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An Inferno Success: Dante would have been proud

Best. Party. Ever,” exclaimed a Stilesian as he left Pierson courtyard. That’s right, PIMPS. We hosted the best party at Yale.

For those who can remember, the Inferno has a notorious history involving both police officers and Yale – New Haven Hospital. To add to this, space has always been a terrible issue for the party; we can only fit so many Yalies in Pierson Dining Hall. Therefore, a large amount of pressure was added to the shoulders of Inferno planners Rhiannon Catapano and Adam George.



“The biggest concern to us was making sure the party went well enough that we could have another one next year,” says Catapano.

She and George spent many hours with Dean Fabbri and Master G, as well as with Laura Kilng and MC Miller, the PSAC chairs, planning the event and making sure everything



Photos by Pierson Sun Staff

Top: Members of the PSAC assemble in the dining hall before the Inferno setup blitz.

Left: ... and a Piersonite in a dogwood tree...

Bottom: Event organizers George and Catapano with Dean Fabbri and Master G.



would run smoothly. With the success of Davenport’s outdoor dance party, the two planners pushed to have the party held both in the dining hall and in the courtyard. This would hopefully prevent any potential space issues. Master G approved, and this was probably one of the best decisions made in the planning process.

Days before the event, the dining hall and courtyard were adorned in lights and Halloween decorations. The Master’s and Dean’s Office staff put together the traditional graveyard. With the Pierson Tower glowing red, the courtyard decked out in lights, and Peggy’s desk haunted by ghouls and goblins, the Inferno could begin. Overall, Catapano and George say that the Inferno was a great success.

“Everyone we spoke to said that the best part was dancing in the courtyard with all of their friends,” says George.

There was only one incident when the dining hall was too crowded, but that was easily resolved early in the evening. The rest of the party ran remarkably well. The DJ played a great selection of music and Yalies in all costumes danced the night away into sin. Here’s to another great Inferno next year!

10 Questions for Master G... Never mind! He has a story for us!

Master G reminds us of the fact that he, too, is as much of a member of the Pierson family as you and me. His privacy has been tested in recent years just like yours is when your little sibling enters into your room uninvited or when mom goes through your drawers

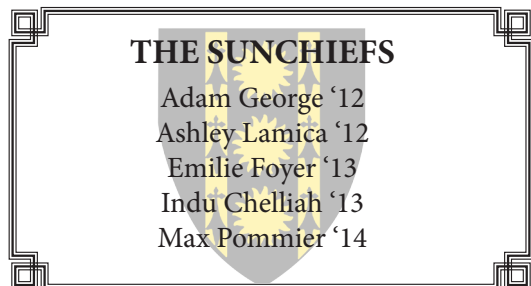
sans permission looking for whatever may appear to be suspicious. Well, Master G recalls of a time that a student found the number to the Pierson Master's house as opposed to the Master's Office well into the evening. Master G answered, "Hello?" The student replied, "Hi, is the Master's Office open?" Master G kindly replied, "No, the Master's Office closed at five, which was quite some time ago. This is the Master's House." The

student followed with, "Oh, Master G! I'm glad I caught you. I've got something that I need you to do for me now. It's a bit urgent..." Another story occurred when Master G was waking up and getting ready for the day. The

time had come for him to take his shower. After entering the shower, a student

entered the Master's bathroom. Master G, noticing the presence of someone in his bathroom, asked, "Yes?" It was a student who exclaimed, "Oh Master G! I'm glad I caught you..." Just like you and me, Master G is a full time family member in our wonderful clan of Piersonites, and he is jocundly reminded of that fact every year, which adds to his joy of being the Master of the best college at Yale.

“Oh, Master G! I'm glad I caught you... [insert request here]!”



Spotlight on PSAC: Peas, Salad, Arugula and Carrots?

It has come to our attention that many Piersonites know little to nothing about Pierson's Social Activities Committee. Okay, so this may have come to our attention due to the realization that we knew nothing about PSAC... Either way, such ignorance is about to end.

Recently, over dinner in the stunning Pierson dining hall, PSAC coordinators Laura Kling and MC Miller gushed forth the secrets of the SAC. We publish them here just for you.

PSAC, Pierson Student Activities Committee, is charged with planning, in the words of Miller "super-awesome events for Pierson". While most colleges have only SAC chairs, Pierson is one of the few to have an entire committee. It is a volunteer organization, a "show up and help when you can" group, of enthusiastic Piersonites. According to the chairs, this year, more than any other year, the same people showed up consistently. Such Piersonite commitment (would you expect any less?) provided both necessary manpower and a community of great friends.

PSAC had their hands full with the Pierson Semi and Inferno back-to-back, Viva's night, Fall and Taco Bell study breaks, and a Halloween movie night. Their

big events for next semester include Pierson Day (oh yeahhhh – you might wanna get pumped for this now), a trip to NYC, a ski trip, a Six Flags trip, and the Second Annual Pierson Restaurant Week.

Admittedly, PSAC, like the rest of the nation, has faced the challenge of severe budget cuts. The committee must plan cheaper events that don't feel cheaper, events Piersonites find equally fun and equally awesome. A daunting task that Miller feels has been met: "For example, we chose to have the Semi in the dining hall rather than at Elevate. Everyone who came had an incredibly fun time and we literally saved thousands of dollars by doing it that way." The budget has been cut, but this is still Pierson, Pierson College, and we know how to have fun regardless how much, or how little money, we have to deal with.

Everything PSAC will be switching over next semester and if you want to get involved there is no better time to do so. Talk to the current chairs one night in the dining hall, shoot them an email, or stop by the Pierson Seminar Room one Tuesday around nine. You won't ever regret becoming a part of this tradition perpetuating and establishing group!



Photo by Pierson Sun staff

Chocolate mice lined up to distract hard-working Piersonites at the Holiday Study Break on December 8th; attendees enjoyed a multitude of tasty treats and crafts to whip up some holiday spirit.



Photo by Yale Daily News

Dean Fabbri attempts to figure out which hand performer Jen Kramer is hiding Master G's toupee in at a truly magical Master's Tea on November 9th.



Photo by Pierson Sun staff

Pierson PIMPS still going strong! Braving extreme temperatures, another batch of fierce warriors is heading out to the fields to kick some IM butt this winter.

Upcoming Pierson Events

Wednesday, December 8th at 10:00 PM
Holiday Study Break!

Thursday, December 9th at 4:00 PM
Master's Tea with Susie Linfield, author of "The Crucial Radiance".

Friday, December 10th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Holiday Food Fun - Pierson Dining Hall.

Friday, December 17th
Pierson Dining Hall closes after lunch.

Saturday, December 18th at 11:00 PM
Toad's petting zoo.

Wednesday, December 22nd
Winter Solstice - Dport gnome sacrifice.



Snow Alert!

It's the most wonderful (and bone-chilling) time of the year.

Hide yo sandals, hide yo T-shirts, hide yo fall coats and get out the thirty-two layer bulletproof parka. Snow is coming, and it's here to stay.

It's been a while, but... We still own Harvard

Every other year, Yalies pack their bags filled with as much college pride as they can muster along with all the supplies they will need for a week-long break and head up to a bastion of evil otherwise known as H-----d.

Since we Piersonites prefer to keep all our energy for the game, we decline to participate in the IM final games against the Crimson enemy and the less fortunate who did not find a seat in a private car, a party bus or some such stand in the longest line ever seen to get onto the bus that takes them North.



After a night of adventure in Cambridge or wherever the happening of the evening brought them, Yalies and Cantabs alike make their way up to the event they've all been waiting for: the Tailgate. Yes, they all came for the game, but I know for a fact that for many, the Game is only a secondary pleasure. And as such, Yale wins on this account. Did anyone think the Harvard tailgate was better that a good old Yale one?

Didn't think so. Then, as everyone files into the stadium and scans the crowd for familiar faces, Piersonites unite in order to celebrate the age old tradition of the Chant. "The P is..." You know how it goes. Before this happens, a perfunctory stream of "school on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday", "Harvard Sucks" and variations of this last one are heard. This year,

we may have lost a battle, but we have no means lost the ongoing friendly war we fight against our Cambridge counterparts.

Now many Cantabs think such silly rivalry is below them but I believe they just want to hide the fact that their mascot is an adjective and just cannot rival with Handsome Dan and the fact that they cannot come up with witty repartee as, we all know, living at Yale tops living at H. any day.

Next year Piersonites, we will win against Harvard, we will chant our cheer, we will be IM champions, we will once again humiliate Harvard beyond belief. GO PIERSON, GO YALE!



Top: Freshman Beau Gabriel shows off his Pierson pride by sporting quite a headpiece. Left: The Pierson flag makes a rousing appearance in the Harvard Stadium. Bottom: Tailgating Piersonites were reunited with Shira (yellow sweatshirt), a PC'10 alum!

