

Fall 2019 Newsletter

Read the latest news about the club!



President Polly Hochman '20 reports on this fall semester at the club. See page 4.

The Cox Wing has been an instant success with students and alumni and received a regional "Project of the Year" award.





Students and alumni love the Cox Wing. Read about the Grand Opening and fall Dedication. See page 9.

Best wishes to Cap members for 2020. We hope to see you at the club!



Dear Cap Members,

October 26, 2019 was one of those perfect days at Cap and Gown. The weather was beautiful, the football game exciting, and the Tigers beat Harvard. We had a wonderful dedication ceremony

for the Cox Wing with music provided into the evening by Alex Donner '75 and his band.

For those of us on the Cap Graduate Board, we started the day with our fall Board of Trustees meeting. We reported that our Cox Wing project finished on time, on budget, and debt free, and has even won a regional "Project of the Year" Award (see page 9). The best news of all is that the students, the staff, and the alumni all love it. Our President, Polly Hochman '20, reported that students now arrive at the club earlier in the morning to make sure they get a place to study in the Cox Wing. The room is decorated with versatile couches and tables, has sliding glass doors for open air on warm days, and a large gas fireplace as winter approaches.

The Board gave special thanks to Karl Pettit '67 for his architectural expertise and dedication in overseeing the design and construction. After well-deserved thanks to many other Board members who helped to make this latest project so successful, we turned to a consideration of where we are now and what we will need to address in the future.

Where we are:

We have a highly functional, beautiful clubhouse, the result of what our predecessors designed and built in 1908 and the enhancements we've made over the last decade including the Friend Wing, the Cox Wing, and improvements to the main clubhouse. Our investment in these projects, plus the seeding of a small restricted Cap Endowment (currently at \$1 million), has been possible thanks to the incredible loyalty and generosity of Cap alumni. Our clubhouse has served as a home-away-from-home for our dynamic undergraduate members whose leadership ensures that Cap remains the most popular club on the Street.

Challenges:

Demographics: The demographics of the Princeton student body have changed dramatically in recent years. Currently 60% of undergraduates are on some level of financial aid. In the class of 2023, 24% of all students qualify as Pell Grant Eligible, which roughly translates to family incomes of \$30,000 per year.

Cost: Princeton financial aid has enabled these students to not only attend Princeton, but also participate in the club system. Unfortunately, University policies, described more fully in our last newsletter, still provide a powerful economic incentive for students to choose lower cost alternatives. Cap membership costs approximately \$9,500 per year, including social fees. University financial aid policies allow students to "keep the money" if they don't join a club or drop their membership along



Parents' Weekend at Cap



the way. Students can save money by joining a University subsidized co-op that costs \$1200 per year or can go independent and get two free meals per week from the University.

Competition: Cottage is an outlier among the selective clubs charging around \$8,700

per year. Unlike Cap, Ivy, and Tiger Inn, Cottage did not have to expand their facility so they were able to use alumni contributions to build an endowment, which is probably around \$5 million, to fund their lower pricing.

Club Financial Aid: The University has been strongly encouraging the clubs to supplement their financial aid with club financial aid. We have been doing this for a couple of years by providing additional funds to eliminate any parental contributions for the

most disadvantaged. Cap is proudly diverse, which means that we have more demand for financial aid and more pressure from members who need to drop their membership than certain other clubs who are less diverse.

Cap's response:

Like any successful operation, we need to continue to improve our value proposition, and we outlined three distinct areas of focus at the Board meeting:

and Karl Pettit '67 Increasing Benefits: At our core, we are an eating club. We appointed a task force led by our two most recently graduated undergraduate presidents who will work with our club manager, Dennis Normile, and the current officers to make sure that our food offerings meet the needs of current members. We will be looking for alumni volunteers to work with our undergraduates to provide career-mentoring advice. We think this will be a clear win/win for alumni and students. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

Decreasing Costs: After the recent cap expenditures, we need to replenish our reserves. In order to keep our membership fees under the psychologically important \$10k annual cost and without resorting to increasing membership, we must reduce expenses. We have formed a committee to work with Dennis



Michael Erdman '57

Our members love the new Cox Wing



Fall weekend at Cap

Normile

and the officers to determine where

we can reduce our operating costs by at least 5% with a stretch goal of 10% over two years in ways which minimally impact the undergraduate experience.

Connect to Cap: A closer look at our fund raising efforts over the last decade uncovers an opportunity as we look to build our Cap Endowment to the size of Cottage and provide additional financial aid. 90% of the money raised has come from sections before 1981. Some of this can be explained by the fact that younger classes tend to have less money, but the University has

> been highly successful in raising money from the 80's and 90's. A look at Cap's board of 33 shows that only 3 board members come from those two decades. The newly appointed Governance Committee consisting of co-chairs Miro Pasic '94 and Janie Fleming Fransson '00 will be reaching out to officers in those decades to solicit ideas how to better position Cap with such an important alumni group.

Conclusion:

Cap has been a leader on the Street for decades. By avoiding the temptation to rest on our laurels, and with your continuing help, we can take our

current strength, and advance to even greater heights, assuring that Cap will continue to positively impact the undergraduate experience of our members and the larger Princeton community.

Cap, Cap, Cap and Gown!!



Tom Fleming '69 Graduate Board Chair



The Club Scene



Dear Cap Alumni,

What a pleasure it is to write to you again from 61 Prospect Ave! Let me paint a picture for you of the scene as I write this note. I am sitting against the west wall of the Cox Wing on a cool, rainy October day of midterms week. Directly in front of me is our warm new

fireplace. One member is sitting on the floor in front of the fire reading a book and drying her rain-soaked scarf. Every table on the south side of the room is full; two members are working a problem set for their Computer Vision class and others seem to be catching up on emails. Several people are working at the long table in the north side of the room, some are quizzing each other in preparation for job interviews this week, another is editing an essay. Three members are reading on couches in front of the fireplace, and one person is lying on the couch taking a well-deserved nap.

This beautiful space is not only for studying, but has hosted much fun as well! The Cox Wing was completed just in time for members to enjoy the new space during Houseparties weekend



Members relaxing in the Cox Wing

last May. This semester Social Chair Jona Mojados '20 planned a movie night. She brought in a screen and projector and over 25 members got to see the new Aladdin movie before it came out on DVD while enjoying pizza! Looking ahead to the rest of the semester, we are excited to use the Cox Wing for Winter Formals and other holiday events.

We kicked off this semester with a delicious welcome-back-BBQ prepared by Chef Greg and the Kitchen Staff.

We quickly jumped into the swing of the semester with movie nights, Cap Mondays, and themed Club night dinners on Thursdays coordinated by Vice President Arielle Lawson '20 and Chef Greg. Some favorite members' nights have included a Cap 'sleepover,' Harry Potter night, an evening of tiedyeing T-shirts (see the beautiful results in the accompanying photo). Our Culturally Cap Chairs, Bojan Lazarevic '20 and Sneha lyer '20, have kept busy as well. They planned a trip to Six Flags, which thanks to the efficient budgeting of Treasurer Matt Hetrick '20, we were able to subsidize for members.

We had a successful Fall Bicker session during the third week of the semester. Thirty-six juniors participated in the full bicker process and, following discussions led by



Tie-dye Night!

The Club Scene



Parents' Weekend Semi-Formal

Membership Chair Laura Zecca '20 and aided by Technology Chair Daniel Chae '20, we welcomed 15 new members into the club!

Following Fall Bicker we had our third

annual Parents' Weekend. New this year was a semi-formal on

Friday night for members and parents. This was followed by a tailgate brunch on Saturday, the option of attending the home football game against Columbia (which we won! Go Tigers!), and a BBQ dinner on Saturday Night. Over 100 parents and family members attended, and the weekend was greatly enjoyed by all! A big thank you goes to Social Chair Jona Mojados '20, Membership Chair Laura Zecca '20, House Manager Curtis Leonard '20, along with Club Manager Dennis Normile,

Chef Greg, Carlos, and all of our wonderful staff for making this weekend possible.

Continuing through the semester we had our annual 80's themed Cap Prom! All juniors were paired with seniors as prom dates, and it was a great event for bonding between classes. That same weekend we hosted a club open house for members of the community. Community Service chairs Kennan Ewing '20 and Ellie Breitfeld '20 made sure that there were student tour guides present to provide tours for the 30 plus people who showed

and Ellie also facilitated our involvement in the annual Trick or Feed fundraiser that raises money for the

up. Kennan



Culturally Cap Officers

Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Other highlights include making it to the finals of intramural flag football and soccer, facilitated by Athletics Chair Ian Lawrie '20. Keep an eye out for an update

from lan on our fall gear store as well!

Looking ahead, we are getting ready for winter formals and semis and then the exciting time of Spring Bicker when we will get to welcome a new section to Cap. If you are in the area, please don't hesitate to stop by, our door is always open, and we would love to see you!

Cheers, Polly



Parents' Weekend Semi-Formal





Undergraduate Officers



President: Polly Hochman '20
Vice President: Arielle Lawson '20
Treasurer: Matthew Hetrick '20
Social Chair: Jona Mojados '20
Membership Chair: Laura Zecca '20
House Manager: Curtis Leonard '20
Athletics Chair: Ian Lawrie '20
Tech Chair: Daniel Chae '20

Culturally Cap Chairs: Bojan Lazarevic '20, Sneha lyer '20 Community Service Chairs: Morgan Bell '19, Alison Shim '19,

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New Members

Amila Kujovic Bijelo Polje, Montenegro

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New York, NY

Check out Princeton news about these students, who are all Cap members!

Princeton seniors Olson, Salama awarded ReachOut fellowships for public service

Princeton University seniors Camden Olson and Jordan Salama have been awarded fellowships from ReachOut 56-81-06, an alumni-funded effort that supports year-long public service projects after graduation. Each student will receive a stipend of \$30,000 to pay for living expenses during their fellowship year. Read the full article at: https://tinyurl.com/camden-and-koa

Princeton students Marquardt and Shah win Slavin Fellowships for work in entrepreneurship

As another sign that entrepreneurship is booming at Princeton University, the Slavin Family Foundation awarded undergraduates Matthew Marquardt, a chemistry major in the Class of 2021, and Rohan Shah, a molecular biology major in the Class of 2020, with Slavin Fellowships for their work in entrepreneurship on campus and beyond. They are among 26 global recipients of the Slavin Fellowships. Read the full article at: https://tinyurl.com/Marquardt-and-Shah



Camden Olson and Koa



Oh, the places Cap members go!

How do Cap and Gown members spend their summers?

In this issue of the newsletter, we're featuring the some of the many ways members spent this past summer. Read about all the places they've been - Peru, Brazil, Australia, Sweden, DC, NYC. And the projects they're worked on in banking, law, human rights, research, politics, engineering, and mechanical operations for space travel!

Catherine Benedict '20

I interned in investment banking at Goldman Sachs. I celebrated my birthday in Central Park surrounded by many Cap friends, and spent August working in my history thesis, which examines student life at Princeton in the 1980s!



Sabrina Evov '21

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This summer I had a research internship in Brisbane, Australia through Princeton's International Internship Program (IIP). My research focused on antibiotic discovery and design using organic synthesis. While in Australia, I met some amazing people and had the opportunity to travel to islands off the coast of Brisbane as well as to Sydney and Cairns.



Catherine Benedict '20

Riley Wagner '20

This summer, I served as one of the Project Managers of the Princeton Engineers Without Borders Peru Team. I traveled for four weeks

to rural Peru to finalize the implementation of

our gravity-fed water system project, which provides clean water to over 200 villagers.





Argentina!

Annie Sullivan-Crowley '21

This summer, I interned at the International Institute for Democracy

and even visited Gabby (Cap '21) in

and Electoral Assistance in Stockholm, Sweden. As a member of the Electoral Processes Unit, I worked with electoral management bodies around the world on ways to mitigate risks in their elections. On the weekends, I had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe and meet up with fellow Cap members!



Riley Wagner '20



Beverly Shen '21





Maya Naphade '20

This summer, I was a Mechanical Operations intern at Virgin Galactic, a company that specializes in commercial space travel. Over the course of my 11 week internship, I worked on numerous projects related to the maintenance and operation of various systems on WhiteKnight 2 (our plane) and SpaceShip 2 (our spaceship). I learned a lot over the course of the summer and was thrilled to be offered a full time role! I will be returning to Virgin Galactic next summer as an Associate Mechanical Operations Engineer, and I cannot wait to start this next wonderful adventure! The CEO of Virgin Galactic, George Whitesides '96, is a Cap alum!



Adam Beasley '20

This past summer I worked for the Office of the Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. I spent the summer creating a thirty-two page, in-depth report that outlines the Division's current impact reporting, summarizes best practices for impact analysis, and offers a comprehensive framework for improved impact measurement and reporting across the Division's eleven sections. As a fun side project, I also designed a new logo for the Civil Rights Division that has since been used on t-shirts, pamphlets, and as conference room screensavers.

Adam Beasley '20



Everyone loves the new Cox Wing!



Tom Fleming '69 with his wife Kathy, daughter Jane Fleming Fransson '00, and grandchildren.



Bill Powers '79, his wife Marianne, and David Powers '78

Over the past 10 years, we have witnessed the expansion and improvement of our beautiful Cap and Gown clubhouse beginning with the opening of Friend Wing in 2011 with the Class of 1973 Dining Room and the Powers-Hall Tap Room, and culminating this year with

the opening of the beautiful new Cox Wing.

Lisa Schmucki '74 and Drew Weyerhaeuser '05

There are many people to thank for the success of this "Cap" stone project. The Board of Trustees gave special thanks to Karl Pettit '67, our resident architect, who has overseen this era of expansion to ensure that the additions complement the original architecture of Raleigh Gildersleeve, and also serve the functional needs of today's membership.

We thank our very generous and enthusiastic

alums for supporting two major projects in the past 10 years. For the Cox Wing, we raised

over \$1.4 million, 18% over our \$1.2 million goal. We've had many

celebrations in the Cox Wing already this year beginning with Houseparties in May, then a Grand Opening for Reunions in June, a special Dedication Ceremony in October, and a Powers Pavilion party in November! This is truly in the spirit and words of our Emeritus Vice President, David Blair '67, "Party on!"



Cap couples! Barb and Jim Shea '74, and Priscilla Babb and Peter Capkovic '09



Club Manager Dennis Normile setting up the Powers Wine Bar!







Special Recognition for Donors to the Cox Wing

Howard Cox '64 for his lead gift for the Cox Wing

David Powers '78 and Bill Powers '79 for the Powers Pavilion

The Class of 1965 for the South Pavilion

Class of 1973 members Burke Ross, Tom Edelman, and Ben Guill for the REG Room

The Class of 1992 for the new fireplace

Preston Haskell '60 for the North Terrace

Special thanks to Dennis Keller '63 for his exceptional generosity and continual guidance for the Friend Wing and the Cox Wing.

The following Cap sections are thanked for their generosity in raising \$25,000 or more:

1938, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1979, 1992

The Cox Wing received a regional "Project of the Year" award.

The Cox Wing was named "Project of the Year" at the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter's Excellence in Construction (EIC) Awards Ceremony. Awards are giving in categories based on the cost of the project. The Cox Wing won in the \$1-million to \$5-million category (smallest building projects), so it is incredible recognition, that the project then went on to win the "Project of the Year" for the best building project in all categories! And at the New Jersey Chapter's EIC Awards Ceremony, the Cox Wing won the Merit Award.



Dennis Normile Staff Room

Over 180 Cap alums donated for the Dennis Normile Staff Room. A beautiful plaque now hangs in the Cox Wing in recognition of our dedicated club manager for more than 35 years, and our staff who make Cap truly a home-away-from home for undergraduate members and returning alumni.

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The Dennis Normile Staff Room plaque recognizes Cap and Gown members who donated \$1,000 or more, \$500 (Classes of 2007 – 2011), and \$250 (Classes 2012 – 2018).

Mary E. Simasek '01

The Sorensen Family



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Please give generously to support Cap.

- The Cap Annual Fund provides support for the new Cap Financial Aid Fund, and also provides support for club operations and maintenance.
- Cap Dues are a commitment to support operations, alumni events and communications so we continue to keep Cap members connected.
- To make a pledge or bequest to the Endowment, please email thecapandgownclub@gmail.com.

Please use the enclosed envelope to send in your support, and you can also donate online at: cap.reuniontechnologies.com

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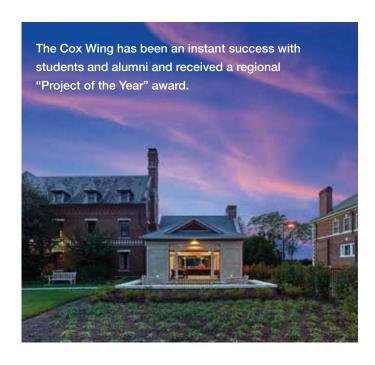


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