

Princeton Tower Club

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Education

Tower actively supports intellectual life at Princeton, both by providing a clean and well-maintained space for studying and by using the clubhouse as a venue for academic ventures. The History Department continues to hold precepts in the building – this semester, Tower is hosting History 361, “The United States Since 1974.” Tower was able to accommodate the History Department’s rescheduling of precepts in light of recent snow as well. In addition, unofficial study sessions for various classes have been scheduled in Tower’s precept room, especially leading up to finals period in the winter.

Throughout the academic year, Tower has continued its roundtable program allowing members to meet important figures on campus and discuss various issues with them over dinner. Some accomplished figures who have talked with Tower members in the past months include linguistics professor Joshua Katz, Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, investigative reporter Mike McGraw, and computer science professor Brian Kernighan.

Civic Engagement and Community Service

Tower as a building and a space available for the use of various campus groups also contributes to the furthering of its civic engagement mission. A variety of campus groups have reserved rooms within the building as places to meet, including the College Democrats, the Keller Center Advisory Council, and Orange Key. In addition, Tower is in the process of selecting Community Service chairs to help lead the club’s service mission in the next year. These chairs will be in charge of creating club-wide service events as well as finding individual opportunities to give back for the Tower community.

Sustainability

In order to discourage wasteful behaviors, Tower has been following a policy of not making to-go containers available. Members and guests who want to take their food with them must ask for tinfoil from the “meal checker” or any staff member – while the foil is freely offered to anyone who requests one, Tower’s officer corps has found that this policy has significantly decreased waste associated with meals. Tower has also begun an initiative to recycle food waste, putting out a bin for every meal to collect excess food. The waste is then transported to a farm where it is repurposed as food for pigs.

Structurally, Tower persists in its commitment to use energy-efficient bulbs in the clubhouse instead of traditional light bulbs. Additionally, the construction of an addition

to the clubhouse is focused on creating an environmentally friendly space that remains aesthetically pleasing and functional.

Technology

Tower recently updated its printer to be connected to the “All_Clusters” printer network, which streamlines printing and makes it more convenient; our new printer is a more efficient machine that can more readily be instructed to print in double-sided format. Tower’s Technology Chairs, Austin Jackson ’15 and Nikhilesh Sigatapu ’15, are in the process of creating a new feature on the club’s website that will provide scheduling information for the various rooms in the club, making it easier for members to see how the club is being utilized and reserve various facilities.