From the President

Call Board President Peter Van Vliet has asked our committee to describe the process by which we arrive at our curriculum twice each year. We’re happy to do so.

In mid-to late October and in mid-spring we have our first planning session, in which we simply go around the table and ask each member for her or his course and course leader suggestions for the next semester. Once we have compiled that list—and it is usually a long one—we take another look at it and refine it on the basis of the relative value of the various course suggestions as we see them, their feasibility for our program, and the list’s overall balance in terms of the variety of areas represented in it. Each committee member then volunteers to contact three to five potential instructors, to explain our program, policies and needs, and then to ask whether he or she would be willing to teach a course for CALL on either the topic we suggest or some other topic within that person’s area of knowledge.

We then generally have a second committee meeting in which we report on the outcome of our inquiries. At that point we may add or delete course possibilities, depending on the responses we’ve received. The instructors who agree to teach for us then present their scheduling wishes to our master scheduler, Jim Gunn, and their course description to Wally Bratt, who compiles and edits the
information and sends it to the editor of CALLNews, Laird Hamstra.

A decade or so ago, at CALL’s early beginnings, the instructors we contacted frequently turned us down. That is no longer the case, and it’s because of the interest and level of participation you CALL members show during class sessions. CALL participants have come to be known as ideal students. In a real sense, then, it is the reputation you have earned--your keen responsiveness and lively minds--that has made our committee’s task easier and more enjoyable, and we thank you for it.

If ever you are inclined to thank anyone involved in this process, it should be the committee members: Jim Bosscher, Milly Buma, Jim Gunn, Don Lautenbach, Ruth Stubbs, Phyllis Van Andel, Bob Vander Laan, Clare Walhout, and Paul Zwier. It is their creativity, wide reading, persistence, persuasiveness, and openness to what is going on in the world around us that ultimately results in the wide array of course offerings we are able to present to you.

Wally Bratt

Public Events Committee  Henry Baron, Chair

January Series Discussions
Don’t miss The January Series every weekday from January 3-23. Public Events Committee announces a new partnership with the January Series. Following the presentation on Friday January 18 by Douglas Diekema “Love, Justice, and Humility: A Bioethicist meets the Pillow Angel” there will be a discussion led by Dr. Ronald Hofman, Grand Rapids Pediatrician, who knows Dr. Diekema well. It will be in Fine Arts Center room 125.

CALL Noontime Series Spring 2008
All programs will be held from noon to 1 pm in the Calvin College Chapel Undercroft (with the exception of March 20 and April 17 - which will be in the FAC auditorium)
Feb 7 [Thu] The Burning Season: How Wildfire Shaped the American Landscape  Calvin Professor of Biology Randy Van Dragt examines the role of recurring fire in shaping several of the major habitats of North America and how human-altered fire patterns are changing traditionally fire-adapted communities.

Feb 21 [Thu] Cold Cases Warmed Up  Retired FBI agent Gene Debbaudt describes how he and his associates go about investigating and cracking cold cases.

Mar 6 [Thu] The Hugely Prestigious Gilmore Festival  Sherman Van Solkema, Calvin alumnus who served over 30 years on the musicology faculty at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and chaired the music department at Grand Valley State University for 5 years, assesses the development of the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival and previews the coming events.

Mar 20 [Thu] Stories From the Life and Passion of Christ  Todd and Marilyn Farley, Calvin Mime Guild, and Mimeistry's Triflections bring new freshness through the art of mime to the infinite truths of the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord. (in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium)

Apr 3 [Thu] A Profile in Courage  Wayne Kuipers, a conservative Republican state senator from Holland, explains why he, in good conscience, voted to increase state taxes even though he knew that voting against the increase would have been safer for him.

Apr 17 [Thu] Partnership with 2008 Festival of Faith and Writing  (Opening Keynote Speaker TBA)  
(in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium)
CALL 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.

Mar 6 [Thu] “La Manche” - The English Channel with Monty & Marcia Brown

Apr 3 [Thu] Prague to Paris, and a Cruise with Clint Denn

Member Events Committee

Feb 13 [Wed] 12:00 Noon 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

Questions - Call Shirley or Don Lautenbach 698-9244

Mar 26 [Wed] What’s New in Grand Rapids Dick Harms will tell us how Grand Rapids has grown as we drive by the Indian Mounds. We will learn about Butterworth, get only fairly close to Tanglefoot (the fly catcher), view John Ball Park, and discover why Bridge Street is only on one end of the bridge. What can we learn about Mt. Mercy Academy, or Stonehills? Grand Valley’s downtown campus is also on the list. We include the older CR Churches such as Broadway and Alpine Aves., also the stately St. Adalberts. Next is a tour of the new J.W. Marriott. We then take a narrated tour of “Health-care Hill.” We will board from the Prince Center parking lot at 8:30AM, departing at 9AM and we hope to be back at the Calvin Campus at 3-3:30PM. Morning coffee and lunch are included. Cost is $56.00.

Questions? - Call Jeanne or Clarence Vos 949-2888

Mar 5 [Wed] Visit the "New" Air Zoo and the Waco Classic Aircraft Facility. This is a unique destination!! The Air Zoo lifts your spirits, expands your awareness and brings the flight experience to life. This is an out of the world feeling. You will share the history of flight by soaring with the montgolfiers, feeling the drama of a World War II mission, and testing your skills at the controls of a F-18 Hornet. You may visit the Guadalcanal museum and also see the many rare and historic aircraft. After lunch, we will visit the...
Waco Classic Aircraft Facility in Battle Creek where they build and restore the older aircraft. They are an award winning restoration service for vintage and antique aircraft. The trip will begin at 8 AM with an expected return to GR by 4:00PM. The Cost of $49 includes the bus, coffee and donuts, lunch, and entrance fees to the Air Zoo and the Waco Classic Aircraft Facility. Send your payment today to reserve your place for this exciting trip.

Questions, call Don Lautenbach 698-9244

May 7-10, [Wed-Sat] Civil War Battlefield trip is full. 55 persons have sent their deposits to confirm their reservation. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, send a $75 deposit. Detailed information on this trip will be sent to registrants by February 15.

Questions, call Don Lautenbach at 698-9244.

Extended Trips Committee
Roger Griffioen, chair

Sep 11-22, 2008 England: The Theatre and Beyond. Now is the time to make your reservations for CALL’s first overseas trip. Join Dr. Mary Ann Walters and Dr. Charles Strikwerda for this exciting 12-day study tour. The number of participants will be limited to 24-28 so get your reservation in soon. For a brochure and/or an application form, go to www.calvin.edu/call
Membership Committee  Harold Kuizema, chair

CALL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
___New member  ___Renewal  ___Former Member

Name(s)__________________________________________
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Address_________________________________________
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Phone Number (      ) _____________________

E-mail address __________________________________

Please check length of membership desired:
___ One-year membership ($30 per person)
___ Three-year membership ($90 per person)
    One free CALL course per person
___ Five-Year membership ($150 per person)
    Two free CALL courses per person

Send this form and appropriate check in enclosed envelope.

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Please note that the CALL membership year is September 1 to August 31. A membership renewal notice is sent in July each year.
Questionaire
Two CALL committees - the Publicity Committee and the Public Events Committee - invite you to help us improve our services to the CALL membership. Please complete and return the questionnaires (both sides of this page) in the enclosed envelope (along with your course selections and check.) In the case of two persons using one page, you may write a '1' and/or a '2' next to, or above, the selected responses. Otherwise, circle or mark your response in whatever way you'd like.

Publicity Committee
1. I read the CALLNews [regularly] [sometimes] [seldom or never]
2. To receive CALLNews each month is
   [very important to me regardless of the content]  \ [somewhat important to me as a reminder]
   [not important if it doesn't contain course or member events information.]
3. I check CALLWeb (www.calvin.edu/call) [regularly] [sometimes] [seldom or never].
4. I use the internet [frequently] [occasionally] [never].
5. I'd like to receive an e-mail notification when the CALLNews and course schedule are available to read on the CALLWeb. [yes] [not sure] [no]
6. I receive the Calvin-connection bi-weekly e-newsletter. [yes] [no]
   [no, but would like to - my e-mail address is ____________________________]
7. I would like to see the following in the CALLNews -
   [articles by and about CALL members]
   [inspirational poetry and good jokes]
   [more reports from CALL committees]
   [briefs from the CALL board]
   other:____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
Public Events Committee

1. I attend the Noontime Series [regularly] [sometimes] [seldom or never]

2. I would attend more frequently if:
   [ Offered on another day (such as________________) ]
   [ Offered at another time(e.g. ________ or________) ]
   [ Transportation was available]
   [ Access to location was easier]
   [ I had someone to attend with]

3. I have suggestions for Noontime Series program presentations:

   ____________________________________________________

   ____________________________________________________

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4. I attend the Passport to Adventure Travel Films
   [ 5 times a season] [2-3 times a season] [seldom or never]

5. I would like to see a travel film about:

   ____________________________________________________

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Thankyou for taking the time to complete these survey questions.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Each year one or two Distinguished Service Awards will be presented at CALL’s Spring Association Meeting to recognize individuals who have given extra-ordinary service to our Academy. Your help is critical for identifying worthy candidates. Candidates should have been member of CALL for more than 5 years and have given service to organization for more than 3 years.

Name of Your Nominee: __________________________________________

Please give a brief statement regarding the quality of service that your nominee has done for CALL and why he/she should be considered for this award):

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Signature: __________________________

(return nomination in enclosed envelope)
RULES & REMINDERS

1) Only CALL members may take CALL courses

2) As you select your courses, fill out both the number of the course and the title word which appears in **BOLD** print. Although you may select as many courses as you desire, these choices will be given to you on a space-available basis. Your registration will be confirmed.

3) The cost is $15 per course per person

4) Please do not attend a class unless you are registered for it. Often there is a waiting list for a closed course and it is unfair to those who registered earlier if you assume there is room available.

5) Wear your nametag to class as well as to other CALL events.

6) If your nametag or plastic holder has strayed or been damaged, you may request a new one.

7) We are always happy to welcome new members to CALL. If you have friends who would like to take courses with you, but have never joined, urge them to join CALL. The information is available on [www.calvin.edu/call](http://www.calvin.edu/call)

8) Display your parking permit or you may be ticketed.
CALL Registration Form

Please enroll me/us in the CALL Courses or trips as listed. I/we understand that enrollment is in the order that registrations are received. The course or trip may fill and no longer be available. There is no limit on the number of courses an individual may choose.

Name of 1st Registrant                  Name of 2nd Registrant
____________________________________  ______________________________________
____________________________________  ______________________________________

Phone(_____)___________________________

Email________________________________________________

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☐ Feb 13 [Wed] “Glorious Grace” luncheon $14
☐ Mar 5 [Wed] “Air Zoo/WACO classic aircraft” $49
☐ Mar 26 [Wed] “Grand Rapids Tour” $56
☐ Apr 9 [Wed] “Repeat Grand Rapids Tour” $56
☐ Apr 28-29 [Mon-Tue] “Cincinnati and More” $195
☐ May 7-10 [Wed-Sat] “Civil War Battlefield $425 ($75 deposit) **waiting list only**

Please enclose check for trip cost and/or number of courses you have selected @ $15 per course.
$________________________

Your cancelled check is your receipt. Confirmation will be sent. If a trip or course is already filled, you will be notified