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Last week on campus
A Review of Balch Hall

By Hannah Lazar

Balch is an all-female dormitory built in the 1920s on Cornell University’s North Campus. The interior of Balch, while initially confusing, has a ton of great rooms. There are study lounges, multiple bathrooms per floor, beautiful furniture, vending machines, pianos, and many other amenities. The exterior looks like an old Gothic castle, with greyish-brown bricks, arches, and columns. It was built in the 1920s, and its layout is a maze. The dormitory is very hard to navigate for the first few days, with its winding hallways, confusing room system, and strange locations of important rooms, but this is easily overcome with a few well-read RCAs, and this handy little guide: Basically everything important is on the first three floors. There are two lounges, one located on the second floor and another on the third. The laundry room, vending machines, and ice machine are on the second floor. That should help a bit.

The rooms are all nice and spacious, with great views of the courtyard and plenty of space to store your supplies. Each room comes equipped with beds, desks, lamps, fans, sheets, and towels. The building is also nicely located, being close to Helen Newman, Appel, Robert Purcell Community Center, and the Arts Quad. It’s also only 15 minutes away from the Cornell Store, which is very convenient for those who need to buy extra supplies.

The only major complaint that most may have about Balch is its lack of air conditioning, but the other dorms apparently don’t have it either, so in this case, you’re out of luck. Though, it is a bit odd that there are times when it is much cooler outside of the building than inside.

My personal favorite aspect of Balch is its atmosphere, however. It feels very peaceful and relaxed, which for stressed-out students, is a very favorable environment. Overall, Balch is a fantastic dorm with a few flaws, but is definitely one you should visit someday.
Making the Most of Your Summer

By Cornell Admissions

Now that the euphoria of independence from your family has faded, take time to consider just what a wonderful opportunity this time at Cornell can mean to you. The dozens of things you are doing for yourself, the decisions you’re making and new experiences will all contribute to change in your life. The very fact that you’ve chosen to spend your summer in an academic program will make you an interesting candidate at most colleges. Here are a few tips for making the most of your Cornell experience.

- Invest yourself in your courses enough to expand your limits; work on your critical reading and writing skills; get to know at least one member of the faculty well enough to seek his or her advice, and maybe eventually a recommendation for your college application. Do some new things socially, try a new sport, meet people who are different from you, and try to understand how their experiences have shaped their personalities and interests. Reflect on how your own background has shaped you.

- Think about the kind of academic environment that would be best for you. Will it be smaller than Cornell or larger, in a city or a college town? Consider the many different academic programs that might be of interest.

- Make appointments to attend some of the group information sessions offered each week in Cornell’s college admissions offices. Listen carefully and participate in discussions as a way to learn about what the school might offer you and also to clarify

Must See Places on Campus

By Amber Zhang

~ Big Red Barn ~
An old carriage house turned student center, located in the heart of campus and surrounded by lawns and gardens.

~ The Arts Quad ~
The arts quad is where all the humanities and art classes take place. Full of green trees, fresh air, and artistic vibes.

~ Balch Hall Courtyard ~
Courtyard between North and South Balch Hall. Great place for studying, games, and group meetings.
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for yourself the issues involved in writing an effective college application.

- Remember that when you leave Cornell you will have a college transcript: a record, for better or worse that will supplement your high school credentials. Excellent performance demonstrates serious academic achievement. Very poor results will be hard to explain.

- You will be meeting new people each day. Try to learn from them, especially from the Cornell student staff. Talk to students about how they selected majors, their college, what school was like in the beginning, how they managed school and extracurricular commitments.

- Practice your organizational skills by planning what you want to accomplish each week, or even each day. If you’d like to visit classes other than your own, or attend campus lectures, make some time for them in your schedule from the beginning. The summer activity tends to escalate, but you can learn to handle more challenges just by improving your planning.

- Keep in touch with your parents, but try to take more and more responsibility for your own decisions, work, appointments and arrangement-making. There are many ways this can pay off. You’ll get better at keeping a number of balls in the air at the same time, and your parents and others will appreciate your increased capacity to manage your time. Colleges are looking for mature and independent students, rather than “kids” whose parents make all of their contacts and arrangements.

These weeks on a college campus can be a lot of fun, but it’s also a never-to-be-repeated chance to get a head start in the process of selecting colleges. Use it well!
Lawrence Moy is one of the many great RCAs here at Cornell Summer College who actively engages with the community and the students on a personal level in Mary Donlon Hall. He is a rising junior majoring in Animal Science and minoring in Business here at Cornell University. There are many reasons why he chose to enroll at Cornell, but one of the most appealing aspects of Cornell to him was that it has the best veterinary school in the country. Lawrence is planning to continue his education after completing his studies here at Cornell so that he can be a veterinarian or pharmacist one day.

Cornell has become like a second home to him because he loves the overall campus feeling and people around him. One of the many reasons why he decided to be an RCA at Cornell Summer College for a second time was because of the amazing friendships and bonds he had formed in the previous summer. He enjoys doing this and has always had a great time at Summer College.

Although Lawrence doesn’t consider himself to be much of a reader he does enjoy watching anime and movies. He really enjoys seeing stories unfold because it enables him to interpret the storylines and to truly relate to the emotions of the characters. In the previous years he has watched One Piece on a regular basis while also following the Harry Potter series closely. He has almost finished watching Naruto and enjoys re-watching cartoons from his childhood because it brings back good memories from when he was younger. When asked what who his favorite superheroes were he promptly responded Batman and Spiderman because he can relate to how losing people that they loved impacted both their characters and their decision making.

All in all Lawrence is a very interesting young man. He loves being at Cornell University and considers it to be his dream school. Being an RCA here at Summer College is a very enjoyable time for him in which he forms long-lasting friendships with all kinds of different people and in which he makes great experiences. Shout-out to Lawrence and everyone living in Mary Donlon!
How to Survive the First Day

By Amelie Ya Deau

How to survive the first day of Summer College in five easy steps:

1. Get a lot of sleep

Being sleep deprived isn’t the best way to start your college experience. It can cause you to be more irritable and more distracted, and feeling grouchy or out of it doesn’t help you do well or meet new people. Speaking of ways to prevent feeling grouchy...

2. Pack a lot of snacks for your room and for class

Maybe you’ve spent the majority of the free time you had (before coming to Cornell) going to bed at 2am and sleeping until noon. Maybe you’re running late to your first class session because you forgot to set an alarm, or you slept through your alarm. Maybe you just couldn’t make it out of your dorm in time for breakfast.

Whatever the reason, skipping meals can lead to low blood sugar, which can also make you less likely to get along with your peers. Take a snack with you to eat during class, or during breaks if your professors don’t allow you to eat during their lectures.

3. Make friends with your roommate

Perhaps you’re not used to cohabitating; you might be an only child, or have older siblings that have moved out, or you simply have your own room so you don’t really have to share living spaces that often. Well, the fact that you will have a roommate is a given for almost all summer college students. You will have a symbiotic relationship with your roommate (since you are sharing a living space), so you might as well make it a mutualistic experience where you each benefit from the other person’s company.

4. Introduce yourself to lots of other people

While (summer) college is an academic experience, the social component is also extremely important. You have nothing to lose by introducing yourself to people in your class, on your floor, in your dorm building, etc. You might not get along with everyone, but you will almost certainly find people that you will like being around. Who knows, you might meet someone you stay in touch with or even go to college with.

5. Treat Summer College like actual college

If treated seriously, CUSC can be a great experience that you enjoy, find enriching, and leave feeling more knowledgeable because of what you learned in your classes. Otherwise, you might find classes frustrating, overwhelming, or uninteresting. Make the most of your first day, introduce yourself to your professor(s), participate in activities, and try to enjoy yourself.
This week on campus...

**Monday**
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Jessup Grove and Pleasant Grove Basketball Courts
- MOVIE MONDAY- 8-10pm, Balch Unit 4 TV Lounge

**Tuesday**
- COMMUNICATION FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS- 6:30-8pm, Balch Unit 1 Lounge
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- SOCCER INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Appel Fields 1 and 2

**Wednesday**
- LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP- 8pm, Donlon Formal Lounge
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- VOLLEYBALL- 6-8pm, Dickson Sand Volleyball Courts

**Thursday**
- COMMUNICATION FOR COLLEGE SUCCESS- 6:30-8pm, Balch Unit 1 Lounge
- WRITING WALK-IN SERVICE- 7-10pm, 2133 Balch Hall
- MATH TUTORING SERVICES- 7-9pm, 2132 Balch Hall
- ULTIMATE FRISBEE INTRAMURAL- 6-8pm, Appel Field 3

**Friday**

**Saturday**
- FIELD DAY- 11am-1pm, CKB Courtyard
- 4TH OF JULY BBQ- 1-4pm, CKB Courtyard

**Sunday**
- ROSAMUND GIFFORD ZOO AND DESTINY USA- 8am-7pm, Syracuse
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Love to write or take pictures? Join the summer Times!
Meetings every Monday and Tuesday from 5-6pm in Balch Unit 1 Lounge. Email Mary Melati (mam542@cornell.edu) for more information.

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Student’s Art

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