



UCC NEWS

FOR MEMBERS OF UNIVERSITY COTTAGE CLUB

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

On behalf of the Cottage Club Board of Governors, I am very pleased to report that the Club resumed full operations, effective August 30, 2021. The response from the 173 undergraduate members has been enthusiastic. We are adhering to the same COVID protocols as Princeton University, with few exceptions, and to date have not had any adverse consequences.

Almost all the members and employees have been vaccinated and those that have not been vaccinated have been granted medical or religious exemptions. We restricted the guest policy and the sizing of group events through the end of September, as a precaution. The members and employees have supported the implementation of these protocols. It is our intention to review these guidelines on an ongoing basis and monitor any announcements by Princeton University and/or the State of New Jersey in this regard.

The past eighteen months have been highly unusual, stressful, and very disappointing for Cottage, its members, and its staff. It was the first time since the Club was founded in 1886 that it was completely shut down for over a year. Cottage, along with the other clubs on Prospect, received a substantive payment from the University to remain completely closed, and we took advantage of this quiet period to complete numerous important capital and maintenance improvements to the Clubhouse, some of which are listed later in this Newsletter.

The most recent Bicker was conducted virtually and successfully, with 66 new members (62 Sophomores and four Juniors) signing into the Club in February of 2021. The undergraduate officers, led by President Nick Cefalu and Bicker Chair Jack Roberts, and a special Diversity and Inclusion Committee of several of their member colleagues, were able to recruit, Bicker and admit a great group to the Club, including a larger than usual representation from the POC or otherwise unaffiliated communities. Along with the 41

Juniors and Seniors that took a gap year, the overall sizes of the sections are in line with our objectives. After not being able to dine and socialize among their clubmates due to the pandemic shutdown, the camaraderie among the members is very strong and spirits are high.

The University is in the late stages of the planning for a construction of a new engineering campus, named ES & SEAS, just south of Prospect Avenue, between the clubs and the football stadium. The project, which may get underway within the next year, will include a re-grading of Roper Lane, as this will be one of the main access points to the new campus, which will impact our parking area at the southern end of our property.

The work on Roper will also create some havoc in terms of our ability to move supplies in and out of our premises. Our intention is to work with the University to minimize the headaches and costs of operating the Club and improve both the aesthetics and utility of our parking area.

We encourage you to visit the Club to see for yourself how well this beautiful and distinguished Charles McKim designed Clubhouse has persevered since it was built in 1906, and to meet some of the undergraduate members and our dedicated staff, led by Manager Abby Gaynor.

We also want to remind you that we have scheduled the return of the All-Member Dinner on April 26th in New York City (at The University Club), provided it remains safe to gather such a large group in one place at that time. ■

Best regards to all,

Carlos A Ferrer '76
Chairman of the Board of Governors

GRADUATE BOARD TREASURER UPDATE:

I hope you all had an excellent summer and are welcoming the fall season with memories of returning to campus and to Cottage as undergraduates. We are extremely pleased and fortunate to be back open and providing meals and services to our undergraduate members!

As we begin the 2021-2022 academic year, the University Cottage Club is in top form to welcome our new and old members back into our beloved clubhouse. Our endowment has grown substantially due to contributions from alumni as well as excellent investment performance. We have been busy with capital improvements during the closure of the Club completing over \$275,000 worth of work in the past two years ranging from boiler repair and electrical upgrades to new kitchen islands and ladies room renovations. In short, Cottage is in excellent physical and financial shape – likely our best ever.

UNIVERSITY COTTAGE CLUB DUES:

As Cottage was closed during the 2020-2021 academic year due to Princeton University's COVID-19 guidelines, we did not circulate a dues ask last year. BUT now that Cottage is fully operational, this is our chance to redouble our efforts and move our participation rate to new highs. Approximately 40% of Cottage's 3,700 alumni members pay dues annually, but many more of us can support the club at the current exceedingly affordable dues levels of \$35-75.

As Cottage operates essentially at breakeven, your dues finance a considerable amount of operational costs and internal and external maintenance and upgrade projects. As you can imagine, staying on top of operating costs, especially under current COVID circumstances, requires constant vigilance and budgeting. All to say, your dues are going to appropriate and very productive use and Cottage would be well served if more of us paid our dues on an annual basis.

Paying your 2021-2022 Cottage dues has never been easier. It can all be accomplished in any of three easy ways:

- 1) Venmo payment to UCC @Cottage-Club
- 2) Credit card online at www.cottageclub.net, (no login required) or
- 3) Check payable to the UCC, in the envelope provided

If you prefer to mail your payment via check, the costs are as follows:

1-5 years out: \$35
5-10 years out: \$50
Over 10 years out: \$75

Note: Dues payments are not tax deductible donations.

MATTY GLINKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

On an important and very much related note, we continue to raise capital into the Matty Glinka Scholarship Fund. The Fund is 100% dedicated to reducing or eliminating the financial burden of joining Cottage for students who are facing financial hardship. As a Club, we maintain the core belief that no Princeton student should be discouraged from bickering and joining Cottage due to their financial circumstances. As Princeton University's demographics continue to change, the Glinka Fund is a meaningful differentiator for Cottage in attracting and retaining the very best undergraduate members regardless of their economic status. To date, we have granted \$26,000 to 27 students and the feedback has been overwhelmingly gracious and positive. As the undergraduates, officers, alumni and Graduate Board continue to demonstrate leadership in our ongoing commitment to inclusion and diversity, we welcome any contributions to this important undertaking.

On behalf of the Board of Governors, I thank you in advance for your continuing commitment to the future of Cottage!

Sincerely,



Jason Dillow '01
Treasurer



TO MAKE A GLINKA FUND DONATION:

Mail a check, payable to
Cottage 1886 Foundation/Glinka to:
UCC 51 Prospect Ave.
Princeton NJ 08540

– OR –

Go to www.cottageclub.net
No login required
Click on 'Payments and Giving'
Be sure to click on the
Glinka Scholarship Fund Link.

FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT



Imagine this. It's the last Sunday Funday of the year, and like me, you bought a pair of American Flag overalls to wear during the always epic America event. Your dad's Cowboy boots and a temporary bald eagle tattoo on your shoulder serve as accessories to the overalls – overalls that happen to be cut well above the knee. You wake up early that day, as any self-respecting ROTC Cadet would, and have your coffee on the balustrade in a big, maroon, monogrammed Cottage robe. Obnoxious? Absolutely! But when else can you get away with something like that? You rush downstairs to meet your friends who also woke up early because Sunday Funday is Cottage's religion, and nothing provides a better start to the day than a homemade omelet from Eddy. The DJ shows up so you head downstairs to count the kegs again – yup 25 kegs still ready to go. You head back upstairs to the room at the end of the hall, the really big one, and you put on those overalls, ready to crush the best party of all time. All your best friends, your lifelong friends, are on their way over to join you. If you're lucky, and this is the

important part, you pause for a second before turning on the 80s Rock and realize something. You realize these are the good ol' days – right here and now.

The Class of 2021 had 25 good ol' days. Ironically, I had a friend (an Ivy member no less) tell me during my first week of being President that these would be the good ol' days – that you couldn't dream of something better than being a Cottage member at Princeton. I was inclined to agree. Our section was just beginning to hit its stride in Cottage. We had been in the Club long enough for us to really feel like we belonged, and one semester's worth of meals with the seating rules meant that we were friends with everyone by this time. Sitting in the foyer for hours on end during bicker and listening to other members speak on behalf of their friends forged a deeper respect for the privilege of being a Cottage member. Spring was around the corner, and with it, outdoor meals, Sunday Funday, Graduation and Reunions. All in all, we were on the verge of really knowing what it was like to experience Cottage.

In my 25-day stint as President I didn't get the chance to drink my morning coffee on the balustrade or claim all territorial aux privileges (the youth listen to such terrible music these days). No midnight antics with the other Officers. No adult beverage influenced speech at Gatsby night written by MK (our Social Chair) because I am not actually that funny. No Wednesday members nights to derail my academic performance for the week. None of it. COVID would come to cut us short of the legendary year and a half we were about to take for granted. Instead, these presidential perks were replaced by organizing virtual happy hours (that were not all that happy), disappointing emails to the members telling them the Club

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UCC BOARD MEMBERS 2021

Carlos Ferrer '76 *Chairman*

Jason Dillow '01 *Treasurer*

Gil Caffray '77 *House Chair*

Alex DaCosta '04 *Secretary*

Doug Boothe '86

Nick Cefalu '21

Jerome Coleman '70

Alexee Deep Conroy '00

Jeff Drazan '80

Jessica Nagin Katz '05

James Killerlane '91

Warren Lazarow '82

Dennis Love '78

Skip McGee '81

Amy Emanuel Miller '90

Robert Niehaus '77

Robert Schmon '74

Don Seitz '79

Conor Stransky '06

Larry Studnicki '79

Justin Vorwerk '81

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would be closed for the upcoming semester (I sent that email three times), fighting with the University to at least give us the chance to be responsible, figuring out how to conduct bicker virtually, and, most importantly, being separated from my best friends. Now I use my imagination to reflect on what it was supposed to be like, only to get teary eyed and nostalgic about all the stuff that didn't happen. And I am a freshly minted Infantry Officer; I'm not supposed to get teary eyed! Our year was sad though. There's no denying it. Cottage had never been closed this long in its entire history. Not even the Spanish Flu of 1918, The Great Depression, or the World Wars of the 20th century prevented members from gathering in the Club.

I'm pulling on your heart strings on purpose, and not so you could pity us, but so we could all appreciate Cottage a little more. I challenge the alumni to think of a place that was cooler than Cottage. A place where you felt like you belonged more. Where you could have fun like you did, get a world class education, and make lifelong friends. We have less to look back on and appreciate, that's for sure, but it wasn't all bad for us. First, missing out on Cottage was a tragedy to us, but it pales in comparison to the suffering endured by so many across the world. In the big picture we endured the year and came out alright. Personally, I grew tremendously from the challenges posed by being President during COVID. Being in that position was tough, but I was endowed with a perspective on leadership I would never have known otherwise. I also came

away with lifelong friends and mentors in Carlos Ferrer, the Graduate Board Chairman, and Abby Gaynor, the Club Manager, who supported, guided, and conversed with me far more than they would have in a traditional year. In fact, I think I spoke to Carlos in the month of June more than my own parents. Finally, and most importantly, the past year gave us all a reason to reflect on what was most important in our lives before COVID – what we missed the most. I think it's safe to say Cottage was at the top of that list. This reflection extends beyond just our loss, though, and can apply to all sections that move through Cottage. You have to seize the good ol' days and savor every one of them as if they were your last, as if a global pandemic would send you home with three days notice. Life moves so fast, and if you don't stop to cherish it your time in Cottage will pass you by. Nostalgia is all you are left with, because as our great Cottage ancestor F. Scott Fitzgerald tells us in the Great Gatsby, "you can't repeat the past".

Our experience this past year was somber, heartbreaking even, but we were not defeated. In fact, and I think you may be surprised by this, I think our class loves Cottage most of all. Instead of two years of fond memories to look back on we have a lifetime of anticipation ahead of us. Cottage will be the place we gather to make up for lost time – and you can bet we'll make up for it. In the meantime, I ask that you Cottage alumni keep an eye out for the Great Class of 2021 and invite us into the world of Cottage that exists outside of Princeton. We have Cottage-sized holes in our hearts we are excited to fill. ■

Nick Cefalu '21



Class of '20 before the shutdown

UCC FALLEN OFFICERS

We typically avoid including obituaries in our Newsletters, as there are more Cottage graduate members who pass away each year than there is room in these pages to memorialize them, but we are making an exception in this issue to recognize two Cottage graduate members who died recently, at very young ages. As Chairman of the Board, each year I have the distinct pleasure of getting to know undergraduate officers and watch how they manage their obligations and challenges. In the case of both Tim and Teddy, it became very clear to me that Cottage was very fortunate to have them in positions of leadership. They were exemplary young men well positioned to live fulfilling lives, and it saddens many of us that they died way too young.

Carlos Ferrer

Tim Boardman '08



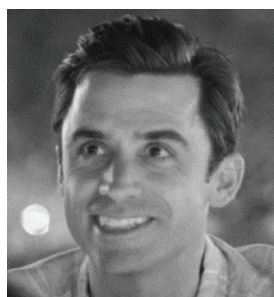
Timothy (“Tim”) William Boardman, 34, of New York City, suddenly passed away on Monday May 31, 2021. Born on August 17, 1986, in Staten Island, NY he was the son of Russell William and Lynn Marie (Tobin) Boardman.

Tim was a loving warrior who was truly larger than life. He was a true champion of life. Intelligent and very athletic with his “All American” good looks, Tim served as House Chair of University Cottage Club. At Princeton, Tim had a storied football career as a middle linebacker with multiple achievements. He was on the 2006 Ivy League Championship team and was named First-team All-Ivy performer in 2007. In 2019 he was named to a prestigious list of “Top 100 All-Time Princeton Football Players.”

After Princeton, Tim worked for various brokerage and investment firms in New York where he forged lifelong professional and personal friendships. One of his greatest achievements prior to his death was founding his own financial services firm, 8 Point Capital Partners, LLC. The name originates from the Boardman family crest, eight-point buck antlers.

Tim added fun and enjoyment to any situation and treated everyone with the same level of respect – whether you were the building janitor or the head of an investment firm. He always talked about the importance of legacy and his love for Princeton. His legacy will live on in the droves of people whose lives he positively impacted. ■

Teddy van Beuren '05



Theodore Wildman van Beuren “TEDDY” – Outdoorsman, philanthropist, and lover of people, died in a car accident on June 26th, 2021, in Shohola, Pennsylvania, after an evening of fly fishing with his father. He was 38 years old.

TVB, as he was called by friends, was a force of nature who lived life fully and colorfully. A lover of music and dancing, he walked through life with a spring in his step and a song in his head. Teddy was a connector of people and a builder of community. He considered himself a “bridge” and was dedicated to uplifting his almost endless number friends.

Teddy captained both the Hill School and Princeton University men’s soccer teams, and at Princeton, he was Vice President of the University Cottage Club. He received his MBA from Columbia Business School with high honors this past spring. His kindness and generosity led to a philanthropic journey to Africa after college graduation, working with the Kisumu street orphans in Kenya. Recently, Teddy chaired the New York City board for StreetSoccer USA and was a key organizer for the Harboring Hearts Foundation. ■



UCC Opening Night Dinner, 9/30/21



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The University Cottage Club
All Member Dinner
Tuesday, April 26, 2022

at

The University Club
One West 54th Street
New York, NY 10019

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

We hope you can carve out the time to attend and help us celebrate Cottage's 135-year history, and all the wonderful friendships and memories it has engendered. More info to follow!



Ubi Amici Ibidem Sunt Opes
"Where there are friends there are riches"

OBSERVATIONS FROM PRANAV IYER '22, UNDERGRADUATE PRESIDENT

Walking back into 51 Prospect Avenue, one is immediately greeted by the grand yet modest Georgian revival architecture of Cottage Club, the delicious smells of homemade mac and cheese wafting through the air, and perhaps shockingly, the faces and sounds of students engaged in lively conversation.

After an 18-month hiatus due to COVID-19, the halls are filled again with members eating, studying, playing, and coming together as a community.

One month into campus life, the membership has been able to bond, forging connections across previous affiliations, classes, and friend groups. The officers have been able to arrange fun nights for the Club like Camp Cottage, where teams of members compete in events such as Three-Legged Races, Donut on a String, Limbo, and Pie Eating, amongst more. A stroll through the second floor will reveal students working together in the library, playing MarioKart in the TV room, or going head-to-head in friendly competitions in the Billiard Room.

It seems like little has changed on the surface, although everyone is uniquely grateful to be back and eager to make the most of their remaining time here. COVID-19 might have tried its hardest to keep us apart, but it's near impossible to beat the magical atmosphere within Cottage, and never has its motto rang truer: "Where there are friends there are riches." ■



Camp Cottage, 9/23/21



COTTAGE 1886 FOUNDATION

The Cottage 1886 Foundation, Inc., Established in 1998, received recognition of its tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service in 1999. The Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) New Jersey Non-Profit Corporation, which can receive tax-deductible donations to fund the charitable activities of the entity, such as “educational, restoration and preservaton” activities, including lecture programs, seminars and cultural events, as well as the restoration and preservation of the Clubhouse and grounds.

From its inception the Foundation has partially funded:

- Repair and restoration of the roof
- Installation of a fire suppression system throughout Clubhouse
- Replacement of service elevator to meet ada requirements
- Renovation of the heating system
- Replacement and upgrading of the kitchen dumbwaiter
- Restoration of the balustrade
- Reconstruction of the kitchen exhaust system to meet code
- Connection of the Clubhouse to University Computer Network
- Expansion and installation of new ADA compliant bathrooms
- Electrical wiring upgrade requirements
- Cleaning and restoration of the façade
- Restorative painting of numerous interior rooms and entire exterior

- Repointing of chimneys and brick perimeter wall
- New hardwood flooring for Palmer Room
- Repair of the rear marble steps
- Renovations of the 1st and 2nd floor kitchen areas
- Grading, drainage and landscaping repairs to the front yard
- Upgrade of attic electric
- Rear stairwell repair and renovation
- Laundry room renovation
- Fauntleroy Step drainage
- Ivy side regrading and window well repairs
- Widow’s Walk rebuild
- Back lawn drainage and grading
- Renovations of 3 bathrooms
- New Tiger Island in 1st floor kitchen

The next major project under consideration is the installation of an environmentally responsible air conditioning system. Given the age and architectural integrity of the Clubhouse, this project will require substantial engineering and other design work, and it will be costly.

We are in the exploratory stages and lots more work needs to be done before the Board can fully assess the relative merits of going forward with it. If and when there is a decision to proceed, it is highly likely that we will need support (contributions) from Cottage alumni to finance it. ■



UCC 2022 OFFICERS

Left to right: Ford Roberts, Treasurer; Pranav Iyer, President; Raneem Mohammed, Vice President; ZiZi Coleman, Bicker Chair; Jack Roberts, Social Chair

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 HOMECOMING AT UCC

The Club will be open to our members and their guests for brunch from 12-2:30 p.m.

Join us for a post game reception for UCC members and their guests from 5-8 p.m.

Masks required indoors as per PU COVID policies.



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Search for your fellow members via distance, class year or name.

While you're there, update your profile so your section mates know how to reach you.

Go to: www.cottageclub.net and Click on ALUMNI

COTTAGE TIGERS

#	Name	Position
49	Uche Ndukwe '23	DL
9	Andrei Iosivas '23	WR
81	Luke Gibson '23	TE
38	Joseph Dalsey '23	LB
56	Anthony Corbin '23	LB
52	Tola Banjoko '23	DL
92	Carter Christopher '23	DL
96	Michael Azevedo '23	DL
65	Connor Scaglione '22	OL
60	Ford Roberts '22	OL
54	Ryan McNeil '22	LB
33	Ike Hall '22	LB
83	Harrison Caponiti '22	TE
36	EJ Caldwell '22	RB
27	Carson Bobo '22	TE