# Cannon Dial Elm Club March '25 Newsletter

from Board Chair Chuck Freyer



## Greetings from the Princeton campus!

It's hard to believe, but with only a few weeks under their belt, our CDE members are already taking mid-terms and looking forward to Spring Break next week. Still, it's been a great semester so far. Bicker was a major success for us, and our many teams are winning consistently.

Here's what happening at CDE:







114 sophomores and 4 juniors joined Cannon Dial Elm in this year's bicker (60% acceptance rate), which will keep the club safely in the black. Initiations were enjoyable and safe, with no incidents. They come from 31 states and 9 countries, play on 26 sports teams, participate in 75 unique campus organizations ranging from Princeton Electric Speedboating to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and, yes, they study, pursuing majors in 22 departments, the most popular being Economics, SPIA, and Computer Science.

#### **New Officers**

As I did last year, I have asked our new officers to each take 10 or 11 of the new sophomore members, reach out to them proactively and be their big brother/sister this Spring to integrate

them into the club and make them feel welcome. Thanks to this outreach, we only lost one rising junior before the start of this academic year. This year, we will again strive to retain all our members. Our Higgins Memorial Fund plays a major role in our retention efforts, so, we thank all of you who have made contributions.

We have a strong new officer corps. I think they could be the best in 10 years. Led by football and lacrosse players, we also have officers from women's hockey, softball, soccer, the swim team and club golf. Our new



President, Scott Becker is instituting new programs, including Leader of the Month and random seating at selected meals to encourage members to get to know everyone in the club.



Please take a minute to look at the videos our <u>President Scott</u>

<u>Becker</u> and our <u>VP Nick Crowley</u>
prepared, telling a bit about themselves and why they love
Cannon Dial Elm Club. Video greetings from the other officers will enliven future newsletters.



#### Thrive in '25

Our capital campaign to enable an enlargement of our kitchen, dining room and servery, has reached the mid-point in terms of funds raised. That is good, but we need to raise the remaining \$750K before we start construction. In anticipation of your generosity, the architects we hired are hard at work preparing the plans to submit to the Town of Princeton for building permits. Soon the contractor will need to order long lead-time materials for the project, as will the kitchen consultant who will be replacing our end-of-life kitchen equipment.

We are extending the Campaign through Reunions, and <u>really hope you will help us successfully close it out by then</u>. Our members are looking forward to the upgraded experience that an expanded dining room will provide them, as well as the many other improvements that the Campaign will pay for in our study rooms and other parts of the club. The club is funding half the costs of the project from retained surplus, but we NEED YOUR HELP TO COVER THE OTHER HALF. So, please help us out by making a donation.



No donation is too big or too small. To donate, please send a check made out to Princeton Cannon Dial Elm Foundation (a 501c3 tax exempt foundation) to 21 Prospect Avenue; Princeton, NJ 08540; or go to our website, <a href="mailto:com">cannonclub.com</a> and click on the green **Thrive in '25** tab, which will take you to the campaign page and will allow you to donate by credit card or Venmo. All donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law; consult your tax adviser.

Chuck Freyer '69

Chair, Graduate Board of Trustees

### Thrive in '25

To make a contribution to the **Thrive in '25** campaign, please make sure this address shows through return enclosed envelope.

Contributions may also be made online at cannonclub.com/thrive-in-25/, by venmo @cannonclub, or via the Princeton Prospect Foundation at princetonprospectfoundation.org/donate/ designating Cannon Dial Elm Club as recipient.

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