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Alumni Relations Events

- 2005-2006 saw 115 regional Calvin alumni events, including coast-to-coast "Calvin Around Town" events. The annual Alumni golf tournament on Saturday, September 9, brought a turnout of 226 participants with event proceeds going to the Grand Rapids Area Chapter Scholarship Fund.
- The "Calvin Around Town" series included a Middle Eastern museum event, in the Van Andel Arena, for the "Egypt" exhibit. The event featured Henry Luttikhuisen (Art) and Adel Abadeer (Economics & Business) and drew over 200 alumni and friends.
- Regional alumni chapters have begun adopting the "Around Town" model with a groundbreaking event in Milwaukee at the new art museum, top off with a mini-concert by Calvin's Capella choir; a Colorado chapter gathering at the Denver Zoo with communications professor Bill Romanowski; and an event at Ford Field in Detroit featuring Calvin's Gospel Choir and retired Detroit Lion Lem Barney.
- "The Game": Once a year, on a Saturday in January, the alumni associations of Calvin and Hope team up to have the locally televised Hope-Calvin basketball game sent across North America by satellite. In January 2006, there were a record 59 game sites in cities from Seattle, Washington to Naples, Florida. The alumni office was able to secure a place for "The Game" on College Sports Television (CSTV), a major digital provider of sports programming. See www.calvin.edu/thegame for a list of locations and pictures of game sites.

- The 2005 edition of “Christmas at the Campus Store,” the annual Saturday-in-December alumni-sponsored effort to get alumni to “buy Calvin” for the holidays, drew a record number of shoppers and dollars: 629 shoppers and \$23,638 in sales (surpassing the previous records of 525 shoppers and \$18,000 in sales).
- Throughout the country, the Alumni Association sponsored events for regional chapters: in Holland (a panel of professors discussing Hurricane Katrina and a Calvin Alumni Choir concert); Kalamazoo (the Calvin Alumni Orchestra); Detroit/Ann Arbor (River City Improv troupe and a sing-along Messiah concert with the Calvin Orchestra); Minneapolis (Northwest Airlines CEO and Calvin graduate Doug Steenland '73); Denver (men’s basketball team on a Christmas break tour); and for the Black Alumni Chapter (Gospel Choir Concert).
- 17th Annual Spring Classic, Saturday, April 28, 2007. The Grand Rapids and Lakeshore Area Alumni Chapters of the Calvin Alumni Association host this race. Because of our generous corporate sponsors, all entry fees go toward student scholarships!
- 37th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament at Pilgrim’s Run on Saturday, September 9, 2006.

Alumni Awards and Recipients

Distinguished Alumni Award

Presented to alumni who have made significant contributions to their field of endeavor and manifest a Christian commitment, thus honoring Calvin College.

- **Dr. Gerald Gabrielse '73 (1951-)**
Dr. Gabrielse is the Leverett Professor of Physics at Harvard University. He and the international team that he leads are known for developing ways to cool and manipulate extremely cold antimatter particles and for making cold antihydrogen atoms. His Harvard research team tests some of the fundamental laws of nature with extremely accurate measurements of the properties of single electrons and antiprotons and with laser spectroscopy.
- **Mr. Charles Spoelhof '51 (1930-)**
Mr. Spoelhof is a retired engineer from the Eastman Kodak Company. During the height of the Cold War, Spoelhof was part of a small group of experts that helped develop the highly sophisticated camera technology used in spy satellites. Later, he worked with NASA to develop the techniques of lunar photography that identified appropriate landing sites for the Apollo missions. He also served on the blue ribbon commission to fix the Hubble Space Telescope.

Faith and Learning Award

Presented by the Calvin Alumni Association to recognize Calvin's outstanding faculty.

- **Wally Bratt (German)**
For 39 years Wally Bratt '55 emphasized the importance of umlauts and endings to hundreds of students; he highlighted the richness and depth of German culture; he stressed the value of German literature. But nothing in his teaching was as important to this German professor emeritus as the students themselves.

Outstanding Service Award

Presented to give recognition to those individuals and organizations who have given outstanding service to Calvin College.

- **Stu '72 and Mary Sytsma '73 Greydanus** (Boynton Beach, Florida)
- **Toyin Adebite Moore '91** (Wilmington, Delaware)

Alumni Association Publications, 2004 & 2005



Golden Years: Calvin's First Half-Century in the MIAA, 1953-2003
A history of Calvin athletics from 1953-2003 (2005)



Forever Faithful: Stories of William Spoelhof and Calvin College
A collection of tales told about president emeritus William Spoelhof (2004)



Hear Our Prayer (2004)
Calvin Alumni Choir, conducted by Pearl Shangkuan, and accompanied by Kenneth Bos.

Senior Class Gifts and Projects

Since 1993, each graduating class has added to the tradition of making a significant gift to future Calvin students.

Year	Project	Funds Raised	Participation Rate
2000	Accessibility for Ecosystem Preserve.	\$6,500	44%
2001	Library Lobby Accessibility	\$7,042	38%
2002	Lighted Signs on Calvin's Crossing Pedestrian bridge	\$6,150	42%
2003	Interactive Displays in Vincent & Helen Bunker Interpretive Center	\$3,302	20%
2004	Campus Improvements	\$2,280	15%
2005	Calvin Community Care Fund	\$1,825	In progress

Alumni Reunions

- 50-year reunion, class of 1955, May 20 & 21, 2005
- 45-year reunion, class of 1960, June 24, 2005
- 40-year reunion, class of 1965, June 25, 2005
- 30-year reunion, class of 1975, October 21, 2005
- 25-year reunion class of 1980, October 22, 2005
- 20-year reunion, class of 1985, July 16, 2005
- 10-year reunion, class of 1995, July 15 and 16, 2005

Reunion Giving, 2004

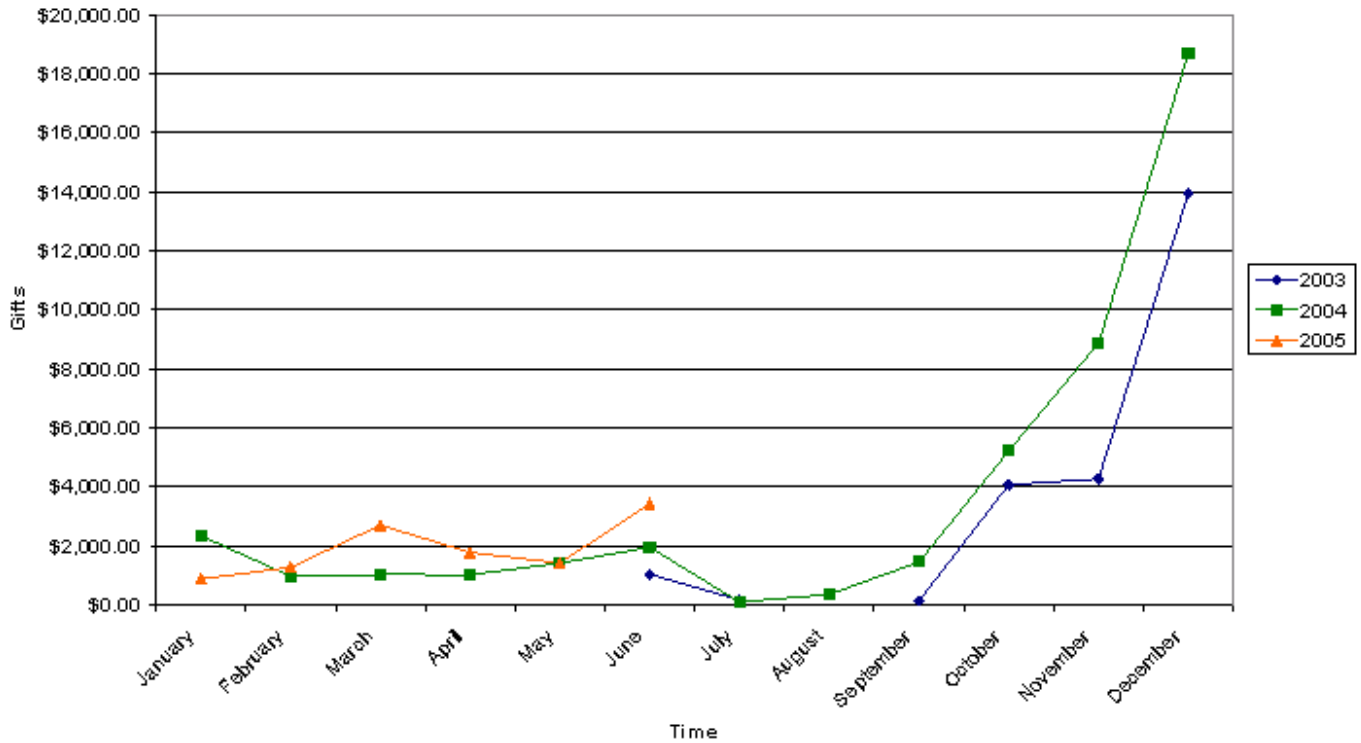
		Goal	Actual	Actual	Total	Goal	Actual
Class Year	Reunion Year	Calvin Fund Gifts	Year-to-Date Calvin Fund Gifts	Year-to-Date Gifts to Restricted Funds	Year-to-Date Total	Participation	Participation
Heritage	Graduates of 50+ years	\$190,000	\$189,273	\$481,765	\$671,038	55%	51%
1954	50	\$30,000	\$24,656	\$82,016	\$106,672	55%	47%
1959	45	\$50,000	\$50,869	\$100,423	\$151,291	50%	42%
1964	40	\$50,500	\$41,541	\$303,408	\$344,949	50%	40%
1974	30	\$57,000	\$44,279	\$22,692	\$66,971	45%	35%
1979	25	\$45,000	\$44,763	\$32,994	\$77,757	35%	28%
1984	20	\$35,000	\$34,590	\$22,671	\$57,261	40%	30%
1994	10	\$35,000	\$27,363	\$3,312	\$30,675	35%	25%

Online Giving, 2003-2005

While still a relatively small percentage of total giving, online gifts again increased in 2005, with more than \$80,000 received from 268 donors. That amount compares with \$42,000 in 2004, coming from 220 contributors. The Advancement Office received \$59,405 in year-end gifts in December, making 2005 a record year for online gifts. The average online gift was \$479. In total, Calvin supporters gave generously via the web site: \$91,896.

Development - Online Giving

Total 2003 = \$23,575.00
Total 2004 = \$43,332.92 (+83.8%)



Development Events

- Annual Named Scholarship Dinner for donors and student recipients. On November 3, 2005, 930 donors and students gathered in the new DeVos Place ballroom to celebrate the blessings both groups receive through participation in the scholarship program.
- Other events in fall 2005 included: Business Matters luncheon (September 26); Winter Sports luncheon with members of the media (November 14); New Faculty and Staff Campaign luncheon (December 1); and the Pre-Messiah Performance Dinner (December 1).
- In January, round table discussions in conjunction with the January Series provided an opportunity for donors to interact with Calvin professors. The discussions were led by Amy Patterson from the Political Science department (January 9) and Rev. Laura Smit, Dean of the Chapel (January 24).
- President's Retreat to Turkey and the Greek Islands of Patmos and Kos (April 19-28)
- The William Spoelhof Society Luncheon at the Frederick Meijer Gardens (May 4)
- Knollcrest Circle Inaugural Dinner at the Prince Conference Center (May 10)
- The Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity's inaugural lecture and reception at the Prince Conference Center (May 16)
- 50th Reunion Class luncheon at the Prince Conference Center (May 19)

Student Scholarships established and endowed

Between June 30, 2005 and December 31, 2005, a total of 29 new scholarships were established and endowed—more than were established in all of fiscal year 2004-2005. In addition, many families continued to add to existing scholarship funds. All together, gifts and new pledges to scholarships for this six-month period totaled \$2,349,272.

Research Grants Awarded to Calvin Faculty

The Alumni Association Board has awarded \$25,000 in faculty research grants during their 2005 award program. These grants were made possible through alumni gifts to the Spark Voluntary Subscription Drive.

Name and Department	Project Summary
Randy Bytwerk Communication Arts & Sciences	<p>“The Reichspropagandaleitung of the Nazi Party”</p> <p>This grant provides funding for travel to the German National Archives in Berlin and the German National Library in Leipzig for research on the inner workings of the Nazi Party's propaganda system.</p>
Don DeGraaf Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport	<p>“Experiential Education's Impact on Social Capital and Civic Engagement”</p> <p>Social capital refers to connections between individuals—the networks and trust that enables people to act together more effectively and be engaged in their communities. This proposal examines the impact of experiential education on the development of social capital and civic engagement in program participants by studying the Viata (youth adventure education) program in Romania and developing a plan to replicate their evaluation program in the United States.</p>
Herm DeVries Germanic & Asian Languages	<p>“Identity in Flux: The Netherlands and Present Cultural Transitions”</p> <p>This funding supports travel to the Netherlands to research the various issues of national and cultural identity (economic globalization, expansion of the European Union, multicultural society, etc.) that the Dutch are confronting today.</p>
Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung Philosophy	<p>“Seven Capital Vices”</p> <p>This project seeks to develop a dynamic curriculum for high school, college, and general Christian audiences on the seven capital vices (i.e., the seven deadly sins).</p>
Mark Fackler Communication Arts & Sciences	<p>“The Kenya Press Code: Professional Values in a Developing Democracy”</p> <p>What do journalists and their publics in Kenya understand concerning the values articulated in the Kenya Union of Journalists' Code of Conduct? This study seeks to describe and interpret the role of agape and, as a counterpoint, instrumental ethics in a developing civil society. Funds will allow a student researcher to travel to Kenya and participate in this project.</p>
Susan Hasseler Education	<p>“Educating for Shalom: An International Study of Race, Reconciliation, and Justice in Teacher Education Programs”</p> <p>This study examines the efforts of two institutions with Reformed roots, Calvin College and Northwest University in Potchefstroom, South Africa, to design educational programs that prepare teachers to teach in ways that promote equity and justice. Funds will be used for travel to South Africa and to analyze the data from interviews and documents collected.</p>
Kathryn Jacobsen Biology	<p>“Epidemiology of Infections Diseases in Ecuador”</p> <p>This study will develop an epidemiologic profile of the agents responsible for acute diarrhea in the Amazon River Basin of Ecuador (partnering with HCJB World Radio healthcare facilities), including analysis of drug-resistant bacteria. Funds support a student research assistant and travel to Ecuador.</p>
Christopher Smit Communication Arts & Sciences	<p>“No More Fallen: A New Approach to Disability and Christianity”</p> <p>This project explores the manner in which Christian doctrine defines disability, how those definitions are garnered from biblical texts, and how those definitions get employed in interpersonal and cultural communication between non-disabled and disabled members of the body of Christ. This grant provides funding for a student research assistant to be involved in research and a co-written essay.</p>
Jolene Vos-Camy French	<p>“Faith, Love and Heroism in late 17th Century France”</p> <p>This project investigates the themes of faith, love and heroism in the writings of Catherine Bernard (1662-1712); funding allows a student researcher to present a co-authored paper at the North American Christian Foreign Language Associate Conference.</p>

External Grants Funded

Category	Submitted to	Submitted by	Project
Research	NSF: National Science Foundation	James Turner	Interactions Between Homotopy Theory and Commutative Algebra
Research	NSF: National Science Foundation	Loren Haarsma; Stephen Matheson; Paul Moes; John Ubels	MRI: Acquisition of Electrophysiology Patch-Clamp Equipment to Support Cross-Disciplinary Research and Undergraduate Research Training
Program	Michigan Dept. of Education	Jan Koop; Beth Dieleman Dykstra	Teacher Quality: Building Strong Foundations in Mathematics
Program	Target	Jennifer Steensma Hoag	Photo Exhibit and Workshop: "The Nature of Invasion"
Program	MCACA	Darlene Meyering	Artist Series 2005-2006
Program	Lilly Endowment	Shirley Roels; Lois Konyndyk	Kingdom Apprentices: Imagining With Heart, Head and Hands
Research	University of Virginia	Larry Louters	Studies of the Molecular Basis for Calcium Channel Blocker Induced Hyperglycemia
Program	Lilly Fellows	Beth Dieleman Dykstra; Rhae-Ann Booker	Lilly Network Exchange: Entrada Scholars Program at Calvin College
Endowment	Artevel Foundation	Lois Konyndyk; Gaylen Byker	Campaign CD presentation
Program	Templeton Foundation	Jamie Smith	Science and the Spirit: Pentecostal perspectives on the Science/Religion Dialogue
Program	Bank One	Rhae-Ann Booker	Discovery Club Fellowship 2005
Program	DeVos Foundation	Lois Konyndyk; Gaylen Byker	George Van Wesep Memorial scholarship endowment
Research	Network180	Fred DeJong	Contract: Fred DeJong
Program	Teagle Foundation	Gail Heffner; Claudia Beversluis	College-Based Working Groups in Liberal Education: Strengthening Liberal Arts Education by Embracing Place and Particularity
Research	Ottawa County Parks	Deanna van Dijk	A Study of Mt. Pisgah, Ottawa County: June - August 2005
Program	Lilly Endowment	David Smith	Googling Youth in Troubled Times: A Conference for those Working with Youth amid the Cultural Wars
Program	NIH: National Institutes of Health	Rhae-Ann Booker	Entrada Expansion
Research	Fulbright	Dwight TenHuisen	Junior Research: The 16th Century European Travel Narrative: A Comparative Transatlantic Approach
Program	Van Lunen Foundation	David Smith	Renewing the Call: A Leadership Development Program
Research	American Chemical Society	Roger DeKock	PRF - Site of Protonation and Ligand Migration in Bimetallic Organometallic Complexes
Research	NSF: National Science Foundation	Matthew Walhout	RUI: Exotic Molecules and Isotope Studies in Metastable-Atom Traps
Research	Ottawa County Parks	Deanna van Dijk	A Study of North Ottawa Dunes, Ottawa County: June - August 2006
Research	Van Andel Research Institute	Jill Tatum	Mechanism of Cellular Death in Cultures Mouse Embryonic Fibroblasts as Determined by Transmission Electron Microscopy
Research	CIRI Foundation	Ellen Van't Hof	Finding Their Own Dance: Reawakening the Alutiiq Arts
Research	National Humanities Center	Randal Jelks	Benjamin Elijah Mays, a Religious Rebel in the Jim Crow South: An Intellectual Biography
Program	Whiting Foundation	Beth Dieleman Dykstra	Entrada Scholars Program
Research	Alaska Humanities Forum	Ellen Van't Hof	Finding Their Own Dance
Program	MCACA	Darlene Meyering	MOMIX; Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Orch.; Angela Hewitt

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Research	Lilly Fellows	Jamie Smith	Biblical Studies Across the Curriculum: Discerning Scripture for the Disciplines
Research	Alcon	John Ubels	Research support contract
Building	Vermeer Charitable Foundation	Lois Konyndyk; Gaylen Byker	The Wellness Center
Research	Art Works	Jennifer Steensma Hoag	Grand Rapids Landmarks 2006
Building	Meijer	Gaylen Byker; Lois Konyndyk	Ladies Literary Club
Program	Heritage Preservation	Joel Zwart	ReCAP of the Center Art Gallery
Research	Ada Township	David Warners	Natural Features Inventory for Ada Township
Research	Michigan Dept. of Education	James Rooks	Improving Teacher Quality: Four Blocks Language Arts Partnership
Research	Northrop Grumman	Rich DeJong	Dynamic Element Analysis of Ship Machinery Vibration
Research	Trane (American Standard)	Rich DeJong	Compressor Noise Control
Program	National Endowment for the Humanities	Daniel Bays	Challenge Grant: Stepping East (Asian Studies program)
Research	Teach Spin	David Van Baak	Teachspin contract
Program	McGregor Fund	Kurt Schaefer	Comenius Scholars: An Internship Program for Liberal Arts Majors
Research	National Institutes of Health	Arlene Hoogewerf	Identification of Biofilm-Induced Staphylococcus aureus Cytokine Receptors
Building	Steelcase Foundation	Lois Konyndyk	Ladies Literary Club
Building	Sebastian Foundation	Lois Konyndyk; Gaylen Byker	Ladies Literary Club
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