

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 new 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 and safe 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 one floor and the women on 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.

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. At full capacity, 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 computer lab, and 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 this department is student and staff safety, not merely the protection of physical property and assets of the university. We are working to serve our collegiate community by promoting mutual responsibility, channeling our energies for a safe and well ordered campus environment, effective communications, and relevant education. Parking enforcement, escort service, emergencies on campus and security of facilities are just a few of Campus Safety duties. We are here to serve.

CAREER SERVICES

Career Services functions as a bridge between the classroom and work. Our mission is to provide individuals with the tools to acquire meaningful life work using their God-given gifts and abilities. 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 43 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 15 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 collegiate experience. The staff is committed to glorifying God through ministry to students and base all services upon unchanging biblical truth. The variety of services offered include individual and group counseling, resident hall programs, profile testing, resource materials, and referrals to off-campus resources.

DRAMA AND MUSICAL THEATER PRODUCTIONS

Various opportunities in the areas of oral interpretation and theatrical production are offered on campus. Full-length plays of literary quality are presented each fall with acting/performance roles, directing and production opportunities open to any student in the university. Each spring the university produces a musical that allows students with acting and musical talent to perform. 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.

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 125,000 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/newlib.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.

MINISTRY COVENANT

The Ministry Covenant program is a co-curricular program designed to enable students to translate their faith into action while growing in their understanding of biblical ministry. Cornerstone University's Student Ministry philosophy grows out of a larger Christian worldview that sees all aspects of life under the rule of Christ and views Christianity as a way of life.

It is our desire that as students grow and mature, their motivation for service will become more and more intrinsic. We expect underclassmen to continue in service to others after their formal requirements have been fulfilled and even beyond graduation. In doing so, they will reflect not only intrinsic moral development but the character of Jesus Christ, who came as a servant.

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:

Chamber Choir: A select ensemble of 16-20 student specializing in the performance of literature of all genres of sacred and secular choral music ranging from historical Renaissance compositions to current jazz and popular idioms.

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

Chancel Singers: An open-admission 110-voice group specializing in shorter sacred choral works.

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

Evangelical Choral Society/Chorale: A select 100-voice group specializing in presenting major masterworks in concert accompanied by a professional orchestra. The Choral Society is recognized by music critics and area professionals as one of West Michigan's foremost choral groups.

Gospel Teams: Select touring vocal, brass and contemporary ensembles specializing in church and school ministries.

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

Musical: Full-scale, staged production of a popular musical.

Wind Ensemble: A select 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 branch of the Student Government Association, 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. The SAC Coordinator assists in the selection of this committee.

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. The SAA helps to plan and organize events such as Homecoming, hockey games as well as other programs.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

As the largest component of the Leaders for Life Leadership Program, the Student Government Association (SGA) 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 SGA includes committee chairs, class officers, senators and Executive Council. The Executive Council, consisting of the president of the student body, vice president, student activities coordinator (SAC), life enrichment coordinator (LEC), secretary and treasurer are elected from the student body-at-large. The advisor is a non-voting member. Meetings are held regularly 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. An adjunct faculty member, who has twenty 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.