From the President

Many of the CALL courses have begun, and as of March 7, 2006 the total registration was 683 plus the 66 in the completely filled Bonus Internet Classes. There was also a waiting list for a couple of regular classes and the bonus classes.

Here are some additional interesting statistics about CALL members. As of March 1, 2006 there were 670 members, another substantial increase over the previous year. Of these 670 members, 60% have provided an email address, and beginning in the fall we plan to make more extensive use of these. There are 216 men (32%) and 454 women (68%); and there are 151 couples who are both members, and 368 who are individual members.

The Membership Committee is looking at the tabulation of the Member Interest Profile to find out what your interests are for future planning. The initial results suggest that there is interest in some types of new programs, and the committee and Board will be looking at these possibilities. If you have not yet submitted your survey I encourage you to do so.

The Health, Fitness, and Recreation Committee has submitted plans for bicycle trips. The dates for these trips are May 17, 2006, May 31, 2006, and October 12-13, 2006. If you are interested, put these dates on your calendar and look in the next CALLNews for details and information about registering for them.

During the Calvin Board of Trustees meeting last month, Phil Lucasse, who was very involved in the beginning of CALL, Wally Bratt, who has chaired the Curriculum Committee for several years, and I made a presentation to the Calvin Board, the Alumni Board, and Calvin faculty members regarding the CALL program. Bob Meyering developed the PowerPoint presentation which we used. This presentation was very well received, and has helped to make CALL better known in the Calvin community. I appreciate the fact that Darlene Meyering suggested this to President Byker, and also appreciate the contributions of Phil, Wally, and Bob to help advertise the exciting things going on in the CALL programs.

Roger Griffioen, President of CALL

Announcements

Room Changes

Because of the large enrollment, there is a room change for the Classical Music course with John Varineau. These classes will be held in the Bytwerk Theater, lower level of DeVos Communication Center, east of East Beltline.

The course on the Aging Brain will be in North Hall 078 instead of HH335.

Elderhostel on Mackinac Island:

Study and experience the Island’s history, legends, geology, natural beauty and architecture. Live in one of the Victorian manors or historical hotels for four nights, May 21-25. $605 includes double bed room and all meals. Toll-free 877-426-8056

Ralph Dik, Community Relations Liaison -

Mentors Needed

Lisa Jousma reports that due to increased interest in the student body, she urgently needs more volunteers to serve as mentors (not tutors) to serve our Calvin college students in need of an older friend. If you are able, please call Lisa at Calvin or contact her at lj2@calvin.edu.

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Send to: CALL c/o Irene Bolthouse 3201 Burton St SE  Grand Rapids MI 49546

Midland “Dow Country”
May 5-6 [Fri-Sat] $185 per person

Muskegon “Lumber Queen”
June 13 [Tue] $45 per person

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CALL Member Events

Apr 18 - 20 [Tue-Thur] “Abraham Lincoln's Legacy Trip” This three-day trip is full and has a waiting list. The bus will leave at 7AM from Calvin College and return again on Thursday around 9PM. We are looking forward to a great trip.

May 5-6 [Fri-Sat] Midland, Michigan "Dow Country" There is still time to join an exciting two day trip to eastern Michigan. We will stay at the Holiday Inn, view the beautiful Dow Gardens, recapture the legacy and history of Dow Chemical, enjoy the Bradley House, the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, and more. We will have dinner at the famous Ashland Hotel, and view the Tridge (unique to Midland). Reserve your seat with full payment ($185)

Questions? call Carl Welmers 243-6431 or Jeanne Vos 949-2888

May 23 [Tue] - Annual Spring CALL Luncheon
This luncheon is free. The location is in the Calvin Commons and begins at noon. CALL members need to sign up. There will be a sign-up sheet on the refreshment table by the CALL classes. You can also send an e-mail to call@calvin.edu or leave a message on the CALL phone 977-1792.

Jun 13 [Tue] (note the change of date) Muskegon - Lumber Queen of the World - Dr. Richard Harms wrote his doctoral dissertation on Charles Hackley later published as a book. He will lead this tour of Muskegon, the largest lumber producing city during the nineteenth century. We will visit sites important in the lumbering history of Muskegon, reflect on the impact of lumbering, and stop at the Hackley and Hume houses and their shared carriage house - all finely preserved and restored examples of late Victorian architecture. We will also visit the Hardy and Croton Dam areas. With his engaging style, Dr Harms will describe the lumber industry, bringing alive the people whose fortunes were made during the White Pine era, as well as review some of the steps taken to bring industry to the city once the trees of the Muskegon River basin had all been harvested. You will also learn of the large-scale shipping via sailing vessels on the Great Lakes, the log drives and the aftermath of the industry on the this region.

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The price is $45. The bus will leave Calvin College at 9AM and return around 4PM. Lunch is included.

Advance Notice

Sep 14-15 Stratford Plays
Mark the dates of September 14 and 15 on your calendar for the Stratford play, "Twelfth Night" and the musical, "South Pacific." Details later.

Oct 19-27 East Coast Heritage Tour: To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the CRC, join Peter Borgdorff and Bill Sweetman on a bus tour of CRC and national historical sites October 19-27, 2006 (9 days/8 nights). Tour departs from Grand Rapids,MI. Visit CRC churches, hear their stories, and meet fellow CRC members. Stops at Gettysburg, Lancaster, and Philadelphia, PA; New Jersey/New York metroarea; Boston and Whitinsville, MA; Niagara Falls and Hamilton, ON. For information, cost, and itinerary call (616) 827-1459 or (616) 247-6741. E-mail pborgdorff@comcast.net or wjs3@calvin.edu.

Midwest and West Heritage Tours are planned for 2007.

Public Events (sponsored by CALL)

Noontime Series
Free one-hour programs held on alternating Thursdays from noon–1:00 PM

Apr 6 [Thur] "Arcadia" in the Spoelhof Center Lab Theatre. Calvin theatre students present segments of Tom Stoppard's brilliant play which touches on a mind-bending array of subjects - all of them brought to life through the intricate relationships within two groups of highly articulate and entertaining people occupying the same country house in Derbyshire, England, 200 years apart.

Apr 20 [Thur] “The Thumbprint in the Clay” in the Fieldhouse. Poet Luci Shaw, adjunct faculty member and Writer in Residence at Regent College, Vancouver, Canada, speaks in conjunction with the Festival of Faith and Writing

Passport to Adventure Travel Series

May 11 [Thur] 7:30PM at FAC. “Alaska’s Inside Passage” with John Holod. Single tickets are $5.00 each Student Tickets: $2.50 Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Mon – Fri. Phone (616) 957-6282