



Fellow Cannon Dial Elm Club Alumni,

As referenced in the note from CDE's outgoing Grad Board Chair Bob Casey '67, he and I swapped roles in December. Formerly Vice-Chair, I moved up to Chairman and Bob assumed the Vice-Chair role. We are all personally indebted to Bob for his indispensable role in resurrecting Cannon and giving all of us Cannon, Dial, Elm and DEC alumni a home on campus again, and his leadership in making it one of the most popular and vibrant clubs on the Street.

My name may be unfamiliar to most of you, but I actually served on the Elm Board starting back in the late 1970's and have been on the Cannon Dial Elm board since it was formed by the never-to-be-forgotten Warren Crane. It was my privilege to serve with Warren while he designed the new Cannon Dial Elm Club and saw it come to fruition before his untimely passing.

I intend to send out periodic newsletters highlighting the accomplishments, both academic and athletic of our amazing undergraduate membership. However, I encourage you to check out the Cannon Dial Elm website for news as well—cannonclub.com

Of course, the key to a successful club is always bicker, and as the website highlights, Cannon Dial Elm elected 107 new members, comprised of 99 sophomores and 8 juniors. We also expect to pick up a handful more members in the 'fall bicker' which didn't exist in past years, but in recent years is already becoming a tradition. An equal number of bids to men and women this year resulted in 60 new male members and 47 new female members, although in most recent years women and men have joined in equal or almost equal numbers. Of the new members, 94 are athletes playing on 25 different teams; the other 13 new members are not on a team but active in a variety of extracurricular organizations. Our new undergraduate President Josh Coan is on the Men's Volleyball team, as was his immediate predecessor. Vice-President Kate Monihan's responsibilities include alumni relations and the website. Both are SPIA (formerly the Wilson School) majors; Josh is also pre-med.

The website highlights our greatest academic success-senior Ella Gantman '23 winning the Pyne prize, "awarded to the senior who has most clearly manifested excellent scholarship, strength of character and effective leadership". I was at the presentation of the prize on Alumni Day and can attest to Ella's brilliance if her acceptance speech is any measure of it. She is a true scholar athlete of whom we can all be proud. Actually, Ella is our second Pyne prize winner in 4 years, following Sydney Jordan '19!

Moving on to athletics, Princeton is the talk of March Madness as I write this, with the men's team in the Sweet 16 after two major upsets, and the women's team having made it to the second round before succumbing to a second seed Utah team. 12 members of the men's team are

Cannon Dial Elm members (5 seniors, 4 juniors and 2 sophomores); and 6 of the 12 members of the women's team are too (5 seniors, 3 juniors and 4 sophomores). With so many of them coming back next year, our teams should be strong again in 2024. Of course, both teams also won Ivy League Championships as well, which we celebrated at the club last weekend.

I recommend you take a look at the following link to the story just posted on the University website: <https://www.princeton.edu/news/2023/03/23/buzzer-beaters> Every athlete mentioned/photographed in it, with the exception of wrestler Patrick Glory, is a Cannon member.

Just a couple more quick things:

- You should know that 3 Princeton trustees are Cannon Dial Elm alumni:

Marisa Demeo, Dial '88 (term ending 2025)
Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia
Washington, D.C.

Brad Smith, Elm '81 (term ending 2027)
Vice Chairman and President, Microsoft Corporation
Bellevue, WA

Jackson Artis '20, (term ending 2024)
Associate Professional Staff I, JHUAPL; Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins
Rockville, MD

- The Grad Board is constantly looking for ways to improve our ability to support the Club. One way to do that is to be sure that we have a Grad Board that reflects the diversity of our full membership, both current students and the alumni of Cannon, Dial, Elm, DEC, and CDE. To do this, we will make the following changes:
Young Alumni Trustees. Moving forward, we will include one member of each graduating class as a Grad Board member to serve a two-year term. This individual will serve as a full member of the Board and will bring a unique perspective to the Grad Board meetings as a recent graduate. The term will commence in September of each year and end two years later. We hope some will want to either stay on the Board after their term has ended, or rejoin us at a later date.

This past October, the board selected/elected two candidates from the class of '22 to serve as trustees with staggered terms of one and two years:

- Tavaris Noel '22 October 2022 – August 2023 (1 year term)
- Rachel McQuigge '22 October 2022 – August 2024 (2 year term)

Congratulations Tavaris and Rachel!

The next young alumni trustee will be from the class of '23, will be selected in the spring of '23 and announced at the senior send off. We have a number of members interested in applying.

Potential New Grad Board Members. One of our other objectives as a Grad Board in addition to a more diverse membership is to be more transparent in the selection process for new members. With that in mind, we are looking to identify candidates who would like to be considered. Once we have a list, we will keep that in-house in the event a trustee is needed and then work with a Selection Committee to make the best selection for the club.

The most important qualifications are a passion for the club and a desire to take action to keep improving the experience for future members. Other expectations of a Grad Board member are the following:

- Consistent attendance at Board meetings, preferably in-person (at least 50% of the time)
- Active and open-minded participation in those meetings
- Active participation in initiatives and committees outside of the Board meetings
- Demonstration of commitment to the Grad Board in terms of time, ideas and financial support in excess of membership minimums

There will be an initial membership period lasting two years. If an individual doesn't meet the expectations above, that member may be excused from service on the Board.

In order to be considered, please submit the following to cannon@princeton.edu

- Current resume with club and graduation year
- A short email describing your experience at the Club and why you would like to join the Board

This list will be refreshed from time to time through subsequent communications. Individuals who respond to this communication would need to respond to future communications as well to continue to be considered.

If you have any questions, please send an email to cannon@princeton.edu.

- Thanks all, and have a great Spring, but plan to join us at Reunions! We are looking forward to hosting you, so please stop by and say hello. I will be around the club much of the time and would love to meet you.

Best,

Chuck Freyer '69

Chairman