



Cloister Inn's Insider

Celebrating Cloister's 100th Anniversary!

News From the Board Chair

Brad Hart '99



Cloister Inn is alive and well at 100!

The start of 2012 is a great time to reflect on the past 100 years and look forward to the next century of club life. Our 100th Anniversary celebration began at homecoming in the fall and will continue at Alumni Day, Reunions, and Homecoming 2012, as well as at regional Cloister events coming soon to a town near you.

I recently started my term as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and am excited about the future of Cloister and the eating club system as a whole. This year marks an important milestone in our history but also marks a period of increased communication and partnership with the University. I am excited to lead the board over the next few years as we continue to improve and strengthen the club for the future. We have a strong group of dedicated alumni that have guided the club over the years and continue to dedicate their time to the club.

As we move forward into the next century, we're hoping to attract new volunteers. I'd like to ask all of you to consider the important role that Cloister played in your undergraduate experience and consider becoming more involved in the club. There are many ways to get involved and we will be looking for alumni to join the board, host regional events, and provide career guidance to our members. Please feel free to contact me directly if you're interested in getting involved.

Homecoming was a wonderful chance to see generations of Cloister alumni celebrate the important role the club has played in undergraduate life at Princeton. We hope that you will stop by the club the next time you are in Princeton and see that Cloister continues to play an important role in undergraduate life at Princeton.

Bradford Hart '99
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We'll be celebrating Cloister Inn's 100th Anniversary all year long — and we can use your help.

If you want to get involved, contact John Wachter at info@cloisterinn.com

The Social Scene

Kate Baker '12, Social Chair

News about our social events over the past year.

With May showers came spring...houseparties! Cloister kicked off the weekend with a formal dinner and soiree on Friday, followed by a true party band, "Nite Time," that kept members and guests on the dance floor until the wee morning hours. Houseparties weekend was culminated by the ultimate brunch. Chef Alan fed 400 members and guests on a plethora of homemade pastries and the chocolate fountain. We ended the weekend with "2 a.m. Club" on the front lawn, which attracted what seemed like the entire undergraduate student body.



For lawn parties in the fall, Cloister booked "Hello Goodbye," a band famous for their certified platinum hit, "Here (in your arms)." Freshman week and lawn parties were followed by Cloister classics, such as "Floaters versus Boaters."

Cloister hosted DJ "5 & A Dime" in order to raise money for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK).



Undergraduate Officers



Giving the Club a Facelift

Mike Protesto '12, House Manager

Throughout the spring and summer, the club underwent some basic scheduled renovations and some major improvements. The biggest improvement is the re-configuration of the third floor computer room into a new game room. Besides a 15-person wraparound sofa and widescreen TV that is set up to handle several different types of video game consoles, we installed an air hockey table for those members looking to incorporate a little physical activity. About one third of the club was repainted and carpeted this summer, and the backyard patio was repaved. As a personal aside, I want to thank all of the undergraduate members and alums that ventured back for Cloisterfest to help with backfilling the volleyball court and staining the picnic tables.

Newly Elected Undergraduate Officers

President...Brain Wettach

Vice President...
Beau Kila Pickering

Social Chair ...Connie Gao

Treasurer ...Alexa Powers

House Manager...
Will Lawley

Senior Undergraduate Officers

President...Jake Sally

Vice President...
Adlai Pappy

Social Chair ...Kate Baker

Treasurer ...Andrea Schiller

House Manager...
Mike Protesto

Anniversary Kick Off

Alan Aptner, Executive Chef/Steward

I know I got to see a lot of you Saturday 11/12, but for those who couldn't make it, be sure to stay tuned for upcoming events. The festivities ran from break of day 'til the wee hours of the morning. We started early with an expanded brunch (Yes..there's MORE to Brunch than just 'cheesy eggs'...), setting up a separate buffet with Joe Lugo, the newest addition to our staff, manning the made-to-order omelet station with over 12 different fillings. Add accompaniments of local natural Lancaster County Amish smoked pork loin, crème brulee croissants, smoked mozzarella and roasted tomato empanadas, and bacon-cheese and tomato mini-pannini, well...how could you miss? We continued the post-game festivities with a warm reception including a soup and mini-sourdough boule bar, and hot jazz from none other than the fabulous *Josh Aptner Trio*.

We eased into our dinner stations with the help of some locally crafted micro beers and wine tasting station. Add a beer pong tent, follow that with desserts, and the amazing seven piece *Peter Scott Ruben Orchestra* to carry us into the night...well, you've just got a WOW! DJ Nate capped off the night into the morning bringing the undergrads onto



the dance floor that the grads had eagerly warmed up for them earlier.

Preston's remarks noting our approaching a 100 year mark, Cloister's unique character, identity, and position on Prospect, along with McCall's memories of and tributes to our staff and members underscored everyone's connection to Cloister from years ago, today, and looking forward. Just ahead of my being invited to say a few words after McCall, I was thinking that 100 was a LONG time....Then I realized that I have been here for one-third of that, oh my!!

I look forward to next year's celebrations honoring the 100 year mark, and many more with you all in the years thereafter.

Favorite Memories of Cloister

- Late nights in the hot tub is the favorite non-classified memory I can share.
- Houseparty senior year with the girl I married 55 years ago (my present wife).
- My first frosh night, my last visit, and every moment in between.
- "Hanging out" at the old balcony with clubmates.
- All things Cloister library.
- All the party week-ends with the dates staying in the bunk beds upstairs some of the time....
- Cloister is more of a feeling than a single memory.
- The legend of the moosehead, and the photos of the Classes of 1965-66.
- Dancing to Dion and the Dynamics. What a weekend!
- Drinking out of the Easterns Cup 3 times in the Cloister Library.
- Too many to mention!!!!
- Dancing with my girlfriend, now my wife of 51 years.
- My favorite memory is the WPRP guys playing bridge continuously 24/7 at the card table in the Cloister (without prayer books).
- The very generous way that our housemother, Ms. Post, mixed the eggnog at Christmas time.
- Turning 21 at 80s semi-formal and being surprised with a huge cake!

Cloister's 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Party



The 100th anniversary celebration begins...

John Wachter '04

The Homecoming festivities commemorated Cloister turning 100 years old, and the beginning of a year-long celebration. Alums of all ages gathered at the club throughout the entire day to catch up on all aspects of life.

Since 2012 will bring the true century mark, several of our alums, with the support of the grad board, hope to create repeats of the Homecoming celebration. While some might be on a smaller scale, we look forward to all of the alums having the opportunity to catch up and network in and out of the club.

Never hesitate to email info@cloisterinn.com to find ways to participate in and contribute to the beginning of our year-long celebration of 100 years, as well as the club's effort to strengthen our alumni network. Look forward to seeing you all at our February Alumni Day reception.



Cloister's 100th Anniversary Kick-Off Party



**Come to Princeton for Alumni Day
then head over to Cloister!**

Saturday February 25th —4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Enjoy beer, wine, and appetizers with fellow alumni and entertainment by Peter Scott Ruben and his Jazz Trio, followed by a buffet dinner.

RSVP is not required but is appreciated:
<http://tinyurl.com/CloisterAlumniDayRSVP>

An Interview with Craig Mazin '92, Writer of *The Hangover 2*

Jake Sally '12 and Chris Dodds '13

Junior Chris Dodds and current club president Jake Sally sat down with Cloister alum Craig Mazin '92, most well known as the writer of *The Hangover 2*, to discuss film, life, and his time at Cloister.

Q: Did you have any memorable classes from your time at Princeton?

A: If I had to pick one, I'd say "Animal Behavior." I learned a lot about humans in "Animal Behavior," probably more than I did in four years at college.

Q: So you wrote The Hangover 2. Is that based on any personal experiences?

A: Thank God, no. Not even close.

Q: How did you get your start in the industry?

A: It was when I was still at Princeton. I was a junior heading into the summer, and I entered a competition to get an internship with a television academy, which I won. My friend and I recorded my interview in the Cloister library, sent it off, and they picked me. So that summer, I interned at Fox Broadcasting Company. After I graduated, I drove out to California with a bunch of friends from Cloister after taking a picture in front of the club. I started with advertising and moved my way over to movies, and that was that.

Q: Why'd you join Cloister?

A: When I joined Cloister, it was a pretty cool place. It wasn't super cool guys, but it wasn't dorksville either. It was a middle of the road club, and there was a girl there who I was pretty into, who I eventually married.

Q: What's your biggest takeaway from being a Cloister member?

A: I will tell you this: [college] may seem like a brief time in your life, but it is an intense time and a lot of that time is spent in that wonderful building, and I do have an entire life as a result of that building. I met my wife there, and we have two kids, and I will show them where we met and where we fell in love. So even though it seems like it might not matter, it does matter. You will remember it well.

Even with an extremely busy Hollywood schedule, Mr. Mazin made time to show us a mile in his shoes. From freshman to filmmakers, Cloister continues to shape the lives of Princetonians from all walks of life. Cloister helped bring Mr. Mazin and his wife together. Email info@cloisterinn.com to let us know how Cloister has affected your life for the next edition of the *Innsider!*

Changes on the Street

Adlai Pappy '12, Vice-President

As of this *Innsider* edition, Prospect Street is embarking on a new era of dining management...electronic meal exchange. Yes! Gone are the days of filling out blue cards. A joint effort between the clubs and the Inter-Club Council (ICC) now allows for the students to check in at meals with their prox ID card, as well as meal exchange outside the club more efficiently. This is an important step for the Street. Over the past two years, the propensity of students to dine at other clubs and to spend time with friends outside the club has increase dramatically. In general, this should be viewed as a positive for the development of Prospect Street.

Task Force on the Eating Clubs

In you haven't yet read the report from the University's Task Force on the Eating Clubs, visit www.princeton.edu/ectf. The University has created a website specifically for the dialogue on University-Club relations. You can download the report and view a video on the clubs.





Visit the New Cloister Alumni Website!

We now have a website just for Cloister alumni. See more alumni pictures, find out about upcoming events, make a donation to the Annual Fund.

Would you like to reconnect with a Cloister friend? Register on our new Alumni Website and you can access the Cloister online member directory. Sign up using the email you have registered with on TigerNet.

Visit the new Cloister alumni website at alumni.cloisterinn.com

Contact Cloister

Main Club phone number: 609.258.0652

You can send an email to info@cloisterinn.com, and we'll direct your inquiry to the right person. You can also reach the following key people directly:

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Support Cloister!

Please make a gift to Cloister to celebrate our 100th anniversary year. You can donate directly to Cloister, or make a donation via the Princeton Prospect Foundation (PPF). Every penny you donate goes to improving the educational programming and physical condition of the club, and donations via the PPF are 100% tax deductible. You may also help Cloister continue to provide membership to individuals of all financial backgrounds by making a special donation to the Cloister Inn Scholarship Fund. This fund provides additional financial assistance to worthy individuals to help cover the gap between Princeton University financial aid and club membership fees. Donations to the Scholarship Fund go through the PPF and are tax deductible.

Checks for non-tax deductible gifts should be made directly to Cloister Inn. Please make checks for tax deductible gifts out to Princeton Prospect Foundation —Cloister Inn.

Use the payment envelope enclosed or mail your check to:

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Call for Volunteers!

We'll be celebrating Cloister Inn's 100th Anniversary all year long — and we can use your help

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begun — get ready
for a year full of events
to honor our
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