

A Message from President Tilghman to Cap and Gown

I want to convey my greetings and best wishes to all of the Cap and Gown students and alumni who are gathered to launch your capital campaign to refurbish and expand your clubhouse. You have set an ambitious goal, and I wish you every success in achieving it.

As all of you know, the eating clubs play important roles in the life of this University and the lives of our students. In recent years, the clubs and the University have had a number of opportunities to work closely together, in expanding our financial aid program for juniors and seniors to increase the range and diversity of students who can afford to participate in the clubs; in developing shared meal plan options for students who would like to join both a club and a residential college; and in identifying best practices to deal with such issues as the health and safety of our students. I believe the clubs and the University are also doing a better job of communicating the distinctive attributes of the clubs to applicants for admission.

Like any longstanding institution, the clubs need periodic renovation and renewal if they are to continue to meet the needs of their members. I applaud the work you have already done to prepare for your campaign, and I know that future members of Cap and Gown will be very grateful for this significant investment that you are proposing to make. I look forward to seeing the improvements to your clubhouse that your campaign will make possible.

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