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Healthcare bill gets new advocate



Paul Ryan is now gesturing sideways after an entire career of gesturing upwards.

BY POSH JARKS Editor-in-Chief

Confusion rains down on Capitol Hill as Speaker of the House Paul Ryan tries a new tactic to convince Congress why his healthcare bill needs to be miraculously resurrected. Ringtones has received this exclusive transcript from the latest congressional meeting:

Paul Ryan: "Friends, I know it feels like you're stepping out where feet may fail, but we've looked this bill over from the inside out. Obamacare sent us through many dangers, toils and snares, but this bill will ensure that all the poor and powerless will have a firm foundation

of healthcare. It'll give us clean hands after we elected that man of sorrows. Americans are longing for freedom as a deer pants for water, and this is their prayer in the desert. They'll know we are Christians by our love, yes, but there are more beautiful things in this world—like the lack of an individual mandate. Friends, I need you. I need your votes every hour. Because you live, this bill can face tomorrow. Vote for this, and you will face no guilt in life as your constituents face no fear in the deaths await their sured selves. Conservatives, moderates, liberals, bind your wandering hearts to me!

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Dialogue offers new culinary arts category

Creative journal wishes to encourage artistic experimentation in more than just traditional art forms.

> BY MIKE PENCE Campus Co-Editor

This semester, Calvin's creative arts journal, Dialogue, has added a new submission category: food. In pursuit of its mission to "encourage Calvin students to attempt every art form," editor-in-chief Jared Paterson said, "food, or rather culinary arts, as we're calling it, is a category we didn't really consider for the longest time, even though it has always been right in front of us

we see food at every meal, we think about it when we're not eating and we even dream about it sometimes. It just makes sense to finally recognize that food can be an art too — like, we want to acknowledge that there can be good and bad food, and we're interested in finding the best.'

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Calvin College rebrands as Calvin Institute of Technology

BY CAROLIN' MICESKINS Local Editor

In the most recent development in a series of re-branding moves, Calvin has officially changed its name to Calvin Institute of Technology.

The change reflects the shifting program enrollment numbers, as well as the administration's blatant disregard for any program that doesn't generate a sh*t ton of money.

"The new name really hits a sweet spot between our heritage and our future. It's, like, Calvin Institute but also Calvin's Institutes, get it?" said Provost Beryl Chrandsen, noting the moniker's reference to John Calvin's Institutes of of the Christian Religion. "It's perfect. This way we can pander to the masses who care more about job security than education, but still celebrate our Reformed tradition.'

Along with the school's name change, several majors have been re-branded to better fit the image of the school. Text engineering (formerly writing), sound variance engineering (formerly music), archived informa-tion studies (formerly history) and image preservation science (formerly art history minor, formerly art history major) are just a few of the revamped programs.

"We felt that our identity was moving away from being a 'college,' as such, and toward something more market-friendly," Kim Murffeyer, vice president for advancement, explained. "Students don't want to 'learn,' so much as they want to gain the skills necessary to secure the upper-middle-class life that will allow them to donate substantially to the Institute for a lifetime.'

Along with the name change, Calvin will give up its liberal arts status. President Michael La Croix was concerned about the polarizing nature of the designation, citing donors who were concerned about the message it sends to the secular world.

"It's clear from the phrase 'liberal arts' that art is, quite plainly, a force for leftist indoctrination. And leftists have no place in the kingdom of God," said an anonymous donor who graduated 67 years ago but nevertheless exerts a disproportionate influence over the college's most critical decisions.

Explaining the decision to distance the school from the "liberal arts" label, La Croix said, "We are in the midst of a season of tremendous uncertainty and considerable political polarization," La Croix said at a recent faculty senate meeting. "And not saying anything political is totally not a political statement.'

The institute has informed CalTech that it will need to change names in order to not compete with Calvin's brand. "Don't mess with us; we're predestined, the communications office reportedly threatened.







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Olden Bosch being in danger from the NRA

BY POSH JARKS AND CAROLIN' MICESKINS Editor-in-Chief and Local Editor

A well-regulated bulletproof vest being necessary for the protection of any threatened faculty members, Professor Tim Olden Bosch has begun wearing such a vest 24/7 out of fear of assassination.

"I'm surprised that the good people at the NRA have conjured such ire in the direction of a farm boy from Zeeland. But I shall soldier on.'

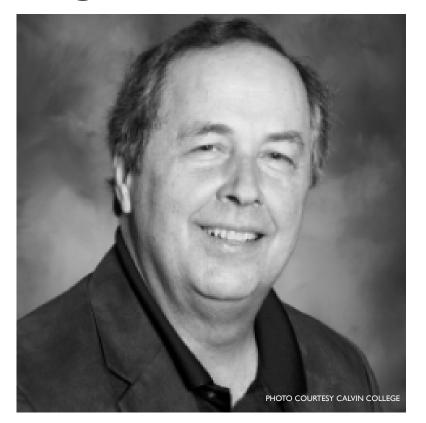
Having researched the interpretation of the absolute phrase in the second amendment for many years, he has finally come under

fire from the Non-Restrictive Association (NRA).

The NRA, which is known for its aggression, claims that Olden Bosch has chosen the wrong grammatical construction to devote his life to, and they have reached for their inexplicably large supply of hunting rifles to enforce their views.

"Non-restrictive tive clauses, which we enjoy very much, provide so much more freedom from gram-matical control," said an NRA spokesperson. "We don't want the government, which we don't like, taking away our commas. That's the cause Olden Bosch should really be concerned about, absolute phrases being a distraction.'

Olden Bosch, the NRA not deterring him, responded, "I'm surprised that the good people at the NRA have conjured such ire in the direction of a farm boy from Zeeland. But I shall



Music department demoted to club

BY POSH JARKS Editor-in-Chief

Rangeela's upcoming transformation from an exhausting, cost-draining, staff-run program into a student organization has Calvin administrators quite interested in making the same switch elsewhere on campus.

"We all of the sudden found ourselves asking, what other Calvin Institute of Technology programs could benefit from losing all staff resources and surviving only on the backs of sleepdeprived student workers?" said President La Croix.

"And then it hit us like an esoterically named percussion instrument," La Croix continued. "The music department."

We discovered that quality instruction really isn't necessary for a thriving music program," said Lizzy Band-of-Lies, academic dean for the art (previously "arts"). "It's really about expression, about getting in touch with inner emotions, and students don't need internationally known choir directors to do that.'

Rather than taking lessons, playing concerts and spending time in practice rooms, students interested in music will now gather once a week for an unrehearsed performance of "Kumbaya."

"It provides more real-life experience," said former music department chair Jim Steal. "When these music students are sixty years old, alone, broke and jobless, they'll

have to be resourceful and maintain creativity anyway."

"I wish I'd learned that in college," Steal lamented before returning to his shift at the new coffee shop in the engineering building, 344 Degrees Calvin.

La Croix emphasized that the Calvin Institute of Technology is "still committed to music, even though that commitment might not be readily apparent to students, prospective students, professors, staff members, parents, community members or administrators."



New plants are somehow helpful

BY DAN E. BEE **Ghost Writer**

The Calvin Institute of Technology is under a serious infestation of exotic and obstructive plants. Popping up all over campus at a terrifying rate and spreading seemingly without bound, these large rectangular plants with strange markings have been spotted at major junctions and points of high traffic along walkways around Calvin and have caused concern around campus.

While certainly a scientific curiosity, these plants pose a danger of spreading uncontrollably, disrupting the native ecosystems around Calvin. Professor of Environmental Studies James Skillet explains: "The appearance of such an invasive plant around the campus is certainly a worrying sign for the native species who use the Calvin Institute of Technology's walkways and are now compromised for resources."

How these plants came to campus is certainly a major point of investigation. Seeds could have been brought over from unsuspecting international students, or perhaps people first planted them to be ornamental without realizing how quickly they reproduce. But what is known for sure is that

these plants don't look like they are going anywhere. "These trees know how to survive and adapt", Skillet added, "The plants have deep roots, and appear to be submerged in a concrete, which will make any remediation efforts difficult."

Sophomore biology major Jonathan VanVandenberg has also taken notice of the invasion: "It's really quite startling how quickly these plants have covered the campus; you can't look across Common's lawn anymore without seeing like a dozen of these square trees. They've really

It will be interesting to see the institute's response to the invasive plants; the invasion will surely be a top priority of administration going forward.





Dialogue

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Essentially, here's how the submission and rating process will work: from now until April 17, students will have the opportunity to submit cooked pieces anonymously via a silver covered platter located on a table outside of the Dialogue office. Students will approach the platter, remove the domed cover, and leave their creation. Then, anyone who passes by will have the chance to sample and critique the piece. This anonymous person will eat the piece, record some notes about the piece and leave a comment card about the experience in an envelope beside the platter.

A Dialogue staff member will check the envelop each day, making sure to collect and record the information from the comment cards. At the end of the judging period, the pieces with the highest rating will be officially included in Dialogue.

From there, the pieces take on various forms. In the past, the culinary arts have been excluded from consideration for mostly logistical reasons: food is bound by a context of space, time and limited resources. Dialogue staff took this into consideration and have formed a unique part-nership with Calvin Dining Services for a collaborative hosting experience.

The pieces that are accepted will be served in both dining halls until the end of the year. A statement from Calvin Dining Services on the addition of these dishes to the Calvin Dining Services menu stated that: "The Dialogue dishes will have their own clearly isolated section in the dining hall, and each dish will be served with a special blue tooth pick that will have a small paper flag with the word "Dialogue" printed on it, as an indication that it is student work."

In addition to the pieces being prepared in the dining halls, each chef will have the opportunity to send their recipe to Dialogue. These recipes will then be compiled and released as a supplement to the magazine. Managing editor Tina Lungson spoke of her dreams for the culinary arts category: "I think it's a really great opportunity to get students in the kitchen! Here at Dialogue, we believe in the power of art and the power of story. We're interested to see what stories students are ready to tell with food.'

When asked about the cookbook, Lungson said, "I think the cookbook is a really great idea too. Eventually, we'd like to post an anthology of recipes from chefs through the years!"

When asked about the unorthodox submission process, Paterson seemed hesitant to comment: "It's not ideal, to be sure, but it's the only way we could think of to preserve the anonymity of the chefs. One of Dialogue's most distinct characteristics has always been anonymity, almost bordering

on denial. I think, if this really takes off, we'd like to have a better system maybe our chefs could ghost cook in the dining hall one day, or something like that. The possibilities are there, we just have to make sure the interest and the hype are there too." Paterson said they are willing to accept up to twelve pieces.

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The submission platter can be found in the basement of Commons Annex, across from the bathrooms, next to the Dialogue office.

NOTABLE MENTIONS

COMING UP

- ► SAO Movie The Hangover Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m. @ CFAC
- ► THE SABBATH Sunday, April 2, all day(libraryclosed)
- ► Another Insightful **Political Panel** Monday, April 3, 3:30 p.m. @ Hiemenga
- ► How to Get a **Ring Before Spring** Seminar Wednesday, April 5, 3:30p.m.@Hiemenga Hall
- ► Music Department **Demotion** Ceremony Friday, April 7, 5p.m. @ Seminary Lawn
- ► SAO Concert **Snoop Dog** Friday, April 7,9p.m. @ CFAC
- ► New signs christening Saturday, April 8, 9 a.m. @ Seminary

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The Calvin Institute of Technology equips students to calculate quickly, round accurately, and set up projectors wholeheartedly as Christ's agents of renewal in the world



A recent submission to the new category entitled, "Untitled Triptych IV."



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Campus Safety Report

A campus safety officer filed a complaint on behalf of the sore throats of their colleagues. The report cites a "gross overestimation" of an officer's ability to "scream like sirens outside of the window." As such, campus safety is working on measures to institute real lights sirens on every campus safety vehicle. The report ends with, "I hope to never hear another person yell 'wee-woo' again."

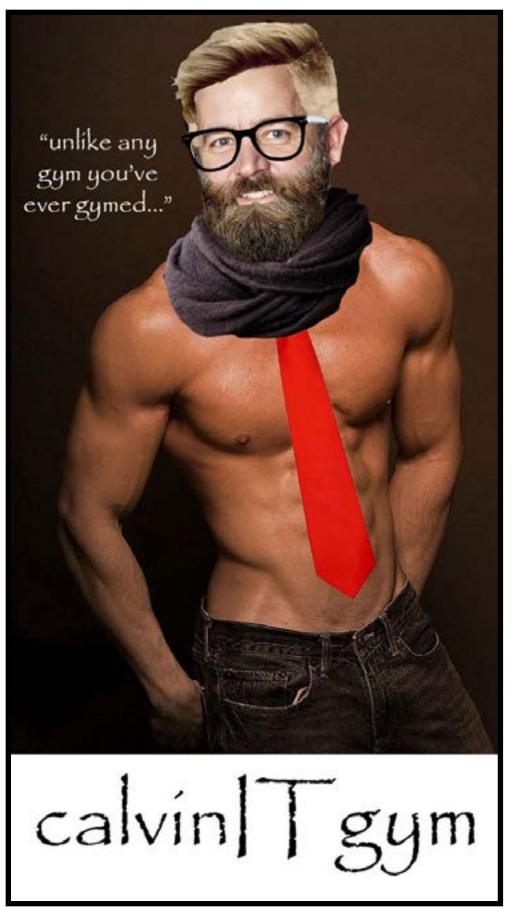
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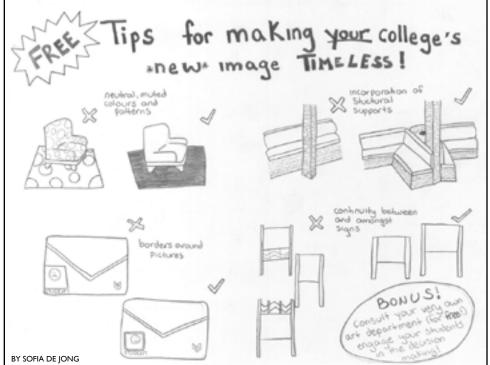
A student contacted campus safety last Saturday, claiming that someone stole their bicycle. After a brief investigation, it was concluded that the student had not owned a bicycle. In fact, the student who called did not exist. Campus safety has contacted paranormal authorities for further help.

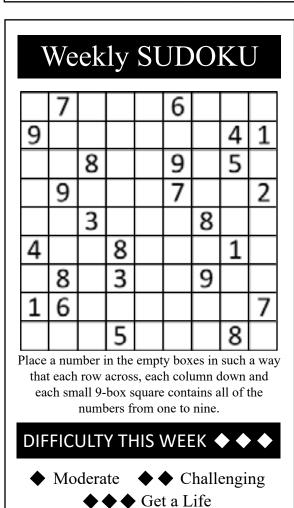
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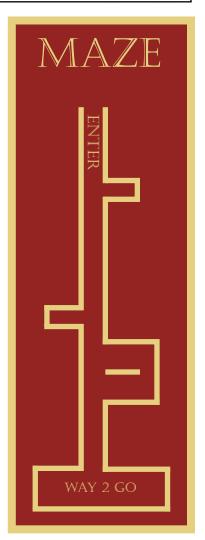
For the third time this month, a call came from the on-campus home of president La Croix. Campus safety was made aware of a strange figure rustling in the bushes, repeatedly making a "cha-ching" sound. The suspect was finally caught, revealed to be former president Jaylen Pedaler.

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Paul Ryan prays at Calvin chapel.

Paul Ryan

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Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident, the following prayer was recorded at a chapel service at the Calvin Institute of Technology:

"And though we're disheartened at the state of politics today, we will hold to your Word, the Constitution of the United States."

"Lord, we thank you for blessing us with the greatest country on earth. And though we're disheartened at the state of politics today, we will hold to your Word, the Constitution of the United States. We ask for your blessing on this committee—er, congregation, and that you would somehow, some way, by some miracle, by your almighty power, by the threat of losing reelection, give us faith in our leaders. Amen."

Religion professors gloss over predestination

BY KATRINA FENCE The Jesus Page Editor

Few questions strike greater fear in the hearts of Religion professors at a Reformed institution than the age-old inquiry: "Can you explain predestination?" In recent years, Calvin professors have developed new strategies of avoiding outright discussion on the historically divisive issue.

"Personally, I like to employ the 'duck and cover' technique," said Professor Vanderlinden-Steendenhooksta. "I simply duck my head and cover my ears, making loud, disturbing noises until the students stop saying the 'p-word.'"

In contrast, Professor Plantoutsma prefers a less obtrusive method of avoiding the topic. "I've recently adopted a technique I like to call 'affirm and distract.' For example, if a student asks about predestination I'll say, 'That's a great question, Student.' Then I'll usually something like, 'My goodness! Is that the rapture?'"

The faculty's systematic avoidance of predestination has taken a toll on the student body's understanding of this complex topic.

When asked about predestination, student Daisy Won said, "Sure, I've heard of that. In Johnny's, I'll sometimes hear heated debates about predentistration. I've always been a little confused about why they care so much about dentistry. Why do they care so much about dentistry?"

"Predestination is another word for the admissions process at Calvin," said Calvin senior Will Tymmer. "From what I understand, the admissions office actually pre-selects students who are destined to come to Calvin before they even apply.'

It is unclear whether Religion professors gloss over the topic of predestination because they want to avoid contention in class, or because they have

point out the window and shout forgotten what predestination means themselves.

One professor, who wishes to remain anonymous, said,

"We, um, we do try to cover predestination in class, um, but, sometimes we try to sort of skirt around the topic because it can, that is, it is, ah, predestination can be a bit. well, you know. You know what



Calvin professor retreats under his desk to find sanctuary from quisical students.

CONFIRMED: Chapel building plans stolen from Pizza Hut

BY KATRINA FENCE The Jesus Page Editor

A member of the night cleaning crew stumbled upon a vault hidden deep beneath the bowels of the Chapel Undercroft last Sunday while cleaning communion crumbs after LOFT. Using only a vacstudent broke into the vault and discovered a top-secret time capsule from the ancient 1980s.

Beneath piles of horrendous maroon and gold parachute pants, the student found files containing the original building plans for the Calvin Institute of Technology's chapel.

"I didn't know what to think

have been some mistake. But sure enough, there it was, plain as the spire on the chapel roof. The building plans for the chapel weren't original at all they were exact copies of the building plans from the local Pizza Hut!"

The chapel, with its sloping roof and unusual geometric after LÖFT. Using only a vac- at first," said the student. "I structure, is perhaps the most uum and pure ingenuity, this thought for sure there must distinct and recognizable build- my daughter worshipping in

ing on campus. Yet the recently recovered plans, which have been privately leaked to Ringtones, make this once-awesomesauce

design seem a bit half-baked. The chapel/Pizza Hut fiasco, which local news sources are referring to as "chapel-gate," has far-reaching implications for Calvin's reputation.

"I am deeply concerned about

a place designed after a Pizza Hut," said an anonymous concerned parent, "That's just sacrilegious. If you're going to model your chapel after a fast-food restaurant, it should at least be Chick-fil-A."

"I am deeply concerned about my daughter worshipping in a place designed after a Pizza Huť [...] If you're going to model your chapel after a fast-food restaurant, it should at least be Chick-fil-A."

While some students are facing disillusionment as they try to distinguish fact from fiction, others are hopeful: "I think the Calvin Institute of Technology should take advantage of the connection between the chapel and Pizza Hut," said junior Howie Hendricks. "They could proba-bly draw more students to LOFT by serving pizza at communion. Nothing builds community quite like grease and indigestion.



OPINION & Editorial

The Love Gurn Christina Chastity





There are aching hearts all over campus, and every week I give myself to you. After two marriages and three semesters here at the Calvin Institute of Technology, I am now an expert when it comes to navigating relationships.

Veronica asked:

My friend texted me the other day and asked what I thought about him, but when I told him that he's one of my fav friends he responded with a frowny face. Does he like me? I don't really think of him that way...

CC - Good question, Veronica. I don't think you have to worry about anything, it seems like he is just genuinely interested in growing as a person. This is a classic tactic for seeking self-improvement, and he probably wanted the opinion of a trusted friend.

Max asked:

I've been dating my future wife for a few weeks now, but I'm worried I may have ruined everything. I went to LOFT last week, and I held the hand of another woman up in the air during "My Friends, May You Grow in Grace." Did I cheat???

CC - First, Max, take a deep breath. Allow the reality of your actions to slowly set in. Then, run to her and tell her everything. If she is forgiving then that means she is your future wife. Set a wedding date immediately.

Johnny asked:

I have deep feelings for this girl in my soc class. We sit next to each other and from what I can tell she likes me too. She even asked if I wanted to go swing dancing with her. I am concerned, though, because she said she plans on going to graduate school and having a career in which she is able to support herself financially. She also said that she doesn't like to cook. Is it okay to overlook these things when thinking of marriage?

CC - It is alright for a woman to have her own dreams and ambitions, but I would keep her as a friend only. If what you say is true and this is really what she thinks, then going ahead with a relationship would certainly spell doom for you.

Francine asked:

Are you sure you're qualified to be giving students here advice? It seems like you don't know what you're talking about.

CC - Well I can't say I haven't been asked that before, Francine, and it won't be the last time. Let me ask you a question: Have you ever been able to find the right words to break it off with your significant other because they don't like Hillsong? I have. Was there ever a time during your second marriage when you were able to fully support your husband while he was "figuring things out" and visiting non-CRC churches? I have. So before you begin to question my qualifications, with the name Francine, I'd start worrying about your chances of getting a spouse.

People should like me more

BY SEBASTIAN Vice Chancellor of the Calvin Society for Higher Order Contemplation

173 IQ. Bam. Perkins Fellow. Bam. Need any more reasons as to why you should like me? Apparently that is not enough for some people.

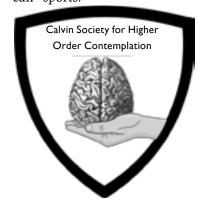
I really am very smart, and the perfect candidate for anyone who is looking for a friend that they can look up to. I have my own style that people can emulate. My feature attire is always a combination of a tie, fedora, and combat boots. Only plebeians do not like that combination.

My struggle to make friends is only a reflection of the collective idiocy of my generation. They are too preoccupied with social media and pop music. Meanwhile, the medieval era beckons my name; a time when men were men, and horses were rightfully the supreme form of travel.

I could provide anecdotes of my excellence, but I do not want to overwhelm you with a sense of inferiority. Also, if you use contractions in writing or speech, do not talk to me.

Unfortunately for me, I am also the one who always gets thrown aside by women who do not deserve my kindness and love. Good guys really do finish last.

Every now and again, when I am not too busy enjoying smooth jazz, I think about all of the wasted energy my peers put towards the barbaric exhibitions they call "sports."



I also do not waste my time with college courses on subjects like philosophy, math, science, and literature. If you need another person to tell you how to think, then do not even waste your time talking to me.

It is difficult to comprehend why someone would not want to know me. It is not every day that you get to spend time with a gift of intellect such as myself.

The problem with risqué socks on-campus

By A Concerned Mother & Strong Christian

I tried to hide my discontempt when my son received some suggestive multi-colored socks in the mail along with his Calvin Institute of Technology acceptance letter.

I noticed when my son tried on these socks that they did not cover very much of his leg. All I could think was "Did everyone receive these socks? Even the girls? Will the girls be wearing these flimsy socks around campus?'

My son, entering a new stage of his life with more freedom than I can even fathom, is still growing. His hormones are all over the place and he is showing a great interest in girls (I know this because I once caught him gazing at a Targets underwear ad a little longer than appropriate). I do not appreciate the Calvin Institute of Technology supporting immodesty by supplying such scandalous socks to their students. By gosh, I have underwear made with more fabric than these socks!

I want to propose that the Calvin Institute of Technology recalls all of these socks. The message they are sending does not match the school's mission. I never thought a school rooted in Christian ideals would do something so extreme. What's next, free condoms in the dorms??

After this incident, I am not so sure I can support the Calvin Institute of Technology any longer. I am hoping my son declines his acceptance and instead chooses his backup school, Liberty University.

Signed,

A Concerned Mother and Strong Christian



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Ever since the tech wing of the campus (the Engineering & CS mafia) helped lead the college through the peaceful transition (coup d'etat) from Calvin College to the Calvin Institute of Technology, we in the Op-Ed section believe it inappropriate to publish any of the pro-English, pro-Art propaganda put forth by the traitors and conspirators from the former, now defunct, humanities departments.

A THOUSAND WORD ESSAY

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After a Calvin Institute of Technology professor appeared on a watch list, we at *Ringtones* decided it was time to make our own.

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Keeping an eye on how profs keep time since 2017.

