

= Litchfield Towers =

Litchfield Towers , commonly referred to on campus as " Towers " , is a complex of dormitories at the University of Pittsburgh 's main campus in the Oakland neighborhood of Pittsburgh , Pennsylvania . Litchfield Towers is both the largest and tallest dormitory at the University of Pittsburgh , housing approximately 1 @, @ 850 students .

Designed by the architectural firm of Deeter & Ritchey , the complex was completed in 1963 and was named for former chancellor Edward Litchfield following his death in an airplane crash in 1968 . The complex consists of three towers , which during construction were designated A , B , and C in the architectural plans . The names stuck after the towers were completed , and the towers are still so named today .

Towers A , B , and C house mostly first @-@ year freshmen . The towers are all of different heights , and differ slightly in their living accommodations . Tower B is the tallest of the three , at 22 stories . Tower A is 19 stories tall , and Tower C is 16 stories in height . Rooms in Towers A and B are the same size , roughly 17 ft ( 5 @. @ 2 m ) by 11 ft ( 3 @. @ 4 m ) . These measurements are not exact , however , because the three towers are cylindrical in shape ( although actually twenty @-@ sided ) and the rooms themselves are therefore somewhat trapezoidal .

= = History = =

The original proposal for the " unusual skyscraper dormitory " complex , designed by Dahlen Ritchey of the architectural firm of Deeter & Ritchey , was unveiled in June , 1960 and called for three towers to contain living quarters with unobstructed views for 1 @, @ 868 male students . The towers were preliminarily designated as A , B , and C , with undergraduates to occupy tower A and B and graduate students tower C. The towers would rise from a three story base that included a dining room accommodating 14 @, @ 000 students , serving men from the towers and women from the nearby Schenley Quadrangle residences , as well a parking garage in its bottom level . Construction was initially delayed a year due to perceived high expense , but the dormitories opened in September , 1963 at a cost of \$ 14 million with initially 1 @, @ 150 residents filling approximately two @-@ thirds of the spaces .

The reference to the three towers as A , B , and C , which originated in their designs , remains to this day , although from their inception , the towers have been designated with unofficial nicknames reflecting the similarity of their shape to the canister packaging of the coinciding to the commercial cleansing products Ajax , Bab @-@ O , and Comet . Due to the obscurity of Bab @-@ O cleanser in more recent years , Tower B has often been referred to by the nicknames Bon Ami and Bounty .

Collectively , the dorms were at first simply referred to by the university as the Tower Residence Halls . In 1971 , the university formally named the complex Litchfield Towers in honor of Edward Litchfield who had served as Pitt 's chancellor during their construction and subsequently died in a tragic 1968 airplane crash .

= = Towers A and B = =

Towers A and B are very similar to each other . All rooms in both towers are doubles , meaning that two people share each room . There is a lounge the size of three dorm rooms every third floor , containing a large television and several couches and tables for studying . Communal and university @-@ sponsored events frequently take place in the various lounges throughout the towers . Every floor shares a communal bathroom , with several shower and restroom stalls . Each floor has twenty rooms , except for the lounge floors , which only have seventeen . Each floor 's resident assistant lives alone in their respective room , meaning each floor houses 39 people . On the ground floor of Tower A there is a small fitness center containing treadmills , ellipticals , bikes , and weight equipment . A fully functioning post office and all student mailboxes are located on the ground floor of Tower B. Due to the fact that both Towers A and B are exclusively residences for first year students , they are both designated as alcohol @-@ free . Its distribution , sale , and consumption ,

is punished if discovered .

Previously , there had been several specialized student communities in Litchfield Towers which are set aside by the university , although they have since moved to other on @-@ campus housing spaces . Students Pursuing Academics and Careers in Engineering , commonly referred to as the " SPACE " floors , was located on floors 8 through 11 of Tower A until it was moved to Forbes Hall in 2011 . The University Honors College first @-@ year Living Learning Community was housed on floors 11 and 12 of Tower B prior to 2005 , and then on floors 11 through 14 after 2005 , and the University of Pittsburgh College of Business Administration Living Learning Community is located on floors 9 and 10 of Tower B. After the 2006 @-@ 2007 school year , The University Honors College First @-@ Year Honors Community was moved to Forbes Hall until 2011 when it moved to Sutherland Hall , while the College of Business Administration Living Learning Community was moved directly to Sutherland Hall in 2007 .

= = Tower C = =

Tower C is different from Towers A and B in several ways , but primarily in the fact that its rooms are single occupancy . The rooms are 2 / 3 the size of rooms in Towers A and B , and like Tower A and Tower B , every third floor has a lounge containing a television , couches , and tables for extra study . In addition , each floor has 30 rooms , except floors containing a lounge , which have 27 . No official specialized student communities are housed in Tower C , but designated male and female floors are 24 @-@ hour Quiet Living Communities . Up until 2010 @-@ 11 , Tower C was open to students of any year , however it now houses primarily first @-@ year students .

= = Student services = =

As the largest dormitory on the University of Pittsburgh 's campus , Litchfield Towers is home to several student services in order to accommodate its large population .

= = = Panther Central = = =

Panther Central is the center for most basic student services . Some of these services include issuing of student ID cards , replacement of lost ID cards , verifying residential status for students with forgotten ID cards , dispensing of general information , placing maintenance requests for rooms , and other such services .

= = = Dining services = = =

Until the 2007 academic year , the ground floor of the Litchfield towers complex housed two University dining facilities , both run by the French food service conglomerate Sodexo . " The Marketplace " ( formerly known as C @-@ Side ) was an all @-@ you @-@ can @-@ eat buffet serving traditional foods such as pastas and salad . The menu changed throughout the day , starting with breakfast foods such as waffles and cereal and ending with dinner dishes such as lasagna . The other , " Eddie 's " , was structured more like a food court , with several stand @-@ alone food shops serving such foods as sandwiches , chicken , and hamburgers . Eddie 's also contained a small grocery store mainly selling snack foods and pre @-@ packaged dinners . The grocery store offered a small selection of kosher foods . The small shop in the lobby of Towers , " Common Grounds " , which sells coffee , juice , bagels , and various other baked goods still remains .

For the fall of 2007 , the Litchfield Tower dining facilities were completely remodeled . The newly renovated dining hall has been named " Market Central " , and contains six new all @-@ you @-@ can @-@ eat venues and two takeout areas ( " Market @-@ To @-@ Go " and " Quick Zone " ) . Often referred to as just " Market " by campus residents , Market Central 's venues offer a great deal of variety . The Flying S @-@ T @-@ A @-@ R Diner , for example , offers around @-@ the @-@ clock breakfast while Magellan 's serves up food from around the world such as eggrolls and other

ethnic specialties . Upon entering , students present their campus IDs to gain access to all six venues for their entire duration in the facility . Meal passes or dining dollars can be used for admittance . In 2013 , renovations to Market Central included doubling the size of the Quick Zone and the addition of " Towers Treats " ice cream and dessert booth .

= = = Security = = =

Although Panther Central , the Towers Lobby which connects all three towers , and the dining services located on the ground floor are accessible to everyone , only residents are allowed in the individual towers and must present their student ID card to a 24 @-@ hour security guard to gain entrance . Visitors to any of the Towers must be signed in by a resident of the Tower , and must present either their student ID card if they are a student or a valid form of photographic identification if they are not . Guests signed in by residents must be signed out and leave the Tower by 2 : 00 AM . If not , an overnight stay request must be completed , of which a student can only file a certain number each academic semester . No resident is permitted to sign in more than three people at one time .

During the designated moving @-@ in / moving @-@ out periods at the beginning and end of semesters , the elevators in all three Towers can access the basement garage , allowing students and visitors the ability to travel freely between Towers .