ON THE KNOLL

Said The Princeton Review: “...the basic premise of the guide is to highlight colleges that The Princeton Review feels are among the top ten percent of colleges and universities in the U.S.” In an other part of the book they call the schools they profile “the cream of the crop.”

In addition to being named a “Stone Cold Sober” school, Calvin also made the following Princeton Review lists:

- School Runs Like Butter
- Town-Gown Relations Are Good
- Students Pray on a Regular Basis
- Students Most Nostalgic for Reagan
- Future Rotarians and Daughters of the American Revolution
- Class Discussions Rare
- Scotch and Soda, Hold the Scotch
- Don’t Inhale

Insight, the weekly magazine of The Washington Times, may have noticed such criteria when it named Calvin its top “politically incorrect college.” The number-one ranking put Calvin in good company, among such institutions as Claremont McKenna College in California and the University of Chicago.

CALVIN ENROLLMENT RISES SLIGHTLY

Calvin College has a 1998-99 enrollment of 4,117 students — up 42 from last year and 76 from two years ago. The increase marks the sixth straight year that Calvin’s total enrollment has risen. The 4,117 number also marks the third straight year that Calvin has broken the 4,000-student barrier. Calvin’s first-year class, however, dropped slightly from last year, falling to 979 students from 1,061. The first-year class of 979 is comparable to two years ago when Calvin had 962 first-year students.

GLENN REMELTS NAMED LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Changes in library technology over the last decade have been phenomenal according to Glenn Remelts, recently named the new director of the Hekman Library. Just the fact that Remelts, former automation library at Calvin, was named the director says something about the changes, he said.

“The director of a library has to be very knowledgeable about what’s happening on the digital side of information,” he said.

With all of the words and phrases being thrown around like ‘digital library,’ ‘library without walls,’ and ‘virtual library,’ it’s necessary that the director be familiar with what’s going on out there because a large part of the hype is true.”

It’s equally important, though, to recognize the value of books on shelves, he added.

“I think there is a danger of losing sight of the traditional library,” he said. “I think I straddle that quite well. As we come to know more and more about computers, we all become more familiar with their pitfalls and limitations. There are certain aspects of the traditional library that will never be duplicated.”

Remelts came to Calvin in 1990 after serving as the head of reference at the Kansas State University Library. When he came, Calvin was just working into the automated system for the library.

CALVIN HISTORY:

SS Calvin Victory

During World War II, the United States Maritime Commission and War Shipping Administration oversaw construction of unprecedented numbers of ocean-going ships. The mainstay of the war's cargo fleet was the Liberty Ship, of which about 2,500 were built. The Liberty Ship had a top speed of 11 knots.

As effective as the Liberty Ships were, by November 1943 contracts were let for 668 slightly larger and significantly faster (17 knots) Victory Ships. The first were delivered in February 1944. Of the 441 Victory Ships built before the war ended, the first 35 were named after members of the United Nations, the rest were named for towns and colleges. Among the colleges were five from the MIAA Conference: SS Alma Victory, SS Albion Victory, SS Calvin Victory, SS Hillsdale Victory and SS Hope Victory.

The keel for SS Calvin Victory was laid February 13, 1944, by the California Shipbuilding Corporation (Calship), Terminal Island, Calif. The second largest wartime emergency shipyard in the United States, Calship launched a ship of one design or another every 72 hours. On April 5, SS Calvin Victory was ready for launching. At 2 a.m. on that date, Rev. Frank Dejong '26 ThB'30, pastor at Bethany Christian Reformed Church in Bellflower, Calif., and Rev. Sebastian Struyk '22 Sem'25, of First Los Angeles Christian Reformed Church, represented the Board of Trustees at the launching.

If anyone has other photos of SS Calvin Victory or knows of its service life, please contact the archives. The archives is also interested in collecting the accounts and recollections of graduates and members of the denomination during World War II—both those in military or government service as well as on the home front. Please contact Richard H. Harms, Curator of the Archives, at 616-957-6313 or rharms@calvin.edu or 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.
“That was quite a change about ten years ago,” he said. “Things have continued at an even faster pace.”

Looking for trends is one of the biggest challenges of the position now.

“There is a certain amount of gambling in library management,” he said. “If you see a trend that looks like it’s taking off, you follow it for a while. Sometimes it continues to take off and sometimes it dies and something else comes up, that’s what makes it so challenging now.”

Remelts replaces recently retired Marvin Monsma, who held the position for 28 years. Remelts and his wife, Nancy, have two children, Sarah, 9, and Nicholas, 16.

**SOCCER STAR PASSES 100 GOAL MARK**

The goals, assists and points have continued to come and the records have continued to fall for Calvin College senior Tara Dyk as she has indelibly placed her name in the Calvin women’s soccer record book.

A native of Grand Haven and a graduate of Western Michigan Christian High School, Dyk became the all-time Calvin assist leader this fall and became just the second women’s soccer player in MIAA history to reach the 100-goal mark for a career.

Dyk broke the assist mark in a 3-2 loss at Capital University on October 6 as she notched one assist to move past Kristin Penzotti-Mast on the career list, bringing her career total to 37. She reached the 100-goal barrier in a 6-0 victory over St. Mary’s on October 14, notching her 11th career hat-trick and 32nd multiple-goal game in the process.

A First Team All-American in 1997, Dyk scored her first goal in the first half as she tapped in a crossing pass from freshman Larissa Onderlinde (Kalamazoo, Mich.) that allowed Calvin to take a 1-0 lead at halftime. She then assisted on Calvin’s second goal of the match to bring her career assist total to 38 before scoring the next two goals of the contest for the Knights.

Goal number 99 came as she pounced on a loose ball at midfield and broke through the St. Mary’s defense with a burst of speed before cranking a low hard shot into the right side of the goal. Her 100th career goal came late in the game as she collected a well-placed pass from senior teammate Jodi Toonstra (Hudsonville, Mich.), raced up the middle and blasted in a shot from 15 yards out into the right hand corner of the net to put the Knights up 4-0.

The game was then momentarily stopped as she was presented the ball that she booted in for career goal number 100.

In reaching the 100-goal barrier for her career, Dyk became just the second player in MIAA history to reach the century mark for career goals as she joined Kalamazoo All-American Jennifer Russell who scored 118 career goals from 1989-1993.

“This is a tremendous accomplishment for Tara,” said Calvin women’s soccer coach Deb Bakker after the match. “As she has gotten closer and closer to 100 career goals, I know it has been in the back of her mind but the admirable thing with Tara is that she has not focused on the record or any other individual goals but has instead put the goals of the team first.”

Team goals have indeed been the motivation for Dyk as she explained after her record-breaking performance against St. Mary’s. Prior to the win against St. Mary’s, Calvin had been stuck in a three-game losing streak, its longest since the 1993 season. “Sure the goals and records are nice but what is important is that we win games,” said Dyk. “Our main goal is to win the MIAA and then to get back to the national tournament. We know we will have to win the rest of our regular season games and probably the league tournament to do that so my focus is on helping our team to win, not on individual goals.”

Ranked seventh in the Great Lakes Region after the St. Mary’s match, Calvin was 10-3 overall and 2-2 in the MIAA. Without the aid of her hot left foot, Calvin most likely would not have been in position to challenge for the league title or a berth in the national tournament earlier in the year. Dyk cranked in game-winning goals in sudden-death overtime against nationally-ranked William Smith and also against Wittenberg.

Performing under pressure has been no problem for Dyk as she also scored in NCAA III Tournament contests last fall against Denison and Washington University. One of her most memorable performances came in the season finale against rival Hope during the 1996 season. Playing with a partially torn ligament in her knee, Dyk scored a pair of late second half goals moments apart to lift the Knights to a 2-0 victory over Hope, allowing Calvin to edge Kalamazoo for the MIAA crown by one point in the final league standings.

“I love playing in the big games and in front of big crowds,” said Dyk. “The crowd at our game against Washington in the NCAA’s last year was unbelievable. It is really exciting to see that type of interest in women’s soccer.”

The interest in Calvin women’s soccer has certainly grown as the Knights have compiled a 62-10-3 mark over the past four years, including three MIAA titles and one NCAA III Tournament berth.

A pre-veterinary science major, Dyk plans to work as a veterinary assistant for a year after graduating this spring. She also has volunteered to work at the 1999 Women’s World Cup that will be hosted by the United States.

After the soccer season, Dyk will also join the women’s basketball team as she will attempt to help the Knights repeat as MIAA champions in yet another sport.