



Cannon Dial Elm Club

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Education

The Club hosts monthly Round Table discussions wherein a University faculty member or notable graduate meets with a group of students to discuss his or her field of study. While the Round Table discussions offer a more formal setting for a large subset of members to engage in productive dialogue with members of the University network, Cannon members are always encouraged to invite coaches and other representatives of the University community to meals at the Clubhouse. These exchanges, both formal and informal, enable Cannon and its members to improve relationships with the rest of the Princeton community and offer a glimpse into the daily activities of a Cannon member. This fall, we have also started a Spanish language table where Cannon members can practice their speaking skills over Friday night dinners. Also, a new Cannon member associated with the writing center has opened up office hours/workshopping hours in an effort to bring writing center events to the club.

Technology & Media

Cannon's second-floor computer room presently features four desktop computers and a high-volume cluster printer for basic academic needs. The clubhouse has been set up on the University network to allow students to use their laptops throughout the building. Elsewhere in the Club, the basement tap rooms feature nine TVs set up on three distinct cable feeds and the second floor theater is equipped with cable, BluRay and auxiliary inputs for video game purposes. The Club continues to use its two POS systems in the server room to expedite the ordering process at meals.

Beyond physical technology in the clubhouse, Cannon is always in the process of improving its website, which can be found at <http://www.cannonclub.com>. Presently, the website serves as a great resource for both undergraduate members and alumni, providing regular updates to alumni interested in a variety of Cannon events (ranging from community service, intramural sports and on-campus performances/athletic events featuring club members) and offering students a restricted "members only" section to inform them of social events, menus, etc. A new addition to the cannon website includes a 9 page fall newsletter for current members and alumni that was created in order to spread Cannon news and keep alumni connected to the club. This newsletter was also sent to over 5,000 individuals via email.

Community Service

Many Cannon members are involved in a variety of community service opportunities on campus, including volunteering at local food banks, tutoring Princeton- and Trenton-area youths and serving as volunteer coaches for Princeton youth athletic teams. Last fall, the Club hosted to Nomad Truck,

a fashion boutique on wheels that serves both New York and New Jersey. Fifteen percent of all purchases were donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

As in previous years, Cannon continued its work in supporting local families during the winter holidays. We also had the Nomad Truck come back in the spring semester, and 15% of the proceeds went to Mercer Street Friends Food Bank. Mercer Street Friends is an organization that leads the community response to hunger in Mercer County. They provide millions of pounds of food to more than 60 organizations in Mercer County. Their incredible programs include Send Hunger Packing, which provides students in need with backpacks full of nutritious food for weekends and school breaks. Last spring we held a date auction that raised \$971 and many of our members, most notably Austin Sanders, played a significant role in Truck Fest, that raised over \$20,000 and counting. The proceeds for all of these events also went to Mercer Street Friends.

Campus Life

Following a successful spring bicker Cannon is welcoming an exchange student for his last semester as a senior, 5 juniors and 99 sophomores. These newest members are a diverse and exciting group that represent four varsity sports teams and contribute to over twenty-five Princeton University student groups and organizations. We are pleased to have these new members in Cannon Dial Elm and cannot wait to see how they impact our club. Demographically, Cannon members participate in a wide scope of campus activities, including Greening Princeton, AKWAABA, the Black Student Union, Princeton Faith & Action, Fuzzy Dice Improv Comedy, Black Arts Company (BAC) Dance, Greek life organizations, Shere Khan A Capella, The Daily Princetonian, Business Today, Athletes in Action, Roaring 20's Acapella Group and 24 varsity athletic teams. In order to encourage club activity beyond meals and weekend social events, the club hosts at least two events per month to build the community atmosphere within the club and encourage members to meet their peers. Events that have already occurred this fall include an apple picking trip to Terhune Orchards, a pumpkin carving event, comedy night, karaoke night, streamings of sports games, and movie nights in the theater room. This February, we had our annual Valentine's member night that allowed new members to be the dates of the old members to allow everyone to get to know each other better with food and a live band. Currently, there is a pool tournament bracket being made to complete during the month of February and March. Our next event will be sometime this March.

Sustainability

Cannon club has committed to engaging in more environmentally friendly practices, which includes removing plastic cups from the servery to cut down on cup consumption and the introduction of a food scraps collection that are eventually used as feed at a local pig farm. Our latest update is a change from automatic faucets to manual ones to cut down our water waste. Other sustainability proposals include switching to the use of energy-efficient light bulbs and introducing lighting and faucet systems that utilize motion-sensors. We have also significantly revamped our recycling program by placing recycling bins all over the club and by the computer cluster in order to collect paper and bottles/cups.

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