

Campus Life

University life is more than just classrooms and books. The university emphasizes education of the whole person and provides opportunity for the development of the intellectual, spiritual, and social areas of the student's life. Some of the activities designed for a well-balanced Christian life are residence hall activities, films, musical performances, seminars, prayer groups, mission trips, discussion groups, and athletic events. The Office of Student Development directs events pertaining to student life. A listing of student activities can be found in the Student Handbook and opportunities for leadership can be found in the Leaders for Life brochure.

CAMPUS HOUSING

Babcock Hall, built in 1979, is named after Dr. Wendell K. Babcock for his many years of exemplary academic service to Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music (GRSBM) and for his years of volunteer service to Cornerstone University in the Alumni Office. Babcock Hall houses approximately 130 upperclass women and men. Made up of three floors, the men live on one floor, while the women fill the other two. Each living unit is comprised of a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, bathroom, living area with air conditioning, and two bedrooms. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail and the internet, and every floor has laundry facilities. There is a community study lounge with a computer lab and a social lounge. Residents are encouraged to use these lounges to interact, watch television or study.

Cook Hall, built in 2000, is named after Mrs. Emajean "Pat" Cook, devoted and loving wife of Mr. Peter Cook, a successful businessman whose philanthropic endeavors have included a gift in support of this residence hall. Cook Hall houses 142 first-year women in suite-style rooms, consisting of two bedrooms with a bathroom in between. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail and the internet, and every floor has laundry facilities. There are two single-occupancy, barrier-free rooms and an elevator to assist physically challenged students. Cook Hall is connected to Van Osdel Hall by a three-story glass atrium. The common areas feature shared lounges, kitchenette, study lounge, and game area for the 256 residents in the two halls. It is an appealing place for individuals to come together for social interaction and relaxation.

Crawford Hall, built in 1980 is named after Dr. Joe Crawford who was associated with Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary for 52 years. Dr. Crawford began as a student at GRBC in 1948 and continued to teach until his homegoing on November 3, 2000. Almost identical to Babcock Hall, Crawford houses approximately 130 upperclass women and men. Men live on two floors and the women on the other one. Each living unit is comprised of a kitchen with a stove and refrigerator, bathroom, living area with air conditioning, and two bedrooms. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail and the internet, and every floor has laundry facilities. There is a community study lounge with a computer lab and a social lounge. Residents are encouraged to use these lounges to interact, study or watch television.

Fuller, Knol and Morris Apartments, built in 1965, 1965, and 1970 are named for Dr. David O. Fuller, first president of Cornerstone University, the Rev. Gerard Knol, third president of Cornerstone, and Rev. Lloyd Morris, board member and pastor. The three buildings contain a total of 48 one and two bedroom units, including two guest apartments. The apartments are reserved first for married seminary students, then single seminary students. Remaining vacancies are filled first by married undergraduate students, and finally single undergraduate students.

Keithley Hall, built in 1975, is named after Dr. Howard Keithley who faithfully served on the board of trustees of Cornerstone University for 32 years and as interim president (1958-59). The structure of the hall follows a suite format where two rooms, each housing two women, are joined by a bathroom, which provides a convenient living arrangement. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the internet and Cornerstone's server. Keithley has a computer lab and a nicely furnished lounge on the first floor. Keithley houses 80 upperclass women.

Miller Hall, built in 1965, is named after Mrs. Verna Miller, mother of board member C. John Miller, who served as its Resident Director for 15 years. No longer used as a residence hall for students, Miller Hall houses Health Services and Counseling Services.

Pickitt Hall, built in 1970, is named after Mrs. Ann Pickitt, wife of Allegan businessman Harry Pickitt, who supported the building of this hall. Pickitt can house 165 first-year women. Pickitt is the only female residence hall to offer communal bathrooms, which promote a sense of unity among its residents. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the internet and Cornerstone's server. The women in Pickitt have access to computer labs within the hall, and a large fully furnished lounge with a pool table, foosball table, and television. The north side of Pickitt has the advantage of a beautiful view of the pond. Pickitt Hall houses women who possess a fun loving spirit, full of energy and excitement.

Quincer Hall, built in 1964, is named after Dr. Sheldon B. Quincer who was one of the 10 original part-time instructors at Grand Rapids Baptist College in 1941 and faithfully served as an instructor for the institution for 27 years. At full capacity, Quincer houses 86 first-year and upperclass men in two wings, with communal bathrooms. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the internet and Cornerstone's server. Other amenities in Quincer include a lounge with a foosball table, ping pong table, and study tables. Quincer is an energetic community where the residents are challenged to be men of God who sharpen one another through accountability and truth.

Van Osdel Hall, built in 1977, is named in honor of Dr. Oliver W. Van Osdel. Van Osdel is a three-story residence hall that can accommodate a maximum of 114 first-year male residents. The rooms are arranged in a suite-style where two rooms, each housing two men, are connected by a shared bathroom. Data ports allow students to access their e-mail, the internet and Cornerstone's server. Van Osdel, also known as "VO," is located on the west side of campus and has a spacious lounge in the basement, with a pool table, foosball table, large television, an enclosed conference/ meeting room and study lounge. It shares with Cook Hall a three-story atrium with lounges on the second and third floors. VO seeks to provide an environment where students are challenged spiritually, socially, and physically, in hopes to encourage them to deepen their relationships with God and other fellow believers.

CAMPUS SAFETY

The primary focus of the Department of Campus Safety is to promote and provide safety, security and service to our students and staff through information, education, public relations and enforcement. Our secondary effort involves service to and protection of our general campus community and all properties and assets therein. Our personnel provide 24/7 campus safety patrols and switchboard/dispatch services, enforce traffic and parking regulations, respond to emergencies and investigate incidents. Campus Safety also provides an array of other convenience services such as assisting with vehicle lockouts and battery boosts. We are here to serve and service.

CAREER SERVICES

Our mission is to provide individuals with the tools to acquire meaningful life work using their God-given gifts and abilities. Career Services functions as a bridge between the classroom and work. We offer career advising and assessment for undergraduate students, adult students, and alumni. Our services include assistance with resumes, cover letters, job search strategies, interviewing skills, work etiquette, job offers, and the coordination of teacher credential files. Job opportunities are available through our website and in the Career Services Office. The job listing includes full-time, part-time, ministry, internships and seasonal opportunities. Career Services actively participates in several career/job fairs each year that students are encouraged to attend.

CHAPEL

All students are required to attend 40 chapels throughout the semester. Chapel exists to challenge the community of learners to seek a deeper understanding and application of spiritual formation, worldview development, integrity, and the pursuit of one's academic and vocational calling. Numerous opportunities are provided in the morning and evening in order to accommodate the schedules of our students. These sessions feature singing, preaching, music and drama presentations, student-led hours, missions reports and challenges, faculty, staff and student testimonies, and public speaking. Speakers may be pastors, missionaries, professionals, scholars, personnel, and others. Variety, quality, and biblical truth are the hallmarks of chapel. Students may receive 14 chapel credits for attending Cornerstone University-approved discipleship groups. Please see the current student handbook for a full description of the chapel attendance requirement.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Confidential counseling is available to all Cornerstone students who may struggle with issues due to the stresses and challenges of life and the college experience. All services are Christ-centered, based upon unchanging biblical truth and highest professional standards. A variety of confidential services are offered including individual and group counseling, pre-marital and marital counseling, residence hall programs and seminars on contemporary social/emotional issues, profile testing, resource materials, crisis intervention and referrals to off-campus resources. All full-time Cornerstone students are eligible for 10 free counseling sessions. If a student needs more than 10 sessions, then an affordable fee will be arranged between 0-\$20.00 per session based on the student's ability to pay. Counseling appointments can be made by calling the Director of Counseling Services at 222-1533 from off-campus or extension 1533 from on-campus. The Counseling Center is located in Miller Hall and is open Monday through Friday.

THEATRE PRODUCTIONS

Various opportunities in Cornerstone's award-winning theatre department productions are offered on campus. The theatre season consists of three to four full-length quality plays and musicals with acting/performance roles, directing, and production opportunities open to any student in the university. Numerous experiences in performance and stagecraft are possible, including one act plays and scenes from classical works, not only for students in theater and music classes, but also for any interested student. Kappa Theta Gamma is a student theatre society established to recognize the fine arts and promote professional performance in all theatre productions and activities on campus. It serves to recognize outstanding acting, technical achievements, artistic growth and theatrical involvement with a Christ centered focus.

ENGLISH SOCIETY

The English Society is composed of a group of students interested in writing, drama, and literature. It meets monthly for literary discussions and presents a variety of programs and readings open to the student body.

HONORS PROGRAM

The Cornerstone University Honors Program provides an opportunity for academically gifted students to enhance their educational experience through special sections of classes and close work with faculty members on individual projects. Central to the program will be the on-going dialogue between the "Great Books" of the Western Intellectual Tradition, and "the Book," the Bible, upon which all our intellectual endeavors are based. Another strong emphasis will be focused preparation for graduate studies in each honors student's field of study. The objective of the program is to produce scholars who will take this synthesis of biblical and classically based education into their professional careers.

MILLER LIBRARY

Miller Library is the center for information resources at Cornerstone University. The main facility houses more than 145,000 volumes in all formats and more than 282,000 microforms. The library subscribes to more than 1,070 periodical titles. In addition to the physical resources, the library subscribes, or has access to, 95 online databases, many of which are full-text, and including FirstSearch, ERIC, ATLA Religion, Lexis-Nexis, InfoTrac, Project Muse and the Gale Literary Database. The library catalog and databases are available to authorized users from both on and off campus through the website at www.cornerstone.edu/library.nsf. The library is staffed by seven full-time professionals, as well as part-time staff and student workers, who offer such public services as: circulation, instruction, interlibrary loan, reference and research assistance. Miller Library also houses and operates the Cornerstone University archives.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

Private lessons for virtually all symphonic and band instruments, voice, guitar and keyboard instruments are available from beginning to the most advanced levels. Performing opportunities and groups are numerous. Those on campus include:

Credo: A highly select nine-member vocal ensemble (eight singers and one pianist) that specializes in a wide variety of musical genres, from Renaissance madrigals to contemporary popular songs, with a particular emphasis on vocal jazz. Credo (Latin for “we believe”) is a touring group that performs primarily in schools and churches. Members receive a scholarship for their participation.

Chamber Music: Small brass, woodwind, and string ensembles specializing in standard chamber literature.

Chancel Singers: An open-admission 80-voice choir specializing in short sacred choral works. Emphasis is on ministry to churches and to the campus community. Past tours have taken the Chancel Singers to Hawaii, Texas, Florida and Washington, D.C.

Cornerstone University Brass: A select touring brass octet that performs in churches, schools and civic venues as a recruiting and public relations arm of the music department. Members receive a scholarship for their participation.

C.U. Jazz Quintet: A select touring ensemble that performs primarily in schools and civic venues as a recruiting and public relations arm of the music department. Members receive a scholarship for their participation.

Contemporary Ensemble: Performing groups designed to give students the opportunity to perform contemporary music and other genres in rock and jazz idioms.

Jazz Band: An ensemble devoted to the performance of mainstream jazz with an emphasis on improvisation.

Musical: Full-scale, staged production of a popular Broadway-style musical. Musicians are needed for the state and for the pit orchestra. Scholarships are available for qualified string players and for the rehearsal accompanist.

University Chorale/ECS: A select 85-voice group specializing in presenting major masterworks in concert accompanied by a professional orchestra. The Evangelical Choral Society (ECS) is recognized by music critics and area professionals as one of West Michigan’s foremost choral groups. Every few years the Chorale takes a 10-day spring break tour to Italy.

Wind Ensemble: A select 50-member group of woodwind, brass, and percussion players specializing in the performance of literature from the wind ensemble and concert band repertory.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE (SAC)

A sub committee of the Student Senate, SAC is responsible for planning and implementing many of the co-curricular events that take place on and off campus. The activities sponsored by this committee provide the student body with additional educational as well as social, spiritual and recreational programs.

STUDENT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Student Alumni Association consists of students who give of their time to the Cornerstone University Alumni Association. The SAA’s goal is to bridge the gap between alumni and current students. Additional goals of including a heightened awareness of the

Alumni Association and what it offers to students and alumni of Cornerstone University. It also fosters and promotes pride in and loyalty to the university. Through its activities, SAA develops a commitment between the university and its current students, which in turn will continue to grow and foster after they leave the institution.

STUDENT SENATE

As the largest component of the Leaders for Life Leadership Program, the Student Senate functions as both an active liaison between students and administration, and a project-oriented organization that mobilizes the energy of students to address campus and community concerns.

Comprised of approximately 40 voting members, the Senate includes committee chairs, organization presidents, class officers, senators and the Executive Council. The Executive Council, consisting of the Student Body President and vice presidents of Legislation, Marketing, Finance, Spiritual Formation and Student Activities are elected from the student body-at-large. The advisor is a non-voting member. Meetings are held weekly and are open to all members of the student body, faculty and staff.

STUDENT PUBLICATION - THE HERALD

The Herald, the official student newspaper, is published weekly during the academic year by a student editorial staff. A faculty member with 20 years experience as a media professional manages the staff of editors and writers.

Students may participate for academic credit or not, as course loads allow. Editors, writers and advertising account executives are paid positions.

English majors in the writing track must enroll in at least three semesters of ENG 261 (The Herald). English minors in the writing track must have at least two semesters of ENG 261. Journalism minors must have three semesters of ENG 261.