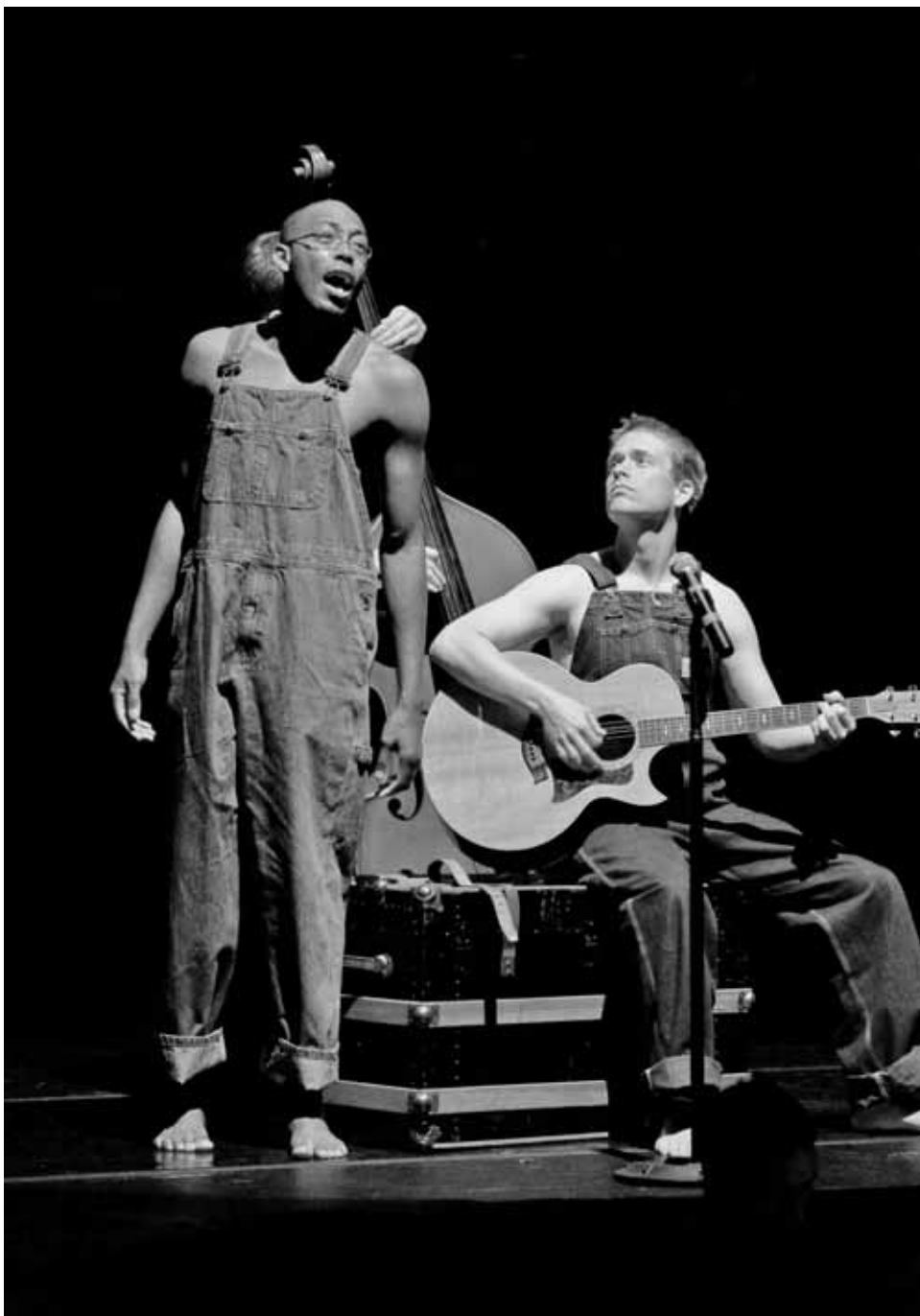

Student Life



Student Services Area

The Student Services area of Duke Divinity School comprises five offices: admissions, chaplain, field education, financial aid, and student life. These offices partner with the academic program offices of the school in the processes of forming and shaping men and women for ministry in the name of Jesus Christ. Specifically, the student services staff seeks to address, care for, and enhance the spiritual, physical, emotional, professional, and community life of students. In this work, the resources of counseling and confidentiality often come into play. It is important for Duke Divinity students to know that the Student Services area employs a policy of confidentiality which protects student privacy while providing for collegial consultation among Student Services and Academic Program staff when necessary:

Confidentiality Policy. In order to provide comprehensive, effective and up-to-date services, a Student Services staff member may, only when necessary, consult with other colleagues in Student Services and/or Academic Programs about assistance/counsel for students. Otherwise, information revealed in counseling/conversation, even the information that an appointment has been made, is not disclosed to persons other than those listed above unless the student provides written authorization for that information to be released. The following are exceptions to this practice of confidentiality:

- When the Student Services staff member believes the student presents an imminent danger to self or others.
- When the life or safety of a readily identifiable third person is endangered.
- When the Student Services staff member believes that a child or vulnerable adult is being subjected to abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- When disclosure is made necessary by legal proceedings.

In all other cases, what you discuss in counseling will remain confidential.

Corporate Worship

One of the most important aspects of training for Christian life is vigorous, inspiring, and varied participation in corporate worship. The corporate worship of the Divinity School, under the guidance of the Divinity School chaplain, is centered in Goodson Chapel. Eight services are held weekly: services of morning prayer on Monday through Friday, a service of Word and Table on Wednesday, a service of the Word on Thursday, and a service in the Revivalist tradition (Pentecostal, Holiness, and Charismatic) on Friday. The Divinity Choir and Praise Team sings regularly for weekday worship. Faculty members, administrators, and students share joint responsibility for these services that express the variety and diversity of theological and liturgical traditions represented in the community.

The Divinity School enjoys a particularly close relationship with Duke Chapel. Throughout the year, Divinity School administrators and faculty, as well as guests of national and international stature, preach at Sunday morning worship services. Each year many of our students join the 200-plus member Duke Chapel Choir that provides choral music on Sunday mornings and special music programs throughout the academic year, including an annual Christmas performance of Handel's *Messiah*. Divinity students and faculty also contribute to the leadership of the ministry of Duke Chapel by chairing and serving on standing committees: Faith and the Arts, Supportive Ministries, Worship, Prophetic Concerns, and Leadership and Development.

Students are also strongly encouraged to involve themselves in the worship life of a local church community, either through the field education program or on their own initiative.

Spiritual Formation Groups

The curriculum of Duke Divinity School seeks to cultivate – as one unified reality – a life of prayer, a life of study, and a life of service. Central to this reality is the experience of spiritual formation through prayer in small groups. Entering M.Div. students (optional for M.T.S. students) participate in a year-long immersion in groups of seven to ten colleagues led by an experienced clergyperson. These groups meet weekly for an hour to share concerns, to discuss how to be formed as disciples, how to be faithful in one's spiritual life, to reflect theologically on the nature of Christian service, and, primarily, to pray together. Additionally, this opportunity is intended to help prepare seminary students for the challenge of being spiritual leaders in their own respective contexts of ministry. Many students continue this invaluable first-year experience by participation in a variety of student-initiated spiritual formation groups during their second and third years. First year spiritual formation also includes two retreats that provide an opportunity for prayerful reflection and solitude in the midst of a rigorous academic schedule.

Student Activities and Organizations

“We the students of the Divinity School of Duke University covenant together to be a community of faith under the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We seek to be faithful to the Gospel, to live a life of grace and justice, and to make known to the world the love of God for the world” (Preamble, Constitution of the Student Association). Community life in the Divinity School centers on a number of student organizations and activities.

The Student Association. The Student Association is comprised of all students in the Divinity School. The Association is served by the Divinity Student Council (DSC), an organization with a threefold purpose:

1. to express itself as a community of faith in witness and fellowship;
2. to provide student programs, activities, and services; and
3. to collect and raise money, through dues and other channels, to help accomplish these purposes.

Members of the DSC are students who are nominated and elected annually by the student body. Within the DSC, there are several organizations and committees designed to provide students with opportunities to express and share personal, professional, and spiritual development with each other. These include:

The Basin and Towel Student Organization is responsible for offering the community opportunities to participate in educational programs, spiritual/theological reflection, and outreach and service focused on the scriptural call to social justice and compassion.

The Campus Relations Committee is responsible for facilitating interaction between the Divinity School and the greater university. Divinity School representation at the

Graduate and Professional Student Council meetings will be provided by members of this team. The team helps create opportunities for fellowship with graduate students from other programs, provides interdisciplinary academic programming, and helps keep Divinity students informed of larger campus issues and activities.

The Community Care Student Organization is responsible for hospitality and nurture within the Divinity School community. This includes maintaining the community Prayer Board, meeting regularly to pray for the Divinity School community, and working with the Office of the Divinity School chaplain to coordinate appropriate responses to students in crisis or with special needs. This team also organizes and administers the student mentor program, KOINONOI.

The Fellowship Committee plans community-wide events for students and faculty and their families. The activities include social gatherings during orientation, meals and parties at holiday times, and fellowship times throughout the school terms. The team also sponsors “Live at the Lampstand,” a popular monthly event through which students, faculty, and staff share their various musical and artistic talents with the entire community.

The Spiritual Formation Student Organization will assist the Divinity School chaplain with the promotion of spiritual formation within the Divinity School by helping coordinate and oversee student-led spiritual formation groups, as well as providing other appropriate programming.

The Student Publications Committee is responsible for oversight of student publications, including the student newspaper, *The Divine Nous*, and the creative arts magazine, *Logia*.

In addition, the following student organizations receive funding from and/or have representation in the DSC.

African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Connection seeks to provide educational support, networking, spiritual well-being, and a sense of community for students who are members of the AME Church.

Black Seminarians’ Union. This organization’s purpose is to ensure the development of a theological perspective commensurate with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and relevant to the needs of black seminarians and the black church. Its goal is to improve the quality of life theologically, academically, spiritually, politically, and socially for the entire Divinity School community.

Deacons @ Duke. Deacons@Duke is a group of students exploring or engaged in the United Methodist Deacon ordination track. The group meets several times each semester to discuss common concerns and issues related to becoming a Deacon in the United Methodist Church.

Persons exploring deacon or diaconal ministries (youth minister, Christian educator, minister of music, pastoral counseling, camp director, etc.) in other Christian traditions are also welcome to join.

Divinity Choir. Membership is open to all qualified students. The choir rehearses once a week and sings regularly for weekday worship and at special seasonal programs and services. New members are chosen by informal auditions that are arranged for all that are interested.

Divinity Spouses. This organization provides social, spiritual, and educational activities for married students and their spouses with the aim of helping spouses know that they are also important, contributing, and welcomed members of the Divinity School community.

HOLD (Helping Others—and Ourselves—in Life and Death). HOLD is the official student organization for the Institute on Care at the End of Life. It seeks to provide

opportunities for discussion, education, and reflection on end of life issues. It works both within and beyond the student body to connect students with experiences for further learning and serving in end of life situations.

Internationally Minded People of Faith (IMPF). A group for international students and students with interest in international study and mission that meets for fellowship and to discuss experiences and issues.

Order of St. Luke. Formed to recover the worship and sacramental practice that has sustained the church since its formation in apostolic times, the Order of St. Luke is a religious order within the United Methodist Church. Members seek to recover the spiritual disciplines of John and Charles Wesley as a means of perceiving and fulfilling the church's mission. Membership in the order is open to all seminarians.

Presbyterian Student Association is an active group of students at Duke Divinity School that is dedicated to prayer, worship, fellowship, and study. All Reformed-minded students are invited to participate, as well as those of other Christian denominations. Bi-weekly PSA lunch meetings take on contemporary Christian issues regarding our faith as Christians, denominational matters, and issues in the world at large. Members of PSA seek to encourage one another in ministry and service and worship regularly at Presbyterian churches throughout the Triangle community.

The Roger Williams Fellowship, named for the 17th century Free Church trailblazer, is the Baptist student organization in the Divinity School. They sponsor monthly meetings on campus for conversation about contemporary issues in Baptist life and plan fellowship gatherings for students and faculty.

Sacred Dance Group. A group of students who participate in the leadership of community worship through the expression of dance.

Sacred Worth. The purpose of this group is to serve the Divinity School community by increasing awareness of lesbians and gays in the church. All members of the community are invited to participate, and the group seeks to promote understanding about homosexuality in the church through various opportunities for discussion and dialogue.

The Socratic Club. The Socratic Club is a group of students who meet weekly to facilitate dialogue between differing views for the sake of the Gospel. Members meet to talk and to organize multiple opportunities for bringing differing views into dialogue with one another. Occasionally professors are invited to join the dialogue. Members are a diverse group from various faith traditions and theological perspectives.

Spiritual Formation Groups. While students advance in the area of academics, they have a corresponding need to attend to their spiritual development. In addition to the required spiritual formation groups for entering M.Div. and M.C.M. students, there are several student-initiated small groups for upperclass students. These groups meet regularly throughout the academic year to nurture spiritual growth. Students, faculty, and staff are all invited to participate.

Student Pastors' Association. Students actively serving their denominations in an ordained or lay capacity have the opportunity to meet, to share, to plan, and to act on their common needs and concerns.

The Divine Nous. This student newspaper reports on activities, posts information on field education opportunities, and announces important events in the community. The paper also gives students a forum for voicing opinions, perspectives, and ideas.

Theological Student Fellowship. TSF is a student group formed for students who seek to understand, study, and discuss evangelical perspectives on issues in theological education and the church. Meetings are bi-weekly.

Ubuntu Group. A Spiritual formation group of 15 to 20 upperclass students which meets on a weekly basis throughout the academic year to discuss the impact of race and racism on members' individual and communal lives with an eye toward seeking strategies for reconciliation in Christ.

Women's Center. The Women's Center serves the entire Divinity School community through a focus on the special needs and contributions of women in ministry in and to the church and society. The office, coordinated by two women students, is a resource center for the whole community, in addition to a support and action center for women in particular.

Faculty Committees. The student body is also represented on various faculty committees. Students serve with faculty and administration on the Admissions, Faculty Search, Worship, Fine Arts, Curriculum, International Studies, and other committees as appointed by the Dean.

Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC). The organization which represents and advocates for the interests and needs of graduate and professional students at Duke University. Divinity students who are interested are encouraged to participate in this body. For more information, please see the following Web site: www.duke.edu/gpsc. For general information about Duke University graduate and professional student life, see the following Web site: www.gradschool.duke.edu.

Project BRI(DDD)GE

Now in its 17th year, Project BRI(DDD)GE is a weeklong program for entering M.Div, M.T.S, and M.C.M. students which seeks to foster Christian community, outreach, and service within the Durham community. BRI(DDD)GE is held the week before entering student orientation in August. Twenty-two entering students along with eight returning student leaders will participate with organizations such as Urban Ministries of Durham, Habitat for Humanity, the Society of St. Andrew, the Woodchucks Ministry, the Interfaith Hospitality Network, the Walltown Neighborhood Ministries, and the Food Bank of NC in a faithful response to the needs of God's children in the Durham area. Theological reflection on these experiences and immersion in the history and current life of Durham are also important components of this program. Applications are automatically mailed to Duke M.Div. and M.T.S. entering students in the month of May prior to matriculation in August.

Live at the Lampstand

Taking its cue from Matthew 5:15 — “No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.”— this once-per-month, lunch event is designed to showcase the wealth of gifts and talents of the entire Divinity School community. Live offerings by faculty, staff, and students include vocal and instrumental pieces, original poetry and short story readings, dance, comedy, paintings, skits, etc. (On occasion, a participant will share with the audience the product of his/her talent as a baker, always with appreciative results!) Lampstand is a very popular and inspiring event which helps strengthen relationships and spread joy and appreciation among all members of the community.

Living Accommodations

Off-Campus Housing. The majority of Divinity students live in off-campus apartment complexes because of their proximity to the school and their competitive rental rates. Off-campus rental properties are not inspected or approved by Duke University, nor does the university or its agents negotiate with owners for students. For assistance with off-campus housing options for graduate and professional students, please contact *Duke Community Housing* at (919) 660-1785 or visit the Web site: www.communityhousing.duke.edu. For

assistance with Divinity School roommates, contact the Admissions Office of the Divinity School.

On-Campus Housing. Limited on-campus housing is available for single and married (with or without children) graduate students at Central Campus Apartments and Townhouse Apartments. Students currently living in Central Campus who wish to return the next academic year receive first priority. Secondly, in recognition of the unique challenges that face entering international students, priority for assignment to graduate student housing will then be awarded to those students who arrive from abroad on student visa status. Applications received from domestic students prior to May 1 will be wait-listed. After May 1, space that has not yet been assigned to returning and international students will be made available to domestic students in the order in which applications were received. **All students who request university housing are strongly encouraged to apply early.** For more information, contact Residence Life and Housing Services, Housing Assignments, and Communications, 218 Alexander Street, Apt. B., Durham, NC 27705, (919) 684-4304 or visit <http://rlhs.studentaffairs.duke.edu> and click on “Graduate and Professional Student Housing Information.”

Students with disabilities who wish to explore the possibility of reasonable accommodations in on-campus housing should contact Dr. Emma Swain at the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities at (919) 668-1267.

Residential Advisor On-Campus Housing. On-campus housing is available to graduate students who serve in residential advisor (R.A.) positions. This program includes free room and a stipend. Many Divinity students find this a helpful way to finance their theological education and to get involved in the larger university community. Students interested in serving as residential advisors should contact the Residence Life and Housing Services West Campus, Box 90918, 107 West Union, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0918, (919) 668-0746 or visit <http://rlhs.studentaffairs.duke.edu> and click on “announcements.” Residential advisor applications are normally due the last week in January, and advisors are selected in March for the following academic year. However, interested students admitted to the Divinity School after March should contact the Residential Life Office in the event that openings are still available.

Dining Services. Dining Services facilities accepts points, flex, and cash and are located throughout the Duke campus. More information about the specific dining units is available by visiting the Dining Services Web site at www.dining.duke.edu or by contacting the Dining Services Administrative Office at 660-3900, Box 90898, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708-0898. West Campus facilities include The Refectory (located in The Divinity School), The Great Hall, The Loop, Alpine Bagels, Chick-fil-A, The Faculty Commons, Subway, Pauly Dogs (all located in the West Union Building), the Armadillo Grill, McDonald's, Alpine Atrium (located in the Bryan Center), The Perk (located in Perkins Library), The Café (located in the Law School), Sanford Deli (located in the Sanford Institute Building), Quenchers (located in the Wilson Recreation facility), Bella Union and Tommy's (both located in McClendon Tower), Blue Express (located in the Levine Science Research Center), Twinnie's (located in the Ciemas Building) and the Terrace Café (located in Duke Gardens). Other dining options not on West Campus include The Marketplace and Trinity Café (East Union Building on East Campus), Grace's Café (Trent Hall), Nasher Museum Café (2010 Campus Drive), and the Freeman Center (1415 Faber Street).

The Refectory

The Refectory opened in The Divinity School in the fall of 2005. It is a green cafe serving hot, healthy and homemade meals. Food is fresh from local farms and businesses and provides the ingredients for serving conventional, vegetarian, organic, and vegan diners.

The Refectory is focused on economic, environmental and social sustainability. In less than one year it has become a favorite eating establishment for divinity and university patrons as well as a great place for divinity students to hang out, snack, study, eat, and fellowship throughout the day.

Child Care Resources

Duke University's Staff and Family Programs in the Office of Human Resources has designed a Web page to assist interested persons in choosing quality child care or early education programs in the Durham area. This office also offers information and consultation on many family and work issues, including elder care, babysitters, nanny agencies and services, summer camps and programs, a lending library, a directory of classes on parenting, etc. Please visit this helpful site at <http://www.hr.duke.edu/childcare/>. In addition to doubling the capacity of its on-campus child care facility, Duke has also partnered with Child Care Services Association in order that Duke faculty, staff, and students will receive priority for vacant spaces at several area child care centers. For more information regarding this Duke Child Care Partnership, visit the Duke Human Resources Web site at www.hr.duke.edu/dccp.

Student Health

The aim of the university health service is to provide medical care and health advice necessary to help the student enjoy university life and community.

Student Health Center. Student Health provides primary and on-site urgent care. The Student Health Center is located in the sub-basement of Duke Hospital South in the Orange Zone. Emergency transportation, if required, can be obtained from the Duke campus police. Residential staff personnel or Divinity School administrators should be consulted whenever possible for assistance in obtaining emergency treatment.

The facilities of the university health service clinic are available during both regular and summer sessions to all currently enrolled full-time and part-time degree students. The facilities of the university infirmary are available during the regular sessions, from the opening of the university in the fall until graduation day in the spring, to all currently enrolled full-time and part-time degree students. **All currently enrolled full-time and part-time degree candidates are assessed a mandatory student health fee each semester (in the 2006-2007 academic year, the fee was \$262 per semester). Non-degree students are not assessed the fee. For more information on the student health fee, visit <http://healthydevil.studentaffairs.duke.edu/>.**

Student Insurance. Student insurance provides coverage for most specialists, emergency room, off-site urgent care, and major medical expenses. The university makes available both a single student health insurance plan and a family plan. For the 2006-2007 insurance rates please visit the following link: http://www.divinity.duke.edu/admissions/financialaid/tuition/document_view .(all fees and rates are subject to change). Each full- or part-time degree student must purchase this student insurance or complete the waiver statement indicating that he/she is covered by other generally comparable insurance. The family insurance plan also covers primary health care for the family at Duke health care facilities at 80 percent of the usual, customary, and reasonable allowance after the deductible has been satisfied.

Students with Disabilities. Duke University and the Divinity School are committed to equality of educational opportunities for qualified students with disabilities in compliance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. A student seeking information regarding documentation guidelines and procedures for receiving consideration for reasonable accommodations should contact

Dr. Emma Swain at the University's Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to explore the possibility of reasonable accommodations in on-campus housing should also contact Dr. Emma Swain. Please call (919) 668-1267 or visit the Office's Web site at <http://www.access.duke.edu/studentissues.asp/>. The Divinity School's disabilities services liaison is Gregory F. Duncan, associate dean for student services.

Counseling and Psychological Services. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) is a component of student services that provides a coordinated, comprehensive range of counseling and developmental services to assist and promote the personal growth of Duke students. The professional staff is composed of psychologists, clinical social workers, and psychiatrists experienced in working with students of all ages. They are also available to the entire university community for consultation, educational activities in student development, and mental health issues affecting not only individual students but the campus community as a whole.

CAPS maintains a policy of strict confidentiality concerning information about each student's contact with the CAPS staff. There are no charges for initial evaluation, brief counseling/psychotherapy, or self-development seminars. Appointments may be made by calling 660-1000 or coming by the office in 214 Page Building, West Campus, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a student's concern needs immediate attention that should be made known to the secretary, and every effort will be made to arrange for the student to talk with a staff member at the earliest possible time.

Sexual Assault Support Services. Located in the Duke Women's Center, the Office of Sexual Assault Support Services offers advocacy, support, information resources in the university, and a crisis information and referral line (681-6882) for victims of sexual assault and past sexual violence. S.A.S.S. offers support groups for survivors and their friends or partners, as well as on-going educational programs to alert students to problems of interpersonal violence. For more information, call the Duke Women's Center at 684-3897.

Harassment Policy. In order to create and maintain an environment in which everyone can work and learn free from harassment, inequitable treatment, and unlawful discrimination, Duke University has adopted a far-reaching harassment policy. This policy applies to all persons who are enrolled or employed at Duke University while they are on campus or are participating in a university-sponsored activity off-campus. The policy covers not only sexual harassment issues, and not only harassment against individuals in protected classes such as race, gender, and disability, but harassment of any kind that meets the threshold of severity or persistence. The university's Office of Institutional Equity is responsible for administering the harassment policy. Additionally, each school at the university has designated Harassment Prevention Advisors (HPA) who are responsible for receiving complaints and offering advice on an informal basis. The Divinity School's Harassment Prevention Advisors are Dr. Tammy Williams, Assistant Professor of Theology and Black Church Studies, and Gregory F. Duncan, associate dean for student services. For more information on Duke's Harassment Policy or to view the Harassment Policy, please visit the following Web site: www.duke.edu/web/equity/har_policy.htm.

Alcohol Policy

To view the Duke University alcohol policies, see page 184 of this bulletin. Events officially sponsored by the Divinity Student Council and Duke Divinity School student organization do not include the provision and consumption of alcohol.

Motor Vehicle Registration

Students possessing or maintaining a motor vehicle at Duke University must register it at the beginning of the academic year for purposes of parking. If a motor vehicle is acquired

and maintained/parked after academic registration, it must be registered within five calendar days after operation on the campus begins.

Students may register vehicles at University Parking Services (100 Facilities Coal Pile Drive – off of Research Drive on West Campus) or by visiting the Parking Services Web site at www.parking.duke.edu. This site also has information about transit services on campus. At the time of registration the student will need: license plate number, social security number, local address and phone number, and year/make/color of motor vehicle. The fee can be paid by check, cash, or credit card. For more information call 684-7275.

Campus Security

The Duke University Police Department provides comprehensive law enforcement and security services to all components of Duke University. Under the federal Campus Security Act (20 U.S.C. 1092f), prospective students may obtain a copy of the university's annual security report by visiting the Duke University Police Department at 502 Oregon St., Durham, N.C. or by calling (919) 684-3350. You can also visit the Duke Police Department Web site at www.duke.edu/web/police/. This report includes campus crime statistics and the university's safety and security policies.

Cultural Resources

Divinity School students enjoy access to the many resources of the university community, particularly in the area of the performing arts. Two active campus film societies sponsor screenings of major motion pictures on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Other films of a classical nature are offered on Tuesday through Thursday nights, with free films for children scheduled every other Saturday morning. Opportunities in music, dance, and drama are provided by the following: the Duke Artists Series, Broadway at Duke, the Chamber Arts Society, Hoof 'n Horn, the Duke University Collegium Musicum, Duke Players, Duke Dance, the Duke University Symphony Orchestra and the Wind Symphony, the Duke University Jazz Ensemble, the Ciompi Quartet, Dance Black, and the Modern Black Mass Choir, among others. The Nasher Museum of Art, which opened in 2005, is a major new center for the arts on campus and in the Triangle area. It offers leading-edge art exhibitions and dynamic programs including performing arts events, lectures, film series, and social gatherings. Admission is free to Duke University students, faculty, and staff with a valid I.D. and residents of the city of Durham with valid proof of residency.

Athletic Programs

In addition to unrestricted access to all university athletic and recreational facilities, Divinity students enjoy other benefits from Duke's commitment to college athletics. The university is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and offers intercollegiate competition in a variety of sports. Admission to all intercollegiate athletic events except men's basketball is free to graduate and professional students using their university I.D. cards. Season tickets to men's basketball games are subject to a camp-out and lottery system operated by the Graduate and Professional Student Council. The university supports a strong intramural program in which the Divinity School participates enthusiastically. In recent seasons the school has fielded teams in football, men's, women's, and co-rec basketball, volleyball, soccer, and softball.