



## CAP AND GOWN CLUB

## Connect to Cap



## News from the Board Chair

Tom Fleming '69



Dear Cap Members,

As Chair of Cap and Gown and the Graduate Inter Club Council (GICC) I have been fortunate to participate in substantial positive shifts in the relationship between Princeton University and the Eating Clubs over the past 8 years.

In the spring of 2009, President Shirley Tilghman initiated the formation of a Task Force on the Relationship Between the University and Eating Clubs. Last month the GICC presentation to the University Board of Trustees recapped progress that has been made as shown in the timeline on page 2.

If you keep up with news about fraternal organizations at other colleges and universities, you know that we are fortunate at Princeton, and at Cap, that we have been able to cultivate a very different, and more positive social experience, and mutual respect between our undergraduate members and the grad boards of the clubs.

So why are we fortunate at Princeton, and more particularly at Cap and Gown?

#### *Coeducation*

At Cap, we can proudly recall being in the forefront of bringing women into the clubs when coeducation began in 1970. It has now been 25 years since three of our neighbors went kicking and screaming in the same direction after expending significant amounts of money on legal fees to oppose the inevitable. Harvard is uncomfortably facing the issue now with its Finals Clubs.

#### *Relationship with Undergraduate Members*

Those of us who work with the clubs have the privilege and satisfaction of working closely with a new group of dedicated and capable undergraduate leaders who we see when they return for club events including board meetings years after graduation.

#### *Relationship with Princeton University*

We also have the opportunity, particularly through the GICC, to work with an incredibly talented and dedicated group of people throughout the University administration.

#### *Commitment to Safety and Security*

We are all aware that in a litigious society with a legal drinking age of 21, bad things happen to good people on college campuses. We are not so naïve as to think we have eliminated risk, but the close partnership of the ICC (Interclub Council), with the GICC, ODUS (Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Services), and the Title IX and SHARE counseling services has resulted in street-wide policies, practices, and training that keep all students safer.

#### *Recent Meeting with Princeton University Trustees*

Here are highlights from the GICC presentation to Princeton University Trustees on April 8th.

- The Interclub Group Insurance Program provides annual training for the officers of the 10 clubs that participate in the program in addition to providing strong cost-effective coverage.
- The Community Service Interclub Council hosted the 4th annual community-wide Princeton TruckFest fundraiser on April 29th. This event has donated \$80,000 in the past 3 years to local charities.
- The University upgraded the Internet service and WIFI in all 11 clubs over the past year. This was a major operation that was completely managed and paid for by the University.
- The Princeton Prospect Foundation has established a newly designated Princeton Eating Club Historic District that will be listed on the New Jersey and National Registers, and will be commemorated with a beautiful book to be published this fall (for sale in time for the holidays).

We cannot rest on past accomplishments. Looking forward, we presented issues that, if not addressed, could negatively impact the existence of the club system in the future. We made the following points:



## News from the Board Chair

- The clubs are a tremendous asset for Princeton because of the community they provide and the safety they promote from their ideal campus location.
- The increasing diversity on campus, particularly with more students from disadvantaged backgrounds in combination with the strategic plan of the University calling for another four-year college, necessitates the continuing evolution of the clubs.
- Unintended consequences of well-intentioned University policies particularly in the area of financial aid are incentivizing students to drop clubs, the most expensive social option, for financial reasons. This puts pressure on all clubs, but more particularly on open clubs, who have not enjoyed the strong alumni support of the selective clubs.
- Successfully meeting our goals requires that both selective clubs and open clubs thrive.
- The GICC called for a joint University/club effort to examine these issues in depth with the goal of better integrating the club system with residential colleges and reducing the incentive for students on financial aid to go independent.

The GICC, in cooperation with the ICC, looks forward to a continuing dialogue with the University on these and other important matters.

### *Looking Ahead to Cap's Future*

Cap is in a strong position to provide leadership as we move forward:

- *Cap and Gown is the most popular club on the Street.* During February club admissions, significantly more sophomores were interested in joining Cap and Gown than any other club. Cap and Gown membership reflects the diversity and impressive talents of today's students.

- *The physical condition of the club and our finances are in excellent shape.* With over \$6 million invested in our facility over the last ten years, the club has never been more functional and better maintained. Thanks to our successful Capital Campaign that concluded in 2011, we completed our recent improvements to the club debt free.
- *The support of our alumni members ensures our continued strength.* We are building a Cap Endowment thanks to our generous alumni who want to ensure the club's financial security for the long run.
- *We are planning one more exceptional addition to the club — a Garden Room.* We are in the final stages of seeking a zoning variance to create a garden room and underground storage area on the west side of the club, which will respond to critical needs and add a beautiful new space for everyday use, and expanded dining space for our large events.

### *Many Thanks for Your Support for Cap!*

We just celebrated Cap and Gown's 125th Anniversary, but we must always be looking forward. With your continuing generosity, Cap can and will continue to positively impact the undergraduate experience of our members and the broader Princeton University community.

Please take the time to send in a donation to the Annual Fund — an envelope is enclosed for your convenience. This year's campaign closes on June 30th. I hope you'll return for Reunions when we'll be hosting our annual Open House after the P-rade on June 3rd.

See you at the club!

Tom Fleming '69  
Graduate Board Chair

## New Club-University Initiatives Since the Task Force Report on the Clubs

### 2012

New process to coordinate admissions for all clubs

### 2013

PrincetonEatingClubs.org, a new website about the clubs, launched

### 2014

1st Princeton TruckFest annual fundraiser launched by community service chairs of the clubs

### 2015

Formation of Community Service ICC

### 2015

ICC commitment to street-wide best practices and training

### 2016

Formation of P-Cubed Interclub Insurance Group

ICC Conference on Inclusion/Diversity

ICC Financial Aid Survey

University/Club Service Agreement

Upgraded Internet/WIFI for all clubs

### 2017

All selective clubs now participate in multi-club bicker

Increased ICC coordination with USG

*Learn more about the Task Force on the Clubs and download the report here: [princeton.edu/edtf](http://princeton.edu/edtf)*



## The Club Scene

Dear Cap Alumni,

My name is Jade Williams, and I am serving as the undergraduate president of Cap for this next year. I am extremely grateful to hold the position and want to thank my fellow members for their support. After transitioning immediately into my duties and responsibilities, I've come to learn what a demanding job it is. Thankfully, I have had the continued assistance of the senior officers in helping our corps transition, as well as the guidance of our Club Steward, Dennis Normile and the Graduate Board in taking care of Cap's day-to-day activities.



The semi-formal was a success with great feedback from old and new members so we hope for even more special events in the future.

In addition to fun nights where we are open to the street, Cap has plenty of social events available to the membership during the week. Annie is compiling a spring social calendar as we prepare for our bigger events such as House Parties in May. Meanwhile, we continue to have our weekly events such as Movie Night or Fire Fridays where members are encouraged to stay and hang out in the club. Our goal is to make new members feel immediately a

part of the Cap family through a combination of Cap daily life and unique member nights.

This past February, 258 bickerees registered to bicker Cap, a huge increase from 174 the previous year. The bicker process, including games and interviews, went smoothly thanks to the facilitation of our senior bicker chair Chad Nuckols '17. Even with the increase in the number of bickerees, senior treasurer Chris Piller '17 helped redesign the Cap bicker website to ensure fair discussions.

Cap continues to remain innovative and an active part of campus culture as shown by our sustainability chairs and their efforts to reduce waste while researching additional sustainable practices. Adopting new initiatives in the club also align with the University's great attention to environmentally friendly practices. Outside of the club, Cap is preparing for Truckfest with the help of our community service chairs Vilma Jiminez '18 and Anyssa Chebbi '18. It's a great way for Cap to get involved with other clubs and students while also serving the community.

Cap welcomed 91 new sophomores from the class of 2019 and added 5 new juniors to the class of 2018. After the club finalized its decisions, the senior officers "picked up" all the new bickerees at the 1879 Arch and brought them to their new club to join current members. The 2016-2017 officer corps did a fantastic job conducting bicker, discussions, and "pickups," setting a great example for the new officers to follow.

With everything going on, Cap is gearing up to finish out a great spring semester as we bid farewell to our senior Class of 2017. However, we know that you never really leave Princeton and are looking forward to the huge numbers of alumni we'll see during Reunions. We love seeing you around the club regardless of what time of year it is, so if you're in the area and sorely missing the "Illustrious," pop in and stay a while.

Our first event as the new officer corps was the Valentine's Day Semi-Formal, and it was the first formal event attended by the new membership. Social chair Annie Hadley '18 did an amazing job decorating the club with valentines for members to give to each other. Dennis Normile, Chef Greg, and the rest of the staff provided a phenomenal selection of "Welcome to the Street" themed finger foods that the membership enjoyed.

Thanks and looking forward to a wonderful year together!



### Reunions Open House Saturday, June 3

Come back for Reunions and stop by Cap after the P-rade.



## New Undergraduate Officers



### Meet the 2018 officers

- President: Jade Williams '18  
 Vice President: Ifeyinwa "Ify" Ikpeazu '18  
 Treasurer: Komron Shayegan '18  
 Social Chair: Annie Hadley '18  
 Membership Chair: Jarryd Osborne '18  
 House Manager: James Poindexter '18  
 Athletics Chair: Paula "Paulita" Lara Mejia '18  
 Community Service Chairs: Vilma Jimenez '18 and Anyssa Chebbi '18  
 Culturally Cap Chairs: Sergio Cruz '18 and Clayton Otter '18  
 Sustainability Chairs: Cecelia Shang '18 and Nazik Elmekki '18



Cover photo:  
 Cap Class of 2017 Officers: Sean Poosoon, President; Susan Farrell, Athletics/Gear Chair; Eliza Davis, Vice President; Chad Nuckols, Bicker Chair; Grant Godeke, Social Chair; Austin Pruitt, House Manager; Chris Piller, Treasurer.

## New Members

### New Members

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| Grant Ackerman<br>New York, NY<br>Horace Mann  | Sarah Cho<br>Whitestone, NY<br>Kent School                             |
| Esteban Aguas<br>Metuchen, NJ<br>Metuchen High School                                  | Chris Chu<br>Montgomery, NJ<br>Montgomery High School                  |
| Korlekuor Akiti<br>Minneapolis, Minnesota<br>The Blake School                          | Robbie Cohen<br>East Windsor, NJ<br>Hightstown High School             |
| Meaghan Attard<br>New York, NY<br>Dominican Academy                                    | Cody Cortes<br>Cambridge, MA<br>Milton Academy                         |
| Taylor Bacon<br>Santa Fe, NM<br>Desert Academy   | Clark Doyle<br>New Orleans, LA<br>Belmont Hill School                  |
| Jessica Bailey<br>Chicago, IL<br>Providence St. Mel                                    | Ana Patricia Esqueda<br>Trenton, NJ<br>Trenton Central High School     |
| Sami Belkadi<br>Belmont, MA<br>Belmont High School                                     | Maris Fechter<br>Houston, TX<br>Lutheran South Academy                 |
| Morgan Bell<br>Horsham, PA<br>Hatboro-Horsham High School                              | Marina Finley<br>Houston, TX<br>Bellaire High School                   |
| Atakan Baltaci<br>Istanbul, Turkey<br>Robert College                                   | Danielle Fortuna<br>Revere, MA<br>Revere High School                   |
| Misako Benso<br>Los Angeles, CA<br>San Marino High School                              | Samuel Garfinkle<br>Rochester Hills, MI<br>Rochester Adams High School |
| Alexandra Bolanos<br>New Rochelle, NY<br>Convent of the Sacred Heart,<br>Greenwich, CT | Viviane Garth<br>Andover, MA<br>Phillips Academy Andover               |
| Ally Bouchard<br>Goshen, NY<br>Goshen High School                                      | Daniel Girshik<br>Fair Lawn, NJ<br>Bergen County Academies             |
| Willem Bradford<br>Heyburn, ID<br>Minico High School                                   | Matthew Goodwin<br>Wake Forest, NC<br>Wake Forest High School          |
| Taylor Branch<br>Bronx, NY<br>Phillips Exeter Academy                                  | David Groden<br>Ann Arbor, MI<br>Greenhills School                     |
| Marcia Brown<br>Cleveland, OH<br>Shaker Heights High School                            | Majida Halaweh<br>Beulah, MI<br>Benzie Central High School             |
| Daniel Chao<br>Arcadia, CA<br>Arcadia High School                                      | Noah Hastings<br>Madison, CT<br>Choate Rosemary Hall                   |



## New Members



*Valentine's Day Semi-Formal*

Amanda Haye  
Little Ferry, NJ  
Bergen County Academics  
(Academy for Medical Science  
Technology)

RJ Hernandez  
Brick, NJ  
Brick Memorial High School

Micah Herskind  
Buffalo, New York  
Nichols School

Fritz Hillegas  
Lawrenceville, NJ  
George School

Fernando Hipolito  
Queens, NY  
Scholars Academy  
High School

Alexandra Hohmann  
New York, NY  
The Chapin School

Samuel Hsia  
Hsinchu, Taiwan  
\*local public school

Jasmine Hui  
Hong Kong/Shanghai, China  
Shanghai American School

Alexandra Kersley  
Toronto, ON, Canada  
University of Toronto Schools

Paul Kinard  
Lexington, MA  
Philips Academy Andover

MacKensley King  
Tucson, AZ  
University High School

Clay Kontulis  
New Canaan, CT  
St. Luke's School

David Lopera  
Boston, MA  
John D. O'Bryant High School

Hudson Loughlin  
Vienna, VA  
James Madison High School

Rhoda Lynch  
Brooklyn, NY  
The Bronx High School of  
Science

Angela Mao  
Princeton Junction, NJ  
West Windsor-Plainsboro  
High School South

Reed Melchionda  
Spring Lake, NJ  
Manasquan High School

Matthew Miller  
Philadelphia, PA  
Springside Chestnut Hill

Shayan Monshizadeh  
Victorville, CA  
Excelsior Education Center

Kieran Murphy  
Fruitland, MD  
James M. Bennett High School

David Nie  
Sugar Land, TX  
Clements High School

Ciara O'Riordan  
Pearl River, New York  
Pearl River High School

Maddie Offstein  
Frostburg, MD  
Mountain Ridge High School

JJ Onyeukwu  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Belmont Hill School

Jacqueline Pan  
Abbotsford, BC, Canada  
Yale Secondary School

Laura Peña  
Elizabeth, NJ  
Union County Magnet  
High School

Josephine Pinnock  
Oyster Bay, NY  
Oyster Bay High School

Jorge Reyes  
Portland, OR  
Tualatin High School

Cierra Robson  
Boston, MA  
Buckingham Browne and  
Nichols School (BB&N)

Bryeson Rodgers  
Phoenix, AZ  
Phoenix Country Day School

Rene Rodriguez  
Brooklyn, NY  
Xavier High School

Maria Rojas  
Bogota, Colombia but grew up  
in Carlsbad, California  
Carlsbad High School

Jordan Salama  
Pelham, NY  
Pelham Memorial High School

Jacob Schwartz  
Stamford, CT  
Westhill High School

Lisa Sheridan  
Northern Ireland  
Enniskillen Collegiate Grammar  
School

Janelle Spence  
Rosedale, NY  
The Chapin School

Ashley Stone  
Kyoto, Japan  
Canadian Academy

Dan Sturm  
Princeton, NJ  
Princeton High School

Steven Takeshita  
Honolulu, HI  
Punahou School

Theo Tamayo  
Brookline, MA  
Brookline High School



## 2016 Donors



Cap and Gowners enjoying Princeton TruckFest

The following Cap members donated \$100 or more to Cap and Gown in 2016. Thank you for your generous support!

### 1938

Norman M. Carter  
William K. Coors

### 1944

Henry C. Gibson Jr

### 1947

J. Richard Thomas

### 1948

Earl P. Galleher Jr

### 1949

MacFarlane L. Cates Jr  
George W. Smith III

### 1951

Broadus Bailey Jr  
William K. Mettler

### 1952

David C. Boyer

### 1953

Peter R. Carney  
James L. Frost  
Bayard Henry  
Edgar D. Jannotta Sr  
William F. Kenny III  
Donald F. Kohler  
John H. Roberts  
James Stenson

### 1954

George W. Beatty  
Donald J. Keller

### 1955

John W. Castle  
Peter D. Horne  
Stephen McNamara  
Richard P. Strickler  
John R. West

### 1956

F. Boyd Hovde  
Gordon A. Millspaugh Jr  
Carey Parker

### 1957

A. Barry Campbell  
A. Wright Elliott  
Michael P. Erdman  
Elliott N. Otis

Murray S. Peyton  
David L. Smith

### 1958

William C. Duncan III  
William W. Fortenbaugh  
George T. Maye  
James W. Schroeder  
Richard O. Scribner

### 1959

W. David Angus  
Richard N. Edie  
F. Laurence Pethick  
Andrew P. Steffan

### 1960

Preston H. Haskell III  
Peter Kingston  
John W. McCarter Jr  
Richard B. McGlynn

### 1961

Robert H. Craft Jr  
George H. Hawks III  
Donald P. Le Win

### 1962

William A. Carr  
Alfred W. Kaemmerlen  
W. Scott Magargee III  
Michael S. Mathews  
Michael H. McConihe  
John H. Montgomery  
Robert F. Morris Jr  
Wylie R. Sheldon  
James F. White Jr  
James W. Zug

### 1963

Gray G. Henry  
Daniel V. Holman  
Dennis J. Keller  
John P. Williams Jr

### 1964

Richard H. Chandler  
Howard E. Cox Jr  
Edward C. Oelsner III  
Ogbemi O. Omatete  
Richard A. Purkiss

## New Members (cont'd)

Ben Tso  
Marlton, NJ  
Bishop Eustace  
Preparatory School

Jacob Tyles  
Bridgewater, NJ  
Bridgewater-Raritan  
High School

Obinna Umeh  
Abuja, Nigeria  
Loyola Jesuit College,  
Abuja, Nigeria

Mathini Vaikunthan  
Bernardsville, NJ  
Bernards High School

Sarah Varghese  
New Delhi India  
Modern School Vasant Vihar

Andrew Wang  
Centerville, OH  
Centerville High School

Taylor Warnick  
Long Beach, CA  
Woodrow Wilson Classical  
High School

Nyema Wesley  
Somerset, NJ  
Franklin High School

Dominic Whyte  
Zurich, Switzerland  
European School Karlsruhe  
(Germany)

Parker Wild  
Brunswick, ME  
Phillips Exeter Academy

Joseph Wood  
Toledo, OH  
Springfield High School

Nancy Wu  
Bryn Mawr, PA  
Lower Merion High School

Nicholas Wu  
Richboro, Pennsylvania  
Council Rock North  
High School

Amy Zhang  
Princeton, NJ  
Montgomery High School



2017 Officers



## Thank You to Our 2016 Donors!

### 1965

Derick W. Betts Jr  
Philip E. Coviello Jr  
T. Rodney Oppmann  
Gregory M. Perry

### 1966

Jonathan T. Dawson  
Ernest W. Hutton Jr  
Stanislaw Maliszewski  
Middleton A. Martin  
Robert H. Rawson Jr  
J. Dennis Russell  
John B. Slidell

### 1967

William A. Beale  
David H. Blair  
Peter B. Dove  
James F. Evans  
Arthur D. Fulton  
F. Philip Handy  
William B. King Jr  
Robert G. Mayer Jr  
Andrew L. Rowe Jr

### 1968

Peter B. Hamilton  
Virginus R. Shackelford III

### 1969

Thomas F. Fleming Jr  
Stephen S. Kennedy  
Jeffrey M. Peek

### 1970

Roger W. Arrington  
Michael A. Camp  
William P. Newhall II  
Donald H. Roberts Jr  
C. William Schroth III  
Allen F. Steere  
Jonathan R. Wright

### 1971

Edwin S. Hetherington  
William R. Kuntz Jr  
Rose Peabody Lynch  
George W.C. McCarter  
Stephen C. Townend

### 1972

Francis C. Bagbey  
Christopher Forbes  
Robert S. Glenn Jr  
Russell R. Krug  
Jonathan C. McCall  
D. Bruce Merrifield Jr  
Paul E. Sinsar  
Priscilla W. Stumm

### 1973

R. Marks Arnold  
Arthur H. Bertelsen  
Thomas J. Edelman  
C. W. Flynn IV  
Ben A. Guill  
Jane A. Leifer  
Arthur G. Oller  
Scott W. Perry  
Marjory Gengler Smith

### 1974

David B. Kelso

### 1975

Bruce W. Hennemuth  
Thomas L. James  
Charles M. Sincerbeaux

### 1976

Ellen D. Harvey

### 1977

David J. Aroesty  
Nancy Broadbent Casserley  
Jane M. Hewson  
Tracy Griffinger Nelson

### 1978

Christopher Rulon-Miller

### 1979

John C. Brodsky II  
H. C. Charles Diao  
Henry C. Maguire III

### 1980

John W. Kern  
Neal B. Leonard  
C. William Stevenson Jr

### 1981

David A. Gutzke  
Barbara Mills Henagan  
Joanna McNeil Lewis  
George C. McFarland Jr

### 1982

Barbara Griffin Cole  
L. Scott Frantz  
Anne Howell McElroy  
Standish H. O'Grady

### 1984

C. Redington Barrett III  
Susan Wojciechowicz Caldwell  
Rob Hill  
Jean Weinberg Rose



*Springtime at Cap*

### 1985

Norman B. Champ III  
Ernest H. Ruehl Jr  
Michael J. Winter

### 1986

Steven J. Spear

### 1987

Jennifer Pickens Kingston  
Nancy Rickerson

### 1988

Gregory S. Morzano  
Thomas J. Steiglehner

### 1989

Lisa Washington

### 1990

Deborah L. Hodges  
Robert J. Khoury

### 1991

Sanford F. Crystal  
Jon D. Luff  
Stewart L. McDowell

### 1993

Kwanza Jones  
Christopher T. Mitchell

### 1994

Lindsay G. Arthur III  
Peiffer A. Brandt  
Alison Keiller Hagan  
Shane K. Woolf

### 1995

Christopher P. Dickinson  
Ethan J. Early  
Susanna J. Gray  
Lisa Andrews Hobart

### 1996

Pamela Adams Baker  
Danijel K. Farkas

### 1998

J. Doyl Burkett  
Jesse A. Gomez Jr

### 1999

Stephen P. Lamberton

### 2000

Jane Fleming Fransson  
Mary Amanda Pagnotto  
Michael R. Pagnotto  
Preston B. Tims

### 2001

Jonathan E. Luick

### 2002

Holly Huffman MacDonald

### 2003

Donald Scott II

### 2004

Jennifer L. Cox  
Jonathan D. Nuger  
Akila Raman-Vaseghi  
Peter B. Schwaikert  
Kyle A. Wenski

### 2005

Briana A. Bennett  
Joseph J. Nardello

### 2006

Ryan E. Harster

### 2010

Anna P. Leonard  
Clare C. Premo

### 2012

Alexis B. Johnson

### 2016

Maddy Lea



## The Staff of the Cap and Gown Club



*Mr. Davis with Rick Pivrotto '77*



*Cap and Gown staff circa 2005*

The men of Princeton in the early years of club life found camaraderie in small groups finding lodging and meals about town in private residence and rooming houses. It seemed only logical and economical to buy or rent their own house and hire a cook for meals. So it began with a simple cook, evolving into a slippery existence somewhere between Delta Tai Chi and Downton Abbey. The Gildersleeve clubhouse, built at the end of the Victorian era required a functioning staff. The Cap and Gown Club, with twenty to forty members, employed a steward, cooks, service staff, housekeepers and housemen to oversee daily life, often summoned by the press of little mother of pearl buttons strategically placed about the public spaces of the clubhouse. As membership rose and daily operations became more involved a part-time business manager was hired to keep the club's books.



*Carlos Romero*

The club steward manages the clubhouse staff and over-see operations. Longevity maintains traditions, and Cap has seen only four stewards in the Gildersleeve clubhouse. In 1952 after the passing of long time steward Mr. Dickenson, George Marshall, a Cap houseman for some time, took the reins.

Mr. Marshall as steward, his wife Mrs. Marshall (Jenny) as housekeeper, and Ochran Davis as head waiter were the heart of the Cap and Gown staff for more than two decades. Davis, known to many as "Mr. D," lived at the clubhouse for many years until his retirement in the early 80s. He greeted each member daily by name as they were seated for meals. Jacketed waiters

including Lorenzo and Ralph served soup or salad and the single entrée cooked up by Gerty and Rose.

In late 1978 Mr. Marshall passed away suddenly, and the club stood at a crossroads. The employment of a gentile service staff was falling from social favor, membership was growing, and other clubs on the street had struggled through the social evolutions of the 60s and the turmoil of the Vietnam War era into the 70s.

Following his army service, Gordon Harrison '68 returned to Princeton to work in the Club Business Office in a part-time capacity for the Cap and Gown Club. Gordon, later joined by Andrea Rabbitz, managed to keep many of the floundering clubs afloat during these changing times.

With the death of Mr. Marshall in 1979 Gordon Harrison ran a simple want ad in the New York Times: "Wanted, Steward for Princeton Eating Club, Call 609-921-7235." After interviewing candidates, the Cap and Gown Club hired Dennis Normile, who remains as steward of the club for more than 35 years. Gordon Harrison retired from Cap in 1999, but remained a tireless supporter of the Princeton Eating Club legacy. From its inception, Gordon served on a volunteer basis as treasurer of the Princeton Prospect Foundation until his death in 2012.

In 1990, the club brought on Valarie Bay to keep the books and Dennis Normile assumed management of all the clubhouse, member, and alumni duties. Cap continued to flourish, maintaining a strong membership and loyal alumni base. Terry





*Josh Estenes; Mike McNeil; Dennis Normile; and head chef, Greg Bonagura*



*Dennis Normile making an ice sculpture*

Wooding also joined the staff as House Advisor working with the undergraduate officers.

The current era of operations in the clubhouse continues to be a family affair. Carlos Romero maintains the integrity and beauty of the clubhouse; Maria, Argentina Mendez and Adiel Garces have worked as successive housekeepers; Carlos's sister Ursula, son Johnny and nieces Barbara and Mindy work in the dining room; while Reggie, Arturo, Effer, Eliseo and Roberto have manned the pantry.

The days of the army or family cook passed into history. The need arose for Princeton's eating clubs to hire professional chefs to meet the increasing membership and diverse culinary requirements of both undergraduate members and alumni. Buffets, soup, and salad bars soon replaced waiter service. Sushi and wraps were more common than mint jelly, and "carb loading" could not be done with just one plate at dinner.

Dennis Normile, an accomplished, award-winning chef in his own right, trained both Josh Estenes and Michael McNeil as apprentices. Mark Hunter and Greg Bonagura, Cap's successive club chefs, have raised the culinary bar over the years. Alumni Open House events now attract crowds of 500 or more undergraduates, alumni, and friends. Formals have become multi-day marvels. Weekly club night dinners showcase cuisines from around the world, and daily diverse menus reflect the increasing appetites and cultural tastes of the membership.



*Valarie Bay*

Dennis Normile's role as steward has extended in other ways as well. He is most often found in his office, now a nice new space with a view in the basement of the new addition, offering advice and instructions to the staff, officers, and members who frequent his door. He's always there to lend an ear and is frequently a guidance counselor for students dealing with the challenges and pressures of college life.

Dennis is a man of many talents. In addition to being an outstanding chef who can whip up a multi-tiered wedding cake, he is a talented painter and a number of his paintings are hanging in his office as well as with collectors and in the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton. Dennis trains championship dogs and can play a mean set of drums. The students get the benefit of his talents for special parties when he'll help devise clever themes, paint backdrops, and even carve an ice sculpture.

Mike McNeil and Josh Estenes have both had serious illnesses in the past few years. We are so glad that Mike is back. And we keep Josh in our hearts and prayers.

Cap and Gown has been blessed to have such a devoted staff who make it a very special place. Perhaps the hired cook of the "Incubator" would have been hard pressed to whip up a gluten free Thai dinner, but the Victorian membership of that time would still find Cap as inviting and comfortable a clubhouse as the members do in the 21st century.

*From the Cap History. To order, see page 11.*



Terry Wooding

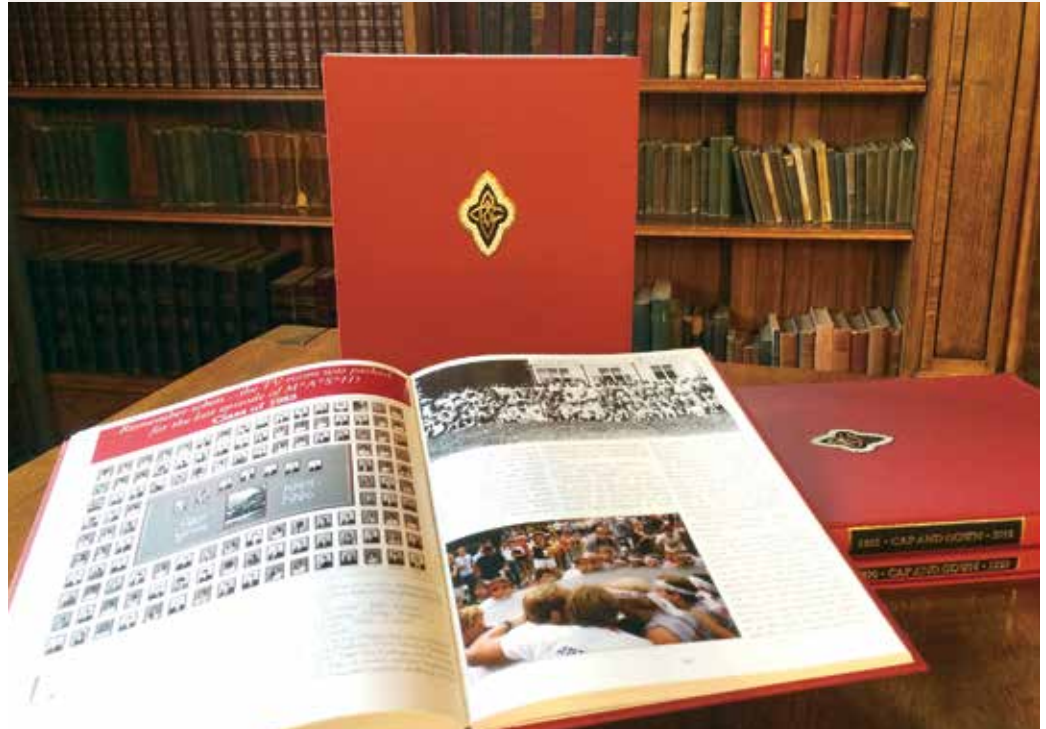
## Congratulations to Terry Wooding — New Jersey State Correction Officer of the Year!

Terry Wooding has been leading our Cap security team since 2003 as House Advisor, a position created by former Board Chair Bill McCarter. This is a part-time position, primarily in the evenings during parties. Terry worked for PSafe before going to the police academy and then joining the NJDOC where Terry is a NJ State Corrections Officer. Terry was named NJ State Correction Officer of the Year. He is beign recognized at an awards dinner on May 5th. We are indeed fortunate to have such a capable and dedicated leader for our important security effort.

Thank you, Terry, for keeping Cap and Gown members safe!

## Do you have your copy of the Cap History?

Cap and Gown celebrated our 125th anniversary last year. Be sure to get your copy of the memories!



Cap Members from the 1951 – 2015 tell the story of the past 60 years of Cap history in a beautiful hard-bound, color volume.

We hope you enjoyed reading the article on the Cap staff on pages 8–9, reprinted from the Cap History. There are more photos and many more stories in these two beautiful volumes.

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## Host your event at Cap

Cap is a fantastic place to host all kinds of parties, events, and meetings when school is not in session. There are spaces for parties large and small, indoors and outdoors, and the club is now fully air-conditioned. The club is handicapped accessible with an elevator. The back terrace fits a 40 x 40 tent perfectly. The club has a state-of-the-art AV and projection system with a giant screen that pulls down in the new dining room, and a large screen monitor in the historic dining room. The main dining room has a raised floor at the end that is perfect for a band, as a stage, or for a presentation. To find out more and for rates, contact our club steward, Dennis Normile at 609-258-0799 or at [candgclub@aol.com](mailto:candgclub@aol.com).



## Annual Dues and the Annual Fund

Cap and Gown relies on your support through the payment of dues and donations to the Annual Fund. Operating and maintenance costs continue to rise, and we want to continue to improve our beautiful clubhouse.

Pay your annual dues online or make a donation to Annual Fund at [cap.reuniontechnologies.com](http://cap.reuniontechnologies.com)

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Chuck Berry passed away in March of this year. He played at Cap and Gown for House Parties in 1962. This historic event has been memorialized with a photo and plaque in the Blair dining room where he played. Michael Mathews '62, at the urging of John Montgomery '62 and with the help of Dennis Normile, hosted a small gathering to remember Chuck Berry and tell today's members about this moment in Cap history, when Chuck Berry performed his now-famous "duck walk," cheered on by the Cap crowd.



## In Memoriam

- Mr. Francis H. Ludington, Jr. '45
- Mr. Edward A. Martin '49
- Mr. John T. Mead '51
- Mr. Thomas J. Bain '53 P82
- Mr. Edward R. Durkee '66
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