

CALL NEWS



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From the President

When I survey the list of fall CALL courses, trips and adventure opportunities, I am reminded of how enjoyable learning can be. One problem is that space limitations at Calvin dictate the simultaneous presentation of the several CALL courses. This limits our choices as to which of the thirty-some courses we can attend. But I know my selections will be enjoyable learning experiences.

As I contemplate my selections I am reminded that learning can be enjoyable or painful or both. After hitting my fingers with the hammer a few times I learned to keep my fingers away. Nothing enjoyable about that.

An even more painful learning experience happened on a hot August Sunday evening in about 1947. As an acknowledgement of my "maturing" I, now thirteen, was permitted to sit with my friends in the balcony at Alpine Avenue Christian Reformed Church during the Sunday evening service. It was the north side balcony where we four boys were seated so that our parents could keep an eye on us from below. For several weeks this arrangement worked out all right.

But on this one Sunday evening about midway through the sermon, my friend Charles, a budding cartoonist seated next to me, showed me a caricature sketched on the back of the bulletin. Readily identified was the pastor and in front of him a boy, presumably Charles, head down and throwing up. Well, I got the uncontrollable giggles, relatively silent at first, but then clearly audible, made worse by my congestion from hay fever. I could not stop laughing even by biting my index finger.

The pastor, Reverend De Jong, paused in his sermon. He looked up in my direction and said from the pulpit, "I am not going on with this sermon until those boys in the balcony will behave." There was a deathly silence in the nearly full auditorium. Of course, everybody turned and looked at us, especially me. Needless to say the giggles ceased as I slouched down in my seat.

To say that my father, the West Side Christian School principal who prided himself in rigid discipline, was angry is like saying "chickens lay eggs." The days after that are an awful blur in my mind. About two or three days later during a ride home from school with my dad, our car headed not northwest but south and then to Eleventh and Alpine and to the Alpine CRC parsonage. With me firmly in hand, my dad led me upstairs to the pastor's study. I trembled uncontrollably as my father informed me that I was to apologize to the pastor. I felt faint. When I protested weakly my father said, "Just say you are sorry and that it will not happen again." So that is what I said and the pastor was gracious. He even put his arm around my shoulder when I cried.

From this episode I learned more than proper church behavior now that I was sitting downstairs again with my parents. I learned that when I make a mistake I should say, "I am sorry", as quickly as possible and that people usually are quick to forgive. More importantly I learned that God forgives us when we confess our sins, even sins in church.

Peter VanVliet, President of CALL

Service Committee *Tom Weeda, Chair*

Once again our committee is accepting requests for service grants. These grants, usually up to \$200.00, are made available for CALL members who are involved in a volunteer service project outside of the CALL program. The intended purpose of such grants is to encourage and assist CALL members in their service with Christian organizations.

During 2006-2007, service grants were awarded to the following projects:

1. The purchase of Bibles to be used in study at a juvenile detention center.
2. Support for two 4th grade students to defray the cost of attending a summer camp.
3. The purchase of rhythm instruments for a Friendship Bible Club (serves adults with cognitive impairments.)
4. Providing bus transportation to a baseball game for another Friendship group in which many CALL members are volunteer teachers.

Registration Form

Send to: CALL c/o Irene Bolthouse
3201 Burton St SE
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#1 Jan 22 [Tues] January Series Brunch \$15 per person

#2 Feb 13 [Wed] February Luncheon \$14 per person

Please Check

#1 #2

Name(s) _____

Address _____

email _____ Phone _____

Total enclosed _____

If you wish to apply for such a grant, please request an application by contacting Audrey Van Vliet, 940-1949. You can also download an application form from CALLWeb www.calvin.edu/academic/call/documents/service_grant.pdf

from Member Events Committee
Don Lautenbach, Chair

Nov 14 [Wed] "What's New in Grand Rapids" tour is filled with a waiting list.

Questions – Call Carl Welmers 243-6431

Jan 22, 2008 [Tue] 10:15AM at Calvin Prince Center **January Series Brunch.** Dr. William Garvelink, special ambassador to Africa and the recipient of the Calvin Distinguished Alumni award this year, will speak to us. After a delicious brunch, we will take a bus to the Fine Arts Center where we will have reserved seating for his noon January Series lecture. His talk to us at 10:30 will be different from his lecture at noon. Cost \$15.00

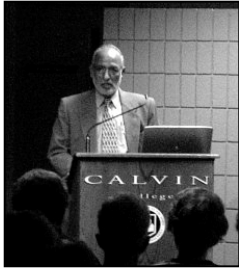
Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach, 698-9244

Feb 13, 2008 [Wed] 12:00Noon at Calvin Prince Center **February Luncheon.** Our special speaker will be Dr. Joy Bonnema who will speak on "*Glorious Grace.*" Her engaging presentation will point us to the evidence of God's divine nature that radiates all around us. Come expecting to hear refrains of the joyous songs that creation sings, to behold the glory of God the creator, and to explore tangible ways we can join in the song and thus radiate God's glory in our daily lives. Dr. Bonnema is a wife, mother and part-time professor at Calvin College. Cost \$14.00

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from Public Events Committee
Henry Baron, Chair

Noontime Series



Dr. Ghulam Malik presents at recent Noontime series on **The Jihad in Afghanistan and Pakistan.**

Nov. 1 [Thur] Charles Wesley Hymn Festival To celebrate the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth, Calvin music ensembles, organist Norma deWaal

Malefyt and a close friend of Charles Wesley himself lead the singing of some familiar Wesley hymns. (In the Chapel)

Nov. 15 [Thur] Impact of War Director of CRCNA Chaplaincy Ministries, Rev. Herman Keizer, moderates a panel of representatives from Western Michigan families, churches and communities that have been directly impacted by the ravages of war. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Passport To Adventure: A Travel Film Series

Single tickets \$5 each

Student Ticket \$2 each

Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM,
 Monday-Friday Phone 616-526-6282

- All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM
- A free shuttle bus runs between the FAC and the west parking lot off Burton Street for 30 minutes before and after each program

Nov 15 [Thur]

Tibet: A Light in the Darkness
 with Sean Cassidy and Patricia Keith

Jan 10, 2008 [Thur]

Postcards from Italy
 with Steve McCurdy

Mar 6, 2008 [Thur]

La Manche The English Channel
 with Monty & Marcia Brown

Apr 3, 2008 [Thur]

Prague to Paris, and a Cruise
 with Clint Denn

from College Support Committee,
Carol Rienstra, Chair

President Byker recently received a very complimentary letter from a CALL member who praised the good manners and kindness of the college students who "open the doors, say 'hello', smile a lot and show a great deal of patience." He appreciates hearing positive things from the constituencies of the college, and this particular letter was heart-warming.

Please remember that college students are in class sessions in Hiemenga Hall during the CALL coffee break time. Perhaps take your coffee and cookie to the classroom you just left, or to your next class, or out on the chapel patio as the weather continues to be fair. I'm sure that if everyone cooperated just a little more, the noise levels will be kept to a minimum. Thanks on behalf of the diligent younger learners and instructors at Calvin.

About Calvin opportunities –

BETWEEN NATURE AND NATIONALITY: The Hague School in the Nineteenth Century until November 17, 2007 in the Spoelhof Center Art Gallery

Calvin Theatre Company presents **GODSPELL** by Stephen Schwartz. Directed by Debra Freeberg November 1-3, & 7-10, 2007 in the Gezon Theatre. Call the box office for ticket information 526-6282



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