



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 their field of study. The Round Table discussions offer a more formal setting for a large subset of members to engage with well-respected professors, so members are also encouraged to invite professors, coaches and other members of the University community to meals for more informal conversations. Such exchanges, while not focused entirely on academics, at least offer a peek into the daily happenings of a Cannon member.

Technology & Media

Cannon's second-floor computer cluster presently features four desktop computers and a printer for basic academic needs. The entire clubhouse has been set up on the University network to allow students to use their laptops throughout the building. With the addition of a precept in the club facility, efforts are being made to add a cluster printer to the University network by the end of the 2012-13 academic year to ensure that students have access to a high-volume printer for their academic needs. In the future, we hope to equip the computers with more advanced software applications, add scanners to allow for greater use by the student members in their academic pursuits and offer color printing. Outside of the computer cluster, the club has nine TVs set up on three distinct cable feeds downstairs in the club basement and a second floor theater set up with cable, BluRay and auxiliary inputs for video game purposes. In the spring semester of the 2012-13 academic year, the Club introduced some new technology to the dining hall, adding two POS systems in the servery to expedite the ordering process at meals. Over the next month, the Club hopes to complete both its iPhone and Android applications so that members can place their meal orders before arriving at the Club.

Beyond physical technology in the clubhouse, Cannon is always in the process of improving its website, which can be located 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.

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. For the fall semester, the club will

continue its volunteering with Project Downtown (Trenton), which is an organization that prepares meals for the homeless and hungry in Trenton, NJ. On October 10th, 2013, the Club is playing host to the Nomad Truck, a fashion boutique on wheels that serves both New York and New Jersey. Fifteen percent of all purchases will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

As in previous years, Cannon hopes to continue its work supporting local families during Thanksgiving and the winter holidays, hosting its annual Date Auction as part of the Interclub Community Fundraiser in the spring, and organizing blood drives for the campus community.

Campus Life

Fall bicker was successful, enabling the Club to add 18 members (14 juniors and 4 seniors). After updating club demographics with the recent additions from fall bicker, we have learned that members participate in a wide range of campus activities: Varsity athletics (football, sprint football, men's and women's lacrosse, women's openweight and men's lightweight crew, basketball, men's and women's track & field, men's and women's tennis, baseball, softball, field hockey, women's soccer, women's volleyball, women's ice hockey, women's swim/dive team, women's golf, women's fencing), Intramural and Club teams, Greek life organizations, BAC Dance Company, DiSiac Dance Company, Shere Khan A Capella, Fuzzy Dice Improv, The Daily Princetonian, Business Today, Princeton Faith and Action, Athletes in Action, the Entrepreneurship Club, and more.

In an attempt to encourage club activity beyond meals and weekend social events, the club hopes to host two events per month to build the community atmosphere within the club and encourage members to meet their peers. In the first weekend of October, members of the Club went to Terhune Orchards to pick apples that were eventually used for desserts at a Cannon dinner. Plans for future events include trips to a local pumpkin patch and bowling alley so as to build club community. Moreover, stories detailing specific members' significant accomplishments both on- and off-campus can be found on the club website.

Beginning in the fall semester, the Club will be hosting a series of career and networking nights with Cannon, Dial, Elm and DEC alumni to expose members to a variety of different fields, including medicine, law, business, financial services, advertising and marketing.

Sustainability

Cannon club has committed to engaging in more environmentally friendly practices, which includes removing the plastic cups from the servery to cut down on cup consumption and the introduction of a recycling and composting program. Other sustainability proposals include switching to the use of energy-efficient light bulbs and introducing lighting and faucet systems that utilize motion-sensors.

Other Developments

Following the completion of Cannon's ground-level patio behind the clubhouse in May, which included the addition of an outdoor kitchen, Cannon has added a sprinkler system for its lawn and replaced all tables in the dining room with circular tables prominently featuring the Cannon crest.