

# The Princeton Quadrangle Club

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Dear Quad Alumni,

Greetings from the Quadrangle Club! It's been a few months since my last note via the email list, so I would like to let all of you know about our activities over the last year.

First of all, let me say a few words about our students. Our latest junior section is, as usual, extremely enthusiastic and energetic, keen to use the club facilities to their fullest. The senior section, having successfully led the club for the past 12 months and now staring their upcoming thesis deadlines straight in the face, have happily begun the annual transfer of club leadership to their protégés.

Returning to the topic of alumni news – Quad continues to host a wide assortment of alumni events. Since my last mailing, we've seen Reunions events, Homecoming events, Alumni Day events, a number of alumni gatherings (e.g. wedding receptions and dinners), graduate school information sessions, and a handful of alumni-sponsored functions (my company enjoyed last year's holiday party at the Club so much, they decided to return for the festivities again this year, to great delight!). Our Club Chef and Steward Neville Sutherland continues to pull out all the stops for these alumni gatherings. If you're interested in information about hosting your event at Quad, please feel free to contact me or Neville.



*Alumni sample Neville's cuisine*

Recent University news has probably also caught your attention. Over the past 8 months, Quadrangle (along with all the other clubs on the Street) negotiated an agreement with the University regarding financial aid for its junior and senior members. In an unprecedented change, starting next year the University will be considering the costs of eating club membership in its financial aid process. For students receiving the most generous aid packages, this will add up to an almost \$2000 annual increase in no-loan financial aid. We hope you agree that this will be a great boon to our undergraduate student member population, and that it will allow Quadrangle to welcome new members who might otherwise have been unable to afford the singular and priceless eating club experience during their time at Princeton.



*Post P-rade BBQ*

Quadrangle will also benefit in a number of other ways: improved access to IT infrastructure, including full wireless internet installation, snow removal, etc. In exchange, we have agreed to set aside a number of slots each year for students choosing to live in the 4-Year residential colleges. These students can select a "shared meal plan," taking some meals at the University Dining Halls, but the majority at the Clubs.

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The University's stated goal is to increase choice for all upperclass students. In that these same students are our members, I cannot help but agree that increased choice will be beneficial for everyone involved. We will, of course, monitor the success of the program over the coming year before committing to continued participation in the future.

My role as Vice Chairman of the Graduate InterClub Council (GICC) continues to allow me to build some great collaborative relationships with senior members of the University administration. With every meeting, I am growing more sure that the University has finally come to realize that the Club system is a vital component of what makes the Princeton experience so great for so many, and that they are coming to the table eager to discuss opportunities to strengthen our relationship.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions, and look forward to seeing many of you at Alumni Day, Reunions, or whenever your travels bring you close to Princeton. Happy holidays!

Sincerely,

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