

Cannon Club Fall Newsletter

from Board Chair Chuck Freyer



Greetings! I hope you all had a great summer! I know our Gunners did. They were all over the country and some abroad, working in businesses to get a jump on careers and in a variety of service activities.

Many members came back to campus early to start Fall practice for their sports, but now all are back in the club and the place is really humming! The first couple days of the term, we had record attendance at breakfast, highlighted by the new espresso machine in the servery. That is tapering off now, but Bill is back to doing over 400 plates for dinner and over 300 for lunch—this with a complement of just over 200 members.

The reason? Cannon Dial Elm is still considered **the best place to eat on the Street** and our members are BIG in size and appetite. Many can easily demolish 3 plates of dinner. Our reputation for great food is the result of the fantastic work of our head chef and General Manager, Bill Conrad. If you stop into the club for any reason, go looking for Bill to say hi! In addition to all his other duties, he acts as mentor and advisor to many of our members. They come to him with problems of all sorts, and he always takes the time to offer sound advice and counsel in return.

This summer Bill oversaw the completion of the pointing project that secured the club's exterior from water infiltration. It was an expensive endeavor and took most of the summer but after all, the building had not been pointed since it was built just after 1900. This project will hopefully keep us dry for many years to come. He also revamped the lighting systems in the basement and added a regulation sized pong table with the Cannon Moose logo on it. Many of the study chairs in the library and other study areas, and a couple sofas needed to be replaced as well. No wonder, given all the members who can be found any time of day or night working with the laptops in our study rooms and on our couches.

These things all cost money, as you are well aware. So, as I do in each of these letters, let me ask that you become an **Alumni Member** if you aren't now, or renew your membership if you already are an Alumni Member. Your annual membership will help us to pay for the projects I have mentioned, and any others that come up over the next year. If you want to do more than that, gifts to the Higgins Memorial Fund in any denomination will also support capital projects around the club, as well as providing financial assistance to deserving undergraduates within the limits permitted by the University under its recently expanding and very generous financial aid policy. **A form to use if you want to donate to the Higgins Fund and/or pay your dues appears at the end**

of this letter. You can also donate or pay dues by going to the Donations Page on our website, www.cannonclub.com.

In other Club news:

Our new Financial Manager, Marie Leach, is also doing a fantastic job, and has made great strides in streamlining our paperwork flow and ensuring that our online financial records are up to the minute at all times. Marion McLusky, our Office Manager is my right arm on most matters, as well as our liaison with member parents, many University offices and all you alumni. She has a nice friendly manner and a complete command of things at Cannon, that enable her to keep on top of all her many responsibilities. All in all, I feel so lucky to have such a strong and collaborative team on the ground at Cannon.

I hope you took a look at Kate Monihan's posting on cannonclub.com earlier this month, but if not, here are some highlights about the athletes in the Class of 2023:

Jackson Emus joins Duke Baseball, adding depth to the team's bullpen. *India Weir* heads out west to the University of Washington for a final year of Cross Country & Track where she will run alongside her sister. *Page Lester* will join the nationally ranked UNC Cross Country and Track team for her 5th year of competition and contribute to their pursuit of a national title. *Serena Starks* will play softball for the University of Illinois. *Alexis Laudenslager* has chosen to pursue a masters degree at Notre Dame and continue her softball career with the Fighting Irish. *Ryan Langborg* will be playing basketball for the Northwestern Wildcats. *Keeshawn Kellman* will head south to join the Florida Gulf Coast University basketball team for his last year of college basketball. *Konrad Kiszka* has elected to play an additional year of basketball at NYU. *Solveig Neunzert* will be using her final year of eligibility and playing ice hockey for the University of Minnesota. *Quincy Monday* has returned to Princeton as an assistant coach for the wrestling team.



Fall bicker just finished and Cannon has continued to be very popular with both athletes and non-athletes. As a result, we picked up 21 new members from the junior and senior classes, taking our total membership complement to just under 200. Although, despite some great advance planning by our officers, Lawnparties got rained out up and down the Street and across campus this year, our Social chairs have some exciting plans to keep the Club hopping later this Fall.

I really hope you will come back to the Club for **Homecoming** this year: October 17 – 21. If you do, be sure to support fellow Gunners in their athletic contests over the course of this special weekend!

- 10/17 – Women's Soccer vs Bucknell, 7 PM
- 10/20 – Women's Hockey vs Yale, 6 PM
- 10/21 – Football vs Harvard, 1 PM
- 10/21 – Women's Hockey vs Brown, 3 PM
- 10/21 – Men's Soccer vs Brown, 4 PM

Also, be sure drop by the Club after the football game on the 21st for our terrific post-game fare. The club will be open from 4-7pm. So, please come by for a hot meal or a cold beer and look for Bob or me to say hello!



As a result of the solicitation we made last Spring, the **Grad Board** Governance Committee is now reviewing applications from a number of post-2013 Cannon alumni to join us on the Board. We are excited to see the high level of interest from our recent graduates who want to ensure the future of the Club and are willing to devote time to the Grad Board to make that happen.

On that subject, the Grad Board has undertaken a deep dive into where the Club wants and needs to be in 5-10 years from now, and what facilities we will need to provide for our members to keep them opting for Cannon over our competition.

- We know that much of the kitchen equipment installed when the Club was reopened 10 years ago, is at end of life and will have to be replaced.
- The membership is now larger than we originally projected and accordingly, the servery is not big enough for the meal rushes twice a day.
- Tables need to be scattered through the first floor of the club to accommodate members and guests at formals, semi-formals and other events through the year.

As a result, we have begun to explore the feasibility of an expansion of the kitchen, servery and dining room areas. We will be moving slowly and deliberately on this, and I will keep you updated

about what we decide in future months. Be assured that whatever we do, it will be to ensure the future physical and financial soundness of Cannon Dial Elm, so it can best serve both our future undergraduate members and you, our equally important alumni members.

Thanks ,



Chuck Freyer '69
Chairman
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