From the President

At its September 5 meeting, the CALL board passed a recommendation from the executive committee to appoint an ad hoc study committee to determine the best way to staff the CALL organization. As you know, CALL was founded over a decade ago as a volunteer-run organization. The enormous contributions of the many committee members and the faithful work of our part-time membership secretary have built up CALL so that it is recognized at Calvin, in our city and throughout the mid-west as an excellent and efficient lifelong learning organization. We are extremely blessed to have so many capable and willing volunteers to do so much work. This includes the services of the college’s director of community relations, and other staff in the Alumni and Public Relations office who support CALL on a number of fronts.

The five CALL representatives who attended a Regional Lifelong Learning conference in August learned that most organizations like CALL benefit from the services of a on-campus director, whether that person is a college or university staff (which is the case with most organizations), or someone hired and paid by the lifelong learning organization itself. It is very unlikely that an organization as large as CALL can continue to operate without an appointed coordinator or director to support the programming planned by the volunteer board and committees. The time has come for us to look at the governance and management structure of CALL and to that end, Charles Jansen, CALL’s vice-president, will convene an ad hoc study committee to gather information and consider the best options, making a recommendation to the CALL board by next spring. Please pray that the work this committee does, and the recommendation they make, will be for the good of CALL and the college, as well as for the greater community and for Kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Tom Weeda, felt rather lonesome as he was the only CALL member to be a “mentor” for a group of Calvin freshmen during Streetfest, a program to introduce all Calvin freshmen to the joys of voluntary service. Last year, we had 5 or 6 CALL members. Possibly you were not given enough advance information. It’s very easy (and fun), as you simply introduce the organization and the student group to each other (mine, for the second year, was Clark Memorial Home), work alongside the students if you choose to (I chose to) for 2 to 3 hours (this is not mandatory for the mentor). Also there are 2 student leaders (not freshmen) who actually do lead the work. It’s always done the three days prior to Calvin’s beginning classes (not including Labor Day, of course), but the students (and you) only work one day of the three. We will try to let you know well in advance next year, but you might make a note of it yourself. Contact the Service-Learning Center at Calvin.

Mentoring Please consider this wonderful opportunity? Lisa Jousma reports, “I have 7 young men (6 are international students) still waiting for a mentor this fall and I haven’t met with much success in my recruitment effort for male mentors”. She would be pleased to send more information about the program. Please contact Lisa Jousma at mentoring@calvin.edu or 526-7274.

Room changes can make for problems. Some of you may have to do more walking than you anticipated, and some may not have taken note of a change in your room assignment. We regret these difficulties, but the size of a given class is not easy to predict. Rather than limit enrollment by the size of the classroom that is first assigned, we try to accommodate large enrollments by changing the classroom. We hope you can “go with the flow” in the few cases where changes are necessary.
Here are changes thus far but stay alert for any other changes
#1 Scotland - to Science Building 110;
#14 Architectural Monuments - to Science Building 110;
#18 Resistance - to Science Building 010
#27 Thessalonians – to Hieminga 432

Courses which are filled and accepting no additional students:
#3 Modern Medicines
#4 Creating Memoir
#8 Knit a Sock!
#14 Architectural Monuments
#27 Thessalonians
#28 Cancer
#31 Word Processing

Finally, parking is at a premium. It might be easier for CALL members to park in the DeVos/Prince Center lots and then walk the overpass to classes, especially to those classes that are held in the FAC. Or, alternatively, in the Seminary lot. Be sure to place your Parking Permit on your rear view mirror.

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College Support Committee,
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CALL is helping to sponsor an art exhibit from October 5 - November 17, 2007, that brings together over 25 paintings, prints and drawings from The Hague School to mark the bequest of seven works from a Calvin College Alum to Calvin College. “Between Nature and Nationality: The Hague School in the Nineteenth Century” will feature a group of Netherlandish artists who pointed both to the past and to the future, and to key themes of European modernism.

If you use e-mail and would like to receive regular reminders of the many events and programs at Calvin that are available to you, send an e-mail to call@calvin.edu saying that you would like to be added to the calvin-connection e-newsletter.

Requested announcement

Let’s Make Music
Do you want to have fun with music; begin or return to playing an instrument; play in a band or orchestra? The St. Cecilia Music Center has the opportunity for you! All ability levels, including beginners, are welcome to join either the New Horizons String Orchestra, which meets from 3:00 to 4:30 PM on Mondays at St. Cecilia Music Center, or the intermediate/beginning New Horizons Band (Horizons Too), which meets from 1:00 to 2:30 PM on Mondays at St. Cecilia. Call Martha Cudlipp, 616-459-2224 for more information, or come to St. Cecilia on any Monday beginning September 10, 2007.

from Rog Griffioen

Registration Form

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