From the President

As we begin our academic year at CALL I am reminded how important our classmates are to our education. I am thinking now not of those who began or graduated in the year we did, rather I am thinking of our in-room fellow class members and how we relate to them in learning.

I think I see in my CALL classes all the personality types reminiscent of my forties and fifties school years, but perhaps they are now represented in slightly muted form. The drowsy types are to the rear of the classroom. Class members seated in the front row are almost snarling on their haunches. On the left wing I see a classmate as if with a lifted lion-tamers chair, head turned slightly, ready for a skirmish with the teacher. Others have a wary look. But the several types are all there.

This instant community of classmates reacting and interacting with our excellent teachers is senior liberal arts education at its best. By respectfully listening, questioning, smiling, snickering, groaning, frowning, even tearing, we bring out intense learning in the classroom setting. What a blessing God has given us in this relationship again.

The annual CALL board and committee planning retreat will be held on Friday morning, September 29. Almost 40 folks will be dealing with matters related to successfully running our organization. Thank you, all members, for your support of, and prayers for the leadership of CALL.

Peter Van Vliet, President of CALL

CALL Member Events

CALL Northern Lake Michigan Bike Tour
Oct 11-12 [Wed-Thur] We will depart Calvin at 8:30am for Petoskey, Michigan. After checking into the historic Perry Hotel in Downtown Petoskey, we will eat lunch and begin biking to Harbor Springs. Participants will have time to shop and browse in Harbor Springs before the return ride to the Perry. Dinner will be “on your own”, as Petoskey offers many great restaurants to match a diversity of tastes. Thursday morning, we will eat together at a restaurant within walking distance of the Perry. Following breakfast, we will begin our Lake Michigan coastal ride through the “Tunnel of Trees” near Cross Village. This moderate route surveys the Lake Michigan coast from a high bluff amidst peak fall colors. This stretch of road is thought to be the most scenic cycling route in the state. After a great ride, we will begin our trip back to Calvin. We will stop for dinner at Herman’s in Cadillac. We will return to Calvin between 8-9pm.

Participant Limit: 16

Cost and Details: Trip cost is $150 per person. Cost covers hotel, transportation, staffing, and all meals (except for Wednesday dinner).

Sign Up Deadline: Sign Up deadline and full payment is due October 1st.

Questions, Call Peter Van Vliet, 940-1949 or Roger Griffioen, 452-3328
What's New in Grand Rapids

Nov 15 [Wed] Our events for the day will include visits to Ferris Coffee & Nut Company, Lacks Cancer Center at St. Mary's Hospital ending our day at the renovated Basilica of St. Adalbert's. Lunch will be provided and the cost for the day is $40.00. Questions, please call Don Lautenbach, 698-9244.

White Christmas

Nov 30 [Thur] Our "Holiday Event" this year will be a matinee performance of Irving Berlin's musical “White Christmas” to be performed at the fabulous Fox Theatre in downtown Detroit. We have booked a day trip including a tour of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores and lunch at the manor. The home is a holiday showcase and nationally recognized estate. Cost for the day: $85. Sign up soon to ensure a seat on this outing.

Looking Ahead:

Lincoln Legacy trip, Springfield, Illinois

Apr 17-19, 2007 [Tue-Thur] It is time to sign up for this special requested trip which is a repeat of the April 2006 trip. The trip includes a visit to the new Lincoln Museum, as well as New Salem, Lincoln's home, and the Old State Capital. Bill Kamstra, a Lincoln historian, will also discuss the life of this great man. Capacity is 50 persons - we already have over 30 signed up. The cost is $249 based on double occupancy of the rooms. A $50 deposit will reserve your place. The balance is due on March 1, 2007. You must a CALL member to participate.

Questions call Don Lautenbach  698-9244

Dow Country Trip

May 2007 An interesting one day trip is planned for Midland Michigan (Dow Country). View the fantastic Dow Gardens, the extraordinary accomplishments of Alden B. Dow, tour his home, museum, etc. Dinner will be at the famous Ashland Court Hotel. More details later

CALL Public Events

Noontime Series Fall 2006

Free one-hour programs held every other Thursday at noon on the Calvin campus

NOTE - VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Sep 21 [Thur] "Serving Life Sentences: Christians for Prisoners - Prisoners for Christ" Rich and Carol Rienstra, parents of a Christian inmate, tell their story of restoration and healing from the impact of crime and punishment, and of Kingdom service with prisoners and ex-offenders. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Oct 5 [Thur] "The Calvin College Landscape over the last 10,000 years" Jim Muller, retired science educator and local historian, traces the Reeds Lake and Plaster Creek watersheds from the early wilderness era to the present. (In the Commons Lecture Hall)

Oct 19 [Thur] "Faith in West Michigan: A Working Concern" Charles Honey, religion editor of The Press, converses about Grand Rapids, the “city of churches” - covering compelling topics from conservative piety to complex diversity to caring activism. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Nov 2 [Thur] “2006 Election Issues and Considerations” James Penning, Corwin Smidt and Simona Goi, members of the Calvin College Political Science department, give their perspectives on local, state and national election issues. (In the Chapel Undercroft)

Nov 16 [Thur] "Songs for the Season" The Calvin Men's Chorale, Keith Brautigam, director, and The Calvin College Lyric Singers, Joel Navarro, director, present a medley of music that reflects the changing seasons and unchanging faith. (In the College Chapel)

Passport To Adventure:
A Travel Film Series

- Season Tickets $16.00. Single tickets are $5.00 each. Calvin Box Office is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday – Friday Phone 616-526-6282
- Ticket sales are through the Calvin Box Office only. (No Service fee if you visit the box office,$2.00 for mail or phone orders)
- Do NOT send money for Passport tickets to CALL
All programs are presented in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium of Calvin College at 7:30 PM. A shuttle bus runs between the FAC and the west parking lot off Burton Street for 30 minutes before and after each program.

Oct 26 [Thur] 7:30PM Casablanca-Travels in Morocco with Hal McClure

Nov 16 [Thur] 7:30 PM Canal Adventure in England, Scotland and Wales with Fran Eidelberger

Jan 18 [Thur] 7:30 PM Rails Across Russia-St. Petersburg to the Black Sea with Sid & Mary Lee Nolan

Mar 14 [Wed] 7:30 PM Irish Stories and Glories with Sandy Mortimer

Apr 25 [Wed] 7:30 PM Along the Continental Divide with Gale Worth

Announcements

Update on course 22-F2006 “Court Decisions that Changed America”. When the catalogue was printed, the names of all the legal experts who would be teaching in this course were not available. Bob VanderLann reports “The courts are playing an ever-more active roll in American decision making. This can be seen in the U.S. Senate when confirmation hearings are held. The courts are the new battleground of American politics. Because of this the course dealing with major court decisions will be very interesting and informative.” Michigan court Judge Rick Bandstra will discuss the concept of Judicial Review. The Hon. Gordon Quist, a Federal Judge, will discuss Federal Judicial Review, with Roe v. Wade as the case in question. The Hon. Hannes Meyers will discuss all the court cases that were involved in the election of 2000. Prof. Jeff Tatum. A Calvin Prof. will discuss the Scopes Trial, and related cases dealing the intelligent design, teaching of creationism, etc. Attorney Robert De Jong will discuss Brown v. board of education and related issues such as bussing, affirmative action, etc. Attorney Roger Boer will discuss the Establishment Clause (Separation of church and State is not even in the constitution.) This timely subject will cover the 10 commandments, "In God we Trust" on our coins, "One Nation under God" in the pledge and certain religious symbols.


Room Change - Course 20-F2006 “Folk Music” will meet in the Chapel Undercroft

Member Events Registration Form

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   Nov 15 [Wed] $40.00 per person

4. “White Christmas” Detroit, Michigan
   Nov 30 [Thur] $85.00 per person

5. “Lincoln Legacy Trip, Springfield, Illinois”
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   $50.00 Deposit with balance due March 1, 2007

Send to: CALL c/o Irene Bolthouse
3201 Burton St SE
Grand Rapids MI 49546

Check trip(s) you desire
☑#1 Bike Trip $150.00 per person
☑#2 Chicago Trip $85.00 per person
☑#3 Grand Rapids $40.00 per person
☑#4 White Christmas $85.00 per person
☑#5 Lincoln Legacy$249.00 per person ($50 deposit)

Name(s)________________________
Address _______________________
Telephone _____________________
Email ________________________
Enclosed $________
CALL Service Opportunities

Call for CALL Service Grant Proposals
If you are involved in a ministry as a volunteer, and know of something from which that organization could benefit (goods or services), why not fill out an application for a CALL service grant and send it in? Grants of up to $200 may be given. New voluntary service ministries are given preference. For an application contact Audrey VanVliet 940-1949

Volunteers Needed for the Center Art Gallery
Joel Zwart, Director of Exhibitions at Calvin, is looking for volunteers to monitor the Calvin College Center Art Gallery during various shifts, as well as answer basic questions from visitors. Contact Joel at 526-6271 or jhz2@calvin.edu for more information

Mentoring Students at Calvin College
You can make a profound difference in the life of a Calvin student! Many students desire to grow through a mentoring relationship and learn from the story of your life. If you can offer a listening ear, an encouraging word, and a faithful prayer, you are qualified to be a mentor. Simply contact Lisa Jousma in the Mentoring Office for more information (mentoring@calvin.edu or 526-7274)

Seeking Volunteers for Congregation Census
Calvin’s Center for Social Research is seeking help with a Kent County congregation census — If you and a friend or spouse could drive the county for several days in late September and early October to contribute to an important community research project, please volunteer! For more details on the project, see this posting on the new Center for Social Research blog: http://www.calvin.edu/weblogs/csr/more/church_census_volunteers_needed/
Contact Neil Carlson to RSVP for training to be held Saturday, September 23 from 9am-12pm or to ask questions: 616 526-6420 or neil.carlson@calvin.edu. Thank you!

CALL Members discount to Artist Series
The first program in The Artist Series is on October 6. The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble plays at 8 pm in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium at Calvin. There is still time for CALL members to get their half-price Artist Series tickets. Call the Calvin Box Office at 526-6282 for more information.