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August 31, 2000

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Dear Friend of UpStairs at the Pudding,

UpStairs at the Pudding has had a very enjoyable mission over the last 18 ½ years—as we have delighted in serving the dining public here at Harvard's historic Hasty Pudding Club. The restaurant has never been more successful than this past year. Over the many years, we have come to appreciate our role as a thriving, owner-operated Harvard Square business, one that has become a part of the culture of Harvard Square, and one that has taken its responsibility to the Harvard and Cambridge communities very seriously.

We are writing to tell you, however, that we face a serious threat to our continued occupancy at the Hasty Pudding Club. The Club, as the landlord, has sent us a Notice to Quit the premises, effective September 1. (Also on that date, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard assumes responsibility for the building.)

Last summer, we exercised the first of our two five-year options to renew the lease, and we expect Harvard to honor this long-term lease. Harvard University and the Hasty Pudding Institute are attempting to disregard this extension, claiming we were in default at the time because of unpaid (but disputed) monies owed to the landlord. We have tirelessly, and in good faith, attempted to settle this dispute, all the while paying substantial rent. We have now hired an attorney, Joel Kozol from Friedman and Atherton to pursue our rights as a tenant.

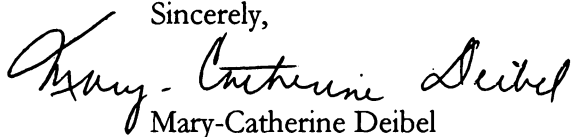
While relocation might be a reality sometime in the future, a move is not anticipated at this time. In any case, the restaurant, under the present ownership of Mary-Catherine Deibel and Deborah Hughes will continue to operate and thrive for a long time to come. We do not intend to relocate until there is a fully suitable space in the Harvard Square area to look forward to.

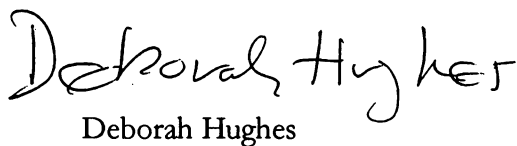
While we work to resolve these issues in such a way that we can keep our friendly and mutually beneficial relationship with the Harvard community intact, the time has come when we need your support.

In talking with our guests over the last few months, we have a sense of how strongly people disapprove of the way this matter is being handled. The voice of the community is one Harvard must listen to, one that can make a difference in the short- and long-term future of the restaurant.

Please return the enclosed postcard with your mailing and email addresses, so that we may keep you abreast of current developments.

Sincerely,


Mary-Catherine Deibel


Deborah Hughes

Consent Communcation #6 297.55

A communication was received from Mary-Catherine Deibel and Deborah Hughes, relative to Harvard's historic Hasty Pudding Club's occupancy lease.

In City Council Roundtable
September 25, 2000