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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Law School has approximately forty student organizations that serve a variety of student interests. There are organizations devoted to scholarship and legal practice (e.g. the four law journals, the moot court program, and the student clinic board); there are organizations devoted to legal subjects of interest (e.g. Environmental Law Society, Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Society), identity groups (e.g. Black Law Students Association, Christian Law Students), community outreach (e.g. Neighbors, Street Law), and social activities (e.g. Law School Musical, Wine Mess). Here is a summary of the student organizations at the Law School:

The University of Chicago Law Review, founded in 1933, is one of the country's pre-eminent legal journals. Managed and edited by students, the *Law Review* publishes articles and book reviews by leading scholars along with comments written by students. In addition to participating in the editing and publication of legal scholarship, staff members have the unique opportunity to develop their own skills as writers and scholars. The *Law Review* emphasizes student works; on average, half of each issue is devoted to student comments. In recent years, about 15 percent of the students in each first-year class have been invited to join the *Law Review* on the basis of either academic performance or excellence in an annual writing competition. Students may also join the staff during their second or third years by completing a publishable comment through the Topic Access program.

The University of Chicago Legal Forum is the Law School's topical law journal. Its student board annually publishes a volume of articles (by academics and practitioners) and comments (by students) that focus on a single area of the law. Recent volumes include the Law of Sex Discrimination, Antitrust in the Information Age, and Frontiers of Jurisdiction. Each fall the *Legal Forum* hosts a symposium at which the authors of the articles present their work.

The University of Chicago Law School Roundtable, founded in 1992, is an annual student-edited interdisciplinary law journal. The *Roundtable* publishes articles and student-written comments that combine law with at least one other discipline, such as anthropology, economics, game theory, history, international relations, literature, medicine, philosophy, political theory, public policy or theology. In the past, the *Roundtable* has sponsored symposia in which leading scholars from several fields gather to discuss a single topic. The journal then edits and publishes their papers, along with the several open articles and student-written comments. Symposia topics include "Constitutionalism in Eastern Europe," "Intermediate Punishments: Viable Alternatives to Prison?," and "The Legal and Ethical Implications of the Human Genome Project." Students wishing to join the *Roundtable* either write a proposal for an interdisciplinary comment during the summer, or participate in the Topic Access program, in which students complete a substantial interdisciplinary comment to be

submitted for publication during the year. The Topic Access program is also open to graduate students in other departments of the University.

The Chicago Journal of International Law, is a student-edited forum for discussion and analysis of international law and policy issues. CJIL is committed to publishing timely and concise scholarly work written by academics, judges, practitioners, policymakers, and students. The journal is published twice yearly, in the fall and spring.

The Hinton Moot Court Competition, founded in 1954 and named for Judge Edward W. Hinton (Professor of Law, 1913–36), is open to all second- and third-year students. The competition gives all students the opportunity to further develop skills in writing and appellate advocacy. The focus of the preliminary autumn round is on oral argument. After studying the briefs and record of an actual case and participating in several practice arguments with student judges, each competitor must argue both sides of the case to panels of Chicago attorneys. Twelve students advance to the semifinal round, where they work to brief and argue another case. A panel of faculty members and judges presides over the semifinal arguments and selects the four best advocates. In the spring, the four finalists work in teams on a new case and appear before a panel of distinguished judges. This panel selects the Hinton Moot Court champions and the Llewellyn Cup champions. The competition is conducted by semifinalists from the previous year, who constitute the Hinton Moot Court Committee.

The Mandel Legal Aid Association is the student organization associated with the work of the Mandel Legal Aid Clinic. The Association provides advice on the content, structure and staffing of the clinical education program. The Mandel Clinic has a staff of five full-time attorneys who are clinical professors or clinical lecturers of law in the Law School, and a social worker who is also a field instructor at the University's School of Social Service Administration. The clinical program is described more fully elsewhere in these Announcements.

The Law Students Association is the student government organization. Its president, five representatives from each class, and an LL.M. representative are elected annually by the student body. LSA organizes extracurricular activities, funds student groups, and, through student liaisons, communicates student opinion on academic and other matters to faculty committees. LSA also sponsors the weekly Wine Mess for students and faculty.

LSA supports a variety of student groups, including:

- Amicus, a group which provides networking opportunities for law students' spouses and significant others;
- the Asian-Pacific Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Asian-Pacific students in law school;
- the Black Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of African-American students in law schools;
- Book Club, a group devoted to non-casebook reading, writing, and discussions;
- the Bridge Club, for bridge players of all levels;
- the Chicago Law Foundation, a nonprofit organization providing funds for Law School students to work on public interest legal projects;
- the Christian Law Students, organized to discuss the relationship between legal education, the legal profession, and Christianity;
- the Civil Liberarians, for students interested in exploring issues of civil liberty;

- the Corporate Law Group, for students interested in exploring topics in corporate law;
- Dallin Oaks Society for student members of the Church of Latter Day Saints;
- the Edmund Burke Society, a conservative debating society;
- the Entertainment Law Society, for students interested in media and entertainment law;
- the Environmental Law Society, organized to discuss the legal aspects of environmental issues;
- the Federalist Society, a local chapter of a national society organized to discuss political issues from conservative and libertarian perspectives;
- Film Festival, organized to watch and discuss movies with legal themes;
- the Group of Older Law Students, to provide support and social activities for students who have taken time away from school;
- the International Human Rights Law Society provides hands-on legal experience to students interested in Human Rights Advocacy;
- the Intellectual Property Law Society sponsors speakers to address a variety of issues including trademark and patent law;
- the International Law Society, organized to examine the legal systems of other countries and their relationship to the Anglo-American legal system;
- the J.D./M.B.A. Student Association, providing information and support to students interested and involved in the J.D./M.B.A. program;
- the Jewish Law Students Association, a group concerned with Jewish issues of legal interest and legal issues of Jewish interest;
- the Latino/a Law Students Association, a local chapter of a national organization concerned with the interests of Latino/a students in Law School;
- Law and Internet Forum, to discuss cutting edge topics relative to the law of cyberspace;
- Law and Society, a group committed to discussing legal and social issues from a variety of perspectives;
- the Law School Democrats and the Law School Republicans, promoting political awareness of issues and topics on the national, state and local level;
- the Law School Musical, an annual student musical with faculty guest appearances;
- Law School Trivia, an annual student-faculty trivia tournament;
- the Law Women's Caucus, committed to understanding and improving the role of women in law school, the legal profession, and society;
- Lawyers as Leaders, to analyze and discuss theories of leadership with leaders in various fields;
- Neighbors, a volunteer community service organization;
- Outlaw, a group that provides support and sponsors programs regarding the legal status of bisexuals, lesbians, and gay men;
- the Phoenix, the Law School student newspaper;
- Public Interest Law Society, for students interested in public service issues;
- Res Musicata, a chamber group;
- the Rifle and Pistol Club, for recreational target shooting;
- the Runners Club, for Law School runners of all distances;
- Scales of Justice, an a cappella singing group;
- South Asian Law Students, concerned with the interests of South Asian students of the Law School;

Street Law, an organization that sends law students to local high schools to teach legal issues;
 St. Thomas More Society, a group that provides spiritual support for Catholic students;
 Wine Mess, which organizes the weekly cocktail party for faculty and students;
 and the Women's Mentoring Program, a program that pairs local alumnae with current women students.

ATHLETICS

Graduate students at the University have a wide range of opportunities to participate in fifty-four intramural activities each year, club sports, and instructional classes. All indoor and outdoor athletic facilities are open throughout the year to all students displaying a campus card. Spouses and domestic partners of students have access to facilities for a yearly fee. The athletic program provides men and women opportunities for instruction and participation in sports such as archery, badminton, gymnastics, handball, martial arts, racquetball, rowing, squash, sailing, swimming, table tennis, track and field, and weight lifting. There are also over 725 intramural teams and forty-two Sports Clubs participating in a wide variety of activities, including volleyball, soccer, softball, basketball and ultimate Frisbee.

RELIGIOUS LIFE

A rich diversity of spiritual communities is represented among the student body, faculty and staff of the University. Together they create a wide variety of religious programming that is open to all who are interested. Through the arts, worship, social action and scriptural study they seek to engage the life of the spirit with the life of the mind.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel is the center of religious activity for the wider University. Its staff both supports the programs of the specific religious groups and itself creates programming of interest to the entire community. World-renowned musicians, clergy, scholars, performers and activists challenge the University to envision more expansively the role of religion and the bounds of the sacred.

Community service projects encourage students to give concrete expression to their faith convictions. Inter-religious dialogue enables each participant to learn more about his or her own tradition by encountering another.

The independent religious organizations on campus are responsible for innumerable opportunities to be invigorated by worship and nurtured through fellowship with those of one's own spiritual community. Cooperation flourishes among these organizations. Mutual projects for social uplift, conversations on the most substantive issues to confront people of faith in our time—these activities and many more challenge each spiritual seeker to define for him or herself the path of greatest religious integrity.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel serves as the liaison to the University for each religious organization. Some groups maintain houses on the periphery of campus, others are attached to local places of worship, and still others meet independently in Ida Noyes Hall or elsewhere. A helpful description of many of them can also be found in "Religion on the Quadrangles," available at www.uchicago.edu/docs/religion. Alison Boden serves as Dean of Rockefeller Memorial Chapel. The Chapel offices are open daily to help students make their own meaningful connections with religious life on campus. The telephone number is 773/702-9202.

The University Ecumenical Service is held in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at 11:00 am every Sunday, except for the weeks between summer Convocation and the arrival of new students in September. The Chapel Choir sings at the weekly services. Organ, choir and carillon recitals are frequent and open to all. Special services are held throughout the year in observance of significant religious and national holidays and anniversaries. During the Autumn, Winter and Spring Quarters, the Divinity School and Rockefeller Memorial Chapel sponsor an ecumenical service that takes place from 11:30 am to noon each Wednesday at the Joseph Bond Chapel on the main Quadrangle. There is also a diversity of religious groups in the neighborhood of the University that welcome student participation in their programs and worship.

CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services offers comprehensive career and placement services to students and graduates of the Law School. We welcome and encourage students and graduates to use the Office of Career Services to explore career options and to learn job search techniques that will serve them well in law school and throughout their professional careers.

The Office of Career Services provides a variety of services. Our professional staff members provide extensive individual career counseling to both J.D. and LL.M. students and graduates on all aspects of career planning and job search techniques. The Office of Career Services administers the on-campus interview programs with more than 300 employers in the fall program and a small winter program and either co-sponsors or participates in numerous off-campus recruitment programs. The office conducts outreach to non-traditional employers and manages information about non-traditional opportunities for students and graduates. The Office of Career Services coordinates the judicial clerkship application process and maintains the a database of more than 1,300 judges to assist students during the application process. Throughout the year, the office conducts numerous informational and skill development programs which are often led by practicing lawyers, many of whom are our alumni.

Our Career Resource Center contains a combination of hard copy materials to facilitate student self-assessment and to design individual job searches including books, newspapers, periodicals, clippings, proprietary survey information, recruiting materials from more than 1,500 employers and electronic, online materials including a proprietary database of more than 3,000 employers. More than 1,500 term-time, summer and permanent jobs are posted annually through our Web-based job postings service. We also work with our administrative colleagues to reach out to Law School graduates, both to provide Career Services support to those in need, and to encourage graduates to work with current students as mentors and advisors. We try, in short, to prepare our students to meet the various challenges and opportunities that await them in their professional careers.

At the time of graduation, over 99% of the Class of 2001 had found employment; 71% entered private practice; 25% obtained judicial clerkships with judges in the federal appellate or district court; 2% obtained finance (investment banks), business (management consulting firms) and corporate (in-house) positions; 2% obtained positions in public service and government. During the summer of 2001, virtually 100% of

the Class of 2002 was employed in legal positions. The majority of these opportunities were with law firms; 2% of these positions were with public service and public interest organizations; and approximately 1% were with finance, business and corporate positions. About 90% of the Class of 2003 obtained law-related employment in the summer of 2001. Fifty-four percent of the positions were in law firms. Public service and public interest jobs accounted for 26% of the jobs taken. Six percent took intern positions with federal judges. Opportunities in corporate, finance, business and faculty research comprise the remaining 14% of the positions pursued this summer. In recent years, approximately 26% of the students in each graduating class have accepted a judicial clerkship. During the 2001–2002 United States Supreme Court Term, four Law School graduates served as law clerks for United States Supreme Court justices.

PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS

The Law School is committed to training lawyers and scholars who are dedicated to the public good as well as professional excellence. While the institutional support which the Law School offers for students and graduates seeking public interest work is multifaceted, the common goal is to educate, inspire, and support present, former and future students in their efforts to pursue a career that incorporates a commitment to public service work.

The Office of Career Services is designed to assist students interested in public interest careers by providing a variety of career-related services including individual career counseling as well as informational and skill development programs. The Law School also supports a variety of public interest career-related programs developed by student-run groups including the Chicago Law Foundation, Public Interest Law Society, the Environmental Law Society and the International Law Society. In addition, the resource center in the Office of Career Services houses a combination of hard copy materials and electronic, online materials to assist students and graduates who are pursuing public interest opportunities. The Office of Career Services maintains several career search-related databases and is a member institution of Pro Bono Students America which offers comprehensive, current information on a broad range of pro bono and public service opportunities. The Office of Career Services also produces numerous career-related publications that are distributed to students at no cost.

Each year the Office of Career Services participates in several placement programs designed to match students with prospective public interest employers including the NAPIL Career Fair and Conference, the Chicago Area Law School's Public Interest Reception, and the Midwest Public Interest Law Career Conference. In addition, public interest employers participate in both the fall and winter on-campus interview programs at the Law School. Additional public interest employers who cannot visit our campus request resumes be forwarded from first-, second- and third-year students interested in summer or permanent positions. Many of the term-time, summer and permanent jobs that are posted annually through our web-based job postings service come from public interest employers.

The Law School awards public service scholarships for entering students as well as summer stipends for students interested in working in public service during the summer, and administers a generous loan deferment and forgiveness program for graduates engaged in public service. The Law School also fosters public service opportunities for

students through the activities of the Law School's Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, the Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship and the MacArthur Justice Center Project.

ACADEMIC CAREERS

To support those students interested in careers in academia, the Law School has curricular offerings designed for students to develop their publications portfolio and faculty Law Teaching Placement Advisors who coach students and graduates through the search process.

COMPUTER SERVICES

Computer services at the Law School are maintained and continually upgraded by the school's Computing Services Department and the D'Angelo Law Library. These services are designed to facilitate student work in all areas of legal course work and research.

There are two student computer labs, one devoted to Windows users and the other containing a mix of Windows 2000 and Macintosh computers. The labs are located on the second and third floors of the Library. Each caters to students needing to do word processing, or wanting to use word processing and Lexis and Westlaw concurrently. All of the computers are loaded with a variety of additional software to facilitate electronic research and communication. These labs, and several networked classrooms, are used for training students to use the campus network, Internet information sources, email programs, the Library's Online Catalog, and Lexis and Westlaw. All of the Macintosh and Windows machines provide students with downloading and printing capabilities. Storage on Law School maintained servers allows students to have fast and easy access to their files from any workstation. The servers are backed up on a regular basis.

Most study areas in the Library are wired for connection to the campus network. From these areas, any student with a properly configured laptop computer is able to access the library on-line catalog, email, the Internet, campus network databases, Lexis, and Westlaw without having to use the Student Computer Labs.

HOUSING

The University provides a variety of housing units for single and married graduate students. All are within walking distance of the campus or near the route of the Campus Bus Service. In addition, Hyde Park has a number of rental apartments ranging from one to eight rooms in size, both in walkup and elevator buildings. Most law students prefer to live in University housing during their first year.

All inquiries concerning University housing should be addressed to the Graduate Student Housing Office, 5316 South Dorchester Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60615, 773/753-2218 or fax 773/753-8054. Students are advised to apply early in order to obtain the desired accommodations. Housing applications are mailed in April to all admitted applicants to the Law School.



*New Graduate
Residence Hall*

NEW GRADUATE RESIDENCE HALL

A majority of the single first-year Law School students live in the New Graduate Residence Hall (New Grad). Formerly the Center for Continuing Education, designed by Edward Durrell Stone in 1963, New Grad is a three-story classical style building located two blocks east of the Law School. It has a capacity for about 125 graduate men and women. Approximately 90 of them are first-year law students. Most of the accommodations are single rooms with private baths; the remaining rooms, also with private baths, are for double occupancy. The average single room measures eleven by sixteen feet while the average double room measures twenty-one by fourteen feet. Common facilities in this residence are many and spacious. They include 24-hour reception, study and meeting rooms, computer terminal/typing rooms, music practice rooms, laundry and exercise facilities, as well as a cable-TV room, a game room, a House lounge, and a community kitchen where residents may prepare their own meals. (There is a nominal cleaning fee associated with the use of the kitchen.) The room rate is \$6,566 or \$7,966 per person in a single or a super-single respectively. A semi-single private room—two singles that share a bath—is available at \$6,236.

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

The International House of Chicago was founded in 1932 through a gift from John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It is a coeducational residence for students from around the world. Each year, the House accommodates graduate residents—many from countries other than the United States—who are pursuing academic and professional degrees, preparing in the creative or performing arts, or training with international firms at Chicago institutions. International House promotes understanding and friendship among students of diverse



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national, cultural and social backgrounds, provides facilities that can benefit social and cultural development of its residents, and serves as a center of cultural exchange between international students and the greater Chicago community. The building is designed to facilitate informal daily interactions among residents in the House's cafeteria, Tiffin Room, courtyard, library, computer labs and television lounges. These interactions make a major contribution to achieving the goals of the House. International House seeks residents who are willing to share their time and talent with the House community through its programs and activities.

A variety of rooms varying in size and amenities are available in International House. The average single room rate is \$426 per month. There is no mandatory meal plan. All rooms are furnished, including blankets and bed linen.

NEIGHBORHOOD STUDENT APARTMENTS

The University owns and operates more than 1,100 apartments in twenty-nine buildings for the housing of graduate students. There are furnished apartments ranging in size from one and one-half to three and one-half rooms; the unfurnished units range from two to six and one-half rooms. The rates (per student or family) for furnished apartments are from \$414 to \$867 monthly; those for unfurnished are from \$515 to \$1,102 monthly. Apartments are rented on a twelve-month basis, but special arrangements can be made to terminate the lease as of the first day of an academic quarter. Heat and water are included in all rents. Inclusion of cooking gas and/or electricity varies by building, although they are included in the rent payment for most furnished apartments. The furnished apartments do not include bedding, linens, dishes, silver or kitchen utensils. Both furnished and unfurnished apartments are provided with a stove and a refrigerator, and all apartments have a private bath.

MEAL SERVICE

Arrangements may be made by law students to purchase meal plans served in the Burton-Judson dining halls next to the Law School. Contracts consist of a number of meals served per quarter plus a “purse” of Flex Dollars. Flex Dollars can be used to purchase meals in the dining halls or in Hutch Commons and the C-Shop, both in the Reynolds Club. The maximum contract provides up to 187 meals per quarter and \$100 in Flex Dollars at a cost of \$3,634 for the year. Other packages are available and can be used in any of the four residential dining halls including International House. Further information and meal plans can be obtained at the Office of Student Housing, 773/702-7366.

CHILD CARE

A wide variety of day-care and baby-sitting options are available in the Hyde Park-South Kenwood area. Students with children, especially those who live in University housing, frequently form cooperative day-care networks in their buildings. Many graduate student spouses provide baby-sitting in their homes and advertise their services on campus bulletin boards. There are many fine nursery schools in Hyde Park, including one run by the University. Assistance in locating child care for children of all ages is available through the University Child Care Referral Service, Benefits Counseling Office, Bookstore Building, 3rd floor, 773/702-1017. Graduate students also may use the services of the Day Care Action Council of Illinois, 773/564-8890. The University has contracted with this private agency to provide free child care referrals.

Hyde Park has excellent public, private and parochial schools. Registration for public schools is based on neighborhood boundaries unless the school is a magnet school (open to children city wide) or unless a permit to attend is granted by the school. To ensure a place in a private or parochial school, enroll as early as possible (most schools are full by late summer).

For further information on nursery, elementary and secondary schools, contact Office of Graduate Affairs, Admin. 229, 5801 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60637, telephone 773/702-7813.

MEDICAL CARE

Two types of health coverage are required of University of Chicago students.

STUDENT HEALTH FEE

All registered students are required to pay a quarterly health service fee. This fee covers costs of primary health care at the Student Care Center (SCC) and counseling services at the Student Counseling and Resource Service (SCRS). The student health fee will be waived only for those students who live and study over 100 miles from campus and who will not be on campus during the quarter.

Students covered by UCHP will be assessed 50% of the health fee. These students must provide the name of the policyholder and the policy number to the Registrar’s Office. The fee will not be reduced for participants of any other group or individual health plan.

Health fee services include unlimited visits to a personal physician, student mental health services, access to medical advice twenty-four hours a day, a health education program, and other services. The health service fee does not cover specialized care, emergency services, or routine physicals, nor does the fee include the cost of outside referrals, laboratory tests, x-rays, or hospitalization.

HEALTH INSURANCE

As the student health fee covers only primary health care, the University requires all students to carry adequate medical insurance to cover, among other costs, hospitalization and outpatient diagnostic and surgical procedures. All students must be covered by either the University’s Student Accident and Sickness Insurance (SASI) plan or by a health insurance policy comparable to that offered by the University.

The SASI plan provides both inpatient and outpatient health care coverage. It covers major medical and hospitalization expenses, including those relating to maternity, but has a 90-day waiting period for pre-existing conditions. The annual insurance premium for 2001–02 is \$1,134 per year for the basic plan and \$1,497 per year for the comprehensive plan. The basic plan, with identical benefits and coverage, is available to students’ spouses, University-registered domestic partners, and dependents at a rate of \$1,797 per year.

Students who have comparable group insurance coverage may request that their participation in the SASI plan be waived by filling out the waiver form available at registration. If a student decided to waive the plan, the student’s signature certifies that the insurance coverage meets the University’s requirement and that the information is true and correct. If questions about coverage arise at any time, the University may ask for documentation of enrollment in an alternative insurance program.

Enrollment or waiver of the SASI plan is for the entirety of the plan year. Students who fail to complete an insurance application/waiver form by the requisite deadline will be automatically enrolled in the SASI plan and will be billed for that enrollment.

For further information about enrollment, contact the Registrar’s Office, Room 103, 5801 Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, telephone (773) 702-7891. For information about benefits under the plan, contact the On-Campus Insurance Coordinator at (773) 834-4543 or Chickering Claims Administrators, Inc., at (800) 294-9410. Students may also submit questions via e-mail to sasi@chickering.uchicago.edu or by e-mail via Chickering’s Web site at www.chickering.com. Click on “The Student Connection,” select “Customer Service,” and enter the University of Chicago plan number, 724543.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Illinois requires all students entering a college or university to show proof of immunization against certain vaccine-preventable diseases before registration. All registered students must show proof of immunity to the following diseases: measles (rubeola), German measles (rubella), mumps, diphtheria, and tetanus. Two measles shots given no less than one month apart are required. The diphtheria/tetanus shot must be given within the past 10 years, and for all international students, 3 diphtheria/tetanus shots are required with at least one given in the past ten years. The information presented on the immunization record card must be in English, or accompanied by a certified translation. The Student Care Center will administer vaccines for a fee.

SECURITY

The University Police Department operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on campus and throughout the Hyde Park-South Kenwood neighborhood—the area bounded by 47th Street, 61st Street, Cottage Grove Avenue, and Lake Shore Drive. (The University and the City are discussing plans to expand the boundaries in fall 2001.) Officers are armed and fully empowered to make arrests in accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Officers Training Board and consistent with Illinois state statutes. University Police and the City of Chicago Police Department work together by monitoring each other's calls within the University Police's coverage area. University Police headquarters is located at 5555 South Ellis Avenue.

There are 242 white emergency phones in the area located on thoroughfares heavily trafficked by pedestrians. Simply press the red button inside the phone box and your location will be immediately transmitted to the University Police. You need not say anything. Response time is rapid; usually within two to three minutes (sometimes less) an officer or patrol car will come to your aid. If you must keep moving to protect yourself, continue to use emergency phones along the way so that Police can follow your course.

The University has a multifaceted Safety Awareness Program, which is fully described in the publication, *Common Sense*. *Common Sense* describes how to get around safely, whom to call if you need advice or help in emergencies, and how to prevent or avoid threatening situations. Information is also included about crime statistics on campus and about security policies and awareness campaigns. *Common Sense* is distributed to members of the University community and is available on request by writing to the Office of the Dean of Students, 5801 South Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637. The University also annually distributes its Drug and Alcohol policy to all students and employees.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

In keeping with its long-standing traditions and policies, the University of Chicago, in admissions, employment, and access to programs, considers students on the basis of individual merit and without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or other factors irrelevant to participation in the programs of the University. The Affirmative Action Officer (702-5671) is the University's official responsible for coordinating its adherence to this policy and the related federal and state laws and regulations (including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended).

ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The University of Chicago is a community of scholars, researchers, educators, students, and staff members devoted to the pursuit of knowledge. In keeping with its traditions and long standing policies and practices, the University, in admissions and access to programs, considers students on the basis of individual merit and without

regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or other factors irrelevant to study at the University.

This University does not have a comprehensive program oriented wholly towards educating students with disabilities but strives to be supportive of the academic, personal, and work-related needs of each individual and is committed to helping those with disabilities become full participants in the life of the University.

Students with disabilities should be directed to contact their area dean of students and the Associate Dean of Student Services (Administration 222; 773-702-7773) in as timely a fashion as possible to request assistance and coordination of accommodations at the University.

Once the appropriate documentation is received, professionals will review it to clarify the nature and extent of the problem. Ordinarily the Associate Dean of Student Services and area dean of students will then meet with the student to discuss the matter. If academic work is at issue, faculty may also become involved in these discussions. The student and the area dean of students will maintain contact as appropriate in ongoing efforts to accommodate the student. Assuming the documentation submitted is current and complete, this process may require up to ten weeks.

Learning Disabilities

The University is committed to work with learning disabled students who have been admitted to help them become full participants in academic programs. In all cases, the usual standards of judgment and assessment of students' overall academic performance apply. Neither the community nor the students concerned are well served by applying special or lesser standards of admission or evaluation. The Associate Dean of Student Services may make accommodations to assist learning disabled students. Such accommodations need to be reasonable and appropriate to the circumstances, should confer equal opportunity on students with learning disabilities, and must not infringe on the essential requirements of or fundamentally alter the program.

As in the case of other disabilities, faculty and academic staff should instruct learning disabled students to request assistance from their area dean of students and the Associate Dean of Student Services. Assuming the documentation submitted is current and complete, this process may require up to ten weeks.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP

A domestic partnership is defined as two individuals of the same gender who live together in a long-term relationship of indefinite duration, with an exclusive mutual commitment in which the partners agree to be jointly responsible for each other's common welfare and share financial responsibilities. The partners may not be related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit legal marriage in the state in which they legally reside. Benefits will be extended to a student's domestic partner and partner's dependents for the Student Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan, housing, athletic facilities, and libraries. Students who wish to enroll their domestic partner and/or his or her dependents should contact the Benefits Counseling Office (970 E. 58th Street, 3rd floor, 702-9634) to request a Statement of Domestic Partnership form. Once approved by the Benefits Counseling Office, the Statement will certify that the student's partnership meets the University's requirements.

If a student wishes to enroll his or her domestic partner and/or partner's dependents for benefits at the time of certifying the partnership, the student will also need to complete new benefit enrollment forms adding the partner and/or partner's dependents to the student's insurance plan. In order to obtain gym, library, and/or housing privileges, the student will need to present his or her approved Statement of Domestic Partnership at the appropriate office:

- Gym—Henry Crown Field Office, 5550 S. University, Room 105
- Library—Regenstein Library Privileges Office, 1100 E. 57th Street, 1st floor (bring partner)
- Housing—Graduate Students Assignment Office, 5316 South Dorchester

STUDENT REGULATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Students matriculating at the University of Chicago will find an environment that encourages intellectual growth through free inquiry. By the same token, however, University of Chicago students are expected to assume the obligations and responsibilities of membership in a free community. The University expects of all students responsible social conduct reflecting credit upon themselves and upon the University.

Area Student Disciplinary Committees in the College and in each division and school address violations of University regulations or of the standards of behavior expected of University students (for example, theft, plagiarism, cheating on examinations, violations of library regulations, computer abuse, and the physical or verbal abuse of others). Information about these Area Disciplinary Committees and their procedures is available from the dean of students in each area, and is printed in the *Student Manual of University Policies & Regulations*. Every student should become familiar with the *Student Manual*. It is updated annually.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The University of Chicago annually makes several reports and statistics available to its community and to prospective students and employees. These reports provide abundant information on topics from equity in athletics to campus safety, including several items for which federal law requires disclosure. The following are reports that are presently available from the University of Chicago. For those reports available on the Internet, the University will provide copies upon request.

1. The University's campus safety report, *Common Sense*, is published annually and includes the following:
 - information regarding transportation on and around campus;
 - safety tips and information on security and crime prevention programs;
 - campus policy regarding the sale, possession, and use of alcohol and illegal drugs;
 - information regarding drug and alcohol education programs;
 - crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years;

- campus programs to prevent sex offenses and procedures to follow when sex offenses occur; and
- information regarding reporting of criminal activity.

Common Sense is available, upon request, from the University of Chicago Police Department, 5555 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-8190); and the Office of the Dean of Student Services, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-7770). It can also be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.uchicago.edu/commonsense/>.

2. The University of Chicago Department of Physical Education and Athletics' report for the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act is available, upon request, from the Department at 5734-A S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-7684).

3. The University's policy concerning privacy and the release of student records is published annually in the University's *Student Manual of Policies and Regulations*. The policy explains the rights of students with respect to records maintained by the University and outlines the University's procedures to comply with the requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. Copies of the Manual are available, upon request, from the Office of the Dean of Student Services, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-7770). The information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.uchicago.edu/docs/studentmanual>.

4. Information on accommodations for persons with disabilities can also be found in the *Student Manual of Policies and Regulations* which is available from the Office of the Dean of Student Services, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-7770). The information is available on the Internet at <http://www.uchicago.edu/docs/studentmanual>.

5. Information regarding student graduation rates, tuition and loan refunds, and withdrawals can be obtained from the Offices of the Registrar and the Bursar, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-7891) and (773-702-8000) respectively. This information is also available on the Internet at <http://registrar.uchicago.edu> under the section entitled *Time Schedules*. The *Time Schedules* is a University-wide catalog that details current course offerings as well as administrative policies.

6. Information on the University's accreditation may be obtained from the Office of the Provost, 5801 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637, (773-702-8806).

