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## Professor of the year awarded to philosophy professor Daniel Herrick

BY JOSEPH MATHESON  
Editor in chief

The professor of the year award for 2014 was awarded to philosophy professor Daniel Herrick. The award from the outgoing senior class was presented in the traditional fashion Wednesday by surprising him during one of his classes.

"Of all the professors I've had, Herrick is probably one of the most enthusiastic about his students," said Steven Barre, a junior philosophy major.

"He's a major reason why I'm a philosophy major," said junior Kyle Luck.

A crowd of 20 or so students, as well as a few professors and Herrick's wife and parents, showed up to surprise Herrick.

"I didn't think it was possible for my class to be more bizarre or emotional," Herrick said after the cheering students had filed into his classroom. "This just blew my mind."

Herrick joined Calvin in 2010 directly from graduate studies at Princeton University and has spent his time at Calvin focusing primarily on teaching.

"My passion is to help people know God more through philosophy," Herrick said. "I really feel that philosophy done right has the power to illuminate every aspect of life, and particularly to help people know God better. I've been so privileged to have the chance to do that at Calvin."

His students especially appreciate

Herrick's personal concern for them.

"He reached out to me one-on-one this year," said Barre. "That meant a lot to me, that a professor would reach out to me and say, 'Hey, let's talk about your life.'"

Herrick has also appreciated the students that he's gotten to know.

the students crashed his class, he was in the middle of Euro Day.

"Euro Day is a made-up holiday where we celebrate the coolest nation on Earth: Europe," Herrick explained. "I dress in traditional European club garb, listen to traditional European club music and deliver an informative presentation about Europe."

any other professor."

Do Vale's admiration of Herrick's physique, however, is not strictly accurate.

"In the spring of 2011, Kevin Corcoran beat me hands-down in a pushup contest," Herrick admitted with a laugh. "And the story became myth and the myth became legend. Some

plans for what he will be doing in the future.

"I really feel that I have to be intentional about setting this aside as a time of rest, although I do have a number of writing projects I'm working on."

Because of this, Herrick is especially connected to the graduating class of seniors



PHOTO BY RACHEL QUILLIAN

Herrick was celebrating Euro Day when he was surprised with the award, which explains the glasses and skintight jeans.

"My favorite thing about Calvin is the students," he said. "Calvin really has the best students I've ever seen or worked with. They're so kind and encouraging and just good people."

He's also well-known for his engaging teaching style. When

In a similarly light-hearted fashion, other students discuss Herrick's strengths.

"He's been informally awarded the best-dressed professor at Calvin," said senior philosophy major Felipe Do Vale, adding, "He can do more push-ups than



PHOTO BY JONATHAN CHONG

A group of students and professors, as well as Herrick's wife and parents, surprised Herrick with the award during class.

say he has the strength of 10 men."

Although Herrick has enjoyed his time at Calvin, he is planning on leaving after this year.

"I really feel like God's calling me away from the academy, whether that's for a short sabbatical or something longer, I don't know," said Herrick.

He doesn't have any long-term

this year.

"I love all my students, of course, but I identify especially with the class of 2014, because they're the class I came in with and they're the class I'm leaving with," says Herrick.

"They're my gang, you know, which makes this so sweet. To the class of 2014, thank you so much!"

## Engineering senior design teams wrap up year-long projects

BY JOHN MUYSKENS  
Sci-Tech Editor

The Engineering building teems with students this time of year, all putting the final touches on their senior design projects. If mental computation were audible, one would hear a din of whirrs and clicks cutting above the hum of drills and percussion of hammers. Gadgetry and papers full of scribbled calculations lie on lab benches arranged to form team enclaves.

One team's bench features an array of Mountain Dew cans that would fetch a small mint at a nearby bottle return, betraying what is, perhaps, a serious caffeine dependency. It should be noted that the same team's workspace also features a couch and a Nintendo 64 hooked up to an old CRT television.

On the mezzanine, a young man wearing a suit drapes a schematic diagram over a too-small table. Flashes of light emanate from a 3D printer that could stand

in for a boxier droid from the Star Wars universe. Sparks shower as a student takes an angle grinder to the metal frame of a machine intended to help Cambodian farmers plant legumes.

It is in this setting that Team SolarCycle is hard at work, tinkering on their solar-panel-augmented motorcycle. The bike, with its wing-like panels, looks more like it should be orbiting the planet than cruising Lake Drive.

The solar panels are, at this point, just "a proof of concept," according to Jack Amick. Charging the bike would require more panels to fold out, which would, according to the team's calculations, allow the bike to charge half its battery in eight hours.

"Maybe if it's not in Michigan," smirks Mike Houtman. The panels fold down for riding and the bike must be in park to charge. "We want people to be safer, or something," says Amick.

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Team SolarCycle poses with the 1984 Honda Nighthawk they are using in their project.

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## Annual Special Olympics hosts 532 athletes at Calvin

BY BEKAH COGGINS  
Religion Co-Editor

The cold drizzle on Saturday morning did not dampen the spirits of the 532 athletes competing in the Special Olympics games hosted at Calvin College.

"I'm excited to be with friends, excited to run ... because I'm good today!" exclaimed 10-year-old Kelly before she took off for another warm-up lap around the track.

"Everybody was excited to be there — the volunteers, athletes

director for Special Olympics, said that Calvin has been partnering with the Special Olympics for over 30 years. He explained what the games mean to the athletes.

"It gives them a platform to show off their amazing talents and an opportunity to perform in front of family and friends," Caudle said. "Our athletes do not believe they are any different than the high school and college athletes we are all used to watching, so these events allow them the opportunity to compete just like them and show the world just because they may

shine in, which are huge values for people in general."

Jessica White, a 20-year-old athlete from Kalamazoo, participated in three swimming events.

"This is my first year and I love it so far," White said. "I was excited and nervous at the same time. Before I jumped in the pool, I thought, 'Gosh, all these people looking at me!' But it was awesome. I definitely feel accomplished."

White's mom, who was standing nearby, added that her daughter has been swimming for years, but the Special Olympics gave her extra motivation to swim.

"We got to train at the pool at Western Michigan University," White said. "She has always loved swimming, but being here today will especially help [motivate] her even more so for state."

Another Kalamazoo mom, who is 80 years old, has been bringing her daughter to Special Olympics for 20 years. Her daughter is now 54, and still loves the thrill of swimming in the Special Olympics.

The event had an impact on more than just the athletes. Almost 200 Calvin students volunteered to chaperone one to three athletes to their individual events. Many valued the event as much as the athletes.

Junior Alivia Hibbler said she was impacted by an athlete named Miguel. He clearly won gold in his heat of the 100-meter dash, but when it came time for the medals, he was awarded the silver medal by mistake.

"I was utterly confused — it was clear he came in first and in fact his time that was read aloud was faster than the time of the gold medal winner," Hibbler said. "But Miguel happily took his place on the silver medal podium. After the medal ceremony, I said that we could go speak to the times-keeper if he would like. He smiled and said, 'Nahhh, I got second! Let's let somebody else win gold. Did you see that boy's face when he

found out he won gold? He was so excited. I can't take that away from him."

"I was amazed by Miguel's response," Hibbler said. "I learned from Miguel that [winning] is not what is most important."

Junior Jennie Hartstein and senior Christina Howell also found joy from athletes like Miguel who kept competition in perspective.

"It gave me a fresh perspective on what is important and what matters," said Hartstein. "Seeing their joy and liveliness ... they had such a lack of worry about competition and instead they made it about rewarding each other. They remind me to question where my priorities are."

"We place too much importance on winning," Howell said. "There is so much enjoyment that can come from just being in the moment and experiencing this along with others. The athletes are so encouraging to one another, no matter the outcome, they are waiting at the end with a high five."

Junior Laura Wheeler and senior Garrit van Klaveren also reflected on joy they saw during the day.

"They teach me to be joyful about every detail of life, even things that we take for granted," Wheeler said. "They have the biggest smiles and hearts you've ever seen — so much beauty."

Van Klaveren worked with a 10-year-old boy who began the day as very quiet and cautious.

"But once I held his hand and threw him into a piggy back ride, he was having the time of his life," van Klaveren said. "To cap it off, once he got his awards for his events I put him on my shoulders and we did a victory run, and it was incredible to see the smile on his face, when we were running."

"He was a cutie, I must say," van Klaveren added. "It was truly a blessing to know that everyone is created in God's image; despite what we may look like on the outside, we are all God's children on the inside."



PHOTO BY ANNA DELPH

The Special Olympics hosted athletes throughout West Michigan.

and parents," said junior Laura Wheeler, who chaperoned an athlete for the day. "Surprisingly, I didn't see anyone cry. I thought I would witness some meltdowns, but no, everyone was smiling even though it was raining. Still so much joy."

The athletes, with ages ranging from eight to over 60 years old, paraded around the outdoor track to music by Calvin's pep band for the opening ceremony, which ended by lighting an Olympic torch and releasing a couple hundred balloons. This year's games included 13 events and saw an increase of almost 100 athletes from last year's games.

Nick Caudle, regional program

have intellectual disabilities there is no limit to the things they can accomplish."

Saturday's games certainly gave the athletes from all over West Michigan an arena to show their coaches, families and teammates the results of their work.

Lennel Geers, a special education teacher from Sparta, said her students have spent the past few weeks preparing. She brought five students to participate in a running event, a softball throw and a standing long jump.

"The kids are super excited — they love it," Geers said. "It gives them confidence, it boosts their self esteem, it gives them that pride — something they can

## "Happy Is..."-themed Dance Guild entertains dozens

BY HAYLEY COX  
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Despite publicity errors, Dance Guild pulled off another successful show this weekend. This semester's theme was "Happy Is..." Senior Marie-Renee Plona, a member of the Dance Guild leadership team, explained how this theme was inspired by a psychology class.

"We were talking about the different things that make people happy such as exercise, relationships, self-fulfillment ... I realized that a lot of those things are true of the people who participate in Dance Guild."

The theme was well-received

by the audience. Senior Madi Goodman appreciated how "Happy Is..." made this semester's show "seem more unique than previous ones which tended to focus on genres/decades. It sure put a smile on my face watching it!"

Many viewers and dancers thought this semester's Dance Guild was one of the best. "The acts were varied and polished, and had a lot of creativity infused into them," said senior Nathan Phillips. "I especially liked the originality of the Guild Guys Hip-Hop."

In the line-up of satisfying routines, swing remained an audience favorite. "The moment audition swing came out to per-

form I knew that it was going to be great," said Goodman. "Watching the dancers swing across their partners was amazing! I never knew they could do so many jumps, twirls and swings in such a short amount of time!"

The show, though full of thrills, was also bittersweet for graduating seniors. Lauren Cremean enjoyed many dances, like Audition Girls' Hip-Hop "Senior Crisis," not just for the quality of the dance, but for the people in them.

"I've loved seeing my choreographer friends grow up and mature in their dance and in their lives over the last four years," Cremean said.

For all its strengths, this semester's show was not without

its weaknesses. One of the biggest problems was poor communication surrounding the Thursday show. "This was the first Thursday show in a year and half and people were just not used to it," said Plona. "We haven't had the shows during Academic Advising in a while, and the cold has made it hard to realize that it's already May!"

The obstacles resulted in fewer than two thirds of tickets sold.

"It was a bit discouraging to see such a low turnout for our first show but the crowd was energetic," she said.

Despite the setbacks, those in the audience, like junior Kristin Roelofs, rated this semester's Dance Guild an overall success.

## A thank you to our writers

On behalf of the *Chimes* staff we would like to thank the writers who have contributed to the Campus News section this academic year. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in making this paper a high quality publication! We enjoyed working with you all this year.

We would like to thank the students in ENGL-264 for their many contributions through the fall semester and give a big thank you to the staff writers of the Campus News team for a semester of great work!

~Alden and Connor

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The Spring 2014 Campus News team poses with the editors.

# BEST OF CAMPUS NEWS: A YEAR IN REVIEW

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It has really been an exciting and eventful year. We've brought you the latest reports and breaking news about the many administrative changes, developments regarding core and strategic plan, new student organizations, and so much more. So we've collected our top picks of campus news stories for the 2013-14 academic year.

We would like to thank you all for reading campus news this year. It has been our pleasure to deliver the latest in on-campus happenings here at Calvin. Until next fall!

## Visualized: The Decade in Calvin Enrollment

*Chimes'* very own John Muyskens, sci-tech editor, developed an aesthetically elegant and user-friendly series of statistical charts and graphs about the past decade in student enrollment. The charts and graphs are interactive, allowing users to see the breakdown of student body statistics regarding religious affiliation, majors and concentrations, citizenship, minorities and other categories. The interactive visuals were well-received, and even attracted notice from Neil Carlson, director of Calvin's Center for Social Research, who is interested in partnering with *Chimes* next year to create more online charts and graphs.

## Calvin's Volleyball Coach Warners to work with US national coach Karch Kiraly

Coach Amber Warners who earlier in the year led the women's volleyball team to win the national title once again, made headlines in the Calvin community as she was set to work with the legendary Karch Kiraly. Kiraly, who is the current head coach of the U.S. national women's volleyball team for the 2016 Olympics, was impressed by Warners' invention of a sophisticated wireless microphone system to allow players and coaches to communicate through earpieces during practice.

This provided Warners the opportunity to work with 16 women who are aiming to make the Olympic team, including the 2013 player of the year and several Division I All-Americans. Her work will be part of a pilot study to understand the potential of her device.

## Woman drives car off ledge near DeVos Communications Center

For the first time in the history of Calvin College, a woman drove a car off a ledge near Calvin's DeVos Communications Center. The woman, who intended to hit the brakes, unwittingly hit the accelerator, causing her vehicle to plummet 21 feet through the air. Providentially, firefighters were already near the area because of a training exercise, so they arrived at the scene shortly. The woman endured very minor injuries.

## The many faces of Calvin College

This year Campus News featured a number of students who have been fulfilling Calvin's mission to be agents of renewal in God's world.

These included Carlos Erazo, a senior at Calvin who combined a lifelong interest in video creation and editing with a growing desire to connect spiritually with

Spanish-speaking friends and family in his home country of El Salvador. Erazo has over 62,000 active followers on his YouTube channel, "Proyecto GTG," meaning Project Glory to God.

We also featured Calvin student and para-athlete Nydia Langill who was born nine weeks premature and was diagnosed at 18 months with a mild form of cerebral palsy due to bleeding in her brain. In her first few years of life, she underwent multiple surgeries to correct various bones and muscles that were affected by her condition.

Langill has achieved the 12th fastest 200 IM time in the world in her ability category, with her goal being to reach the top eight and compete in the PanPacific Championships this summer, and hopefully the 2016 Paralympics in Rio.

A senior profile we did last week featured two actively involved students at Calvin: student body president David Kuenzi and weekend programming intern Nicole Wilson, both of whom have made an impact in student life on campus. And students weren't the only people profiled. We also featured Commons Dining Hall employee Sebiha Valjevac who came to Grand Rapids from war-torn Bosnia at the end of the 1990s.

## Calvin yearbook Prism returns after four-year absence

After a three-year hiatus, Calvin's yearbook is returning — in a manner of speaking. Rather than make a yearbook for the class of 2014, the new editors of Prism are working on belated yearbook editions for the classes of 2010-13 before resuming present-day yearbooks. The editors plan to produce one of the 2010-13 yearbooks per semester, which means that Prism will recalibrate with the present graduating class in a couple of years.

## Beloved professor Joel Navarro leaves Calvin College

After 12 years of serving as a professor and conductor at Calvin College, Joel Navarro is set to begin a new chapter of his life working at the Singapore Bible College (SBC). Navarro will develop and lead the Master in Church Music program in Choral Conducting at SBC. He will also serve as a thesis adviser and mentor to at least eight graduate students in conducting.

Navarro admits the decision was not easy. "I really wanted to retire here in Calvin, but the Lord has other plans and I can only follow his voice," Navarro said. "This decision came as the result of at least two years of prayer, discernment and consultation. I have been pushing the idea out of my radar for too long." Navarro could also be asked to travel throughout Southeast Asia to do missionary work in the region.

## LOFT ends 15-year-old 'Grow in Grace' tradition

There's no more "growing in grace" at LOFT. For more than a decade and a half, Calvin's Sunday night LOFT services ended with "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace." But that all changed on one fateful night last semester (Sunday, September 8), when it was announced that the song would be discontinued. The reason? Because it had spread in popularity to other campus ministries and youth groups, so it was no longer "unique" to LOFT. That rationalization didn't go

over too well with many students who were upset about the abrupt and unexpected change. But despite the widespread discontent and disappointment, the change was not reversed.

## Residence Life to launch new 'wellness' floor

A floor dedicated to sleeping was the first impulse students had when it came to the upcoming wellness floor launched by Residence Life. However, in a clarification to students, Brandon Jacob described the floor as a living-learning floor focused on students living towards wellness which would include "helping students sleep well, learn the benefits of rest and sleep and focus on things like nutrition and exercise."

Students living on the floor will be expected to incorporate a Sabbath orientation into daily living, abide by extended quiet hours and establish goals for themselves in areas including the amount of physical activity they do and the food they eat.

## This year in student senate

This year student senate has moved to bring a fresh and new image to the face of the organization. From pushing for extended Easter and Thanksgiving breaks, hosting a town hall with President Le Roy and working to represent students in governance committees, senate has given a voice to the student body. While the recent senate elections were plagued with technical failures leading to all first year students being unable to vote, they brought forth a successful debate and attracted a wider range of competition in senators and executive teams compared to the previous year.

## New student organizations make a difference

A range of new student organizations was started this year including the Food Recovery Network and Calvin College Students for Life.

The former was started by first year student Cameron Kritikos who looked to collect leftover food twice a week in both dining halls. According to Kritikos the food will be donated to the Supper House, which Kalsbeek-Huizenga-van Reken (KHvR) has a partnership with.

Another initiative started by Sarah Weiss was the Calvin College Students for Life. The group aimed to "make sure that people on our campus are aware of current medical practices pertaining to abortion and aware of their options and resources on and off-campus should they find themselves or a friend in an unexpected pregnancy situation, and able to speak confidently about why they believe what they believe concerning the value of life at all its stages."

This year we also featured the Knights Investment Management which received \$1 million from the Calvin Endowment Fund to invest as they see fit under the guidance of the club's advisor, business professor Leonard Van Drunen. The group is not able to trade or buy anything without his approval. According to Chief Operating Officer Miles Kuperus, the students involved undergo a rigorous training session and conduct extensive research on different sectors.

## Chimes humiliates senate in dual sporting events

In the wake of a victory against

the faculty football team, the *Chimes* staff proceeded to take on and defeat the student senators in an intense game of soccer. The staff celebrated a strong victory over student senate, winning 4-2 on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. If that wasn't enough, a game of dodgeball was organized by student senate to attempt to prove to the student body that student senate was in fact capable of playing a sport.

Unfortunately their attempt proved futile as the *Chimes* staff once again demonstrated their athletic prowess as student senate lost all three games it played against *Chimes*. However with a brand new team set for the new year, the senators may be able to once again prove to the student body that sports will never be their forte.

## Big changes for Calvin College

Landmark decisions and changes were seen this year at the "big picture" level of Calvin College. On the administrative side, a new provost was hired: Cheryl Brandsen, who currently serves as an academic dean. After much collaboration and consideration, the college approved a strategic plan and committed to extensive cuts across departments as part of the prioritization process. Let's also not forget the push that was made earlier this year to open the library on Sundays, a move unanimously agreed on by the Hekman Library committee. The decision is still under review on the administrative level. The news was missing from President Le Roy's "Every Square Inch" newsletter to parents and donors.



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Coach Amber Warners had the chance to work with Karch Kiraly.



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Carlos Erazo has over 62,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel.



PHOTO BY ERIN SMITH

This year's Prism editors are Erin Barents and Erin Smith.



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Chimes and student senate pose after Chimes wins 4-2 in soccer.

# Michigan winter destroys roads, crops mostly unaffected

GR had its snowiest winter since 1952; it was one of the coldest winters on record for Michigan

KATE PARSONS  
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It may not surprise Michiganders to learn that this winter was one of the coldest ever recorded for the region, with the year's average temperature showing a record-breaking drop from the historical average.

However, geology professor Gerry Van Kooten pointed out that this was a localized effect. “If you look at it on a global basis, Michigan was an anomaly,” said Van Kooten. “Most of the world was warmer.”

The western half of the United States actually experienced an unusually mild winter and regions of Mexico and Europe broke records for heat.

This was no consolation to Michiganders, who endured temperatures far below freezing combined with ever-accumulating snowfall. Residents of Grand Rapids experienced the city's snowiest winter since 1952.

“I felt like I was drowning in snow,” said junior Caitlin Strikwerda.

The winter did more than just break records, however; it caused serious damage to roads. The constant cycles of freezing and thawing created gaping potholes up to six inches deep that riddled Michigan roads with driving hazards.

Some improvement is in sight. The Michigan Senate passed a \$100 million bill to increase road maintenance in response to the brutal winter. Additionally, a Grand Rapids city vote on Tuesday increased income taxes to fund a large-scale initiative to improve the city's roads

and sidewalks over the next 15 years.

The harsh winter also affected some of Michigan's plants and crops, according to biology professor David Dornbos, but not as dramatically as some might expect. On a positive note, he said

actually beneficial for some of Michigan's crops. Despite the extreme cold, the snow cover protected the seeds in the ground from damage that could have been caused by the low temperatures.

“The heavy snow layer pro-

to “recharge the soil.”

“There may be some differences with cherries and blueberries,” said Dornbos. “Their buds are contained in the stems over winter — if temperatures get too cold, below the level the plants can protect themselves from, the

Michigan,” said Dornbos. “This spring is late, but it's actually just a setback to normal.”

While many Michiganders have longed for spring's arrival after braving the long chill, others remembered the winter more optimistically.



PHOTO COURTESY DAN SLANE

Dane Slane turned one Grand Rapids pothole into a Sarlacc pit with his Photoshop skills.

that harmful non-native plants were not able to survive the cold.

“Invasive species we've had creep northward into Michigan, namely kudzu, will be pushed back south,” he explained.

The winter's snowfall was

vides an insulating blanket for winter crops,” said Dornbos. “Perennial plants like alfalfa didn't feel the cold.”

Dornbos added that only a few crops would be affected by the cold, pointing out that the slow rate of the snow's melting helped

buds freeze.”

Dornbos pointed out that warmer spring weather has arrived later this year than in the past, but he does not see it as a problem.

“Over the past 20 years, springs have been getting earlier in

“Perhaps the high visibility and cost of this damage will spur some to better understand climate change,” mused Dan Slane, a specialist at CIT.

Junior Rian Bylsma was more direct: “So shoot me. I really liked the snow.”

# The Kingma family to sell Kingma's Market

The Kingma family is leaving behind a 70-year legacy in the grocery business

BY GRACE RUITER  
Local News Editor

After over 70 years in the produce business, the Kingma family is selling Kingma's Market. Current owners Robert and Ed Kingma Jr., the third generation of grocers in the Kingma family, put the popular northeastern Grand Rapids specialty grocery store and greenhouse up for sale in December 2013.

Robert Kingma, who is a Calvin alumnus, explained the reasons behind the sale.

This Christmas season, he said, “Ed and I were thinking, this is a really physical job. We're lifting the Christmas trees and bagging soil ourselves. We're getting older, and it's still okay now, but we needed to look at an exit point.”

The cousins wanted to make sure they had time to find the right person to replace them.

“We wanted to find someone that has local roots, cares about building on our legacy in this community and would allow the current employees to keep their jobs,” Robert Kingma said.

He and Ed Kingma were prepared to wait as long as three years for the right person to come along. However, after just a few months on the market, Kingma's Market already has a prospective buyer.

“Our broker said that it's really unusual for a place to move this quick,” Kingma noted. “But there

was interest from a number of different sources.”

The Kingma cousins introduced the prospective buyer to employees at a recent storewide meeting and plan to make a formal announcement about the buyer soon. However, Robert and Ed Kingma won't be leaving Kingma's Market behind quite yet.

“It won't be a quick sale like it is when you buy a home,” Kingma explained. “We're thinking carefully about the next steps. It will definitely be a gradual change-over. There's still licenses to clear [for the sale to go through]. And the prospective buyer wants us to stay on for a while and help through the transition. We'll still be around, and our customers know that.”

Even if the transition is gradual, many customers are worried about how much the business will change under the new owner.

“We get customers coming in and expressing concern about the new owner, saying ‘I really hope it doesn't change.’ We say we hope it does. We appreciate the concern, but this store already isn't the same store it was 20 years ago,” Kingma said.

And things have changed dramatically since William Kingma, Ed and Robert Kingma's grandfather, first started selling produce in the 1930s.

The family business didn't even take on the family name until Willard Kingma, Robert's father, launched a bigger store in the Boston Square neighbor-

hood, calling it Kingma Produce Center. The Kingma Produce Center thrived in that location for nearly 50 years before closing its doors in 1999.

Robert and Ed Kingma took over the Boston Square store when their fathers retired in the 1980s. However, they opened the current Kingma's Market location on their own.

encouraged them to open a permanent produce store alongside the greenhouse. So in the fall of 1994, Ed and Robert Kingma opened Kingma's Market for business.

In the 20 years since its launch, Kingma's Market has expanded to include a local butcher shop, an expansive wine and local craft beer selection and the largest

to change and try new things has played a key role in the success of Kingma's Market.

He also attributes the success to strong staff, familial support — especially that of his wife — and the grace of God:

“I see God's fingerprints over everything we've done. God has taken my mistakes and used them for good. He's helped us



PHOTO BY KATHY RUITER

Kingma's Market has a large selection of craft beer and wine and over 100 types of cheese.

Robert and Ed Kingma first bought the Cheshire Village business district lot on which Kingma's Market is located in the early 1990s to house a seasonal greenhouse. After a few seasons of operating the greenhouse, neighborhood residents

selection of cheese — over 100 varieties — in the greater Grand Rapids area.

While Robert Kingma acknowledges that all of these changes were risks, and that it was not always easy to take them, he believes the willingness

through times of razor-thin cash flow. Through the years, God has blessed this business, our family and I think by extension, this community. God's people are so active in the [Creston neighborhood]. We got to play a small part in that.”

“ There are so many here who are fantastic representatives for the intersection of sports and faith.

Jacob Kuyvenhoven, “Season Wrap-Up” ”

# Calvin sports season wrap-up: every team has a story

Regardless of your personal sport preference, each athlete has something to offer Calvin athletics

BY JACOB KUYVENHOVEN  
Sports Editor

The sports season is not actually over (shout out to baseball in the MIAA Tournament and the track athletes going to nationals),

but this will be the last print issue for Chimes this year, so I will offer up some closing words on covering sports at Calvin this year.

The biggest highlights from the season are clear. I saw volleyball take home a national championship after being down two sets to

none, an incredible case of poetic justice from last season where they went up two sets to none in the national championship and ended up losing.

Seeing the team band together and get such an incredible thing done, all the while with one of the best teams in the nation, Hope, in their own conference, was an exciting, inspiring process that is difficult to express just using a few words. I cannot imagine what it was like to actually be on that team.

I love basketball, so my bias towards covering the men's basketball team was clear (and noted by some of my section's critics, sorry guys). But it was worth it. I saw a team work through a host of issues early in the year to end up as one of the hottest teams in the nation, upsetting the team ranked second in the country that approximately zero people outside of Grand Rapids thought they had a chance to beat.

The tournament run did come to an end, as most do, but I went to so many games and wrote about them so much that when they lost I actually felt pain, much like if the Pistons or Lions lost an important game. Having that connection with a Calvin team was undeniably fun.

To see the men's and women's swimming and track teams take home MIAA titles also stands out. Both of those are massive teams that play what often feels like a totally individual sport, and banding together around a common goal

of a league championship can be enormously satisfying.

These are the biggest highlights for me and deserve mentioning by themselves, but that does not diminish all the incredible work done by all Calvin ath-

letes, especially in the sports that do not receive the same kind of attention the teams I mentioned above receive.

But that would just undermine the fact that there are so many student-athletes here who are fantastic representatives for what the intersection of sports and faith should be. Even in the face of things that are more important than sports, I think that matters.

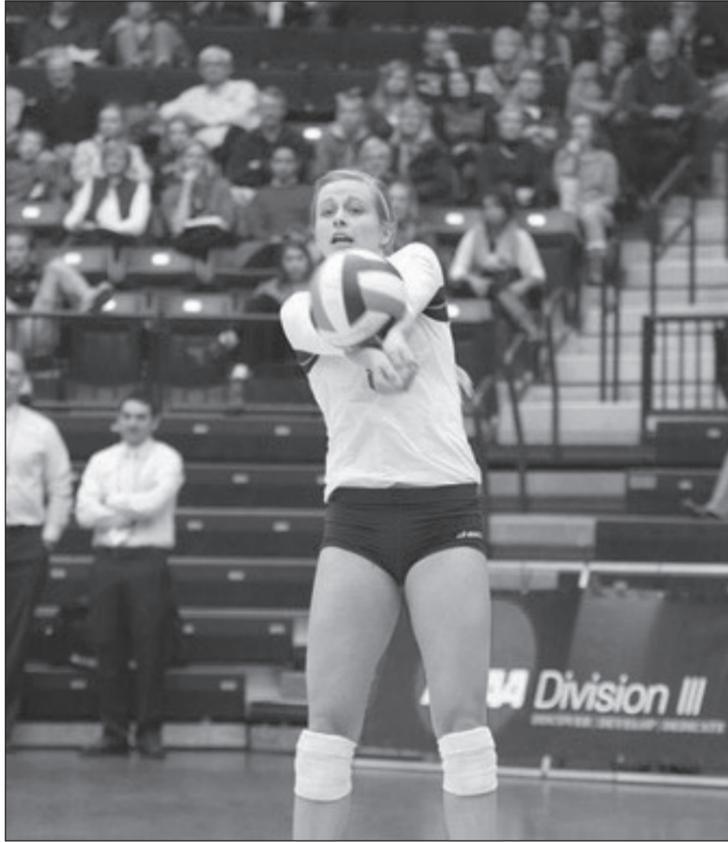


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Volleyball's national championship was a clear 2013 highlight.



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But every Calvin athlete plays a role in defining Calvin sports.

letes, especially in the sports that do not receive the same kind of attention the teams I mentioned above receive.

Before I worked at Chimes I never thought twice about the softball players and golfers and lacrosse players. But every sports team and every player has a story, their own goals and dreams and long days of practice and long nights of bonding with teammates. I tried my best to honor

some kind of scathing article about how lackluster our student sections can be or how the Fieldhouse can feel like a glorified rock-climbing facility.

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# American soccer has come a long way in 20 years

Expectations are uncharacteristically high for U.S. in 2014 despite placement in “group of death”

BY DANIEL WOODIWISS  
Staff Writer

This summer, the world's biggest sporting event will once again take place from mid-June to mid-July. Indeed, eyes in all nations will turn to Brazil, host of the 2014 FIFA World Cup, the prestigious international soccer tournament held every four years.

While many citizens of the 32 participating countries will anxiously await to see if their homegrown boys can bring home the coveted Jules Rimet Trophy, this particular World Cup also has specific significance for those of us here in the United States: it marks the 20-year anniversary of the turning point in American soccer.

The fact that the year of soccer's rebirth (in America, at least) coincided with the year of my own birth makes it sound too recent, but that is, in fact, the case. The United States was tasked with hosting the 1994 World Cup, a decision that surprised many due to our country's general lack of interest in the sport at that time.

With professional sports like the NFL, the NBA and MLB dominating the airspace, the U.S. did not even have a professional soccer league. The scarcity of American interest in soccer spread to its quality as well: the United States did not qualify for a single World Cup from 1950 to 1990, and even when they finally qualified for the World Cup in 1990, they were destroyed in all three of their first-round matches.

Thus, worldwide expectation

for the United States' performance both in hosting and in playing at the 1994 World Cup were very low. However, newly elected United States Soccer Federation president Alan Rothenberg planned to shatter these preconceptions.

Rothenberg's first major move was to hire Bora Milutinovic, a Bosnian who had found previous World Cup success with fellow North American powers Mexico and Costa Rica, as coach. Next on the agenda was to increase media coverage in order to create domestic excitement for the tournament and sell tickets. Both of these moves proved successful.

Through repeated press conferences, press interviews and corporate sponsors, Rothenberg told Sports Blog Nation, “the American public was beginning to buy what the World Cup was about and to identify with players.”

The result? The highest-attended World Cup in history. The 1994 World Cup to this day holds the record for the highest total attendance (3,587,538) and average attendance (68,991).

In addition, Milutinovic led the national team to a surprise success: qualifying for the round of 16. Anticipated to finish last in their group of four, the U.S. surprisingly tied a tough Switzerland team before stunning a heavily-favored Colombia squad, and those two results were enough to push them through to the next round despite a loss to Romania.

They did lose in that next round, but it was in a hard-fought match to eventual champion Brazil. The team's success and the hype surrounding the tour-

namment led to a spike in interest in American soccer and, shortly following, the creation of Major League Soccer.

The evolution of the American soccer team really has been remarkably rapid. Just 20 years ago, the United States barely had a World Cup history and was hardly a threat on the international level. These days, after just four more tournaments, the Stars and Stripes are at a point where they are consistently expected to not just qualify for the World Cup, but be capable of making some noise in the tournament. Despite a disappointing showing in the 1998 World Cup, the team made a stunning quarterfinal run just four years later, and nearly knocked off powerhouse Germany in that round.

They reached a Top 5 FIFA World Ranking entering the 2006 World Cup. They topped their group in the most recent World Cup, (a group that included England, the self-proclaimed title favorites every year) and nearly returned to the quarterfinals with a narrow loss in the round of 16. Major League Soccer is thriving, at peak popularity. And, perhaps most significant of all, many

currently consider the United States to be a bigger (or at least equal) threat on the world stage than bitter rival Mexico.

So, 20 years after the American soccer renaissance, what does the 2014 World Cup have in store for the boys in red, white and

the last two tournaments. In addition, the runner-up of this group is likely going to have to face a wickedly talented Belgium squad in the next round, and beyond that, the likes of Argentina or France.

Thus, probably the best result American fans can hope for is that they finish a surprising second in their difficult group, and go down in a hard-fought round of 16 match. To do this, the United States absolutely needs a good result in their first match against Ghana.

A tie would keep them in the conversation, but a win would go a long way towards their odds of advancing. Beating (or even tying) the Germans in their final group match appears to be a pipe dream, but the U.S. is more than capable of upsetting a skilled but inconsistent Portugal team, which could set them on their way to the round of 16. However, no matter what result arrives this summer, American fans need only to look back 20 years and marvel with pride at how far we have come in the world's most popular sport.



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The Americans will have another opportunity in Brazil in 2014

blue? Well, unfortunately, their chances of a deep run in the Cup look dire.

The U.S. was drawn into the dreaded “Group of Death,” featuring traditional powers Germany and Portugal, as well as a plucky Ghana team, the same side that has eliminated them in

# CHIMING IN

The staff answers: "What was your favorite thing about being on Chimes this year?"

JOSEPH MATHESON  
Editor in Chief

The people. The highlight of my *Chimes* experience from freshman year through to the end of my senior year has been the wonderful people with whom I've gotten to work. Their dedication to journalism, to telling the stories of people at Calvin, to inane grammatical rules and of course to each other has inspired me and probably spoiled me for any future workplace.

CONNOR STERCHI  
Campus News Co-Editor

Without a doubt, writing and editing for *Chimes* has been a tremendous blessing. I will miss working with such a great company of creative, collaborative, conscientious, diligent and thoughtful peers. *Chimes* is an invaluable asset to the Calvin student body and community at large, a public forum in which the scoop is unearthed, news and stories are told and current issues, debates and ideas are engaged and exchanged.

LEAH JONKER  
On-Call Writer

The *Chimes* staff has changed dramatically since my freshman year. Four years ago, I was nervous and inexperienced, and there was nothing more terrifying than walking into the *Chimes* office to meet a clique of confident upperclassmen. I turned around, thinking I would never go back into that room again. But then I did. This year's staff has made it a priority to open up, invite, welcome and challenge conversation, making the newsroom community a comfortable environment for everyone: writers, editors and photographers. It has truly been a blessing working with this amazing staff.

BEN RIETEMA  
On-Call Writer

Being in an environment of people who are passionate about news and who are great to work with has been a pretty awesome thing. It's also been interesting to learn how to interview people and the importance of a good quote. Some of you people give quotes that are blander than Corn Flakes, and that's not so fun when it's midnight and I'm trying to pound out an article. No, I'm not bitter...okay maybe I'm a little bitter.

ABBY PATERNOSTER  
Op-Ed Editor

*Chimes* staff are some of the most honest, most interesting people I've encountered in my two years at Calvin. These people are intelligent individuals who are really working to produce something worthwhile for the Calvin community. We are all passionate about different things, but we were able to accomplish some incredible things this year while working together and we had a blast doing it. I have never worked in a community like this before and I can honestly say that having this opportunity blessed me beyond belief.

KATE PARSONS  
Online Editor

Being an online editor, even just for a semester, has been one of my best experiences at Calvin. It's exhilarating to hear people talking about an article I wrote or to see something I edited get shared on Facebook. But it's more than just what I am able to do—I've been so impressed with the whole *Chimes* staff this year. I think we've managed to attract some of the most mature, competent, intelligent and sarcastic people out there, and every Wednesday night is its own sort of party. We've weathered our challenges to put together a paper that I'm proud of.

BEKAH COGGIN  
Religion Co-Editor

*Chimes* has taught me that writing does not always have to be miserable! Journalistic writing is so formulaic and factual that even this math girl can enjoy it! It has also allowed me to interview and learn from people on campus that I wouldn't otherwise get to meet. Of course working with the *Chimes* staff has been great too. Between eating rare fruits for snacks, arguing about the words 'fewer' and 'less' (I finally have it figured out) and the incredibly sarcastic humor we all enjoy, late nights in the *Chimes* office are always entertaining.

JOHN MUYSKENS  
Sci-Tech Editor

To be sure, without the community, *Chimes* would just be another job. The people make it special and the diversity of opinions and personalities make it unique. My favorite thing about *Chimes*, however, is the voice it gives the Calvin community. I am privileged to get to design that voice. Actually, forget all that. I'm really just in it for the snacks.

NICK KEELEY  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I've loved every moment of my four years of writing and editing for the *Chimes*, but this year was definitely the best. The chance to get to know and work with the great group of dedicated, witty and brilliant people that make up this year's *Chimes* staff has been one of my favorite parts about my time at Calvin. Spending every Wednesday night working to put out a quality paper with everyone is always a bright point of my week and I couldn't be more thankful for the experience.

JACOB KUYVENHOVEN  
Sports Editor

This isn't a very unique answer, but my favorite part of *Chimes* was getting closer to a really interesting group of people. It was great

fun to spend time each week up late with people who came from all different majors and all different friend groups. It's definitely a common ground that you can't forge any other way, so that's a really cool thing.

RUTHY BERENDS  
On-Call Writer

Being on *Chimes* has been a total learning experience for me. I've learned how to conduct a productive and meaningful interview, how to write a strong article on a tight deadline and how to communicate an idea to a large group of people in a powerful way. The strength of the leadership and collaborative nature of the *Chimes* staff makes all of this not only achievable, but enjoyable. I could not be more grateful for the brilliant writers and editors I've had the pleasure of working with this year or the stories we've put out. Being on *Chimes* this year taught me about good journalism, but taught me even more about good collaboration.



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LAUREN DEHAAN  
Online Editor

My favorite part of being on the *Chimes* staff this year was creating new friendships along with our paper. We all worked really hard to write the stories that matter to the Calvin community and I enjoyed every moment of it. I can't wait for next year's late nights, crazy deadlines and amazing people and stories.

HAYLEY COX  
On-Call Writer

*Chimes* is an organization dedicated to keeping people in the know. The people search tirelessly for the latest news and never fail to inform the student body of the ins and outs of their college. I love the ability to start conversations and be a member of an organization and publication committed to providing a platform for all voices. The *Chimes* staff is a fun group of people devoted to every issue that crosses their radar. I have been blessed to be included in their group, and I hope the vision and leadership of *Chimes* remains strong in the coming year.

NATHAN GROENEWOLD  
Religion Co-Editor

When I jumped on board as a section editor—thanks to an email from Ryan Struyk—I have to confess I had only written one piece of journalism in my life. Turns out, that can be the best kind of challenge: just jumping in and thinking later. The best part of the year? Besides the glory, the wealth and the fame? I'd have to say seeing the fresh Friday morning *Chimes* in hands and on desks all over campus.

CATHERINE KRAMER  
Features Editor

I really enjoyed making new friends through *Chimes* this year. As a senior, I have been a part of several Calvin communities in my time here, but rarely have I felt comfortable so soon after meeting a new group of people. Our different perspectives and ideas only enhance the paper we put out every week. Our relationships that have developed as a result of our time together, and I will miss yelling at Alden on Wednesday nights.

ALDEN HARTOPO  
Campus News Co-Editor

The greatest part of working for *Chimes* is knowing that we are making a difference in the Calvin community. I have never been more passionate to improve and enhance an organization and to bring out the best of this incredible institution. Being a part of the staff team has been my greatest joy this year. I have found a group of people who know me well and have accepted me amidst all my weaknesses, so I really thank you all for the support you have provided. I look forward to another amazing year and to cover the whole range of upcoming new stories that the next year will bring.

CHANTELLE YAZZIE  
Photographer

I enjoy the thrill of attending Calvin events and capturing the moments! It helps me feel like a part of Calvin's community even though I am in the background or right under the spotlight. I feel happy knowing I am part of *Chimes*.

## ENGINEERING: Teams build solar bike, biodiesel reactor, robotic spotlight

Senior engineers scramble to complete projects in final week; sleeplessness ensues as deadlines loom

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Nearby, a biodiesel reactor takes shape. “A week ago we had nothing,” says team member Adam Alexander, “and now it’s coming together.” Alexander points to a prominent feature of their design: a microwave oven. According to the team’s research, microwaves can make efficient and inexpensive biodiesel reactors. Their team is improving on a 2008 senior design project that aimed to reuse cooking oil from Johnny’s.

Asked if he has been sleeping, Alexander responds, “No, not really — not a whole lot.”

“We are in the serious troubleshooting phase,” says Jake Roorda. He pores over lines of code which command a robotic spotlight. The light will follow an actor wearing an infrared beacon around a stage. The beacon’s light, just barely in the range visible to the human eye, can be clearly identified by a camera. Roorda starts the device, which begins rotating. Unfortunately, it fails to stop rotating. “This is why we have the button,” remarks Roorda as he jams a prominent red button on the spotlight. “I think it will be ready,” claims Roorda, “but it will be close.”

Team SolarCycle displays cool confidence, surprising in light of the fact that as I speak with them Monday, their bike currently does not have a motor. The team believes that dirt stopped the old motor from working. “It started grinding,” says Amick, “so we took it apart to clean it and now it doesn’t work.” An order has

been placed and a new motor is on the way. The team expects their motor Wednesday, just in time to ready the bike for presentations Saturday. The new motor brings some advantages. While the old motor could get up to about 40 miles per hour, the new motor should be able to reach 60.

The team’s webpage frames the idea behind the project with concerns about fossil fuel supply and the impact of carbon dioxide emissions. “We all wanted to do something that moved and something solar,” says Houtman.

“None of us had ever driven a motorcycle,” adds Amick, “so it was fun to learn about something new.”

“Money was an issue,” says Amick. While the team got their bike, a 1984 Honda Nighthawk, for a good price and sold the old motor, setbacks like the broken electric motor put them over their original budget. All told, the team spent \$950 building the bike, just \$100 over budget.

While electric vehicles, such as the Tesla Model S, often use lithium-ion batteries, the team opted for a cheaper Absorbed Glass Mat (AGM) battery sold for residential solar energy storage. Cost was not the only factor in the decision. “If you short one of these batteries there’s just a small flame,” says Amick. “If you short a lithium-ion battery, it explodes.” Another safety feature of an AGM battery is its interior design. “If you cut one open, it’s like a sponge inside,” said Amick, contrasting an AGM battery with a traditional car battery, which “will ooze acid if you cut it open.”

The battery happens to weigh nearly the same as the old engine — about 180 pounds — keeping the total weight of the bike near normal. “You want to cut down on weight,” observes Houtman, “to get as much mileage as possible out of it.” The broken motor foiled plans to test the vehicle’s

range. “We actually have no idea how far it can go,” says Amick. The team estimates that the bike will be able to go 25 to 30 miles.

The team is undecided about what do with the bike when it is done. The bike may be donated to Calvin. “It’s fair,” says Amick, “it’s all their money.” The team

does, however, plan to ride it. “It’s got everything to be street legal if you want to register it.”

**Senior Design Open House**  
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Team SolarCycle estimates that their motorcycle could go 25 to 30 miles on a single charge.

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# A&E staff hail favorite pop culture events of the year

Items include recent films, television shows, a Beyonce album and the 86th annual Academy Awards

BY NICK KEELEY  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

In commemoration of a great year in film, TV, music and pop culture, our arts and entertainment staff came up with some of their favorite arts and entertainment events of the year.

“*Inside Llewyn Davis*”: Limiting myself to just one film from last fall was nearly impossible (shout-outs to “*Gravity*”

cinematography, moving songs and a revelatory performance by Oscar Isaac, “*Inside Llewyn Davis*” is a film that only gets better with each new viewing. Much like Llewyn’s talent, this film should not go unappreciated.

“*Veep*”: “*Veep*” is the best and funniest show on television that you have probably never heard of. Full of brilliant one-liners, fantastic political satire and perhaps the best use of profanity ever (the show is very R-rated), “*Veep*,”

cast, “*Veep*” is the perfect comedy for our times.

“*The Lego Movie*”: Not only is “*The Lego Movie*” the best film of the year so far (in a toss-up with “*The Grand Budapest Hotel*”), but it is also the best animated film since “*Toy Story 3*” and the best comedy in several years. Featuring beautiful animation, an incredible script and a fantastic voice cast (particularly Chris Pratt as the everyman Emmet, Liam Neeson in a dual role as a

BY CHRISTIAN BECKER  
Staff Writer

“*The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*”: If you know me, then it is no secret to you that I am a huge Jimmy Fallon fan. This past February, we got to see him back in his element and take his entertainment style to new heights as the brand new host of the legendary “*The Tonight Show*.” The first episode was a true celebration of pop culture with guests like Will Smith and U2, along with a long list of notable cameos who came to support Fallon and this new step in his career. Since its premiere, the show has not slowed down and I do not think it ever will.

“*Her*”: “*Her*” was my favorite film of 2013, and even on its second viewing I got to appreciate it all the more. Spike Jonze has given us a beautiful love story that is both funny and heartbreaking at the same time. Of all the movies to have come out in the last year, this is the one that stuck with me the most and most likely will for years to come.

The Oscars: For a movie fan like me, the Oscars are like your Super Bowl. It is a chance to celebrate and be reminded of all the great work that had been done in cinema over the past year, and this year’s show brought on a lot of entertaining elements that put a smile on my face. Everything from Ellen DeGeneres’ now famous selfie to “*12 Years A Slave*” winning best picture was just how I wanted it and made me excited for what the movies in 2014 have in store for us.

BY DANIEL WOODIWISS  
Staff Writer

“*Parks and Recreation*”: All in all, it was actually a fairly choppy year for the NBC comedy. A disjointed schedule (thanks, Olympics) and the departure of some cast members somewhat broke the show’s stride. However, post-Sochi, this hilarious mockumentary regained its footing, and ultimately ended in a season finale that ranks up among the greatest comedy episodes ever — like “*Office*”-level stuff.

“*Brooklyn Nine-Nine*”: I had high hopes for this new show, and I was not disappointed. “*Saturday Night Live*” alum Andy Samberg expertly leads a tremendous cast in this cop comedy. It takes the absurd humor of “*30 Rock*,” the ensemble dynamic of “*Scrubs*” and adds a nice touch of heart. If you do not believe my sales pitch, just look at this year’s Golden Globes: “*Nine-Nine*” took home the award for best comedy, and Samberg won the Globe for best actor in a comedy.

“*Captain Phillips*”: The downside of 2013 having so many incredible movies was that, come awards season, many great films got swept under the rug. “*Captain Phillips*” is the prime example of this, as it went home from the Oscars empty-handed. But seriously, folks, watch this movie. The intense true story of a ship hijacked by Somali pirates will have both your heart and mind racing throughout, and the last scene alone should have earned both Tom Hanks, and the movie as a whole, more accolades.



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and “*Her*”), but this masterwork from the Coen Brothers was the best of the bunch. A brilliant, metaphorical and wholly relatable character study of a talented but stubborn musician trying to make it in the 1960s folk scene, “*Inside Llewyn Davis*” is storytelling at its finest. Featuring gorgeous

which is currently in the middle of its third season on HBO, is one of TV’s best written and most underrated shows. Anchored by Emmy-winning performances from the magnificent Julia Louis-Dreyfus and Tony Hale (formerly of “*Arrested Development*”), as well as a wonderful supporting

good and bad cop and Will Arnett as a sarcastic Batman), Phil Lord and Christopher Miller’s love-letter to the nostalgia of playing with Legos is a heartwarming classic-in-the-making that is fit for audiences of all ages. It is a film that I cannot wait to watch over and over again.

## New season of ‘24’ returns with strong cast and action

‘24: Live Another Day,’ which stars Kiefer Sutherland, airs on Monday nights at 9 p.m. on Fox

BY NICK KEELEY  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

“The following takes place between 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.” So starts the much-anticipated return of “24,” the acclaimed thriller that previously ran on Fox for eight seasons.

Beginning in November 2001 and ending in May 2010, “24” was a by-product of its time: a show reflecting on the paranoia and fear of a post-9/11 America and the fight against terrorism. It made a star and Emmy winner out of Kiefer Sutherland and turned his character of Jack Bauer, a no-holds-barred Counter Terrorist Unit (CTU) agent, into a TV icon.

Its action scenes and groundbreaking narrative structure enthralled audiences and its frequent use of torture sequences sparked numerous controversies. But after four years, would the show be able to replicate its past success? If Monday night’s two-hour premiere is any indication, it certainly can.

The ninth day of “24,” which is also working under the subtitle of “*Live Another Day*,” finds Jack Bauer on the run from the CIA in London. Now a fugitive of the law due to his actions at the end of season eight, Jack reunites with former CTU ally Chloe O’Brian to help prevent a possible assassination attempt on President Heller (returning cast member William Devane, who is the father of Jack’s former love Audrey Raines (Kim Raver).

“24” successfully eases back into its old formula in a number of ways. All of the “24” trademarks, such as the beat of a ticking clock before a commercial break, the use of split screen and the story playing out in real time, are back. In addition to returning cast members like Sutherland and Mary Lynn Rajsckub, the original series’ behind-the-scenes play-

than 60 episodes of “24,” wrings great excitement and tension out of the show’s many action sequences, thanks in part to Sean Callery’s pulse-pounding score and Jeffrey C. Mygatt’s excellent cinematography.

The only issue with easing back into the old way of doing things is the potential for resur-

recting some of the troubles that

It also helps to have a cast as

a word until halfway through the premiere’s first hour, nails Jack’s intense physicality while also displaying his emotional gravitas. Sutherland’s ability to speak volumes with just his tortured eyes and facial expressions is extremely impressive. Fellow returning cast members Mary Lynn Rajsckub and Kim Raver ease into their roles with grace, while William Devane gives a heartbreaking performance as President Heller, who is starting to show signs of dementia.

The show’s new cast members also impress, with Benjamin Bratt and Tate Donovan adding a degree of calculated intrigue into their roles as the head of the CIA unit in London and President Heller’s chief-of-staff (and Audrey’s husband), respectively. Former “*Chuck*” and “*Dexter*” alum Yvonne Strahovski is effective as a disgraced CIA agent trying to maintain her career, while John Boyega (who may or may not be the lead in the next “*Star Wars*” movie) and “*Game of Thrones*” Michelle Fairley seem like potential standouts in their roles as a drone pilot accused of murder and the woman who may end up being this season’s Big Bad.

While this new season of “24” is not perfect (though, honestly, neither was the original), a strong cast and the faithful callbacks to the show’s old formula should give fans plenty of reason to be excited. “24: Live Another Day” airs on Mondays at 9 p.m. on Fox.



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ers, such as producer Howard Gordon (“*Homeland*”) and director Jon Cassar, have all come back for a new go-around. Cassar, who in total has directed more

plagued “24’s” later seasons, particularly the staleness of the show’s storytelling. As it neared the end, the original “24” found itself returning to the same narra-

strong as the one that the producers have assembled for “*Live Another Day*.” Sutherland is once again outstanding as Jack Bauer. Sutherland, who does not utter

“ I know the Lord will place me in situations where I have the opportunity to share my faith — it is exciting, but also terrifying.

Christina Pickett, “Jubilee Fellows” ”

# Jubilee Fellows serve across N. America this summer

## ERIK NEWHOUSE: Wyoming, Mich.

**What will be some of your main responsibilities this summer?**

I will be investing largely in the youth of the Ideal Park community of Wyoming, Mich. This will look like a variety of things — weekly events, mission trips (a week-long biking service trip and a work project cleaning up after Hurricane Sandy in New York City) and more. I will also help develop the summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) as well as a new young adult ministry in the area.



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**What do you think will be some challenges and some rewards from the summer?**

Serving with a genuine heart

can always be a challenge. There will be moments that I will daydream of the mountains back home and wish I were there riding my bike through the desert — but that is not ultimately why I am here. Ideal Park CRC is in a process of renewal, and I get to see the Body of Christ in action — not letting the brokenness of our own human selves stop us from restoring this world to its beautiful and glorious state. Why would I want to give that opportunity up?

**How did you pick this location?**

Most Jubilee Fellows grow up in the Midwest and therefore seek to venture out — I myself am from out West and thought, “Well hey, why not stay here!” I have spent three years of college in Grand Rapids, but there is so much to Western Michigan culture that I have not encountered from within the Calvin experience.

**What are your ideas or passions for ministry in Grand Rapids for your fall semester?**

Currently, my off-campus house hosts a guys discipleship group that meets each week to challenge each other in our strengths, in our weaknesses, in our passions and in our faith. I hope to continue that next fall and hopefully contribute some of the things I learn over the summer. Also, since Ideal Park CRC is here in town, I aspire to maintain the relationships I develop in the ministry. Hopefully I can continue to participate with the youth and congregation!

*Within a few weeks, 12 rising seniors will be spreading out through North America, developing leadership skills and providing support to churches anywhere from New York City to Winnipeg.*

*These students will be serving the churches as interns through Calvin’s Jubilee Fellow ministry program. The internship program is designed for students of any discipline who are considering formal ministry.*

*The program includes a three-credit course taken during the spring semester of a student’s junior year, a 10-week ministry internship during the summer at various locations across the country and an on-campus service project during the fall of senior year.*

## GRACE KIM: Bellflower, Calif.

**What will be some of your main responsibilities this summer?**

As an intern, I’ll be working with the pastors — also with the pastors of Hispanic ministries — on some main events and projects at the church, including the worship. During June, I will be mainly planning and preparing for “Summer Family Nights,” which is an evening multigenerational VBS that includes the whole family, and I will also serve as a senior counselor for Camp Dunamis, a week-long camp for junior high students that focuses on racial diversity and reconciliation. Moreover, in July, I will work for a one-week camp called “Serve” for high school youth and their leaders that includes service projects, small groups, worship and a couple of fun outings.

**What do you think will be some challenges and rewards from the summer?**

The groups that I will be working with will vary greatly in age, ethnicity and cultural background, and while this is a stretch from my college life, it will also enrich me. I pray that all these experiences will help me to grow as a person whom God wants me to be for His work.

**How did you become interested in ministry? And how did you then pick this location?**

Growing up as a missionary kid in the Dominican Republic, I had spent most of my time involved in the ministry work of my parents and helping them. Through that, I realized how powerful and influential

ministry is to each individual’s life and I experienced an incomparable joy in doing God’s work. Also, living immersed in different cultures from my inherited culture, I became greatly passionate about ministry for people in multicultural environment. The church that I will be working with focuses on cultural diversity and intergenerational worship, and those are one of the main reasons that I chose this church.



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**What are your ideas or passions for ministry in Grand Rapids for your fall semester?**

Right now, I have two projects in mind, and they are both focused on the Calvin community. First, since I will be an RA in KE again next year, I am planning on developing a spiritual growth committee that leads Bible study, prayer meetings and worship nights for KE residents. Secondly, I hope to coordinate an international worship night where international students here at Calvin can share their unique way of worshipping the same God in different cultures around the world with the Calvin community and Grand Rapids.

## CHRISTINA PICKETT: Alpharetta, Ga.

**What will be some of your main responsibilities this summer?**

One of the biggest things I will be a part of this summer is a missions trip to Guatemala in July. We will serve alongside a team of Guatemalan doctors, a dentist and interpreters. Our role is to share the good news of Christ and pray with each person who attends the clinic. For children who attend, we will offer Bible teaching and fun activities. One afternoon we will visit an orphanage and spend time with the children there.

**What do you think will be some challenges and some rewards from the summer?**

It will be challenging going to a brand new place where I have zero connections. What makes it more difficult, I think, is that I am coming from a year of serving as an RA. Being an RA has been a wonderful opportunity of growth and blessings, but it is exhausting. I will have a little over a week to recharge before going to Georgia and completely immersing myself into that community. However, I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to work alongside a full staff and to be mentored by the head pastor.

Having grown up not going to church, I was never taught how to articulate my faith. It is an area that needs growth and needs to be challenged, and I know the Lord will place me in situations where I have the opportunity to share my faith. It will be my first experience intentionally sharing the Gospel — it is exciting, but also terrifying.

**What were some factors in choosing your church?**

I wanted a pastor who could mentor me and help me develop a solid theological foundation.

Additionally, I wanted the opportunity to do intentional ministry within a broken context. Grace North provides that through the trip to Guatemala and through Impact week.

The pastor said two things that confirmed that Grace North is where the Lord was leading me. First, he told me that this would be a summer of development — I should not look at the summer and think about all the things I can do and people I can bless, but I should focus on allowing the Lord to transform me. This completely changed the way I viewed this upcoming summer. The second thing he said is, “We are all about loving each other with the love and grace of the Lord. We love people where they are at, recognizing that we are all broken and in need of love.”



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**Shane Brandsen**  
Granite Springs Church, Lincoln, Calif.

**Maria Cupery**  
LaSalle Street Church, Chicago

**Lyndsay DeGroot**  
CrossWay Church, Vancouver, Wash.

**Claire Dornbush**  
Healdsburg Community Church, Healdsburg, Calif.

**Grace Kim**  
Rosewood Church, Bellflower, Calif.

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**Jeremy Smith**  
Dwell Church, New York City

## KYLE LUCK: Winnipeg, Man.

**What will be some of your main responsibilities this summer?**

Some of my main responsibilities this summer will include teaching kids about gardening, participating in church services as a reader, leading morning/evening prayer, organizing lectures and preaching.



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In other words, I’ll be giving myself to the life of the church in a way that I never have before.

**How did you become interested in ministry? And how did you then pick this location?**

When I was in high school I started reading Mennonite theology, and ever since I’ve been compelled by the Christian peace tradition and theology. So, by the time I started applying for college, I knew I wanted to study religion at a Christian college. Once I got to Calvin, I picked up a philosophy major and got involved with the Congregational Ministry Studies (CMS) department.

My placement in Winnipeg was pretty last minute, actually. I was originally planning to work at St. Mary’s University Church in Oxford, but also wanted to get some more experience in a Mennonite community. Then one night, I read

the next day I booked my flight.

**What are your ideas or passions for ministry in Grand Rapids for your fall semester?**

I’m particularly passionate about the political life of the church, so I’d really like to work on a project with folks who are politically involved and concerned about society in this “time between times.” Ideally, I see myself organizing students on campus around issues that the church needs to address, and “serving” as a (sometimes) informed resource about how the church might respond. This would most likely entail (re)claiming letter-writing campaigns, petitions, forums and current events as church matter — as forms of worship, even — and attempting to engage with them in ways that are both theologically and socially responsible.



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'DISPATCHING DRONE TO TARGET COORDINATES.'  
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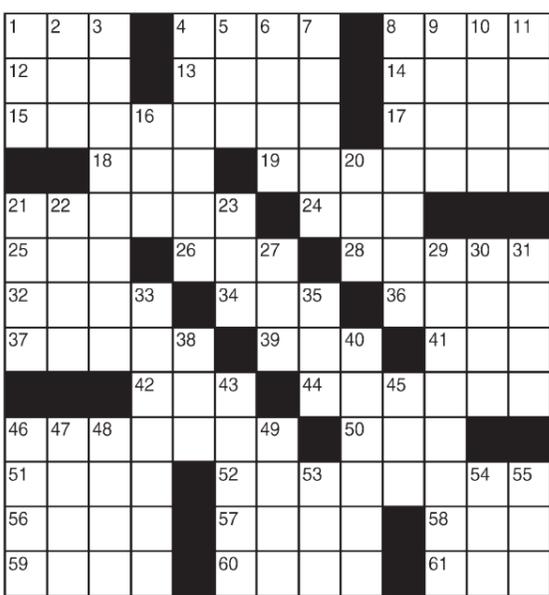
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### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Standard
- 4 Plate
- 8 Dog's annoyance
- 12 Id counterpart
- 13 Garfield's pal
- 14 Wander
- 15 Attendance check
- 17 Gaelic
- 18 Allow
- 19 Tissue brand
- 21 Jinx
- 24 Sphere
- 25 Pt. of speech
- 26 Knock
- 28 Staffers
- 32 "Piggies"
- 34 Afternoon affair
- 36 Pennsylvania port
- 37 Glitch
- 39 Do sums
- 41 Coffee shop vessel
- 42 Bagel topper
- 44 Went in a hurry
- 46 "Bloodied but —"
- 50 Auto
- 51 Rani's garment
- 52 Wad of cash
- 56 Heroic verse



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| 61 Leftovers | 11 Visa alternative, for short | 43 Mediterranean sailing ship |
| 62 P.D. rank | 16 Started                     | 45 Rowing need                |
| 63 Journey   | 20 Historic period             | 46 — -friendly                |
| 64 segment   | 21 Loathe                      | 47 Scruff                     |
|              | 22 Smell                       | 48 Family business abbr.      |
|              | 23 Feedbag tidbit              | 49 Arp's style                |
|              | 27 Shell game item             | 53 Pinch                      |
|              | 29 Lead-in to "Ta-da!"         | 54 Shelter                    |
|              | 30 Lustrous                    | 55 Journal                    |
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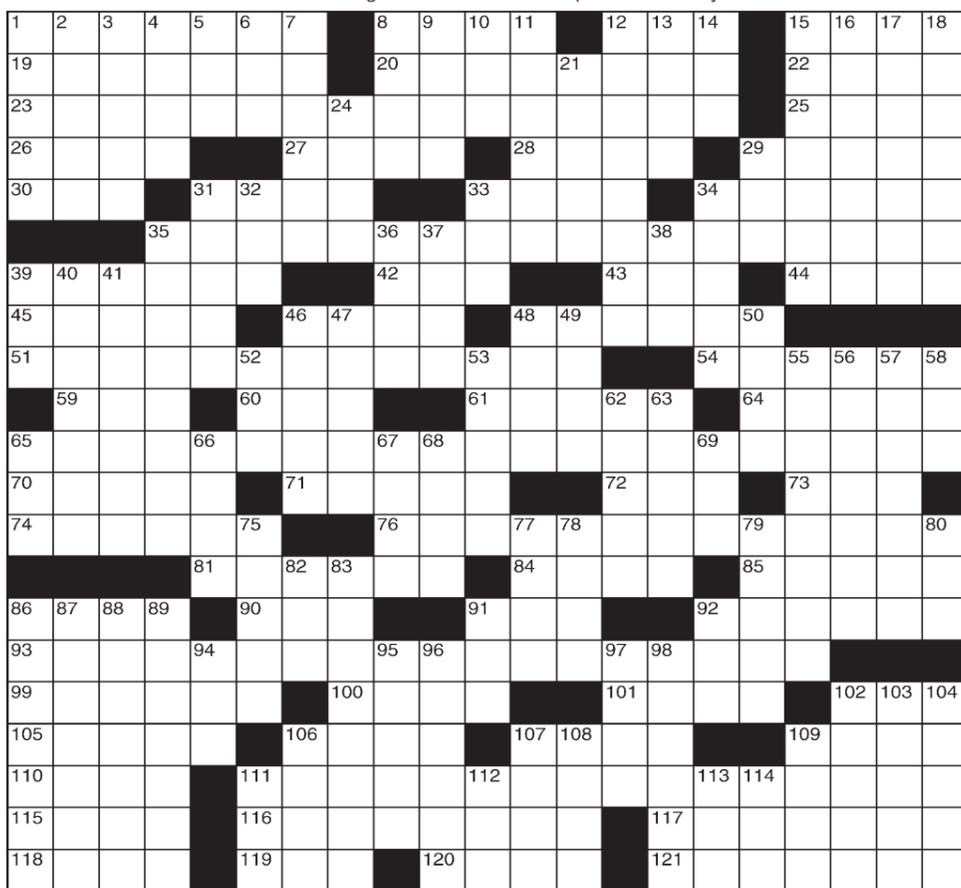
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| 8 "Terrible" time for tots                         | 46 Train travel                                       | 91 Shih —                                       | 6 Baby lion                           | 40 Cessation of operations           | 80 52-wk. spans                     |
| 12 Pep rally cry                                   | 48 "The Pickle" star Danny                            | 92 Boats' rears                                 | 7 At an angle                         | 41 West African country              | 82 Apple on a desk                  |
| 15 La — Tar Pits                                   | 51 Not "Road to Rio," but the 1998                    | 93 Not "This Gun for Hire," but the 1999        | 8 The "T" of MIT: Abbr.               | 46 Air, as an old episode            | 83 Ghosts                           |
| 19 Fragrant  | 51 Not "Road to Rio," but the 1998                    | 99 Track legend                                 | 9 Stop dozing                         | 47 Walk — line                       | 86 C-worthy                         |
| 20 Headset half                                    | 54 Compound of element #53                            | 100 Pianist Peter                               | 10 Space ball                         | 48 Gillette brand                    | 87 A handful of                     |
| 22 "Act — age"                                     | 59 Eyeball  | 101 Despot Idi                                  | 11 Stretchy swimsuit                  | 49 "The devil — the details"         | 88 Be the victor                    |
| 23 Not "Five Pieces," but the 1994 family film ... | 60 "Either you do it — will!"                         | 102 Bit of a bite                               | 12 Vegas game                         | 50 "Klutzy me!"                      | 89 Unlike oil in water              |
| 25 Shape   | 61 Prudish sort                                       | 105 Multi-act show                              | 13 Hill dwellers                      | 52 With 90-Across, high muckety-muck | 91 A boxing ref may call one        |
| 26 Problems for vain people                        | 64 — dish (lab container)                             | 106 TDs or RBIs                                 | 14 "Yoo-hoo!"                         | 53 Cook's wear                       | 92 Poli —                           |
| 27 Netman Arthur                                   | 65 Not "Rocky," but the 1974 parody ...               | 107 Sonar image                                 | 15 Coercively                         | 55 Discerned                         | 94 Humorist Bill                    |
| 28 Pipe fittings                                   | 70 Celestial ram                                      | 109 She left Ike                                | 16 Extirpate                          | 56 Artist's studio                   | 95 Like kale and endive             |
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| 30 Scout group                                     | 72 Footed vase  | 111 Not "Shine," but the 1998 action comedy ... | 18 Sleeve bands                       | 58 Berlin article                    | 97 Forest home                      |
| 31 "This — be!"                                    | 73 Urban trains                                       | 115 Sheehy or O'Grady                           | 21 More vigorous                      | 59 Discerned                         | 98 Medical vial                     |
| 33 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"                               | 74 Film preview                                       | 116 Troop group                                 | 24 Wine region of Italy               | 56 Artist's studio                   | 102 Weeper of mythology             |
| 34 Gloom-filled                                    | 76 Not "Blue Steel," but the 2004 satirical drama ... | 117 Old Buick                                   | 29 Ontario's capital, on a scoreboard | 57 Wagner's "— und Isolde"           | 103 Habituate                       |
| 35 Not "Three Amigos," but the 1986 comedy ...     | 81 Commotion  | 118 Cover girl Macpherson                       | 31 Bit part                           | 58 Berlin article                    | 104 Peels, as an apple              |
| 39 Small vise in a wood shop                       | 84 Minorca, e.g.                                      | 119 Engine fuel                                 | 32 Abstract art pioneer Jean          | 59 Discerned                         | 106 Hypo liquids                    |
| 42 — standstill                                    | 85 Bring — to one's eye                               | 120 Overdue                                     | 33 "Caught you!"                      | 60 P.D. rank                         | 107 "— ever so humble ..."          |
| 43 Israel's — Aviv                                 | 86 African cobras                                     | 121 Main dishes                                 | 34 Thousand: Prefix                   | 61 Journey                           | 108 Suffix with electro-            |
| 44 Greek letters                                   |   |   | 35 Jungle knives                      | 62 P.D. rank                         | 109 "There's gold in them — hills!" |
|  |   |   | 36 Finger's tip                       | 63 segment                           | 111 Practical joke                  |
|  |   |   | 37 WWII battle town in France         | 64 segment                           | 112 Cell stuff                      |
|  |   |   | 38 Toon pic                           | 65 Leftovers                         | 113 VIP in D.C.                     |
|  |   |   |                                       | 66 P.D. rank                         | 114 FDR follower                    |

**DOWN**

- 1 Joshed
- 2 Old truism
- 3 Numskull
- 4 Greek war god
- 38 Toon pic



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## FROM THE EDITOR



There’s a peculiarity about human existence that we’re all familiar with, articulated best by Soren Kierkegaard: “Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.” This is most irritatingly true the few weeks before exams or — even worse — graduation.

The next few weeks we’ll all be living primarily for the future, either studying frantically for exams in order to hopefully get decent grades in our classes to have a better chance of getting whatever our dream job is or, more realistically, just looking forward to the summer.

I have a job lined up with Teach for America, where I’ll be teaching high school chemistry in a high-needs school in Baton Rouge, La. Like the rest of us, I’m looking forward to it with a mix of excitement and complete terror. Teach for America is an organization that puts bright young professionals (I’ve never put myself in that category before, but, well, here we are) into some of the most struggling schools in America for two years. For me, I’m excited to

transition from being a person whose primary occupation is about benefitting myself to a person whose primary occupation is helping others.

Not only that, but I’m excited to live on my own and have full control over everything from what I eat and where to how I decorate my house. It doesn’t hurt that Louisiana has some beautiful national forests and an average temperature of 67 degrees Fahrenheit (51 in January and 80 in August, so it’s basically perfect all year).

That said, there’s a lot I’m worried about. Besides the obvious of being a first-year teacher with little to no prior classroom experience, I’ll be moving to a state several hundred miles from anyone I know, and with a budget that is barely enough to get me there and pay my first month’s rent, let alone buy the car and cell phone I don’t own yet.

Furthermore, there have been genuine concerns about Teach for America as an organization. Some have suggested that it has been used to allow struggling schools to avoid hiring full-time teachers, and others have suggested that it is just another way for well-educated young people

to feel like they’re doing some good before entering whichever high-paying field they’re planning on going into.

These concerns play into larger socioeconomic and racial problems in America that I am wholly unequipped to deal with, especially if I’m supposed to be addressing those problems on top of feeding and clothing myself, which I already feel barely qualified to do.

I suspect many of you are in similar boats, even if you’re not graduating. We all want to do something to make the world a better place, but effecting institutional change isn’t just difficult, it requires you to actually know what you’re doing or risk making the situation worse. The problem, of course, is that no one can know for certain that what they do will change the future in a specific way — that’s the whole point of the future.

But nonetheless, I can face the future with hope. Part of this is a decent amount of experience with the past. My parents and my college experiences have prepared me to understand basic financial and health decisions (not that I claim to be an expert).

God knows I’m not the best person to solve entrenched socioeconomic and racial disparities in America. But I’ve learned the lessons of the past: of course no one person (especially not a young, idealistic white man) can end institutional injustice. All I can do is be the kind of person

who uses my talents to fight for justice, even when the right path is unclear.

I often take comfort in the promise, given fittingly enough to people in dire fear of the future: “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

But when I stay up at night terrified of whether I’ll be able to change the world, or be a good teacher or pay my rent, it isn’t enough for me just to say, “do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Of course today’s trouble is sufficient, but tomorrow’s could easily be worse if I do nothing.

God’s promise is not that you will succeed in your goals for your life, and although God may have plans for our lives, the Bible itself suggests that those plans may be bleak or even thwarted in the short term.

But whatever’s coming my way, or yours, what can never be taken from me or anyone else is God’s promise that “when you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.”

~jdm

I accept my role as editor in chief for 2014-2015 with excitement and pause. As a first-hand witness during my years with *Chimes*, I have seen the power of this publication to effect change throughout Calvin’s community. The responsibility of leading this incredible team comes to me during a time of great change for Calvin. Questions of priorities, character and faith come to the forefront of our minds in the face of both great difficulty and promise, and the role of *Chimes* as a voice of Calvin could not be more crucial.

With a staff full of students that embody the passion for grace and truth that defines Calvin, we will carry on, fighting for stories that inspire, challenge and transform. From volleyball matches to faculty senate decisions, we will cover all the major events of the upcoming year. From editorials to opinion pieces, we will provide a diversity of perspectives from the many vibrant members of our vibrant community.

As editor in chief of *Chimes*, I promise to tell the story of Calvin with humility, courage, and faith. So, with thanks and hopes, my heart I offer you, promptly and sincerely.

~lmd

# Letter to the Readers

Dear Readers,

This is not the letter I imagined writing at the beginning of the year. When I came on staff with *Chimes* I was blown away by the sudden influx of opportunities and responsibilities. Leadership skills that had lain mostly dormant during my freshman year at Calvin were suddenly being pushed to their limits. I was excited, I was nervous and I was intensely aware of my inability to manage this job on my own.

*Chimes* was the best thing that had happened to me at Calvin.

Much of this changed with the publishing of a highly controversial article in late February. There were definitely mistakes made on the part of myself and other leaders in *Chimes* that may have prevented some of the chaos that ensued, but the magnitude and nature of the response of many of our online readers was unprecedented.

To be clear, I do not regret publishing that author’s opinion. The fact that his article stirred up such an immense controversy proves that this is a sore spot for our community and that there is nowhere near a universal opinion on that issue.

But that incident has become a defining moment of my time as the Opinion and Editorial editor because of some of you, dear readers. Even putting myself back in the mindset I was in while read-

ing your comments causes my heart to race.

The nature of the internet is that we have the ability to share our feelings — as raw or as vague as we choose — without ever dealing with the effect our words have on other people.

I am a 20-year-old, 5-foot-3-inch, 85 pound female who uses sarcasm and loudness to get what she wants and keep people at arms’ length. It’s taken me years to realize that letting people in can actually lead to a fuller and more beautiful life. I’m not someone who is usually viewed as a threat to anyone and thus am rarely attacked in any way. Until I published a controversial article.

When I read comments from people far older than I calling the writer, the editor in chief and myself irresponsible idiots, I believed them. When people commented that we had no respect for human life and should be at the very least punished, if not expelled, I took that to heart. I believed that I was a horrible Christian. I believed I should leave Calvin. I waited for an email from the administration that would end my time at the school I love and have sacrificed so much to attend. You, my readers, can have that power.

I am now at the end of my time here at *Chimes* and I am going to do something I rarely do: beg. I beg of you to learn to love those

you disagree with. I beg of you to read what you type before you hit “post” in our comment section. I beg of you to love next year’s OpEd editor better than you loved me.

I will close with a verse that I believe God gave me throughout the year as his promise that he had brought me to this place and to this position. Esther 4:14 bears the words of Mordecai to a frightened Queen Esther: “And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” For such a time as this. A time and place in which diversity is increasing which, despite all the beauty that brings, is confusing as our expectations and norms go unmet. A time and place in which we are over-saturated with media and technology. A time and place in which love has come to mean blind acceptance and tolerance.

May we not be afraid to face head-on the ideas and realities that differ from our own. May we relinquish our fears that evil will win, that the church will be snuffed out, to the hands of the Almighty. May we trust that God can and will use us in his redemptive work if only we will listen and act.

Abby Paternoster, ‘16

# The problem with senate

BY JACK VAN ALLSBURG  
Guest Writer

Reflecting upon my year on senate, I have come to a resounding conclusion: if the student body wants to see change, senate can make it happen. The problem with student senate is that when students do not support, suggest or challenge projects, they leave senate with no choice but to use their considerable talents and resources on projects that blur the lines of senate’s purpose: to represent students and enact change on their behalf.

This year, senate consistently demonstrated the ability to accomplish important projects and goals such as implementing a pilot program for hand dryers on campus, getting more student input in core curriculum decisions, developing an online church directory, holding a town hall with President Le Roy; the list goes on. But despite many internal proposals and a large-scale campaign to solicit proposals from students, we ran out of projects that fit our mission and felt compelled to act anyway.

I’ll explain with an example. Senate recently updated the handicap signs around campus to a more progressive logo. This project required \$2,000 (coming from the \$10,000 senate receives to accomplish student proposals) and took months to complete. I understand the importance of awareness and fighting stigma for disabled persons, but the logo is not endorsed by the American Disability Association or the American Association of People with Disabilities and we had no concrete research to indicate that this sign change would have a positive effect beyond what we hoped it would. But the signs are not the problem. Many senators presented compelling arguments in favor of the project, and the proposal passed by a strong majority vote. The problem is that we spent time and money on something I felt we were pressured into do-

ing, mostly because we had the resources to do it and no viable alternative projects.

Part of the pressure to use the money was to protect next year’s senate’s budget, but this reasoning is flawed: when senate needed money for larger projects, we were able to get over \$30,000 in additional funds, and spending money to protect a budget prevents other organizations who need that money for legitimate deficits from accessing it.

Another pressure was the desire to disprove the statement that “student senate just exists to elect the next year’s team.” When candidates, such as the winning executive team, campaign on the platform of just being different from the current senate, they undermine the legitimacy of the organization they are joining and demonstrate immense ignorance to the process of student representation. You do not have to agree with every decision that senate made this year, but do not make the mistake of claiming the team did nothing or failed to respond to students. We intensely considered every proposal we received this year, and we fought doggedly to accomplish the projects we believed would make Calvin a better place.

This is where you come in. We need your voices to effect change. Take our polls, join focus groups and submit proposals. If you fail to give senate a chance based on this year’s work, you can give up on the idea that they will be able to accomplish truly great things in the future. Senate’s effectiveness reflects the student body’s desire to see change on campus; you decide how well senate works, and ignorantly bashing senate leads to stagnation, not progress.

If you think I have the student body all wrong, and that students really do care about creating change on campus, please prove me wrong and invest in senate. I cannot wait to see what they can help you achieve in the process.

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