

COLONIAL CLUB

Fall Newsletter

November 2019



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A Letter from THE PRESIDENT OF THE GRADUATE BOARD



Dear Colonial Family,

The students are back for another great year, and they kicked things off with a memorable Lawn Parties performance! It was great to see everyone back at Colonial for Homecoming and for the big win against Harvard! It was especially exciting for everyone to see the latest renovations around the clubhouse.

Over the summer, the Club completed several large-scale renovations. We worked with architect Kirsten Thoft, who previously served as Vice Chair of Princeton Borough's Historic Preservation Review Committee and as Vice Chair of the Princeton Regional Environmental Commission, to transform the first floor. With a substantial redesign, the first-floor restroom will finally accommodate all of our members! No longer will ladies be required to trek to the second floor, and now we truly have a unisex, wheelchair-accessible restroom. Other facility upgrades include an enlarged coat room, an upgraded second-floor ladies' restroom, and a true walk-in refrigerator in the basement to complement Chef Gil's culinary talent. We can thank Club Manager Kathleen Galante, who oversaw these major projects from start to finish, for her dedication and hard work. The Club continues to be in capable hands.

These renovations not only sustain the Club's physical structure but also breathe new life into the spirit of Colonial, where the young and young-at-heart are bound together by genuine ties of friendship. As always, Colonial looks forward to being a place where current students can create wonderful memories and a place for alumni to reminisce and share theirs. Go Tigers!

Yours Sincerely,

Angelica Pedraza '12
President, Graduate Board of Directors

Undergraduate

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Dear Colonial Alumni and Members,

I hope you all have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! We are excited to start back this fall with 120 members in the club. While the challenge of recruiting and retaining members becomes more challenging every year, the club's officers did a great job with finding new ways to bring new members to Colonial. This year, we began a Member Referral policy and held an "Upperclassman Week" of events in the beginning of the fall for prospective members.

The social scene has been as festive as ever as our officer corps continues to create great events for our membership. Frosh Week at Colonial was well-attended despite a university ban on freshmen from the Street, and our Lawnparties act featuring **Sage the Gemini** was regarded to be better than the university's main act. We have had fun member events such as a Blue & Gold Semiformal and an especially jovial Hotel Colonial, and TCIF parties have never been better as we continue to seize Friday night market share.

Our recruitment push for new sophomores has been off to a strong start as well. Our **Freshmen Barbeque** last spring and our recent **Oktoberfest** Sophomore Dinner were both well attended, with approximately ~120 sophomores at each. We are excited to be ramping up our recruitment efforts into February to hopefully culminate with a large class of new sophomore members!

The officer team this year has also made strong efforts to help our members feel safer and more included. We created a formal financial aid policy to help alleviate the financial burden for members who needed it, and we also started a member duty policy along with bright blue-and-yellow duty shirts to make officers on duty more identifiable during parties by our members and guests.

It was great to see some of you back at brunch and dinner during Homecoming on October 26th! The new renovations to the club's first-floor bathroom and coatroom look amazing, and we were so happy for everyone to see it. We also hope to be seeing some of you at our biannual alumni event in New York City later this spring—stay tuned for more details to follow! Please always feel welcome to return home to Colonial and show your friends and family the place that you spent so many hours dining, laughing, studying, and having fun!

Finally, if any of you have any interesting career or internship opportunities that you would like to share with our membership, please send me an email—I am sure that our upper-classmen whom are in the midst of the job-searching season would love to learn more!

Warmest regards,

Kevin Wu '20
Undergraduate President



REUNIONS 2020

FRIDAY, MAY 29
SATURDAY, May 30
&
SUNDAY, MAY 31

GOING BACK...
GOING BACK...
GOING BACK TO...
COLONIAL CLUB!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT COLONIAL

FRIDAY, MAY 29
10:00pm - 3:00am
TAP ROOM IS OPEN

SATURDAY, MAY 30
10:30am - 1:30pm
Milk Punch Brunch
...you know you love it!

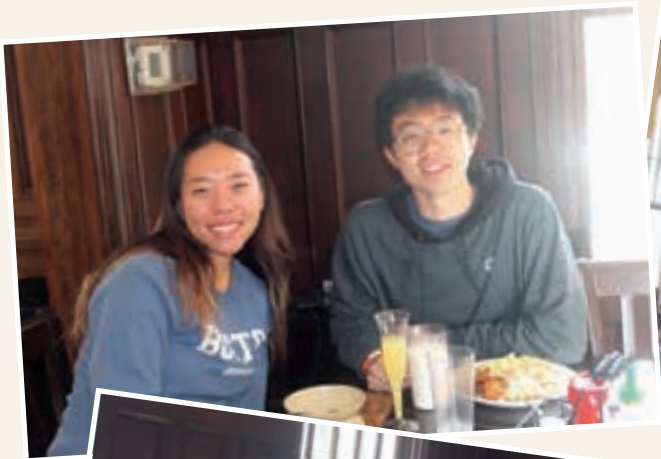
2:00pm
P-Rade

3:30pm - 7:00pm
Smokin' BBQ Feast...
After the P-Rade

10:00pm - 3:00am
TAP ROOM IS OPEN

SUNDAY, MAY 31
10:00am - 12:30pm
Homeward Bound
Brunch Buffet

Homecoming 2019 WEEKEND



Reunions 2019 WEEKEND





Colonial Club Celebrates the **Class of 1969** at Reunions!



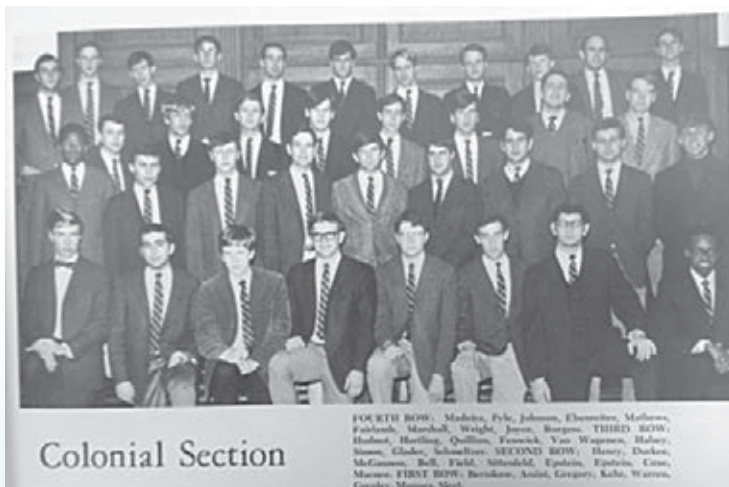
Bob Durkee: A Princeton Career

Submitted By Julian Dean '13 *18

When Bob Durkee '69 first enrolled at Princeton in 1965, he initially didn't realize he was coming to an all-male University. Ranked #1 in his high school, he was used to taking classes mostly with female students. By the time he graduated college in 1969, however, he would go on to play a role in transitioning Princeton to coeducation, and eventually all three of his daughters would attend Princeton, in the classes of 1993, 1996, and 1999.

In college, Bob spent most of his time at the 'Prince' headquarters at 48 University Place. At the time, most of the Daily Princetonian leadership joined Colonial Club, and he followed suit accordingly. He realized, however, that he was arriving for meals at the last minute and then leaving right away to go back to the paper. (Still, he was one of the few members who regularly came for breakfast.) Not being able to take full advantage of the social life at Colonial, and also not seeing his roommates much, Bob decided to switch in his senior year to Quadrangle so that he could see his roommates there. He had seven roommates, all of whom were in Quad or Tower Club. It was almost unheard of at the time to switch clubs, so a dean pulled Bob into his office to ask if everything was OK. Bob assured him it was! After graduation he initially wasn't listed as an alumnus of either club; Colonial generated its alumni list from graduating seniors and Quad from new sophomores, and Bob had been neither. It was only after later revealing this while coincidentally sitting on a plane with a club president that he was able to get himself on both alumni lists.

While writing for the 'Prince,' Bob received a lot of attention for being the first to report that Bob Goheen, the University's President, felt it inevitable that the University would switch to co-education. In those days, the Prince was a much bigger presence on campus than today. Basically everyone read it every day and it was the major – if not only – source for news and information on campus. He still recalls in vivid detail every event in the process leading up to the admission of the first women undergraduates in 1969. His notes from his interview on this topic with President Goheen are now on display at Frist Campus Center.



► **Bob Durkee as a Colonial Member** (the second from the left in the second row)



► **Bob at Colonial, October 2019**

After graduation, he spent three years teaching fifth grade in Trenton while living in Princeton, before joining the University administration and working in Nassau Hall. He continued working in Nassau Hall for more than 47 years. Over time, he gained responsibility for many of the University's external relations functions, from the University's relationship with the town of Princeton, to the state and federal governments, as well as the media, the alumni, and the public more broadly. For the last 15 years of his career Bob was also responsible for the University's Board of Trustees, which recently held a committee meeting at Colonial Club that included ex-officio trustee Governor Phil Murphy.

Over his time in Princeton, Bob has acquired an encyclopedic knowledge of the University and its history, and in retirement has fittingly taken on the task of updating *A Princeton Companion*, an encyclopedia about Princeton originally published by the Princeton University Press in 1978. These days he spends his work days at a carrel in Firestone library researching and writing. No-one else could do a better job! ■

Demetrius Vereen

NOMINATED AS A HIDDEN CHAPLAIN



Colonialite, **Megan Ormsbee '20**, nominated our own Demetrius Vereen as a Hidden Chaplain through Princeton University. The award acknowledged Demetrius, our dinner meal checker, as a Hidden Chaplain, which is defined as being someone who works at Princeton who has been supportive and there for the students, even if they don't do the most visible jobs.

After a dinner recognizing the Hidden Chaplains at the University, Megan took the opportunity to give a speech to share why she nominated Demetrius. She talked about how much support and comfort Demetrius gives to the members

of Colonial on a daily basis. There was a huge emphasis at the reception on being grateful to those, like Demetrius, who take the time and energy to support the students. We're very proud of Megan for her nomination and couldn't be happier that Demetrius stands out as a hidden chaplain at Colonial Club!

GIVE TO Colonial

Colonial has continued to thrive over the years by the generous support of our alumni! Please continue to make your dues payments and thoughtful donations to the club.

► DUES

The Dues Structure is now \$25.00 for all those who graduated within the last ten years and \$50.00 for all those who graduated eleven plus years ago. Paying your dues provides admission to all alumni events at Colonial, including meals at Reunions and Homecoming. Dues may be paid at the door, at any event or online. Non dues payers will be asked to pay their dues before visiting for a Club event. If dues are not paid, the member and his/her guests/family members will be charged an event fee. Guests and family members of dues-paying alumni are always welcome free of charge. We look forward to seeing you!

► ANNUAL GIVING

Now, more than ever before, Colonial Club needs your support. We need your help to sustain our wonderful reputation on the Street and to offer our current student officers the marketing tools necessary to continue and increase membership. Please make your unrestricted gift today!

You can donate a tax-deductible gift to the Princeton Prospect Foundation (PPF)/Colonial Account to support our educational spaces or you can donate a gift directly to The Colonial Club for its immediate use toward the general upkeep and ongoing maintenance of the Club. The "Pay Club Dues" tab on our website will guide you. You can also email, call or use the envelope provided. Colonial Club thanks you for your generosity and support to the club!

PPF website: princetonprospectfoundation.org

JOB BOARD

Colonial Club offers a job board to our members to help secure internships and career opportunities.

Please contact our Club Manager, Kathleen Galante, manager@colonialclub.com to add your company and available positions to our ongoing Job Board.



Be sure to update your contact information at

www.colonialclub.com

so that you may continue to receive news from the club.

Keep us updated on your life and we may post it in the next newsletter!

Send your life news and celebrations to:

manager@colonialclub.com

Linked in

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Join our LinkedIn group to offer career and networking advice to Colonial Undergraduates:

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&gid=7423124&trk=anet_ug_hm



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Alumni INTERVIEW SERIES

Submitted By Julia Neagu '13

This interview in our alumni series is with **Daniel Pedraza POL'13** and **Yi Liao CHM'11**.

Q: How did you two meet?

We met at Colonial in the Spring of 2011, but we actually got to know each other while we were both staying at the club that summer. Yi sent an email asking if anyone wanted to watch the original X-Men trilogy in the movie room, and Dan was the only one to join. Over the next several weeks many more movie nights ensued, and many of Chris Shuck's famous whiskey sours were consumed. Countless great memories were forged between us and with the other rowdy Colonial residents during what we now refer to as the Legendary Summer of 2011.

Q: Tell us a bit about what you did at Princeton.

The big overlap between our Princeton lives was Colonial. Yi graduated after Dan's sophomore year, but she continued to visit frequently while Dan was Recruitment Chair and Vice President of the club in his junior and senior years. While an undergrad, Yi was a Chemistry major who sang with the Tigressions, danced with Triple 8, and took part in the Creative Writing program. Dan was a Politics major who dabbled in theater with PUP and was active in CAUSA and Accion Latina (now Princeton Latinos y Amigos).

Q: What have you been up to since graduating?

After graduating in 2011, Yi stayed on campus that summer to finish up her research project on nanoparticles — a great choice (for obvious reasons). She then worked as a consultant for IBM before attending Wharton Business School. Dan graduated in 2013 and attended Columbia Law School. At Reunions 2015, we got engaged at Colonial and celebrated heartily with our friends and family all weekend long!

After we both finished our graduate programs in 2016, we moved to Jersey City and worked in New York — Dan as an associate at a law firm and Yi as a product manager at a telemedicine company. We spent the better part of that year planning our Mt. Rushmore wedding, which took place in September of 2017.

We had fallen in love with the Black Hills of South Dakota back in 2012 when we took our first ever road trip there to celebrate our anniversary and Yi's naturalization. That trip inspired us to take many more road trips around the U.S. and abroad. We started out with rental cars, then gradually worked our way up to renting camper vans and RVs.

Q: How did you decide to buy an RV and become nomads?

With the gradual progression of renting bigger and bigger vehicles on our annual (and semi-annual) road trips, we grew more and more comfortable with the idea of living full-time on the road. We loved going to RV shows to scout out cool rigs and following RVers, vanlifers, and tiny-house dwellers in all their digital nomad glory. More than anything, we dreamed of a life that was rich in experiences and minimal in material possessions, where we would have the freedom to stretch ourselves, see new things, and feel at home anywhere we went.



Q: What is your favorite memory from your travels?

Last October, we spent about 3 weeks traveling across Southern Utah visiting the "Mighty Five" National Parks — Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon, and Zion — as well as jaw-dropping State Parks like Dead Horse Point. Some of the most incredible landscapes and night skies we've ever seen were from that leg of our journey, where we felt such sustained, profound awe every single day that we knew we had made the right decision to pursue our dream.

Q: Where are you now? Do you think you'll get back on the road soon?

After our year of living the RV life and exploring the country, we decided to settle down in Denver, Colorado! But just because we're not traveling full-time anymore doesn't mean our time on the road is over. Road-tripping is part of our DNA as a couple, and we're looking forward to making more memories on the road together and, eventually, with our future kids. One of the biggest reasons for picking Denver was the easy access to outdoor recreation and RV country, so we plan to weave our wanderlust into our regular life going forward.



► Engagement Announcements



Roland Hwang '13 met his beautiful fiancé, Maymay Liu, three years ago. They met through their parents and have been together ever since. Roland and Maymay's parents surprised them by showing up right after the proposal! Roland was the Colonial President in 2013 and continues to visit Colonial regularly.

We all wish Roland and Maymay the best!



Matthew Landry '13, former Colonial House Manager, is engaged to his lovely fiancé, Sabina Sood. After a 2-day puzzle-based scavenger hunt that involved beer drinking, hiking, skydiving, sleeping in a yurt, a proposal at sunset, Dom Perignon, and a surprise dinner with family, they were engaged in Santa Cruz, CA.

Congratulations Matt and Sabina!

► Weddings/Anniversaries



Jenny Liu '14 and **Alex Cooksey '12** got married not just once, but twice this summer! Their first wedding was set in the Catskills in early June, when they got married under an ancient maple tree among their closest family and friends. They held a second traditional Chinese wedding in Chongqing, China in September for family and friends who couldn't make it to the American celebration. They're looking forward to picking a spot for their very delayed honeymoon (maybe Australia)!



Christopher Lando '13, Colonial alumni, and Elizabeth Stockton Howard, graduate of Princeton University, were married on September 15, 2018, at St. Christopher by-the-River, an Episcopal church in Gates Mills, Ohio. The couple met in October 2015 while both represented Lazard Frères on a recruitment trip to Princeton.

David Harten Watson '84 and his wife, Corina, are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in August 2019. David is the author of the Magician's Gold series of young adult fantasy books. *Congratulations from Colonial Club!*

PHOTO: David and Corina's Wedding Day, 25 years ago (August 6, 1994)



► Baby Announcements

Henry Christopher Lando was born on June 28, 2019, at 8 pounds and 22 inches to **Chris Lando '13** and his beautiful wife, Elizabeth. The family lives happily in Soho, New York!

Congratulations Chris and Elizabeth!



Obituaries

Obituaries excerpted from the Princeton Alumni Weekly



Douglas Denby '53 Douglas was born in Dublin, Ireland, and studied in Le Rosey, Switzerland, and at the Millbrook School before coming to Princeton. He was a member of Colonial Club, majored in history, and wrote his thesis on "The Presidential Election of 1932." Douglas died May 28, 2019, in Washington, D.C. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Christiane; a son; a daughter; and five grandchildren.



David K. Akers '50 Dave died March 19, 2019, at his F6 Ranch home in Kimble County, Texas, where he was predeceased by his wife, Margaret, where they lived since the mid-1950s. He came to Princeton from University High School in Cleveland. He majored in economics and belonged to Colonial. He is survived by his children, Carol '81, Kenneth '84, and Susan; six grandchildren; and brothers Robert '48 and Bruce '56.



Peter N. Lord '65 Peter died Nov. 19, 2017, of mesothelioma at home in Vero Beach, Fla. He came to us from St. Paul's, majored in English, and took his meals at Colonial Club. He earned an MBA at the University of Chicago Business School and was a naval communications officer on the USS Kitty Hawk and the USS Beharduring Vietnam. Peter is survived by his wife, Lyn; daughters Marjorie Wages and Barbara Romero; four grandchildren; and sister Jane Andrews.



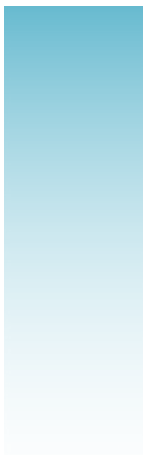
Anderson Todd '43 *49 Andy died Dec. 21, 2018, peacefully at home in Houston, Texas. He was 97. Andy prepped at St. George's School in Newport, R.I. At Princeton he played soccer and lettered in 150-pound football, 150-pound crew, and wrestling. He was a member of the Madison Debating Society and Colonial Club. In Houston, Andy met his first wife Lucie Wray in 1953, and together they raised two children, Emily and David (Andy and Lucie later divorced). In 1992 Andy married Iris Gracey Todd, who collaborated with him on his final projects. He is survived by Iris; his children, Emily Todd '79 and David Todd '81 and his wife, Wendy; stepchildren Michael Lawrence, David Lawrence and his wife, Cheryl, and Tamara Roberts and her husband, Johnny; and four grandchildren



Peter M. Lafen '73 Pete died Feb. 13, 2019, of a heart attack. He graduated from Pennsauken High School. At Princeton Pete majored in history with a certificate in Russian studies and served as vice president of Colonial Club. Other Princeton activities included fencing, the Bric-a-Brac, the Nassau Herald, Whig-Clio, Karate Club, and the Band. A great conversationalist, Pete often returned to Princeton and especially enjoyed talking with first-generation students. His faith and Russian heritage remained an important part of his life, and through Russian studies, he met his wife, Caroline Early. They had two daughters, Katherine (Julien Xavier) and Masha. He served as PTA president at their schools and coached their soccer teams. He loved traveling, canoing, hiking with his family, and time with his grandson, Theodore Xavier, and his dog Zoe.



Peter W. Anson '50 Peter died Jan. 17, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minn., after a long struggle with dementia. After graduating from St. Paul's, he served a year in the Navy. At Princeton he majored in history and belonged to Colonial. He started his law career in New York, but returned home to Minnesota in 1961 to join Faegre & Benson as a corporate lawyer, later becoming a partner. He also served on non-profit boards, including the Minnesota Nature Conservancy. Peter is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sally; four children, including Leslie '85; nine grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.



Don Morrison Kelley Jr. '53 Don was born in New York City and came to Princeton from the Brooks School. He majored in history and wrote his thesis on "The National Elections of 1852." He was a member of Colonial Club. After graduation he served in the Army in Okinawa and met his wife, Vita, a stewardess with Northwest Airlines, while traveling between Okinawa and the United States. Don died Jan. 12, 2019, at home, and his wife died 10 days later. They are survived by their three daughters and six grandchildren.

Donald B. Barrows Jr. '48 Don died Jan. 27, 2019, in Boca Raton, Fla. He was 92. At Princeton Don majored in psychology and dined at Colonial. His roommates in '79 Hall included Henny Hamilton and Rodney Landreth. He graduated in 1949 and did Marine service before college and Army service after graduation. After retirement, he and his wife, Mary, whom he called his "long-term-care policy" because she was 16 years younger than him, relocated to Florida. On an island in Biscayne Bay, she reports, life "was all about family, Florida, and boating." Don is survived by Mary; their five children, Sydney, Craig, Barbara, Borden, and Tika; and 12 grandchildren.

Charles C. Shenk Jr. '64 Chick died Jan. 2, 2018, of heart failure in Erie, Pa. He was born in Erie Dec. 3, 1941. His father, Charles, and his father's identical twin brother, Allen, were in the Class of 1930, and his cousin Allen Shenk Jr. was in the Class of 1962. At Princeton, Chick rowed freshman and varsity heavyweight crew, participated in Orange Key, and taught Sunday school through the St. Paul's Society. He was a member of Colonial Club. Chick is survived by his niece, Melissa Mock Riorda; nephew Geoffrey Mock; and by Shenk cousins John, Allen, and Wilbur.



IN MEMORIAM ...gone but never forgotten

Mr. Francis B. Lentz '44, Mr. William W. Sant '50, Mr. Robert H. Lee, Jr. '56, Mr. Thomas L. Rourke '57, The Hon. James Robertson '59
Mr. Simeon H. Rollinson, III '61, Mr. G. Stephen Crane '63, Prof. W. Chandler Kirwin '64, Mr. Daniel P. Cunningham '71



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**SAVE THE
DATES!**

Alumni Day

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Reunions 2020

MAY 29 — MAY 31

(REUNION DETAILS ON PAGE 2)

Host your next Event at Colonial Club!



**Colonial Club offers a classy, unique venue for
your upcoming corporate or social events.**

Contact our Club Manager, Kathleen, for menus and event
planning assistance, manager@colonialclub.com