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Shirley Hoogstra leaves Calvin for top CCCU position

BY LAUREN DEHAAN
Editor in Chief

After serving 15 years as vice president for student life, Shirley Hoogstra is leaving Calvin College to assume the role of president of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) in September, according to an email to students over the summer.

Hoogstra, the first woman to serve as a cabinet member at Calvin, will also become the first female president of the CCCU, a Washington, D.C.-based higher education organization with 175 schools in 20 countries. Calvin has been an active member of the CCCU since 1981.

"Shirley will be an outstanding servant-leader for the CCCU in her role as president," said Calvin College President Michael Le Roy. "The Council's gain is Calvin College's loss, but this appointment gives me great hope for the future of the CCCU."

In an exclusive interview with Chimes, Hoogstra said she is sure her departure will not have a negative impact on the student life division. "I think that they will go on strong and not miss a beat. I hope they will remember how much I love them and how much I want the division and students to flourish."

Her departure comes at a time of major transition and turnover among Calvin's top officials. When the college begins its fall semester, eight of its 10 top leaders will have been in a cabinet-level role for 26 months or fewer.

A former Calvin graduate and the longest-serving member of the cabinet, Hoogstra will be the fourth senior Calvin official to leave in roughly the last two years: former Provost Claudia Beversluis left at the beginning of the month. About two years ago, former President Gaylen Byker and former Vice President for Finance and Administration Henry DeVries also left the college.

This means that every cabinet-level member will have been in a cabinet role at Calvin for less than seven years: Russ Bloem,

vice president for enrollment, has been in his role since 2009, and Ken Erffmeyer, vice president for advancement, has been at Calvin

practicing law in New Haven, Conn. — a skill that CCCU leaders say will be useful in the new job.

"It is imperative that institutions are represented by a leader passionate about our mission, savvy when considering legal and political liabilities, and grounded in Christ," said Andrea Cook, who chaired the CCCU search committee. "Shirley is all of these, and I have full confidence that she is the right person to lead us in such a time as this."

With the beginning of the academic year almost a month away, Le Roy told Chimes that an interim vice president will be named in the next few weeks from among internal candidates, and a nationwide search will take place shortly thereafter.

In the meantime, Hoogstra will be spending her time commuting back and forth between her new role in D.C. and Grand Rapids where

her husband, Dr. Jeffrey Hoogstra, a pediatrician, will continue working at his practice. The two have purchased a small, two bedroom apartment in D.C.

"I will not have a car in D.C. and Jeff and I will fly back and forth to connect," said Hoogstra. "He and I have to really be together and in sync about mixing our lives up. It is a brand new adventure for us as empty nesters."

Hoogstra told Chimes she was not seeking out a departure from Calvin, but felt called to this new role once the process began. After being nominated as a potential candidate, Hoogstra started the official application process on May 5 and formally accepted the offer on July 17th after the board of the CCCU unanimously voted to appoint her as their new president.

Hoogstra told Chimes this new role seems to be the coming together of all her gifts, talents and prior experience.

"Christians have to be in the public sphere of ideas and publications," said Hoogstra, "that is what Calvin graduates do. We get in there and mix things up. You are responsible for shepherding your experiences well for the kingdom."



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Hoogstra leaves Calvin for advocacy role on Capitol Hill.

Calvin pays down \$13 million in debt

Payment a result of increased giving and real-estate sales

BY KATE PARSONS
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As a part of a broader plan to reduce its current operating deficit and outstanding debt, Calvin College paid down \$13 million this August.

In addition to reducing long-term debt, this payment will also save Calvin \$750,000 annually on interest payments.

"I am so grateful. I think this payment represents a lot of progress," said President Michael Le Roy. "This represents a sign of God's providence and care for this institution."

In the last two years, Calvin has made significant steps towards balancing the budget, including a prioritization plan approved by faculty senate last year. The plan included reductions to arts programs and language programs, eliminating the curriculum center and increasing tuition for engineers and nurses, along with cuts and changes elsewhere.

Calvin has also been selling nonessential real estate. This summer, over half of the \$13 million came from the sale of Glen Oaks East apartment complex.



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Despite this prioritization, donors have been the biggest part of Calvin's debt reduction thus far, helping achieve \$25 million for debt relief by last May rather than the predicted 2017 date.

The earlier payments will save Calvin money in the long run. "We have had to draw on a line of credit the past few years to

meet the requirements for our expected financial ratios," explained Le Roy. "This year we didn't have to draw on that line of credit."

According to Joel DeBruin, director of finance at Calvin College, the payment will also save about \$750 thousand in annual interest payments.

De Bruin looks ahead to what is next in Calvin's financial situation. "We've looked at debt service needs over the next four years," he said. Administration has worked together to build the rest of the debt payments into the operating budget.

"This is the first big step we took to start paying down the debt," said DeBruin.

As Calvin continues with its reductions, it is also marketing its Weyhill building with plans for the proceeds to go towards the debt payments.

"We have a plan," said DeBruin. "Let's execute it and business can go on as usual."

Le Roy addresses religious freedom

Joined in seeking exemption for LGBT protections

BY LAUREN DEHAAN AND
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In June, Calvin College President Michael Le Roy and 138 other religious leaders signed a formal letter to President Obama requesting a religious exemption to an executive order.

The executive order, which Obama approved on July 21, amended the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to include protections for individuals discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Although the order did not include the requested religious exemption, Le Roy believes the administration was open to input from the religious community.

"I appreciate the effort the administration made to consider the perspective of religious groups on this matter and would hope that the administration considers the importance of religious freedom as a constitutional right," Le Roy said. The letter focused on religious freedom as the basis for its

request. "We have a variety of views on the merits of such an executive order," read the open letter to Obama. "However, we are united in asking that any such executive order be written in a way that protects the religious freedom of faith-based service providers."

Le Roy explained: "The main thrust of the message was respect for religious groups and religious freedom."

While united in this effort, signatories included representatives from colleges, development organizations, seminaries, and service providers across the country. The signatories included Calvin president emeritus Gaylen Byker, philosophy professor James K.A. Smith and Trustee for the Center of Public Justice Nicholas Wolterstorff.

"This particular letter included a broad network of religious leaders and organizations. The group included a diverse range of perspectives," said Le Roy.

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Ebola outbreak prompts delay of Ghana semester

BY NATE SLAUER
Op-Ed Editor

The worst Ebola outbreak in history hit West Africa this year with 3,000 cases reported so far in the countries of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. With Calvin students preparing to study abroad in Ghana — near the outbreaks — this fall, a Calvin task force convened to decide whether to move forward with the Ghana program.

Members of the task force included President Le Roy, Provost Cheryl Brandsen, and representatives from admissions, off-campus programs, health services and student life offices.

After much deliberation, the task force called for the Ghana semester to move forward following a one-week delay.

The task force began monitoring the Ebola outbreak when it began in July, weeks before the Ghana semester was set to launch, though the off-campus programs office had been monitoring the situation since spring.

“The week prior to the Ghana semester, events concerning the virus were really hitting the news,” said Don De Graaf, director of off-campus programs.

During that week, Nigeria joined the list of West African countries with new Ebola cases. Shortly after, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared Ebola an international public health crisis and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) announced that it would release international travel guidelines for those visiting West Africa.

“With all the unknowns,” De Graaf said, “the task force felt it was important to delay the start of the Ghana semester while additional information was gathered related to how Ebola was being contained in West Africa and what other schools were doing in response to the outbreak, and to make sure that Calvin had a contingency plan in case the Ebola virus spread to Ghana once our

students were there.”

Before there were any suspected Ebola cases in Ghana, the task force postponed the Ghana semester for a week to evaluate the risk of Ebola spreading to Ghana. Calvin was among 25 other colleges located across the world that reconsidered their plans to send students to study at the University of Ghana. All but one of these colleges allowed their study abroad programs to continue.

“The verdict we reached was that the Ebola virus was very much contained outside of Ghana. We talked with lots of experts and decided the chance of the virus reaching Calvin students was incredibly low,” said De Graaf.

While suspected Ebola cases did occur after Calvin postponed the trip, none of these cases turned out to be Ebola. The outbreak remained concentrated

in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria, so the task force decided to confirm the trip.

A separately created task force also discussed the very small possibility that a student returning from travel in West Africa might be a carrier of the disease.

According to health services director Laura Champion, “the risk of Ebola reaching the U.S. is very low. There is a greater likelihood of being aboard a plane crash.” Ebola is not a food-borne, air-borne, or water-borne illness and can only be spread via direct contact with an Ebola carrier’s bodily fluid or organs, or indirectly with environments contaminated with such fluids.

Champion emphasized that the task force decided to hold the Ebola screenings to remain within international, national and state protocol.

“We are abiding by the recommendations of various health

departments, including the World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control, and state health officials,” said Champion.

Champion also dispelled the notion that there is a growing paranoia regarding a possible Ebola spread to the U.S.

“The goal of the task force is to stay well informed, base everything on fact, be cautious, but prudent...Nothing about the situation has made us fearful,” she said.

“We want to be welcoming to our incoming international students and handle the Ebola situation with empathy and care,” said De Graaf. “Calvin is trying to make sure we do things right, both for students leaving for a semester abroad as well as for international students who are coming to Calvin to study. The health and safety of Calvin students is our top priority.”



Calvin students participate in a past Ghana semester.

LETTER: Le Roy joins discussion of discrimination and religious freedom

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As explicitly stated in the letter, signatories spoke on this topic as individuals, not representatives of their respective organizations.

“Our requests are grounded in the historical context of strong federal legal protections for religious organizations’ hiring practices,” read the letter.

The executive order upheld allowances made in a 2002 executive order signed by President Bush for religious organizations to make hiring and firing decisions based on religious beliefs. However, the letter requested additional language to clarify

the “Administration’s intent to protect religious freedom.”

The Christian Reformed Church of North America’s stance on marriage has brought this issue to a head.

“The Scripture that I need to be obedient to leads me to the conclusion that marriage is a relationship between man and woman, and sexuality is to be used in that context,” explained Le Roy. “I say that in the spirit of humility.”

Le Roy has previously addressed the incorporation of LGBT individuals into religious institutions. In a May interview with “Christianity Today,” (CT)

he listed homosexuality as one of the most significant theological issues facing Calvin.

“Homosexuality is a very real issue for campuses,” said Le Roy in the CT interview. “We have gay and lesbian students here. I have met with them. I have talked with them. They are Christians and they are trying to figure out, ‘What does this mean? How do I live?’”

Le Roy also recognizes this is an area surrounded by much debate.

“Anybody who speaks in platitudes or thinks it’s simple to be a faithful and wise Christian in these issues is overlooking some-

thing,” said Le Roy. “I don’t think there are very many people who report on these issues in ways that aren’t clichés and stereotypes.”

“The politicization scares me the most about this issue,” Le Roy continued. “It can throw a whole college off-track and hurt a bunch of students. What would be so hard would be if Christian colleges become battlegrounds of the culture wars.”

Calvin College, President Le Roy and the larger Christian community continue to grapple with the issues of discrimination and religious freedom:

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Brandsen welcomed as new provost at Convocation

BY EMILY COLE
On-Call Writer

The Calvin community celebrated new beginnings at its 138th commencement on Tuesday morning, which featured the installation of Cheryl Brandsen as the college's eighth provost and a special welcome to first-year students.

Faculty members donned their robes and regalia and student representatives from 30 countries filed into Van Noord arena holding flags to usher in the program and school year. Student senate president Jona Eigege opened the community event with praise of the community as his first act in his new role.

Cheryl Brandsen, who will oversee all faculty and academic affairs at Calvin as the new provost, was warmly welcomed and instated into her new post by four community members on behalf

of students, faculty, alumni and the church.

In her induction of the new provost, faculty representative Susan Felch, an English professor, praised Brandsen for her "understated humor and clear-eyed wisdom." After the induction, President Le Roy spoke on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 about the importance of true wisdom in the pursuit of knowledge at an academic level.

"At Calvin, we attempt to test everything, and hold on to what is good," he said. "The world needs more than employable people with knowledge, it needs people with wisdom."

Social work professor Rachel Venema, of Brandsen's former department, is excited about the new leadership Brandsen brings to the college.

"We're honored," she said.

While all first-year students attended the convocation with their orientation groups, there was only

a small smattering of upperclassmen seated in the surrounding bleachers.

Bob Crow, dean of student development, commented on the lack of upperclassmen participation at the event.

"I think that they don't see the importance of it. It's a big day with the installation of the new provost. They don't know what they're missing," he said.

Professor Venema emphasized the importance of convocation.

"It's healthy to have a community come together and start on the same page," she said.

Andrew Plaisier, a junior who attended convocation, explained, "I came because it's one of the few times we get to hear Le Roy speak."



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President Le Roy, Cheryl Brandsen, Pastor Mary and Student Body President Jona Eigege at Convocation.

Fieldhouse renovations meant to attract more students

BY BRIAN EXNER
Sports Editor

Calvin has tripled the seating options at the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex and closed the spirit shop in a bid to create more areas on campus where students can relax and study.

There are also plans to add a big screen TV to the new seating area, as well as a food venue. Creative Dining Services will make a final decision regarding the kind of food the new venue will offer later this year.

According to John Witte, the dean of residence life, the effort followed a committee discussion of the social climate on campus.

"We wanted [the Fieldhouse] to be another place students could feel comfortable studying if they wanted to get out of their residence halls," Witte explained.

The Fieldhouse was always meant to be a place for all students to hang out. However, the committee this summer realized most students don't currently use it as a social space.

John Britton, associate dean of student development, headed the committee that oversaw the renovation. Britton designated a group of students to conduct over 125 interviews with other students about study and social spaces all over campus.

From there, the committee put together a task force that organized five focus groups and had five meetings to discuss a new plan for the layout.

President Le Roy has been a part of conversations about the renovation, working with the committee to set aside \$50,000 for the renovations.

As a building devoted to athletic events, Britton noted that

the design of the Fieldhouse still caters to athletes more than the campus-at-large. However, he hopes that the renovations help transform the area into more of a "campus family room."

In the future, according to Britton, the Fieldhouse could even be used as a student union area, where clubs and organizations could convene.

Another feature that Britton would like to see introduced is a destination food calendar at the Knight Cafe. This would be similar to what is in place at Uppercrust dining area. Items such as specialty grilled cheese or sushi could be offered.

Creative Dining might also provide a smoothie bar at the Knight Cafe.



FILE PHOTO

The renovations to the fieldhouse include better seating and a large television.

Commons redesigns dining experience, expands meal choices

Student feedback prompted the addition of customizable burrito, taco and pasta options to menu

BY KATE PARSONS
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This fall, Commons Dining Hall unveiled a major redesign of the way it serves food. Rather than the traditional buffet-style lines, dining services decided to introduce "concept dining," an approach where individual lines consistently serve a particular type of food.

In addition to the new dining options, the dish return has also been renovated for a more streamlined approach.

The changes came due to feedback from students about the dining hall experience at Calvin. A focus group of Calvin students specifically expressed a desire for more personalized choices at the dining hall. For example, students appreciate Uppercrust because of the way they can choose their own ingredients for sandwiches and salads.

Line one at the revamped commons is set up like a taqueria, similar to Qdoba or Chipotle. People can either choose from a set list of burritos and tacos, or select their own toppings for a burrito, burrito bowl, or taco. The popular pasta bar, previously only offered on Wednesdays, will be available daily on line two. The new pasta bar will feature daily pasta dish specials, as well as the pizza that has always been at Emma and Charlie's.

While students can wait in line

for their burritos or pasta, there will also be a self-serve "express" line set up with a different pre-made version of burrito or pasta that students can pick up without having to wait in line.

The middle bar, now termed "the globe," will serve different international foods on a rotating schedule with regular appearances of old favorites.

Breakfast will not change — students will have the same hot lines and buffet options as before. Regular hot line and buffet options will also remain in place on Sundays.

Knollcrest, too, has made some adjustments to its lineup. It added a wellness bar designed for those looking for more nutritious options. Knollcrest will also feature "Americana" cuisine this year for students looking to explore different regional U.S. foods.

"It's a commitment," Don Hershey, the chef manager at Commons, said of the changes. "As we see how it goes, we'll tweak it and try to keep students happy."

Hershey said that Calvin had sent people to other schools to observe what they were doing with their dining halls and noticed a trend toward offering more student choice in dining.

"I think it's great," said Elise Mathews, a junior and student manager at Commons. "Upperclassmen are going to want to come here. And it's like, if you get bored of Knollcrest you can come over here, or if you're

tired of here, you can go back to Knollcrest."

Sophomore Tiffany Atwood appreciates the options for people with allergies:

"I like the variety because of the food I'm allergic to. I don't have to eat the same sandwiches every day."

The taqueria contains all gluten-free ingredients except for the burritos, as well as a number of vegetarian options.

Bernice Portugal, a sophomore, appreciated how the dining choices remind her of LA, where she grew up. "This is more like what we eat there."

She added: "I like the food because it feels like home."



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Commons now features an "express lane" for faster meals.

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Grand Rapids adds new and improved bus route

The new Silver Line includes features that make riding The Rapid more accessible and comfortable

BY SIERRA SAVELA
Local News Editor

This August, The Rapid — Grand Rapids' city bus line — added a new and improved route to its bus schedule. The Silver Line will connect Grand Rapids, Kentwood and Wyoming, while also passing through the busiest parts of Grand Rapids. Mostly lining Division Avenue, the bus goes through the medical mile, past DeVos place, Grand Rapids Community College and 28th Street.

Beyond its convenient location, the Silver Line will improve the bus-riding conditions. The 34 stops include shelter-like elements, signs indicating the next bus, a snow-melting sidewalk, camera surveillance and emergency phones. These stations also have raised platforms, which make getting on the bus easier so there is no need for bus ramps.

Other bus lines lack these new improvements. Most stops don't have shelter, or even seats. The Silver Line makes bus riding more comfortable and easy for passengers.

These buses have a new, rail-like convenience. The Rapid website describes it as “blurring the line between bus and train.”

Parts of Division Avenue now include lanes made strictly for the bus, which lead to quicker arrival times. Special technology

is installed on each bus, allowing drivers to communicate with traffic lights in order to lengthen green lights. Both make taking the Silver Line much quicker than driving down Division Avenue

go quicker and smoother. Seven-day passes cost \$14 and one ride costs \$1.50. At this time there are no discounts for students.

Environmentalists push for the use of public transpor-

communications director for West Michigan Environmental Action Council and founder of The Salon, a local urbanist advocacy group, expressed his approval.

route is much faster than driving a car, Leffingwell hopes the Silver Line will help decrease the amount of single-occupancy vehicles on Division Ave, less cars means less pollution and less pollution makes for a better environment.

The Silver Line has made bus riding more accessible and luxurious which Leffingwell hopes will bring more riders. Aspects like Wi-Fi and quicker arrival times will encourage people to ride instead of drive.

Leffingwell hopes the line will inspire change to the way public transportation is viewed.

“These improvements will pay off quickly as people begin to see transit as a true transportation alternative,” Leffingwell said.

The Silver Line also has local businesses happy due to the number of employees that use the bus to get to work.

In April, a ceremony was held to launch the work on the Silver Line. Tommy Brann, owner of Brann's Steakhouse, a local restaurant, explained most of his employees get to work by bus.

Even Michigan governor, Rick Snyder expressed his approval at the ceremony.

“We're talking about a critically important thing in terms of public transportation,” Snyder explained. “It's people's lifeline to a job ... This is not just the end of it. This is exciting for our future.”



PHOTO BY SIERRA SAVELA

New silver line bus stop on Division Ave opened August 25. The stop includes seating and cover for harsh West Michigan weather.

during peak afternoon traffic.

Each bus also includes free Wi-Fi for passengers. Boarding passes are prepaid either online, or at ticket machines located at the bus stops, making bus-loading

tation and having fewer cars on the road. The Silver Line is a step toward making that happen and has a lot of local environmentalists happy.

Joshua Leffingwell, the

“By making transit fast and easy, The Rapid is making the Grand Rapids area less congested and even more green,” Leffingwell said.

Because taking the transit

Calvin graduates to open hostel in Grand Rapids

Two cousins plan to open Grand Rapids' very first hostel near downtown in spring of 2015

BY SIERRA SAVELA
Local News Editor

An old, blue and white Victorian home sits on the corner of Paige St. and Plainfield Avenue just a mile from downtown Grand Rapids. For years, it's been a rental space, but the historic building, built in 1878, is no longer a home for few but a temporary home for many. Grand Rapids is getting its very first hostel.

Owners Mark and Phil Bouman expect the hostel to open in Spring 2015 with a maximum occupancy of 30 guests. The Boumans, who are cousins and Calvin graduates, first dreamed of opening a hostel about eight months ago.

The two cousins have traveled all over the world and found they truly enjoy and treasure the hostel experience. The idea to open a hostel of their own occurred to them on a visit to Rio de Janeiro.

“We were laying in our bunk bed cots surrounded by other travelers. Mark peered over the edge and said ‘We need to bring this back to GR,’” Phil Bouman explained.

The cousins purchased the house soon after returning home, and they have been working on opening the hostel's doors ever since.

According to the pair, the home is very well-preserved. They made next-to-no changes to the original interior and woodwork in their renovations and hope to take this as an opportunity to preserve the history of Grand Rapids.

However, before the hostel can open, the cousins need city approval. There is no category

or set of rules for a hostel to be opened in Grand Rapids because it has never been done before.

Once they get approval to open the hostel, the Bouman cousins look forward to sharing their passion for both travel and for Grand Rapids through the hostel.

“We love traveling, seeing new places and meeting new people in different parts of the world and the United States,” Mark Bouman said. “I think that Grand Rapids is growing as an international destination city.”

Both Boumans grew up in Grand Rapids, and they believe this hostel will give them a chance to show off a city they are incredibly proud of.

Mark Bouman explained that the breweries, art culture and Lake Michigan coastline have made Grand Rapids a travel destination that is perfect for the college-aged students. Phil Bouman explained they love experiencing new cultures, and they have made life-long friends from traveling, which hostels tend to produce due to the intimate setting.

Other than some work on the

website and final furniture additions, the cousins are ready to open the doors.

The two cousins plan to run the hostel while living in it in order to make a connection with their guests. By promoting events in the city each night, hosting house dinners, providing bike rentals and providing kitchen access, they hope to give their guests a memorable experience and share their city with other travelers.



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Built in 1878, this Victorian home at 117 Page St. NE will soon be the location of the Grand Rapids Hostel.

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“ A lot of cool things happen, but it didn't all come together in the end.

Christian Becker, “The Amazing Spider-Man 2” ”

Film piracy gives studios a reason to worry

BY CHRISTIAN BECKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The summer movie season is a time of huge blockbusters and stand-out indie dramas. The months of May all the way to August are times that everyone pulls out their wallets spends money on these event films. With the industry producing so many in-demand films, it becomes a real hit to the bank account to see them all, giving people a reason to seek other means of viewing them.

While some areas have tickets as cheap as eight dollars, tickets in big cities such as New York or Los Angeles can be upwards of fourteen dollars. Ticket prices are going up at local theaters every passing year, keeping folks away from the movies.

Enter the video pirates. These outlaws in the entertainment world leak the movies and give them out to the public. Normally, we don't think of movies as “products,” but they are made by hard working people, marketed by hard working sales teams and financed by big-time corporations

just like anything you'd pick up at your local store. Yes, video piracy is considered stealing from the company who put it out and it appears to have grown worse than ever.

Just this past summer, the

Internet and downloaded 189,000 times within 24 hours. The result? Many got to see the film before its release and without having to pay for it, partially resulting in a disastrous box office run for the film. Critics argued the film's



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Video piracy takes a toll on film industry revenue.

old-school action throwback *The Expendables 3* became a victim of piracy. Just 21 days before its August 15 release date, a DVD-quality copy was leaked on the

quality and poor reviews caused it to stumble into box office lows, but the role of piracy in the film's failure appears undeniable.

This illegal activity may even

cause actors in the industry to refuse to work on a certain project. In an interview with *Digital Spy*, actress Chloe Grace Moretz, spoke about her role as Hit-Girl in the cult hit *Kick-Ass* franchise. When asked if she would continue the role, Moretz answered: “Sadly, I think I'm done with the character. Hit-Girl was a very cool character, but I don't think there will be any more movies. You make these movies for the fanboys, but nowadays everyone seems to pirate them rather than watch them in a movie theater.”

Sometimes piracy can work to a company's advantage. *Games of Thrones* has broken the record of the most pirated show of all time, yet HBO doesn't seem to care. They would rather people watch their content than not see it at all. But even with HBO embracing it, piracy is affecting the entertainment industry in more negative ways than positive. Hollywood is in the business of selling films and television as products, and when that product is stolen, the company suffers.

“There's a perception that it's

a victimless crime. But it's not. There are just a handful of super successes every year among hundreds of movies that are brought to market. And when a film is copied or made available online, it reduces the value of that film around the world” says Mark Batey, chief executive of the Film Distributors Association. But actions have been taken. Just this past month, a man from the UK was arrested and sentenced to 33 months in prison for pirating and selling the movie *Fast and Furious 6* before its release.

With criminal activity like this, it is no wonder studios like Marvel and filmmakers like Christopher Nolan take privacy and security among crew as seriously as they do. Studios want to protect their products from the writing of the script to the DVD sales, but it becomes harder every year to keep these things from happening. That's why the studio behind *The Expendables 3*, Lionsgate, has filed an official lawsuit against the sites who run these stolen copies, hoping that this small step can lead to big actions in the future.

Flawed Spider-Man still delivers

BY CHRISTIAN BECKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Every now and then you watch a movie that's so fun and entertaining, that in the moment, you forget that it has flaws. That was my reaction to “*The Amazing Spider-Man 2*” the first time around. I never thought it was perfect, but little seemed to bother me. Having seen the movie a second time, it is, admittedly, deeply flawed. But that doesn't stop it from being an enjoyable summer blockbuster with many things to appreciate.

This *Spider-Man* adventure finds our hero, Peter Parker (played by Andrew Garfield), struggling to balance his relationships with his crime-fighting habits. Sound familiar? Probably because you saw it in the last sequel to this same story.

In addition to dealing with his complicated relationship with his girlfriend Gwen (Emma Stone) and finding out more and more about the mysterious past of his parents, Peter has to fight off a new enemy: Electro (Jamie Foxx).

You'll hear people tell you that there are too many villains in this film, but I'd argue there is really only one. Paul Giamatti shows up as *The Rhino*, but only gets minimal screen time, so he's barely worth even mentioning. He ends up being nothing more than a glorified thug, though his scenes are exciting to watch.

Then there's the Green Goblin, who doesn't get a whole lot of screen time either, which I imagine will disappoint hardcore fans.

As for our main villain, Electro, he was interesting to watch. He didn't end up being an antagonist with a lot of backstory or heartfelt moments to make you care about his motives, but he still lit up the screen (literally) whenever

he was there. Jamie Foxx definitely played the character to the best of his abilities, and you even forget that it's Jamie Foxx once he's all decked out in blue CGI.

Thank goodness Marc Webb knows how to handle chemistry between actors (as evidence from the wonderful “(500) Days of Summer”), because that's really the driving force behind this story, and one of the biggest things that worked. I love the chemistry between Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone so much that I almost forget I'm watching a huge billion-dollar movie when viewing their scenes. There's also a scene between Peter and his Aunt May (Sally Field) that was surprisingly heartbreaking.

Even the action is handled well

showdown put a huge smile on my face.

Many fans are comparing this film to 2007's *Spider-Man 3*. The similarities are there, but it deserves a lot more credit than that. At least this one didn't have Peter Parker turning into a psychotic punk dancer. That said, it does seem overstuffed at times.

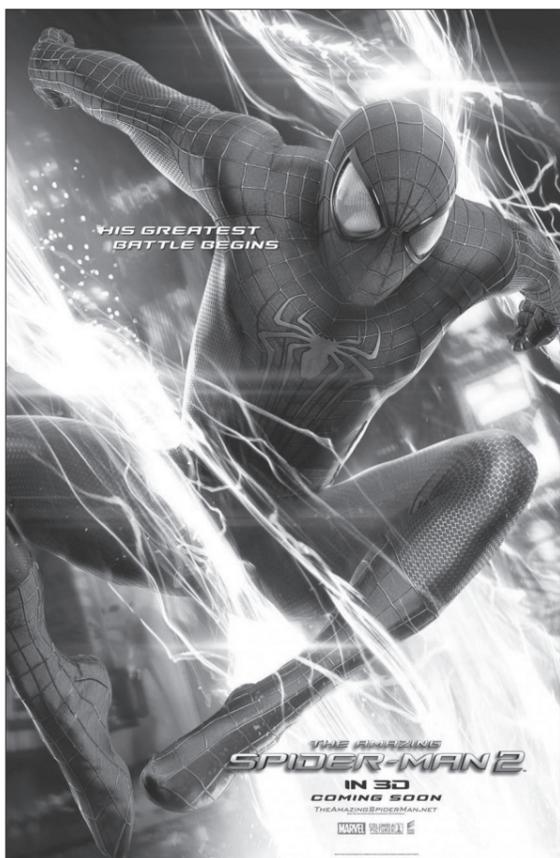
With everything that happened in this movie, it really could have been two movies. I was really excited to see the friendship between Peter and Harry Osborn grow and learn some more about them as kids, but their relationship came off as a total afterthought. It didn't help that I didn't like Dane DeHaan in the role of Harry.

He's not a bad actor (He shows great talent in *Chronicle* and *The Place Beyond the Pines*), but his delivery often came off as smug and robotic. Despite DeHaan's weak acting, all the other actors put in strong performances.

If you are a fan of the first “*Amazing Spider-Man*” film, you'll definitely find a lot to like in this sequel. And if you are a fan of superhero films in general, this has a lot of what you come to expect from the genre, along with a lot of really great surprises and heartfelt moments.

I just wish the filmmakers had a clearer focus as to where they were going with this universe. A lot of cool things happened, but it didn't all come together in the end. Instead, it seemed more like a set-up for

the next string a movies Sony wants to produce, trying hard to pump-up the audience with “what's to come next” rather than making you happy with what you have now.



66th Emmy recap

BY CHRISTIAN BECKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The 66th annual Primetime Emmy Awards, celebrating the great achievements in television over the past year, took place on Monday Aug. 25, with a mix of old and new faces being presented with awards. This year's telecast reached the second highest Emmy ratings in eight years with 15.6 million viewers. Most of that can be attributed to Seth Meyers' hosting job, which was fresh, funny and timely without being crude or edgy. Meyers made jokes about how far TV has come and poking fun at network television for allowing all the awards to go to HBO and cable.

Meyers went on to break up the show in segments that felt straight out of an episode of his “*Late Night*” show in which nominees such as Jon Hamm and Fred Armisen got to ask questions that were on their mind during the show. “Maybe this is something they'll consider doing every year” Armisen joked.

Aside from the hosting, the awards themselves were somewhat predictable. With the Netflix hit “*Orange is the New Black*” pinned as the ultimate frontrunner for Outstanding Comedy Series, it couldn't take down the reigning champ, “*Modern Family*.” This is now “*Modern Family*”'s fifth consecutive win in this category, which now makes it tied for *Frasier* as the only comedy series to do so.

With five wins in a row, “*Modern Family*” winning this award has become somewhat of a cliché and pushes out the newer contenders such as “*Orange is the New Black*” or “*Veep*” from having it's time in the limelight. Thank goodness for Julia Louis-Dreyfus's win as Vice President Selina Meyer in the HBO hit, “*Veep*.”

The Drama Series wins also shared a familiar vibe, but one that left viewers breathing a sigh of relief after “*Breaking Bad*” swept the major categories in it's last year to do so. *Breaking* up the final season of the fan favorite and critical darling was able to earn the series two consecutive wins in

Outstanding Drama Series, and award Bryan Cranston, Aaron Paul, Anna Gunn and the show's creator, Vince Gilligan, one last time as the show wrapped up at the end of 2013. The only disappointing thing to come out of the “*Breaking Bad*” love is that recent Oscar winner, Matthew McConaughey, was not able to take home a win for “*True Detective*”, thereby ruining his chances of stepping closer to the coveted EGOT (winning an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony).

Instead of a win, McConaughey spent most of the night being roasted by Jimmy Kimmel. But perhaps the most unsurprisingly win of the night was Jim Parsons for “*The Big Bang Theory*.” As Seth Meyers stated in his monologue “before you know it you're paying Sheldon a million dollars an episode. You're worth every penny”, addressing Parsons.

The surprises of the night included unexpected wins for Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman for the BBC mini-series “*Sherlock*” (making it a first time win for both). *Sherlock* had the biggest number of combined Emmys this year, shocking many American critics. Kathy Bates also won for “*American Horror Story: Coven*” which has been given little recognition in the past. These shows truly did give nominees like “*Fargo*” and “*The Normal Heart*” a run for their money, but in the end “*Fargo*” was able to pull off a Outstanding Mini-Series win and “*The Normal Heart*” took home Outstanding Television Movie.

While this year's Primetime Emmy Awards was entertaining at times thanks to the writing and hosting segments, the awards themselves were mostly all expected. Awards show lacks a level of enjoyment when people are seeing the same actors and shows win year after year. With “*Breaking Bad*” swept the major categories in it's last year to do so. *Breaking* up the final season of the fan favorite and critical darling was able to earn the series two consecutive wins in

**Hayley Cox**

Maa kye My name is Hayley Cox, and I will be one of the features editors this fall semester. I am a fifth-year senior finishing up degrees in writing and history. I am a whopping 5' 1" and, yes, I have a collection of "I'm not short, I'm fun-sized" t-shirts. Not ashamed. A full-blown geek, I spend most of my free time keeping up on everything Marvel- and/or Sherlock-related, as well as watching countless procedural crime dramas (and a few comedies). I also pursue theatre, dance, art, music, food, cinema and literature (pretty much every art under the sun). Sometimes I go outdoors. I hail from northern California and have travelled to Italy, Ghana and New England during my time at Calvin. After four years as a staff and then on-call writer, I am excited to serve the student body through Chimes in this new editorial capacity.

**Ericka Buitenhuis**

Hey everybody! My name is Ericka Buitenhuis, and I am a features editor this year! I am so excited to be a part of this team and look forward to creating an enlightening and God-honoring section for Chimes. I hope to provide stories that inspire others and encourage quality conversations. I'm a sophomore from the wonderful town of Zeeland, Michigan and am currently studying writing and communications. Besides writing, I really enjoy running, photography, traveling and exploring the great outdoors. I love my family, fall, trying new things, coffee chats and finding the extraordinary in the ordinary. I am a firm believer that supporting local business is a must, the world would be better off without horror movies and that walks in the woods are good for the soul. I am thrilled to be on Chimes this year, and look forward to all the great stories in store!

**Lauren DeHaan**

My name is Lauren DeHaan and I am very excited to be editor in chief of Chimes this year. I am a senior studying writing and economics with a Spanish minor. I love reading, traveling, listening to NPR and being in new places. I am very close with my family and also have a hard time functioning without Starbucks. (I recommend tall decaf mochas for those especially bad days.) Before coming to Chimes I spent most of my time as a nanny for a family with four kids. If you hear me singing hot cross buns while walking down the path, you now know why. We have an amazing staff this year, and I look forward to sharing your stories with the rest of the Calvin community. I also look forward to creating new partnerships with various student organizations and beating student senate in soccer this fall.

**Alden Hartopo**

Good morning/afternoon/evening/night Chimes readers! My name is Alden Hartopo, and I am your online editor for this year. I am a senior currently studying international relations and economics here at Calvin. Contrary to what you may believe when you first meet me, I am an international student and am proud to be pretty much the only one on the Chimes editorial staff this year. A little background to the story of my life is that I was born in Jakarta, Indonesia, but from six months old to age seven-and-a-half, I lived in Philadelphia. Last year I was the campus news co-editor, but this year, I am excited to serve on the leadership team. If Alden is too much to remember, I also go by Jovi, which is short for my first name, Jovianus. I look forward to posting interesting news and pictures on all your Facebook and Twitter feeds.

**Brian Exner**

Hey! My name is Brian Exner and I'm a senior finishing up my degree in business with a concentration in operations. I hope to use my array of skills to help develop products or services that help strengthen communities. I am the Chimes sports editor. My favorite sports are baseball, soccer and volleyball. My interests are sporadic — I like many different music genres and enjoy anything from an intense volleyball match, to watching birds. I've had some interesting experiences, but travelling to Japan was one of my favorites. I speak a little Japanese and a little Spanish and I love picking up new skills. Interdependence has become an important word in my vocabulary after learning how much every individual depends on others for support, whether it is on or off the field.

**Natasha Strydhorst**

Hello everyone. My name is Natasha Strydhorst, and I am the science and technology editor for the 2014-2015 school year. I am a junior writing and environmental studies major hailing from Calgary, Alberta (Canada, eh?). I enjoy reading, writing, the great outdoors and virtually any combination thereof. I am involved with Calvin's beekeeping club, the geography 181 course, the Maple Syrup Project and Chimes. My favorite non-Chimes publications are Canadian Geographic and National Geographic. My favorite author is C. S. Lewis and my favourite place is Banff National Park. As much as I miss the Rocky Mountains while I'm here in Michigan, I have to admit that the Great Lakes are pretty fantastic, too. I really look forward to meeting and working with all you science and technology writers out there!

**Sierra Savela**

Hi everyone! My name is Sierra Savela, and I am the local news editor for the 2014-2015 school year. I am a junior from Huntington Beach, California, and I'm here at Calvin to study film, while minoring in both journalism and gender studies. I'm passionate about equality and sharing the truth. I love to travel, walk my dogs and go to the beach. I also watch way too many TV shows, eat a ton of hummus and listen to Bruce Springsteen almost exclusively. This year is an exciting one. I love the city of Grand Rapids, and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to go out and report on everything this great city has to offer. This place is my home away from home and being able to write about it every week is an honor and a privilege. I hope you all get a chance to read my section and enjoy Grand Rapids.

**Nathan Slauer**

Hello Calvin! My name is Nathan Slauer, and I will serve as this year's op-ed editor for Chimes. After attending Calvin for four years, I have not grown tired of adding new classes to my schedule, so I decided to run a victory lap and become a fifth-year senior. I have not grown tired of taking on new majors, either, and by the time I finish student teaching next spring I will graduate with degrees in secondary education, history, social studies, and political science. When I am not hanging out in the 'Choffice', I coach debate and speech and work for the Borgen Project, a national anti-poverty nonprofit. In my spare time, I love to read, run, play board games, and hang out with my friends, family and fiancé. My hope for the op-ed section is that it will become a safe space for productive discussion on topics, ranging from national politics to life at Calvin, without name-calling or divisive rhetoric.

**Kate Parsons**

My name is Kate Parsons, and I'm a campus news co-editor. As a senior double majoring in writing and international development studies, I'm passionate about where these two fields intersect. I love using writing to advocate for causes, tell stories that aren't being told and answer unasked questions. I want this year's campus news section to be your source for all things relevant to the Calvin community. I'm from Jackson, MI, where my amazing family still lives. I love the Grand Canyon, chocolate, Spanish, working with refugee resettlement and anything bright and colorful. This year I'm excited about great classes, living off-campus, sitting on a governance committee, and attending panels and events, but mostly, I just can't wait to get my Golden Towel after all these years.

**Katelyn Bosch**

Hi everyone! My name is Katelyn Bosch and I am the religion editor for Chimes in fall 2014. There is so much happening on campus with religion, and I am excited to explore these possibilities with fellow Calvin students through Chimes! I am a junior working towards a double major in history and strategic communication. I grew up in Allendale, Michigan, attending Unity Christian High School. I have three sisters whom I adore, and a senile, little dog named Theodore Bernard (aka Teddy Bear). The best way to do an interest survey in my opinion is to rewrite "My Favorite Things" so here we go:

Running on trails and books that are written
Really old music and characters smitten
Coffee and traveling, Lord of the Rings
These are a few of my favorite things.

**John Muyskens**

Hey, John Muyskens here. Throughout my childhood, I aspired to be a hard-boiled detective, a junk yard operator and/or the Statue of Liberty. Now that I have grown up, I have abandoned such dreams. I am a computer science major although that doesn't mean that I am a scientist or that I am able to connect your computer to the Wi-Fi. My hair is nearly long enough. I have 50 books checked out from the Hekman Library. If they let me, I would check out more. The effort involved in returning these books isn't a major reason why I am a super senior. The student life media sub-committee let me be the print editor of Chimes, but are already actively searching for my replacement. Poor sound quality, bad user interfaces, and incorrect aspect ratios sadden me. I appreciate good typography, music, pizza and visual displays of quantitative information.

**Laura Sheppard**

My name is Laura Sheppard, and I am thrilled to be a co-editor of campus news this year. I'm a senior majoring in writing and studio art, and I find meaning in stories: reading, writing, and hearing them from others, or portraying them in my artwork. I love making people laugh, eating cheese, running, traveling, singing, cats, singing to cats and hugging cats. I spend much time reading about sociology, gender and serving God, and then talking about them late into the night with my friends. I can't wait to be a part of the Calvin story with all of you this year and to help share the stories of Calvin with you through campus news!

**Grace Ruiter**

Hi, I'm Grace Ruiter, and I'm your head copyeditor this year! I love language — writing it, editing it and analyzing it — and as a writing and linguistics double major, I get to spend a lot of time doing all of those things. I also enjoy taking Buzzfeed quizzes, listening to NPR, travelling, singing and eating chocolate in all of its heavenly forms. This is my fourth year on the Chimes staff and my third position in just as much time. I'm so excited to take on this new role and continue to help bring you the best stories we can on Chimes this year!

**Christian Becker**

Greetings and salutations! My name is Christian Becker and I am a senior acting as the arts and entertainment editor for Chimes in the 2014-2015 school year. I am a film and media production major who has an unhealthy obsession with any and all forms of media and entertainment (a doctor has yet to write me a prescription). I am from the great state of New Jersey, but I like to say New York because it sounds fancier. In addition to writing constantly, I am a huge film/TV buff and love to perform comedy (whether I'm on a stage or not). So come along with me on this journey.

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Douglas Vander Griend, “Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar”

Douglas Vander Griend receives Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar grant

Chemistry and Biochemistry Professor is the first of Calvin's faculty to receive the Dreyfus award

BY NATASHA STRYDHORST
Sci-Tech Editor

Calvin chemistry professor Douglas Vander Griend was named a 2014 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar last month for his work in supramolecular chemistry, a field focused on “nanosize range between engineering and chemistry.” The award is heavily based on involvement with undergraduate research and includes a \$60,000 grant for continuing that research.

Vander Griend intends to use the grant to build on previous research in supramolecular chemistry with the help of students. Vander Griend studies the interactions between molecules — he calls them “molecular tinkertoys” — and the practical applications of their groupings. Even Vander Griend's office is testament to his love of modeling: a large Lego poster holds a place of honor above his window and structural models hang from his ceiling.

Vander Griend is the first Calvin College professor to receive the Dreyfus award, which was established in 1946, according to the Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation. The Foundation was founded by Camille Dreyfus in memory of his brother, Henry. The Teacher-Scholar Award is granted in recognition of commitment to research and teaching in

the field of chemistry.

The Foundation's mission is to “identify and address needs and opportunities in the chemical sciences.” Vander Griend's goals for his research and that of his students run in the same vein, focusing on the use of computers and mathematics in molecular studies.

“This is our niche now; this is what we do. We're pushing the limits of the modeling method itself.”

“The need is to characterize these complicated solutions; all these things work in concert. The opportunity is applying computer-driven math to put these things together,” Vander Griend explained. “Our research is ultimately to determine how to build things in this size range, where groups of molecules are working in concert to do whatever cool things they do. The beauty of it is that you can get supramolecular structures just from mixing simple molecules together in solution.”

The National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America describes a supramolecule as “an assembly of molecules that is held together by relatively

weak intramolecular bonds.” Supramolecules are prevalent in natural systems, and are of significant interest in many chemical and biological fields.

“It gets really messy,” Vander Griend said. “It becomes a big cocktail of things. That's where we use high-power math.” Vander Griend has developed a program, Sivvu, for just this purpose. His immediate goal is working to make this program available to researchers online, and the Dreyfus research grant will allow him and his students to further explore this and other projects in molecular technologies.

Vander Griend's work in this field spans twelve years at Calvin College and builds every summer through his work with undergraduate research students.

“This is our niche now,” he said. “This is what we do. We're pushing the limits of the modeling

method itself.”

Holland Sentinel reports that Vander Griend is one of seven faculty members at undergraduate institutions across

the United States to receive the Dreyfus award this year. His name was submitted for consideration by Calvin College's chemistry department.



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Professor Vander Griend is one of this year's seven Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholars from across the United States.

North Carolina A&T University introduces hypoallergenic peanuts

Development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings

BY NATASHA STRYDHORST
Sci-Tech Editor

Already a staple of many a college student's diet, peanut butter may be on the brink of even greater popularity. Emerging research from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has introduced a hypoallergenic peanut, which—as of this August—the University has agreed to commercialize.

According to its website, North Carolina A&T holds a patent on an enzyme-treatment process that reduces the allergen content of peanuts by 98 percent. This development is of particular relevance to the 0.9 percent of the United States population (some 2.8 million individuals) who exhibit severe allergic reactions to peanuts and peanut products.

In addition to making peanuts available to a previously untapped pool of consumers, the treatment process produces goods that are not genetically modified and which maintain the nutrition characteristics of conventional peanuts.

Hypoallergenic peanuts also retain the versatility of their pre-treatment counterparts. Dr. Jianmei Yu, a nutrition researcher and one of the process' developers, reports on the North Carolina A&T University's website that “treated peanuts can be used as whole peanuts, in pieces or as flour to make foods containing peanuts safer for many people who are allergic.” According to Dr. Yu, “treated peanuts can

also be used in immunotherapy” to increase allergic individuals' resistance to allergens present in regular peanuts.

The process for treating peanuts to remove allergens uses enzymes already common in food processing. To make the peanuts hypoallergenic, scientists take shelled roasted peanuts and soak them in an enzyme solution that drastically reduces the allergen content. In clinical trials, skin-prick tests on hu-

man subjects confirmed that the treated peanuts did not trigger an allergic reaction.

Attempting to remove allergens from peanuts is not a novel concept, but North Carolina A&T's process is unique in that it does not rely on irradiation (exposing peanuts to radiation), genetically-modified organisms (GMOs), or uncommon equip-

ment. The resulting hypoallergenic peanuts maintain the taste and appearance of regular roasted peanuts. These new peanuts could soon be ready for marketing, thanks to North Carolina A&T's commercialization agreement, signed in August with Xemerge, a Toronto commercialization firm. According to Xemerge's Chief Commercialization Officer, Johnny Rodrigues,

“New developments to reduce allergen content promise to expand the market not only to allergic individuals, but also to settings where peanut consumption has traditionally been restricted for the safety of those individuals.”

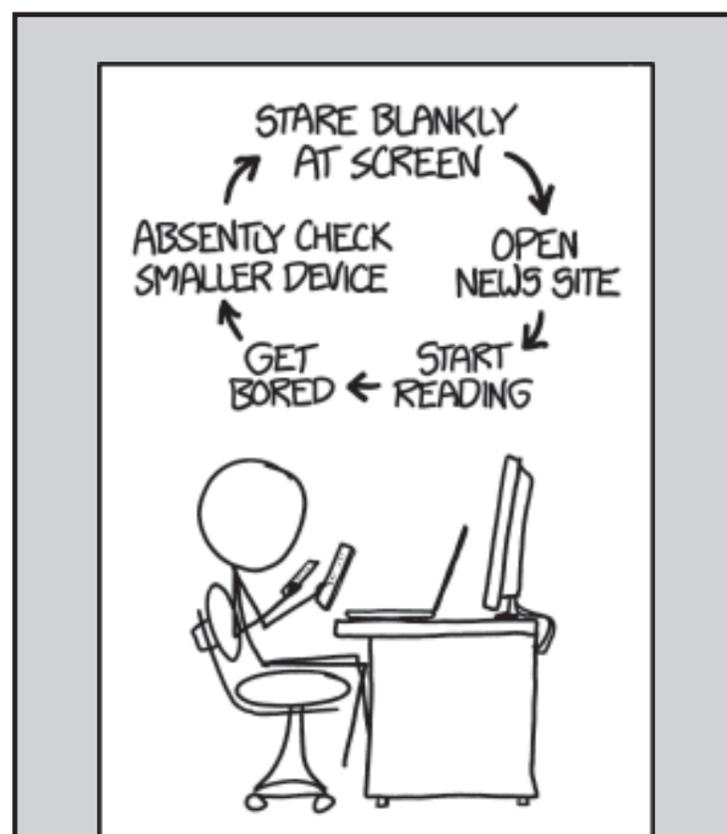


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Hypoallergenic peanuts have the same taste and appearance as untreated peanuts.

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the products of hypoallergenic peanuts are “ready for industry integration from processing and manufacturing to consumer products.” In the United States, peanuts have a strong presence as a common and adaptable ingredient. According to The American Peanut Council, peanuts rank among the top fifteen most prof-



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“Ugh, today's kids are forgetting the old-fashioned art of absentmindedly reading the same half-page of a book over and over and then letting your attention wander and picking up another book.”

Synod 2014 affirms academic freedom at Calvin

BY KATELYN BOSCH
Religion Editor

This summer Synod 2014 accepted a document called “Confessional Commitment and Academic Freedom at Calvin College,” which affirmed that the college’s academic work is within confessional boundaries.

Professor Loren Haarsma of the physics department, who has written on the integration of science and faith, presented his research at Synod 2014.

Haarsma says there are many implications of Synod at Calvin as it is an institution owed by the CRC. He explained that confessional commitments are written by a committee at Synod, and this is the same document that Calvin faculty is required to sign and adhere to.

Additionally, the College’s statement of faith is ultimately derived from the confessions.

“Calvin [and the CRC] ultimately converge at Synod,” Haarsma said. “That is why Synod cares.”

These decisions have very real implications for professors at Calvin and the students working with them.

Haarsma thinks the confessions are very necessary as a part of Calvin’s identity as a Christian college.

“There is lots of commonality between religious and non-religious scholars. They are both

motivated by desires to truth and to use knowledge to help society,” he said. “These are all things we can also affirm as Christians.”

The difference is in both the foundation and the inclination of Calvin professors to work together, according to Haarsma.

“Calvin faculty share the fundamentals,” Haarsma said.

Biology professor Keith Grasman does research on how pollution on the Great Lakes affect birds. He said that although his area of study does not attract as much controversy by nature, he still has felt free to conduct his research.

“[Confessions and reformed theology] help me engage in God’s worldview,” Grasman said. “We are agents of the confessions.”

Grasman recalled when he was a student in the 1980s and the initial conflicts of faith and science emerged.

“In general, the college supported the faculty,” he said.

Grasman said that now the focus is shifting to theologians beginning to dwell on topics that raise the issue of balancing academic freedom and confessions.

“[Their work] touches on long-held beliefs,” Grasman said.

Philosophy professor James K.A. Smith said that Calvin still tends to stand by its faculty.

“If the faculty play by the rules, the college will often come alongside faculty,” Smith said.

Smith studies the lines be-

tween confessions and science from a philosophical standpoint. He said that the study seemed like “questions we couldn’t avoid as believers.”

“The church needed to answer questions, and I needed to answer the call,” he said.

Smith thinks the confessions are beneficial to his work and meant to serve as an “anchor” for our beliefs.

“We tend to think about the confessions as boundaries. I want them to be living,” Smith said.

Fellow philosophy Professor Lee Hardy also agrees that his faith is very helpful in his work as a philosopher.

“[My faith] not only constrains my work, but in some cases makes it more creative,” he said.

And Hardy doesn’t see a defining belief as necessarily constraining. Hardy wrote in his article, “Between Inculturation and Inquiry: the Virtue of Tolerance in the Liberal Arts Tradition:” “Creedal requirements do not represent coercive restraints on those who agree with them in the first place.”



PHOTO BY KAREN HUTTENGA

Professor Loren Haarsma speaks about faith and science at Synod 2014.

Both Smith and Haarsma have received grants to continue research on the integration of faith and science from Biologos. Accordingly, they will both continue to be a part of the dialogue regarding faith and science.

Haarsma urges students interested in knowing more to

read the document affirmed at Synod 2014, “Confessional Commitment and Academic Freedom at Calvin,” which can be found online. He considers it significant to what we do at Calvin:

“We can say that Synod 2014 affirmed the college’s academic freedom.”

James study attracts students

Campus-wide bible study kicks off next week

BY KATELYN BOSCH
Religion Editor

Campus Ministries is kicking off the 5th annual campus-wide Bible study. This year, the campus will study the book of James.

Chaplain Mary Hulst is excited for the challenge that James presents students.

“James doesn’t let you off the hook,” she said. “[He] is bossy, but beloved.”

Hulst thinks the word “beloved” is very important in approaching James. The people receiving the book of James the first time would have viewed it as a gift because they loved James. He gave the truth in love.

The campus-wide Bible study alternates every year between the New Testament and the Old Testament. Because the study was on Exodus, they chose a New Testament epistle this year.

Hulst said that one reason they chose James was because they’ve already done a Pauline epistle and the Gospels in the New Testament.

“...and students like James,” she said. “If students are drawn to a book, we want to honor that.”

Many leaders will lead studies all around Calvin circles. Many of these leaders will become the Barnabas in the dorms.

Barnabas Jessi Robbert in Kalsbeek-Huizenga-van Reken agrees that James is very tangible and direct.

“Personally, I am excited to go through James,” she said. “It is very cut and dry.”

Hope Gaffner, a Barnabas in Boer-Bennink, is excited for this year’s Bible study and the community that she hopes it will form on her floor.

The campus-wide Bible study is intended to do more than increase knowledge about James around campus.

Hulst hopes the study will fulfill the need of students with a variety of religious and cultural backgrounds.

“Our goal is to create a study of the word to help all those needs,” Hulst said.

Hulst will also be preaching on James at LOFT for students who desire to “dig deeper.”

Gaffner hopes that through the Bible study her floor will bond through the bible study and it will help her residents.

“I hope [the Bible study] will help everyone adjust to college and grow in faith,” she said. “My hope is that the floor will be a community.”

Robert additionally hopes that the Bible study will serve as more than a study and that her floor will grow together. She expressed this by referring to something that Hulst said during Barnabas training.

“My hope is that through all this, you will look more like Jesus,” Robert said, referring to Hulst. “I think that is a good model for us and our work.” he added.

Hulst said that a campus-wide Bible study is on track with the college’s identity.

“It says this is who Calvin is, people of the word,” she said.

Campus Ministries is still looking for leaders. Hulst said anyone can lead a group. Those interested in taking on a group can sign up online. For any questions about the study, you can email study-james@calvin.edu.

PHOTO BY KATELYN BOSCH

“ We will be pushing each other to get even better and become a tight knit group of guys that will constantly be supporting each other.”
 John Van Noord, “Fall” ”

Fall athletic season begins with several wins

BY BRIAN EXNER
 Sports Editor

Calvin athletics opened the year with six wins, a second-place finish and a third-place finish in ten events last week. Both the men's and women's soccer and golf teams, as well as the volleyball team, kicked off their seasons with favorable outings. Men and women's cross country also took part in time trials to prepare for an upcoming MIAA Jamboree.

tasted defeat after a second half rebound was tucked away. They performed well enough to break into the NSCAA Division III Top 25, now ranked 19th in the nation.

In Rock Island, Illinois, the women's soccer team had similar results earning split decisions by winning their first game and then losing their second. They put four goals in this weekend — three in the first game and one in the second — but conceded two goals both games to end with an even

full potential.

On another front, both men's and women's golf took a spot among the top three in their respective outings.

For the men, first year student John Van Noord earned a medal, finishing two strokes ahead of the competition at the Olivet Lou Collins Invitational. John spoke positively about his teammates this year:

“We will be pushing each other to get even better and become a tight knit group of guys that will constantly be supporting each other.”

His brother, senior James Van Noord, was disappointed in his own performance but still had a positive outlook on his team's effort.

“We need to relish our accomplishment of recent but also stay focused and remember that what really matters is what's next,” Van Noord said.

The women's team also used their first tournament as an opportunity to start the year off in the right direction by finishing third at the Furniture City Classic. Junior Jennie Poole noted that it was a good time to get back in the swing



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Golf earned second at the Lou Collins Invitational with one medalist.

Out on the pitch, both men's and women's soccer won their first game of the weekend but lost the second.

Defending the home turf at the Cal Bergsma Memorial Tournament, the men found their way to a 2-1 comeback victory against nationally ranked Ohio Wesleyan, scoring the winning goal in extra time after allowing a goal in the first half. Against North Central (Ill.) the men

goal differential.

Junior Taylor TenHarmsel, who scored one of the goals against Webster, expressed excitement about her new teammates.

“We lost some great players from last year, but the new players have done a great job replacing those holes in the team,” said TenHarmsel.

Despite it being early in the season, TenHarmsel looks forward to seeing her team grow towards their

of things.

“There are parts of our game we all want to work on, like putting and short game,” she said. “It will be a good season, and we are excited for what it has to bring.”

Finally, the volleyball team also started off strong with four victories over the weekend. On the first day, they were forced to play nine sets, winning 3-1 and 3-2. They swept their two games on the following day as well.

This summer in Calvin athletics: reflections of student-athletes

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Although school wasn't in session, Calvin's athletes kept busy this summer. When they weren't taking in big sporting events, such as the 2014 FIFA World Cup, the Manchester United

letes aren't expecting to play professionally, so they take their time as a student seriously. Advisors typically recommend that all students should have an internship the summer after their junior year at the latest.

Ben Guilfoyle, a senior on the baseball team, managed to juggle an internship and baseball this

productive summer.

Keeping up a schedule like Guilfoyle's is a lot like the school year for athletes, who spend around 15 hours in class and countless hours studying during the year, all while going to practices two seasons out of the year. He admitted that he loved the atmosphere after

ments that you simply can't do during the fast paced MIAA season,” he said.

While some athletes are very busy, most of them still had time to enjoy the big summer events like the World Cup. Some athletes rooted for the United States, while others chose to stay true to their heritage and root for the Netherlands.

Junior Nick Groenewold recalled Clint Dempsey's 36-second goal against Ghana as his favorite moment, while senior Jacob Kuyvenhoven remembered the athletic endeavors of Robin VanPersie when he scored a diving header against Spain.

Students also reflected on the success of other athletes. Kuyvenhoven thought that the return of LeBron James was the biggest moment of the summer.

“A huge moment like this where he re-treads his career path back to his hometown in a noble and articulate fashion is something I will never forget,” Kuyvenhoven said.

Guilfoyle thought that Jackie Robinson West played really well: “They helped shed some positive light to an area which has been through horrible times recently.”

There are other opportunities for athletes in the summer as well, such as the Gainey Leadership Retreat where select student leaders from each team spend a week on the Gainey Ranch in southwest Montana to get equipped with new leadership skills.

Alex Dhaenens, a senior on the swim team who had the opportunity to go on the leadership retreat in 2013 and then study

abroad this past summer reflected on his experience in the retreat.

“[The retreat] was a life changing trip and allowed me to grow in my faith, grow as a team leader and make a lot of friends who are also fellow athletes,” he said.

Usually athletes don't get the opportunity to travel abroad because their seasons extend over both semesters. Some athletes use Interim while others use May term.

All of the athletes who were interviewed said they were glad to be back on campus with their teammates. Fall sports have already started their seasons and other sports are waiting to start the first week of fall training.



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Calvin students gather at sporting events with Joust to cheer on fellow students.

vs. Real Madrid game at the Big House, Derek Jeter's retirement, or Mo'ne Davis and Jackie Robinson West making headlines at the Little League World Series, they had an opportunity to grow outside of their respective sports.

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letes aren't expecting to play professionally, so they take their time as a student seriously. Advisors typically recommend that all students should have an internship the summer after their junior year at the latest.

returning from a productive summer break.

James Van Noord, a senior on the golf team, spent his summer caddying at a golf course and taking summer classes.

“Summer is the time you get work done and make improve-

SPORTS THIS WEEK

Friday September 5

- Women's Golf at Olivet College Invite (Medalist GC) 2:00 PM
- Volleyball at Trine 6:00 PM
- Men's Soccer at Wheaton (Ill.) 8:00 PM

Saturday September 6

- Women's Golf at Olivet College Invite at Medalist GC 8:30 AM
- Men's Golf at MIAA Tournament (Alma, Pine River CC) 1:00 PM
- Volleyball at Bloomington, Ill vs. Coe 1:00 PM
- Volleyball at Ill. Wesleyan 3:00 PM
- Men's Soccer at Elmhurst 8:00 PM

Monday September 8

- Women's Soccer vs. Alma 4:00 PM

Tuesday September 9

- Women's Golf at North Central Invite (Springbrook GC) 11:00 AM

Wednesday September 10

- Volleyball at Kalamazoo 7:00 PM

Thursday September 11

- Women's Soccer vs. Trine 4:00 PM

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