recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, and the National Endowment for the Humanities, she has written for the *New York Times*, the *New Republic*, and the *Harvard Crimson*. Her work has been featured on the Today Show and in *Harvard Magazine*.

The Dinner will be held at the Middlesex School in Concord on Wednesday, June 8th. Beverages and appetizers will be offered at 6:30 pm, followed by a delicious buffet at 7:15 pm. Dinner is \$55/person. Students \$25.

Please RSVP by June 1st to Robin Tapper using the enclosed dinner reservation/membership form. Or go to our website, www.harvardclubconcord.org, and print out the form or use our new pay online option.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

THE HARVARD ART MUSEUMS: If you haven’t yet visited this newly renovated

museum on Quincy Street, do it soon - you won’t be disappointed. The rich collections of the *Fogg*, *Busch-Reisinger* and *Arthur M. Sackler Museums* are newly united in a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility designed by *Renzo Piano Building Workshop*. Our group explored the magnificent collections after enjoying a delightful brunch at the restaurant *Park*. Thanks to **Mandi Kunen** for organizing this event.



TEN TOWNS SERVED:

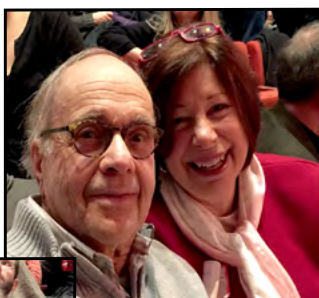
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HCC AT THE HASTY PUDDING: *That 1770s Show, Hasty Pudding's 168th production*, was another hit! Laugh out loud funny! So clever, and fun. As usual, we began the night with dinner at our favorite Thai restaurant, *Spice*, located just next door to the theater, and got a chance to meet new friends before the show. Thanks to **Jody Sabia Pongratz** for organizing this fun night and making it an annual event.



YOUR HARVARD: BOSTON: Listening to **President Drew Gilpin Faust** share her vision for the future of Harvard and the role universities play in leading change in the world today was inspiring and informative. She is an amazing speaker and a tremendous leader. Additionally, there was thought-provoking discussion amongst faculty members who spoke about some of the exciting new possibilities and challenges presented by the sciences of tomorrow. And then came the food! A wonderful night.



BYOB: BREW YOUR OWN BEER: Organized by **Phil Schneider** and **Joel Cohen**, this was a new event: a hands-on opportunity to learn how to brew your own beer. The group made one kettle (six cases) of Chocolate Bock at *Barleycorn's Craft Brew* in Natick. How cool!

DRUMLIN FARM-AUTHOR AND PRESENTATION: **Julie Zickefoose**, Harvard class of 1980, is a well-known artist, author and NPR commentator. She works as a wildlife rehabilitator and lives on an 80-acre wildlife sanctuary in the Appalachian foothills of southeast Ohio. We gathered at the *Drumlin Farm Nature Center* to hear her speak about her beautiful new book, *Baby Birds: An Artist Looks into the Nest*, and the process she used to make the paintings for the book. She also described her experiences raising orphaned baby birds. Thanks to **Siri Smedvig** for coordinating this event.



COMMUNITY SERVICE: Thanks to **Phil Schneider** for his efforts working with *Community Servings*, a not-for-profit food and nutrition program that provides home-delivered meals to individuals and families coping with critical and chronic illnesses. Once again, Phil organized a group to participate in *Project Bread's Walk for Hunger* on Sunday, May 1st. Phil was joined by his five grandchildren. What a worthwhile and wonderful family event.



Phil and his grandson, Jed, proudly display our banner.

INTERVIEWING FOR HARVARD ADMISSIONS: One of the important functions of our Club is to provide alumni interviews for the College. It is a pleasure to meet talented and accomplished high school seniors while helping the Admissions Committee gain more insight into these applicants. As she has for many years, **Gabrielle Savage Dockterman** hosted an **Ice Cream Social** for admitted students and interviewers at her lovely home in Carlisle - always a fun event. Many thanks to Gabrielle! And many thanks and much appreciation to **all our volunteer interviewers!**

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM: Our Club has been participating in Harvard's Summer Community Fellowship Program for a number of years. Through this program, we have the opportunity to provide stipends to Harvard undergraduates working for the summer on non-profit public service internships that would otherwise be unpaid. If you are aware of any local non-profit organizations that might benefit from a Harvard summer intern, please contact **Gabrielle Savage Dockterman** (organizations must be non-profit, nondenominational, and nonpartisan).

ANNUAL DINNER: We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Dinner on **Wednesday, June 8th**, and are excited to hear **Professor Maria Tatar** speak. Thanks to **Rajani LaRocca**, Annual Dinner Chair.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**Robin Jill Tapper**

We are **The Harvard Club in Concord (HCC)***, serving a ten-town region, comprised of graduates of Harvard College, Radcliffe College, and the University, faculty, students and their parents. We are a diverse group of people who share many connections – and Harvard unites us all.

We watch as Harvard continues to expand its frontiers across all disciplines. With geographical expansion into Allston, Harvard continues to lead the nation in its quest for knowledge and its focus on service. Supported by landmark donations, Harvard is able to offer extraordinary financial aid packages that enable all who are admitted to attend - the brightest, the dedicated, the future leaders. Many popular classes are available to the general public online at no cost. Beyond the current students, Harvard serves the broader community. Harvard's impact is great and far-reaching.

At HCC, we have the privilege of providing interviews to prospective Harvard College students, offering scholarships to students who volunteer their summers working at non-profits, and supporting social action projects. We take advantage of our close proximity to Harvard Square, enjoying cultural events and lectures throughout the year. Finally, we conclude each academic year with our signature Annual Dinner, enjoying good food and company, and a thought-provoking guest speaker from Harvard.

Through the Harvard Club in Concord we provide support and service to Harvard, and are honored to be a part of this extraordinary community.

HCC welcomes your participation, your involvement, your suggestions and feedback.

With warmest regards,

Robin Jill Tapper '80

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SCHOOLS AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Submitted by Gabrielle Savage Dockterman, V.P. for Schools & Scholarships



The Harvard Class of 2020 is shaping up to be the most diverse class in Harvard's history, with greatly increased economic diversity and a record number of both African-American (14%) and Asian-American (22.1%) students admitted. Of the accepted students, 48.4% are women and about 15% are first-generation (the first person in their families to attend a four-year college).

Harvard College offered admission to 2,037 of its record 39,041 applicants (including 918 admitted early action). Breaking its own record for several years in a row, Harvard again topped the Ivies as the most competitive, accepting only 5.2% of applicants, surpassed once again only by Stanford (4.7%).

Many thanks to our 34 interviewers who helped the Admissions Committee select the Class of 2020 by interviewing 130 applicants from our towns. Competition in our area also increased. A total of nine students from our area were admitted (of those, five were admitted early action). The Class of 2020 will also include two students from Lincoln admitted last spring who took a gap year. As of this writing, 18 of our students remain on the waitlist. Admissions from the waitlist, if any, will be completed by the end of June.

EVEN MORE FINANCIAL AID

Harvard continues to improve its excellent financial aid. Students entering in the Class of 2020 will begin a three-year experiment in which students on full financial aid (about 20% of the class) will receive an additional "start-up" grant of \$2,000/year, split evenly at the start of each semester. These unrestricted grants are meant to ease students' transition to life at the College, enabling them to participate fully in all the opportunities, social and otherwise, that Harvard has to offer. This grant is in addition to aid that low-income students already receive for extra expenses such as travel costs, winter coats, health insurance, course books, events and performances. The pilot program will also cover the next two entering classes, of 2021 and 2022.

The undergraduate term bill – including tuition, room, board, and fees – will rise 3.9% to \$63,025 for academic year 2016-17.

TERM BILL OVER TIME

Year – Threshold Passed

2016 – \$60,000
 2011 – \$50,000
 2006 – \$40,000
 1998 – \$30,000
 1991 – \$20,000
 1982 – \$10,000
 1972 – \$5,000

STUDENTS FROM OUR REGION OFFERED ADMISSION TO THE CLASS OF 2020:

Acton-Boxborough: Niket Reddy Gowravaram

Concord Academy: Julia Shea

Concord-Carlisle: Daniel Lu, Jenna Marissa Wong, Cole Robert Winstanley

Lincoln-Sudbury: Clara Cousins*, William Ryan*

Middlesex School: Will Christenfeld, Tae Hyun (Jack) Yoon, Phoebe Lindsay

Wayland High School: Luke Weijia Xu

THE NUMBERS BELOW REPRESENT THE CLASS OF 2020 (AND '19, '18, '17, '16, '15, '14):

School	Applied	Accepted	Wait-listed
Acton-Boxborough	37 (22,32,24,33,16,22)	1 (1,3,2,4,3,2)	2 (5,3,6,7,3,2)
Concord Academy	7 (6,13,6,14,12,6)	1 (0,1,1,2,2,0)	2 (1,4,3,3,1,1)
Concord-Carlisle	19 (14,26,18,18,25,23)	3 (1,1,1,2,4,3)	3 (2,5,3,1,3,4)
Home-schooled	0 (1,0,1,0,0,1)	0 (0,0,0,0,0,0)	0 (0,0,0,0,0,0)
Hudson	6 (3,1,2,5,2,5)	0 (0,0,0,0,1,0)	1 (0,0,0,1,0,1)
Lincoln-Sudbury	24 (21,17,18,17,16,17)	2*(4,5,3,0,1,2)	4 (3,2,4,3,1,7)
Littleton	3 (2,0,5,5,4,2)	0 (0,0,1,0,0,0)	0 (1,0,0,0,0,0)
Maynard	2 (1,0,1,2,0,1)	0 (0,0,1,0,0,0)	0 (0,0,0,1,0,0)
Middlesex	17 (13,14,20,23,18,18)	3 (2,2,3,5,2,3)	5 (3,1,4,8,2,4)
Wayland	15 (11,13,16,16,11,9)	1 (3,1,1,3,2,1)	1 (2,2,6,1,1,2)
TOTAL	130 (94,116,111,133,104,104)	11* (11,12,13,16,15,11)	18 (17,17,26,25,11,21)

*2 entering students were admitted in previous year

If anyone would like to become an interviewer, or resume interviewing after a hiatus, please email gabrielle_savage_ab83@post.harvard.edu. Interviewers must hold a degree from the College or one of Harvard's graduate schools.