



PRINCETON TERRACE CLUB

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Dear Fellow Terran,

These are interesting times at Terrace Club, with many exciting developments occurring just since members of the Princeton Class of 2012 took their final examinations in May. During Reunions weekend, we outdid ourselves, and all of the other eating clubs as well.

First up on Friday evening was our own Terran Nikki “2k” Muller ’05 who performed her viral YouTube parody “The Ivy League Hustle” and other side-splitting skits. The next evening was the coup de grâce, Dead Head Night, which many enthusiastic Terrans (alumni and students) and guests have called one of the best events of any kind in our 108-year history. With an estimated 1,400 people in attendance, it was certainly the largest gathering of Terrans at one time ever.

For two and a half scintillating hours, legendary bass guitarist Phil Lesh, his two talented sons Brian and Grahame, and several other terrific musicians performed on an outdoor stage into the wee hours of Sunday morning under a glowing moonlit sky on the natural amphitheater side lawn of Terrace Club. This truly extraordinary concert was held to celebrate the graduation of Phil’s son Brian Lesh ’12 (a proud Terran) and to promote awareness for the Club’s much-needed capital campaign to fund substantial renovations to our aging and worn clubhouse. Famed fusion guitarist Stanley Jordan ’81 (also a Terran), who happened to be on campus for Reunions, heard about the concert just that afternoon and joined Phil Lesh and the others literally at the eleventh hour to perform with them for parts of the musical extravaganza, at Phil’s gracious invitation. Stanley wowed the audience with his amazing instrumental skills; Phil himself reportedly commented, “I closed my eyes and it was like being onstage with Jerry [Garcia] again.” This

very special evening put a definitive stamp on Terrace Club’s undisputed claim to being the best music venue on campus—and well beyond. The introductory emcee remarks to Dead Head Night by yours truly can be viewed on YouTube: visit tinyurl.com/TFCdeadheadnight to see the video.

During the summer, our staff and other dedicated Terrans worked hard to improve the Club by removing ragged carpets, upgrading the taproom ceiling, and tending to the grounds (see more on page 4). On August 25, our third annual Pig Roast attracted many alumni and students, all of whom had a good time. When school resumed in September, the clubhouse immediately filled up with what probably is the largest membership in Club history. Two hundred and twenty full-time upperclassmen have chosen to experience all that Terrace Club has to offer, making it the most popular eating club on campus. We are very proud of this distinction, but it also poses some additional challenges that could be better addressed with an upgraded and expanded clubhouse—hence the need for the Terrace Future Campaign which is about to enter the solicitation phase for potential lead donors in order to eventually raise \$3.5 million.

For specific information on the Campaign, and to view the conceptual architectural plans for the clubhouse, please visit www.princetonterraceclub.org. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help the campaign, please send an e-mail to info@princetonterraceclub.org. Also, a donation envelope is enclosed if you are inclined to give to the Campaign at this time. Let us all join forces to ensure that Terrace Club will be the best eating club on the planet for generations to come.

Sandy Harrison ’74
Chairman of the Board of Governors

STATE OF THE CLUB

A note from President Dimitris Papaconstantinou '13



Dear Terrans,

Your beloved Terrace F. Club is in the midst of a period of unprecedented success. The house is looking better than ever, the food is at its most delicious, and the love is at its peak. For the first time in years we find ourselves at capacity with 220 members filling the house day in and day out, spreading our credo of Food and Love throughout the Princeton campus.

Last semester we bade farewell to our senior class with a quintessentially unique Terrace weekend, as we brought stand-up comedians, poets, musicians, and tons of scrumptious food for a celebration that few will forget. Of course, the highlight of the weekend was Dead Head Night where we were all lucky to see Phil Lesh (of the Grateful Dead) perform old and new classics along with his sons Brian and Grahame and guitar legend Stanley Jordan '81. Everyone who was lucky enough to be in the club that night was in agreement that it was the best show ever held in Terrace.

This great event fueled a summer of creative work, as we proceeded to renovate and upgrade several parts of the house.

We repainted and refurnished the Willard Room and the Solarium, we removed the carpet from the stairs, renovated the taproom, and created a canopy of morning glories, which covered the whole back porch creating a majestic effect. Check out photos of our progress on page 4.

As the summer ended, we held our 3rd Annual Pig Roast, with many alumni coming down to the club to eat Chef Olin and Sous Chef Ben Arfa's amazing food and to enjoy the beautiful garden. We even had a newlywed alum, Danielle Nunez '02, stop by and get a proper Terran toast.

Once September rolled in we welcomed all the incoming Terrans with a series of events under the canopy with student bands, a bonfire, and a drum-circle completing the weeklong festivities.

We also launched a new and improved website with extensive listings of events, pictures, trivia, and an expanded online store of Terrace merchandise from past and present. Visit www.princetonterraceclub.org to see these improvements and lots more.

Now that the semester has gotten under way, we have returned to our old Terrace ways: beautiful music, amazing food, crazy and diverse events ranging from weekly film screenings and guided nature walks to a sausage and pretzel filled Oktoberfest celebration. Throughout, we have been welcoming more and more alumni back to the club as we are moving ahead with the Terrace Future Campaign, which will ensure the preservation of this beautiful place for decades to come.

As my term ends, I feel immensely respectful of the unique culture of the club, grateful for all the amazing experiences that have been given to me, and excited for the bright Future of this place generations of Princeton students have called home.



Taking a break from summer projects on the front steps of the clubhouse. Clockwise from far left: Dimitris Papaconstantinou '13 (President), Dan Becker '13 (House Manager), Peyton Cline '13 (Vice President), Galit Goldstein '13 (Social Chair), Alex Stokes '13, Leila Howard '13

With food,
Dimitris Papaconstantinou '13

Terrace continues to seek gently used books of all kinds to fill our library shelves. If you live in the area, please consider donating your old fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We are especially happy to receive Princeton and/or Terrace memorabilia, including Bric-a-Bracs.



WE REMEMBER

Terrans mourn the loss of visionary Chef Larry Frazer

Lawrence P. Frazer, the vivacious and creative chef who served Terrace Club for seven years and the Princeton community throughout his life, lost his long battle with cancer on April 23, 2012. He was 59 years old.

From 1977 until 1984, while many of the sign-in clubs faltered amid low membership numbers, Larry's passion, creativity and talent kept Terrace alive and strong. In an effort to broaden Terrace's appeal among many undergraduate club choices, he began experimenting with vegetarian meals. These days, vegan and vegetarian friendly choices are available on all of the eating club and dining hall menus, but at the time this was an entirely new concept at Princeton. Wherever they choose to take their meals, students today can thank Chef Frazer and Terrace Club for cultivating vegetarian cuisine as an accepted alternative dining choice on campus.

Larry enjoyed many of life's pleasures: boating, camping, and birding, and was an avid gardener. His greatest passion was playing mandolin, and as with most aspects of his life, he shared his music with Terrace students. Larry reminisced, "...while playing my mandolin on the terrace during a break from work, out walks Stanley [Jordan] with his Travis Bean guitar stating 'I've never played along with a mandolin before.' After the first few notes Stanley played, I realized all that amazing music I'd been hearing from the residence quarters was NOT some new amazing jazz record...it was Stanley!" From that point on the two artisans shared their talents, both culinary and musically, and developed a lasting friendship.

Larry loomed large in the lives of every student who passed through Terrace in those years. In 1982 he celebrated his marriage to his first wife at the clubhouse with the undergraduate officers acting as attendants and Jordan as the musical performer. When he decided to transfer to Campus Club in 1984, he hired an old friend, Barton Rouse, to take his place as head chef at Terrace, thus cementing his legacy of passionate, creative cooking that fed not only the body but also the soul.

In 2011, Larry described his culinary beginnings in his blog, *A Chef's Diary*: "I was hired by the club that was the true antithesis of Princeton elitism. It was called the Terrace Club (the "Alternative Lifestyle Club") and it was my opportunity to truly learn how to cook. The membership there had been fed for years by a cook lovingly referred to as "Salter Walter." He would come in early and pump out breakfast and lunch, then stick a dozen #10 cans into a bain marie and call it a day. The dishwasher would open the cans four hours later, dump them into a steam table and voila—dinner. It was easy for me to impress them since the only way I knew how to cook was from scratch. I read every cook book that I could put my hands on and made every mistake imaginable but I managed to keep the members very happy and slowly became a chef to be reckoned with."

We all mourn the passing of a man whose enthusiasm and devotion helped shape Terrace Club as we know it today. Thank you Larry for all you gave to Terrace and the Princeton community over the years.



Larry was a wonderful chef and a subversive and positive influencer of young lives, including mine, at Terrace Club.

~ Margaret Garigan '86

He changed students lives with his brilliant cooking and exuberant living. What a wonderful time we had hearing his stories in the kitchen office, and romping through the fields at the Freakers French Fry.

~ Dana Harrison '81

I especially remember Larry for his calm presence. He was never one to stress out. One day after doing kitchen prep for dinner, he gave his assistant instructions on how to prepare the meal—Coquilles St. Jacques, a baked scallop dish—and then left. Apparently the assistant did almost everything exactly as instructed: prepped the scallops, arranged them on baking trays, put them in the oven, and took them out 30 minutes later. The only problem was—he forgot to heat the oven. When Larry received a call later that night by a freaked out student manager, Larry was cool as can be. "No problem," he said. Just change the menu board to read "Sushi St. Jacques." Larry was the best.

~ Daniel Baxter '82

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The clubhouse grounds are greener than ever. This year, Chef Olin trained morning glories across the lower deck to create a “living” room: a cool and inviting space with walls and arching ceiling built entirely from trellised vines (A). Up on the Terrace, members have enjoyed picking fresh ripe tomatoes and peppers from multiple hanging tomato planters that double as lush wind screens. Meanwhile the flower beds abound with towering cannas (C), sunflowers, and hop trellises (G). Your club remains the most environmentally conscious spot on the Street with our multiple new plantings of Jersey natives that attract many beneficial pollinators and compost heap that accepts all kitchen food waste.



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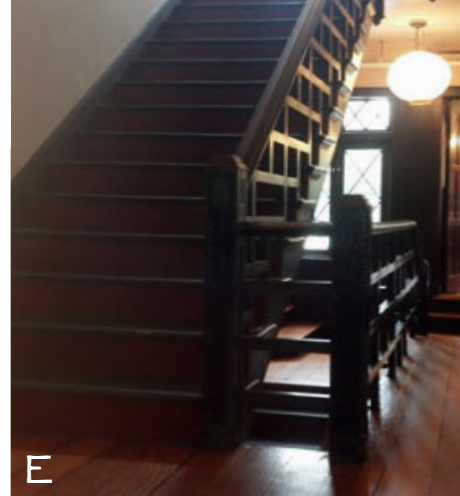
The David A. Willard Room received a real makeover this summer, with new paint, a deep floor cleaning, and new trim and fixtures (D). Since the addition of a pool table last year, the Willard Room (also known as the upper living room) has become again a popular hang-out for members between classes and after dinner, and the club's billiards skills are improving dramatically thanks to practice and tips from resident pool sharps Olin and Ben. (For members graduating in the last few decades, don't worry—Terrace is still home to the popular pool variant known as Balls; that game reigns supreme on the upstairs pool table.)



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The Howard Helms Solarium also received a new coat of paint, new fixtures and new furniture. With its hanging flower baskets and stately palms it is a fine place to sip coffee and catch up with friends (H).

Following years of high traffic use, the carpet covering the clubhouse stairs and ladies' lounge was in poor shape. This summer we removed the old carpet and sanded and sealed those stairs and wood floor to a sleek dark brown finish that is easier to clean and safer to travel on busy nights (E). New energy saving LED light fixtures and new furniture in the ladies' lounge complete the look (F).



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The taproom is nearing the end of a major renovation that dovetails neatly with the planned expansion that will take place as part of our capital project over the next few years. What began as a small project to raise the taproom ceiling by a foot uncovered massive amounts of decommissioned wire and calcified plumbing (B). Once replaced with low-profile high-flow pex lines, water pressure increased throughout the building—a fortunate side-effect of what was initially a cosmetic update. The higher ceiling and dimmable LED lighting greatly decreases the sense of crowding in the taproom and improves sound quality, while preserving the cave-like homey atmosphere you remember.

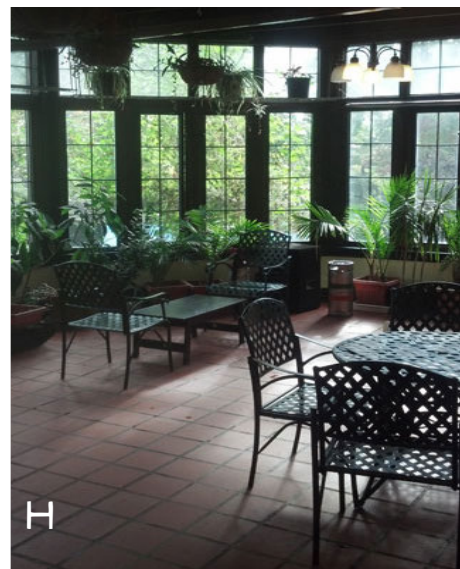


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See these improvements and many more: stop by the clubhouse any time to enjoy a meal and meet current members. Or join us for one of many alumni events; more details on the back cover of this publication.



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A big shout-out to all the Terrans who were able to join us this past spring for Terrace Night at the Princeton Club of New York. We had so much fun we're planning more events at PCNY and in other cities as well. Keep an eye out for invitations via email to upcoming Princeton Club events and come reminisce with Terrans across the years!



IN MEMORIAM

Terrace remembers dedicated conservationist Russell Train '41

Russell E. Train '41, an alumnus of Terrace Club and one of the most influential and well-known leaders in American conservation, passed away on Monday, September 17 at his farm in Bozman, Maryland. He was 92.

From 1969 to 1977, as Richard M. Nixon's first chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, and then as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under Gerald R. Ford, Mr. Train was among a select group of senior administration officials and Congressional leaders who shaped the world's first comprehensive program for scrubbing the skies and waters of pollution, ensuring the survival of ecologically significant plants and animals, and safeguarding citizens from exposure to toxic chemicals.



Mr. Train was widely considered the father of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the cornerstone of all modern federal environmental legislation. Its signature provision was the look-before-you-leap requirement for federal agencies to prepare environmental impact statements before proceeding with any major project.

In 1978, after leaving government, Mr. Train joined the World Wildlife Fund's affiliate in the United States, first as president, then as chairman and chairman emeritus. He helped transform a small and effective conservation group into a \$100 million-a-year global network of researchers and technical specialists, famed for its panda bear trademark.

Mr. Train was a pioneer not only at WWF, but for the entire conservation movement. His emergence as a central player in environmental policy, regulation, and advocacy was made possible by a convergence of national need, personal passion, and astute career management. His life and work will continue to inspire Terrans young and old for years to come.



Congratulations to Danielle Núñez '02 and her husband Jamaal McDell '03. Danielle and Jamaal were married August 25th at the Princeton University Chapel. They stopped by the clubhouse after the ceremonies to take photos and drink a toast with members and alums. Best wishes to the happy couple!

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FALL EVENTS

Fall means football season! Stop by the clubhouse after home games this season for drinks and snacks. Alumni are welcome any time at the clubhouse; come join us for a meal!

We'll be serving hors d'oeuvres, wine, and beer after every home football game. Don't miss this chance to relive your college days and catch up with fellow Terrans—today!

🌀 **Saturday, October 20th**
Princeton v. Harvard 1:00 p.m.

🌀 **Saturday, November 3rd**
Princeton v. Penn 1:00 p.m.

🌀 **Saturday, November 17th**
Princeton v. Dartmouth 1:00 p.m.



Bill Scheide '36 treated undergraduate members and guests at the club's Alumni Day reception to a beautiful Bach prelude.

