Convo starts year off with words from Le Roy

BY KATE PARSONS
On-Call Writer

"I am so eager to get started," began Calvin’s newly selected president, President Le Roy, in his address for convocation.

On Tuesday, Sept. 4, students, faculty and alumni of Calvin College gathered for the year's convocation ceremony. Many came to hear newly-elected President Le Roy speak at his first convocation.

"He's a good speaker," Sophmore Rob VanHulst said afterwards. Said she had come specifically to hear the president’s address, and was impressed with what she heard. "I liked what he had to say, especially on the personal side."

Freshman Cassandra Hooyer agreed. "He’s new and all, but he was really confident. I thought it was really powerful," she said.

Although many eyes were on the president, the service itself placed the attention back on faculty and students, specifically welcoming the class of 2017.

The incoming class was challenged to make the most of their college experience. Chaplain Mary Hult reminded students that only 3 percent of the world’s 7.1 billion people have access to an American college education.

"What will you do with this privilege?" she asked the students.

President Le Roy continued the challenge to the students, addressing them on how both truth and grace are necessary to fulfill Calvin’s mission to “pledge fidelity to Christ.” Le Roy used humorous and inspiring anecdotes from his own life, as well as reflections from the Bible.

The convocation service also included multicultural worship, prayers of dedication and a pro-

cession of the faculty, in addition to performances by the Calvin Brass Choir and student brass ensemble.

The mood was optimist as the packed arena emptied. Professors rushed ahead to get to their own classes and new students studied their schedules with delight.

Mascot Richard Chimes explains our new look

BY RICHARD CHIMES
Chimes Mascot

Welcome back, student body! This is your favorite mascot, Richard Chimes, reporting. Imagine yourself at the grocery store. You’re sifting through the shelves for your favorite cookie or pickle, but the familiar packaging is nowhere to be found. You finally spot it, but what was once a sparkly blue box has transformed into a sleek, modern, white package. "New look, same great taste!” declares the box. This situation would be analogous to what you are currently experiencing. While Chimes is not recommended for consumption, we do have a new look with the same great news!

Over the summer, our editors have been working hard to overhaul Chimes’ website. In the past, our less-than-beautiful yet functional news website was updated each Friday and simply displayed the same stories that appeared in our print edition. This year, we have fully entered the 21st century and followed suit with many of the world’s most influential news sources. Our website will be updated several times each week, with the main news days being Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Check back multiple times each week for new stories, photos and breaking news. We’ll be posting reviews of concerts day to what President Le Roy speaks about at his inauguration in October.

Alongside the increased updates on our official website, our local content will be very active on social media. I know you kids these days are always up on Facebook and Twitter, and now Chimes will be there with you. There you’ll find helpful links, interesting photos and highlights of the most relevant stories on campus.

What else is new on the website, you ask? We’ve got a page (located on the very top menu) where you’ll find links to blogs written by a wide range of Calvin students and staff. Many belong to those studying abroad for the semester in Hungary or Peru or Honduras. Others choose to review restaurants, give advice about college issues or pass along articles and reviews relating to the Calvin music scene. A new web page calls for new features. Video posts will soon be available, showing you real highlights from on-campus events, interviews with key Calvin individuals and more in-depth stories about lesser-known clubs or classes.

But wait, there’s more! Our website now has a commenting feature. Sign in via Facebook and let us know your thoughts on the day’s biggest news stories. Did you enjoy the concert as much as that reviewer? Do you have a different perspective on Rangeda? Want to celebrate your dorm’s victory at Chaos Day? Post a comment! Be sure to read our commenting policy (in the very top menu) before you chime in. Yes, you have to be nice. If commenting isn’t your style, grab your parchment and quill pen (or just a keyboard) and compose a letter to the editor. Your responses will appear in print and on the web.

Speaking of print — if you’ve made it this far, you’ve obviously invested in Chimes’ print edition. It’s here to stay, offering your weekly dose of important news and captivating photos. Oh, and the crossword puzzle. Yes, we know that’s the page you read first. We’ve got a new masthead and logo, and you’d be amazed what a difference a few new fonts can make. We’re fresh and to the point, picking out the week’s best stories from the web and arranging them on the page with distinctive Chimes flair. Be sure to check out Features — we can’t transfer the editor’s beautiful graphics and layout to the web.

Online and in print, we’ve got a new section as well! The Local page features stories concerning Grand Rapids and the surrounding area. From the farmer’s market to the GRAM exhibits, Local will keep you up to date on the latest happenings in our fair city. I heard there’s this pretty popular thing called ArtPrize coming soon — that’ll probably get covered.

A recap of our “new look, same great news” website update: frequently, more breaking news, lots of social media, blogs, videos, commenting. Local news . . . phew! I’m sure the list will continue to grow as your faithful Chimes editors learn the ropes. We can’t wait to hear your feedback!
Student senate to choose three freshmen senators

BY GRACE RUITER
Campus News Co-editor

Up to 30 freshmen student senate hopefuls are expected to vie for three open positions on student senate this week.

"That's only a 10 percent acceptance rate," noted Josiah Sinclair, vice president of the student body. "It's competitive." The current student senate members, elected by the student body last spring, will select the candidates through an application process.

Sinclair explained why senate does not hold elections for freshmen. "As someone who did run as a freshman, I can say that it would be difficult to have a fair election because a lot of local people would win because they have the connections," he said.

Sinclair said there is also an added benefit for the senate as whole. "When you get an elected team, you often lack certain skills, so we try to complement our team with the best people to try and round out our skill sets."

To apply, freshmen must get 100 signatures on a petition for candidacy, and then fill out an application to be turned in to the senate office by 5 p.m. Friday. The final fifteen to get an idea of the skills the candidates bring to the table and their overall competence. They will cut the list down to six or seven people following the first interviews.

Current senate members will review all the applications and narrow the list to fifteen applicants. The cabinet will interview the remaining people who will get a second interview with the entire senate present. Sinclair said details about this part of the interview process are "secret," but described the second interview as "unique" and "fun.

The senate will announce their choices for the seats next Wednesday. However, Gilliland wondered if the deadline for application is too early. "Everyone really busy with Quest and stuff," she said, "so I don't know if there is really enough time for people to apply." Sinclair credited the high level of interest to the many opportunities offered for application. He said that senate had a table at Passport where prospective senate applicants could sign up.

Gilliland sent all the students who expressed interest at Passport an email with the application. Senate also showed a video presentation at the Quest closing ceremonies to encourage freshmen to apply.

Sinclair, once a freshman himself, said many freshmen senators have gone on to run for senate again and that almost all past freshmen senators continue to play active roles on campus after their terms are over. Three of the four freshman senators from last year will be returning to the senate again this year.

Freshmen student hopefuls must have their 100 signatures turned in by 5 p.m. today in order to be considered for the position.

All-campus Bible study launches with new theme

By Alyssa Metzner

This fall, over 1,200 students, faculty and staff are expected to participate in a campus-wide Bible study focusing on the Sermon on the Mount. Now in its third year, the campus-wide study has successfully launched a study on both Philippians and Psalms.

"We are now focusing on the Sermon on the Mount, which is a subset of gospels," said Aaron Winkle, Calvin’s associate chaplain. "It’s our way of returning to the New Testament after our study in the Psalms."

Campus Ministries started Bible studies in the fall of 2010 as a response to a desire to have an opportunity to allow students, faculty and staff members to participate in a shared spiritual experience.

"We noticed there were many studies across campus, but we wanted a study that would be intergenerational and engage the community as whole," he said.

That desire has created an outpouring of students and faculty leading and participating in studies vastly different from one another. From a study led by President LeRoy to a study held in the art department where students and faculty will express what they are learning through art, various Calvin communities are hosting studies for students searching for a new ways to connect to their faith.

The response to the original semester long Bible study was extremely encouraging. "Once the study began, we wondered why we had never thought of this before," said Winkle. With that in mind, the campus ministry team has orchestrated a variety of ways in which students and faculty can get involved. These opportuni ties range from attending LOFT on Sundays nights to a myriad of studies scattered all over campus, many of which can align with study guides found on the Bible study website.

Through this study of the Sermon on the Mount, the campus ministries team hopes to find answers to big questions about students and how they react to a shared community Bible study.

"What would it mean if we studied God’s word together, and how would it shape us," Winkle asked.

However, the campus-wide study was inspired by more than desire to integrate the whole community. Campus Ministries’ goals for the study are "to create common spaces for students, staff and faculty to study God’s word in community; and to teach members of our community how to study scripture well," Winkle said.

Students wanting to get involved can participate by joining a study hosted on their floor or by going to the campus-wide study website and joining a group.
Chaos day promises usual rivalries

Beets-Veenstra

Beets-Veenstra will be going for its third consecutive Chaos Day victory on Saturday, after winning in both 2010 and 2011. “Everything is at stake.” As a three-time Chaos Day veteran, senior Laura De Jong is familiar with the dorm competition. “There’s a lot riding on Chaos Day,” she said. “It sets the tone for how your dorm is perceived for the entire year.” About 1,500 students represent their dorms by competing in a variety of games, ranging from the tug-of-war to an intellectual challenge. “It means the world,” explained John Witte, dean of residence life. “You can say that your hall won Chaos Day.” Beets-Veenstra is looking for its third consecutive victory after winning in 2010 and 2011. But the rivalries among the dorms extend back over the last few years has been stellar, winning the Participation Cup multiple times. “We may not win, but as long as we beat BV, I’ll be happy,” Smith confided.

Boer-Bennink

Boer-Bennink may not be the consensus favorite for the 2012 Chaos Day, but for any Chaos Day in recent memory, but they’re not looking at it that way. Sophomore resident assistant Jeremy Smith stated that he expected BB to do “very well this year. Much more competitive.” However, Smith did concede that their competitiveness may be their only undoing. “Our only weakness could be that we’re too competitive,” Smith stated. “We might use all of our strongest people first, and then be too worn down by the end of the day.” BB’s biggest advantage may be its strength in numbers. While BB has only a few thousand students, their participation over the last few years has been stellar, winning the Participation Cup multiple times. “Although SE hopes to regain its dynasty of past years, BV is confident in its ability to establish its own modern dynasty. Greenewold labelled 2010 and 2011 Chaos Day champion Beets-Veenstra as the dorm to beat. BB is going for its third consecutive Chaos Day victory. They’re a massive extraverted [RA], so they are going to come out fighting,” he said. “But Greenewold is optimistic. In fact, he predicted that NVW would win both the championship and the coveted Cup of Perspective. No dorm has ever won both in the same year. “That’s an unwritten rule that [a dorm] can’t win both,” explained John Witte, dean of residence life. “But it happened. I’m not going to rule it out.”

Schultze-Eldersveld

Schultze-Eldersveld has been notorious for its Chaos Day championships, winning six of seven Chaos Days in the late ’90s and ’00s. However, Beets-Veenstra has recently become a powerhouse, winning in 2010 and 2011. And after Schultze-Eldersveld was second to Beets-Veenstra last year, the rivalry couldn’t be more heated. “The dorms to watch are SE, because they think they have a dynasty and BV, because they’ve been the challenger historically,” he said. Schultze-Eldersveld has been a favorite throughout the years, but the dorms are now all about the experience. “It means the world,” explained John Witte, dean of residence life. “You can say that your hall won Chaos Day.”

Bolt-Heyns-Timmer

Bolt-Heyns-Timmer is perceived for the dorm being more heated. “The dorms aren’t willing to go down without a fight,” explained John Witte, dean of residence life. “Most dorms are chased by residents, as evidenced in sophomore Patrick Andersen — ironically the desire for BV. "SE is going to win," he said.”

Rooks-Vandellen

Rooks-Vandellen has set its sights on the championship in 2012. “People are hyped. Our goal this year is to be the first villains that won,” said Resident Director Andrea Prins, referring to the dorm’s villain theme. “We may have fewer than 300 warriors in our dorm, but I can promise we will defeat the name of KHVr like our brothers before us at Thermopylae [sic],” Graham vowed. "There’s a lot riding on Chaos Day," she said. "It sets the tone for how your dorm is perceived for the entire year."

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Local eatery a paragon of sustainability in downtown Grand Rapids

Jerry Chen reviews the local-food, corporate, and environmentally sustainable vegan Bartertown Diner.

Local News Editor

Grand Rapids has announced plans to add 26 miles of new bike lanes in the city, the most for the next nine months because of rising bike riders. These bike lanes will be implemented in two phases. The first begins this week and will involve 16 miles of new bike lanes around the city and the last ten miles will be added in the spring.

This plan would be a significant increase on the seven miles of bike lanes in Grand Rapids currently, and the city hopes to continue increasing bike lanes by an additional 17 miles each year until 2017. City Manager Greg Sundstrom said MLive.

MLive also stated that the 26 miles would cost $71,100 for this fiscal year and that Sundstrom is buying to get $90,800 each year to build new lanes and maintain old ones. The city announced in a press release that it would use two new resources to expedite expansion of the network are currently being identified.

The press release said that the plans for a network of bike paths were the result of a $2 million grant from the non-profit advocacy group Great Grand Rapids Bicycle Coalition and 100 miles of bicycle facilities by 2014, and that Grand Rapids is working in conjunction with the group. Grand Rapids first started putting signs and adding bike lanes in 2010, the same year they passed the Complete Streets Act, which commits the city to designing roads around pedestrians, cyclists, and public transportation as well as cars, and bike use in the city has already risen.

The press release noted that “the city’s first bike lanes on Lake Drive saw a 28 percent increase in the number of bicycle riders,” for a total of almost 100 cyclists an hour.

Professor Lee Hardy, who did research on urban cycling and population considered obese.”

The release went on to say that “quality public infrastructure, such as bike lanes and sidewalks, can make a substantial difference to promote active living.”

Hardy suggested that health benefits and environmental friendliness weren’t the only reasons for promoting bicycle use.

“Do you have to be an idealist to bike?”, Hardy said. “It saves money for the city for each kilometer traveled by a cyclist instead of a car,” he said, pointing to less wear and tear on roads and better public health, something Mayor Heartwell also specifically mentioned.

“It makes perfect sense for the city even if they didn’t care about anything else [besides finance], just as a business decision, to promote bike use,” said Hardy.

From his experience in Amsterdam and Copenhagen, Hardy also had a plan for where to go after bike lanes, which are just strips of paint on a road designating an area to be shared with cyclists. He suggested the use of bike paths, which are entirely new parts of a street separate from the sidewalk and car lanes, over bike lanes, although he admitted that “bike paths are more ambitious, because they involve redesigning the street somewhere.” However, he pointed out that “in Copenhagen, they found that when bike lanes were replaced with bike paths, ridership increased 20 to 30 percent.”

Hardy is going to present some of his ideas to a city design committee sometime in mid-September, according to a Calvin news article. He suggested the city focuses on areas especially conducive to bike use, typically flat areas with high population density, and also suggests that the city try and plan safe routes to and from schools. Hardy mentioned certain areas that could be improved, such as 28th Street. “28th Street has a huge right-of-way, there’s lots of space there. We could have a great bike path.”

He also points to Burton Street as a street that could be improved and possibly provide a safe and easy transportation route for both residents and visitors. According to a Calvin student, Burton Street is “a great area. He suggests that Burton could be changed from a four-lane, to a three-lane road fairly easily, which could also serve to slow traffic on the road somewhat. "It depends on people's attitudes regarding the need for a bike path here," he said. "The city is working to improve the road for both cyclists and drivers, and it could be a great addition to the area."
After 50 years, Grunenthal apologizes

BY PAULINA HEUDE
Staff Writer

This Friday, the German company that invented the drug Thalidomide—a drug sold in the 1950s and 1960s for morning sickness—issued its first apology in 50 years to the thousands of people born with birth defects caused by the drug.

The company, known for its wide range of products, noticed that many of its clients were seeking compensation for the harm caused by the drug. A spokesperson for the company said, “We are aware that this was a very traumatic time for many people, and we want to express our apologies to them.”

The Thalidomide tragedy occurred in the 1950s and 1960s, when the drug was prescribed for pregnant women in the U.S. The drug caused birth defects in many babies, leading to the death of thousands of children. However, the company never expressed any regret for the harm caused by the drug.

This Friday, the company finally apologized to the families affected by the drug. The spokesperson said, “We understand that this is a very difficult time for the families affected by Thalidomide, and we want to express our deepest apologies to them.”

The道歉 was given after an unveiling of a commemorative bronze statue of a limbless child dedicated to Thalidomide victims. The statue was created by artist David Cerny and was unveiled in Prague, Czech Republic. The company hopes that this will be a step towards healing and reconciliation.

The company also announced that it will set up a compensation fund to help the families affected by the drug. The fund will provide financial support, as well as access to medical treatment and counseling services.

The company’s apology comes as part of a global campaign to raise awareness about the harm caused by Thalidomide. The company hopes that this will help to bring closure to the families affected by the drug.

The company has faced criticism in the past for its handling of the Thalidomide crisis. The company said that it was aware of the potential risks of the drug, but believed that the benefits outweighed the risks. However, the company’s decision to continue selling the drug caused widespread harm to people around the world.

We hope that this apology will be a step towards healing for the families affected by the Thalidomide tragedy. It is important that we remember the harm caused by this drug and work towards making sure that it never happens again.
Dearest scholars of Calvin College,

My name is Abby Zwart, and I've written so many introductions for *Chimes* that you're surely sick of me by now. Those of you who know me do, and those who don't, let's just say you're not missing much. I'm your average English major; books, sweaters, tea and indie music are my forte. If you must know more, just Facebook stalk me, okay? This will be my fourth year on staff and my second as editor in chief. I can't claim much except that *Chimes* comes out every week because I'm pretty good at nagging my editors to work and my friends to write.

My name is Kyle Rodriguez, and I am this year's section editor for Campus News. I hail from the small town of Middleville, Michigan, and I've lived in the Grand Rapids area for about eight years. I have an affinity for bacon and cheesecake's delightful existence, although I cannot indulge in either as much as I would like. In my opinion, Calvin College is a fantastic place, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here thus far. This is my first year working with the *Chimes* team, though I do have paid writing experience as a blogger and have some aspirations for the year that I hope will be impactful.

Hey all, I’m Jess Koster. I’m the sports editor and this is my second year with *Chimes*. I’m from the Grand Rapids area and I am a junior. I absolutely love sports and the stats about them. Sports have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. I try to get to most of the sporting events on campus. This summer was great for sports with the Olympics, even though I am one of those people who cry when Americans win medals. Besides sports, I love to travel, read and listen to music. Follow the *Chimes* sports Twitter at @Chimes_Sports.

Colleen Keehl is a writer, a reader, and a drinker of coffee. When she doesn’t live in a mitten, she sleeps in a small room in New York City. Soon to graduate and move away to the Empire state, Colleen is saving up to buy a Honda Cafe Racer so that she can take road trips across America. When not making tea, Colleen can commonly be found furiously typing on her Brother Charger typewriter and dreaming about the Eiffel Tower.

Hi, my name is Patrick Nintendo, occasionally called Josh Ngenda, and I have mild sociopathic tendencies. I was born in the depths of the Kalahari desert on a moonless night. After smuggling myself to Greenland in a shipment of unprocessed titanium, I proceeded to become the most feared street racer in British Columbia before the age of eight. Unfortunately, this didn't provide enough of a raw adrenaline thrill to satisfy me, so I entered the high-stakes world of corporate espionage. I am currently in the United States to avoid a criminal conviction for my work in the Alberta oil sands.

John Muyskens is *Chimes*’ Sci-Tech editor. He is studying computer science and enjoys programming in Python. However, this lead to most of the *Chimes* office thinking he dabbled in snake charming. To his chagrin, he was forced to dispel these rumors with the truth.

Periodically, John has pretensions of being a Mountain Man, and grows a scruffy red beard. Even when in this phase, he is sure to keep his Android phone running the latest operating system, showing he is on top of all technological trends. John also works for S&O and knows about more indie bands than you do. He has dreams of moving to Montreal to be closer to the action.

My name is Ryan Struyk, and I’ll be your online editor this year at *Chimes*. I’m a junior studying math and political science, with minors in journalism and music in worship. Stop on the path whenever you think about church worship theology, the Electoral College, music theory, the latest CNN article, statistics, or semiconductors. I could talk for hours about all of the above. (But then take a break; I’m an introvert.) I’d love to hear about what you think should make news at Calvin. Being a journalist means being both student and teacher of the world, and that’s why my job is the best one out there.

My name is Kyle Rodriguez, and I am this year’s section editor for Campus News. I hail from the small town of Middleville, Michigan, (Yes, I did go to GRCHS). I love to sing, and enjoy being a part of the Women’s Chorale here at Calvin. Last summer, I was able to go to South Africa with Women’s Chorale, which was absolutely amazing. My favorite part of being on *Chimes* is definitely the Campus Safety reports.

Hello! My name is Allysia. I am a sophomore at Calvin, a recovering coffee addict, and a permanent daydreamer. I grew up somewhere on the other side of the state where I spent countless hours roaming dirt roads, reading the classics, and listening to archived episodes of This American Life (the voice of Ira Glass lulled me to sleep). This year I am one of your Campus News co-editors and I look forward to bringing you all interesting news that accumulates here at Calvin.

My name is Mya Howard, and I am a writing/literature major here at Calvin. I grew up in Rochester, MI, but I tell people that I am from Detroit because it’s close and no one knows where Rochester actually is. In my free time, I usually will be reading or listening to RadioLab or gathering more friends to watch Troll 2 for maybe the fifth time. On a Calvin related note, this year I am the Features Editor for the *Chimes*, and will be bombarding whoever picks up our paper with all the things I love.

Hello! My name is David Ryou, and I’m currently the staff editor for National/World news. I enjoy eating sushi, kickboxing, swimming, and playing the ukulele. I pretend to hate Justin Bieber’s music when I’m with my buddies but I secretly think he’s a lyrical genius and enjoy listening to a select few of his songs from time to time. My greatest joy in life is stepping on massive piles of crunchy leaves during the fall and drinking Boba (bubble) tea. I dislike having to fill in the lines of the essay portion during exams as well. That should be about it.

My name is Joseph Matheson. I was born in Arizona. I Back homeschooled until high school. I once dressed as a carrot. When I was little I would race my mom and I would always lose, but I would try to run so fast that my legs couldn’t balance and then I’d fall over and tell Mom we had to have a do-over because I fell over and she always thought I faked it because I was losing, but I didn’t. I am not good at describing myself.

John Kloosterman is a hivemind. At any given moment his neurons may be found buzzing around campus with dense probabilities centered in the philosophy and computer science departments. They often coincide in both space and time for a sufficient duration to serve on several governance committees. His existence has created many new problems for both of his fields of study and sprawling over into many academic disciplines. Does John Kloosterman need all of his neurons in the same place and time to constitute a metaphysical individual? If not, does a metaphysically fragmented individual deserve the full rights of a human being? Does he deserve the right to vote? Can he marry himself and enjoy the tax benefits? Can both of him vote? Can he marry himself and enjoy the full rights of a human being? Does he deserve the right to vote? Can he marry himself and enjoy the tax benefits?

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Arts and Entertainment

Quirky depiction of a classic fable

BY SAM WADE
Staff Writer

Equal parts old-school and cutting-edge, “ParaNorman” is a delight that taps into both the morbid and the magical. From the creators of the groundbreaking stop-motion animation film “Coraline,” “ParaNorman” is a cutting-edge tale that blurs the lines between the world of magic and the mundane.

The film follows Norman, a young boy who believes he can communicate with the dead, except for one. His eccentric Aunt Courtney doesn’t believe in the afterlife and thinks Norman is just a harmless lip-gloss-obsessed teenager. But when a zombie apocalypse breaks out and the only prevention to a curse lies along the way, Norman’s belief in the afterlife and his desire to communicate with the departed become the only way to save the town from destruction.

Nick Keeley, “Michael Clarke Duncan"

The town is complete with a town hall, a graveyard, and an aesthetically beautiful film; it’s an equal part old-school and cutting-edge, with a new generation of African-American actors like Michael Clarke Duncan

Michael Clarke Duncan was well-known for his big heart and gentle spirit. Nick Keeley, “Michael Clarke Duncan”

Duncan was also recognizable for his size and kind demeanor. Along with his size and kind heart, he was a talented actor. Along with his size and kind heart, he was a talented actor. His performance in “The Green Mile” was critically acclaimed, earning him an Academy Award nomination.

Despite his success, Duncan was also known for his level of charitable work. He was a strong advocate for prison reform and worked closely with the Guardian Angels to reduce gang violence in New York City.

At home with Norman, Duncan found a new role as an actor. His performance in “The Green Mile” was critically acclaimed, earning him an Academy Award nomination.

Duncan planned to marry next year.

Actor Michael Clarke Duncan dead at 54

BY NICK KEELEY
Staff Writer

Michael Clarke Duncan, an Academy Award-nominated actor for 1999’s “The Green Mile,” died on September 3 after complications from a heart attack he suffered on July 13. Diagnosed as a myocardial infarction, the actor had been suffering from chest pain and shortness of breath.

After his role as a white man in the comics.

The zombies are awesome. The animators are reportedly having a good time at the undad lose and perpetrate their deeds of decay and destruction. There are some zombie and human-themed ram-pages that might be too frightening for some, but all in all, it’s fairly family-friendly.

The best part of the film is its quirky little riff on kids’ problems and brain-thrifty zombies. There are a few hilariously bad jokes at familiar stereotypes, but most of the humor is found among Norman’s band of unlikely companions.

A new friend named Neil Tucker, the weedy little kid who was also-buffed kid, and his neighbor is older and buff, but not-too-bright brother Matt.

“ParaNorman” is a wryly funny movie, replete with its tributes to classic thrills and a rich cast of characters, has deftly light heartedness in scary situations. It has a welcome absence of potty humor, which is not entirely ironic; beneath the hilarity and fun visuals is a core of ire towards the idiocy of the mob mentality, and the collective impulse to terrorize or ostracize those who refuse to blend in. Don’t assume that “ParaNorman” is all about being an aesthetically beautiful film; it delivers a powerful message about judging those who refuse to blend in with the crowd, and bullying to deal with death. It also delivers an especially resonant message about not succumbing to a cult of fear.

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Editors’ summer picks

Abby Zwart: The best film I saw this summer was “Beasts of the Southern Wild.” For me, it was the best pre-cocious and ferociously adorable child actors you’ll ever see; the movie was one of the most atmospheric and transport- ing ones I’ve seen in a long time. Think “Tree of Life” with more plot and more grit. The setting, the acting, and the themes of the film (and it really deserves that word) left a mark in my mind that won’t soon be erased.

John Kloosterman: “House of Leaves” by Mark Danielewski, a novel about a family that moves into a house that is larger on the inside than the outside, which happens 300 years ago. Recommended for other people like me that enjoy reading about texts more than actually reading them.

Matthew Josheus: Moonrise Kingdom — very quirky, very Wes Anderson-y, but I really liked the female lead and found it really fascinating the way that the kids seemed to act like adults and the adults seemed to act like kids. Do you like the first episode of season seven came out on Labor Day, so I’m not sure death counts as summer, but this was still one of the most-anticipated events of the summer for me. The show has matured a lot since it was rebooted in 2005 and while it’s still silly on occasion, it’s turned into a very emotional and compelling show.

Kyle Struyk: Little things can make a big difference. Sounds cheesy, but in The Tipping Point, Malcolm Gladwell has the research to back it up. Using examples of epidemics and the reasons behind reduction of New York City crime rates, The Tipping Point describes the critical moment that causes change to go viral. This is a great read if you want to understand trends in society — and how to use the tipping point to your own advantage.

Maxwell Howard: At the end of this summer, the band Animal Collective released their 11th studio album, Centipede Hz. Like their previous albums, this proved to be a dividing piece of work. While some fans were frustrated with the regressive sounds, I was teary-eyed with joy. I am a fan boy and I do not care.

David Ryu: I personally enjoyed the movie Ted, it personally relates to me because as a child I was teased by the neighborhood kids for being abnormally short, and the closest friend I had was my stuffed hippo, whom I related to because he was abnormally small for a hippo.
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Jon Hielkema, “NASA roves Mars”

**NASA roves Mars, informs, entertains via the internet**

**BY JONATHAN HIELKEMA**
Staff Writer

After a spectacular landing, the NASA rover Curiosity has begun its two-year mission to discover if life could have existed on Mars. In recent weeks, however, coverage in mainstream sources has begun to decrease. For those interested in the ongoing Mars mission, NASA has developed a presence on the Web designed to educate and, as best they can, entertain.

Interested readers should first travel to the Mars Science Laboratory website, where a wealth of news and media await. Most of the site is tame from a Martian theme but never being overcomplicated. This is still a government agency’s website. Navigation is intuitive enough, and the resources located there are extensive. There were no issues with hosted media during the time I spent there, and pages loaded quickly on a Calvin Wi-Fi connection. Scientific blogs, interactive features where one can watch how the craft landed or command a digital rover and a wealth of media are all hosted in their respective sections. If one unfamiliar with the Mars site, there is an FAQ outlining some information about the famous red planet. Please be advised that the site is accessible and simplified, avoiding unneeded technical jargon.

For those using a mobile device, NASA created both a mobile version of the site and applications for Android, iOS and Windows Phone. The former is far less visually appealing than the desktop iteration, and many of the links are rendered in a small font and easy to miss when tapping around. During my time on the site, all the media from the main site was accessible, though getting to it was considerably more difficult. Although the mobile presence is passable, I would not advise those wanting to follow Curiosity’s investigations in depth to use it more than necessary.

Whatever its faults, the mobile site is preferable to the mobile app, titled “Be a Martian.” After opening onto a somewhat goofy splash page, the app shows that the latest “base camp” is the Kentuck. Most of the loading indicators lack animation, scrolling is jerky, and one section merely loads part of the mobile website. The font used for most of the section titles is supposed to appear futuristic but at smaller sizes and when superimposed over photos and text, it is quite difficult to read. I encountered no crashes or obvious bugs. The Be a Martian application is usable, but even the clutched mobile website is preferable.

Beyond that, the mainstream science and technology media have been covering Curiosity with some interest over the last few weeks. Sites like The Verge and Ars Technica provide more reliable and visible coverage than larger sites. One of the sites looking outside of NASA’s own offers, it is best to choose one or two sites that offer mainly scientific coverage, as there the coverage will likely be more regular and, more importantly, better written and researched.

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**Ease into a new fall semester with the following technology pointers**

**BY JOHN MUYSEK**
Sci- Tech Editor

Dropbox. There is no easier solution for keeping files backed up across your devices and accessible anywhere with an internet connection. Its also perfect for sharing a pesky powerpoint presentation that exceeds the email attachment file size limit. Laptop presentation that exceeds the email connection. Its also perfect for across your devices and accessing to the cloud, synchronized up to the cloud, synchronized.

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**Observatory corner**

Maybe in your campus wanderings you’ve seen the big white bump on top of the Science Building. One of the highest places on campus, this is the Calvin Observatory, where the Physics and Astronomy department operates a 16-inch diameter, computer-controlled telescope. Partially funded by the National Science Foundation, this $80,000 device is made available to anyone for four days a week if the sky is clear. A few astronomy students will be on duty each night to operate the telescope and show you the stellar sights. While peering through the telescope, you can feel snugly superior: It’s a good deal bigger than Hope’s telescope.

Those of us in the astronomy department would love to match the bright, colorful views in NASA’s famous pictures, but the administration would say something about money if we proposed launching a telescope into orbit. Even stuck on the ground, though, a visit to the observatory is worth a look. Besides seeing something you’ve never even thought about, the observatory provides the more personal experience of seeing the actual light from a distant galaxy, of revealing a nebula hidden within an apparently empty piece of sky, of looking farther than you ever have before.

As the seasons change and the earth makes its way around the sun, new sights will come into view while old ones slide away. At the moment, an observatory visit won’t be completely without a star cluster, a galaxy, and a colorful star or two. Later this month the Moon will be an amazing sight, although in a world of tradeoffs, it will light up the sky and make it harder to see the fainter objects. By the end of this semester, Jupiter will be dominating the sky. This Chimes column will make appearances throughout the year to keep you informed on the latest exciting sights.

Calvin’s observatory (accessible via the Science Building staircase nearest to North Hall) is open to the Calvin community clear nights Monday through Thursday, with the general public invited on Wednesdays, from 7:30 p.m. or half an hour past sunset (whichever is later) until 11 p.m. Student observers are on duty to operate the telescope and show you the sights. For the latest information, visit calvin.eduobservatory.

Sunset times for September 7-13: 8:07-7:55 p.m.

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Coach Souders gets win in first game

BY MARK DEHAAN
Staff Writer

Men’s soccer wins 4-1 against Augustana to open season

BY JESS KOSTER
Sports Editor

Calvin jumped out to a quick lead over Augustana in the opening match. The Knights were up 1-0 before the second half of the game. Despite a strong performance from the Knights, the game ended in a 2-0 win for Calvin.

Calvin’s men’s soccer team kicked off the 2012 season against Augustana on Friday night. The Knights were able to defeat the Vikings 4-1 in their first game of the season.

The game started off with a bang, as Calvin scored within the first minute of the game.随后，他们又在第25分钟将比分扩大到2-0。尽管Augustana在比赛中表现出色，但Calvin最终还是以4-1的比分赢得了比赛。

Calvin was able to capitalize on the early lead and maintain control throughout the game, never allowing Augustana to come back into the match. The Knights’ defense held strong, allowing only one goal, scored by Augustana in the 34th minute. Calvin’s offense was also efficient, scoring four goals on 15 shots.

Calvin’s win is a significant one, as they opened the season with a victory over a top-10 team. The Knights are off to a strong start and will look to build on this win as they continue their young season.

Next game:

Wednesday, August 29

Calvin at Adrian

BY MARK DEHAAN
Staff Writer

Women’s golf opens against Aquinas

BY MARK DEHAAN
Staff Writer

Coming off a strong 2011-12 season, which they finished fourth in the MIAA standings, the Calvin women’s golf team opened their fall play last weekend against nearby Aquinas at the Thornapple Point Golf Club.

The Knights were able to finish in third place for the tournament, shooting a 341-368 victory. Calvin’s team was able to beat Aquinas, with a 2006 Wheaton graduate and previous semi-pro player and head coach, Casey Harkema, who shot a 74.

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“Thus sayeth the Nord: wind players shall not come in late.”

- Professor Nordling, music

“Trust me, the homeland security people have not bugged this room. As far as I know.”

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8/30/2012

Campus Safety too report of a larceny of a wallet that had been left unattended in the lobby of Beets Veenstra. The owner had left her wallet by the card reader. When she returned for the wallet, she discovered it was missing. It was later determined that other students had found the wallet and it took it for safe keeping. Campus Safety recovered the wallet and returned it to its owner.

8/31/2012

Campus Safety responded to a report of damage of college property at Schultz-Eldersveld residence hall. Some speakers had been set up on tripods on the sun deck. At some point one of the speakers tipped over and fell over the edge of the building, landing on a plane of glass in the solarium below. Physical plant was contacted to remove the speaker and repair the glass.

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OPINION AND EDITORIAL

GRE considered harmful

by John Kloostreran
Op-Ed Editor

Like many Calvin students, I’m working in a public school this fall. Unfortunately, this involves taking the GRE for graduate school. I know that I have to take yet another standardized test that I’m not cut out for at. I can understand a test as a metric of how well students can conceptualize certain problems, plow through dense text and analyze data. But what I don’t understand is why I have no control over whether I want to do the work to actually discover something.

Because of this, studying for the GRE has been a process of actually trying to become another hand grenade of “carrying” and “borrowing” in Grades 1-4. The ones who had been taught the procedure of “carrying” and “borrowing” addition gave a wrong answer much more often, and gave much more unreasonable wrong answers. The students in Grades 4 and 5 who had been taught the procedure of “carrying” and “borrowing” addition came to think of each place-value digit independently in a written number instead of as one whole: 186 was not a number greater than 179, but the sequence of digits 1, 8, and 6. Dominick argues that forcing students to learn and add and subtracting numbers requires them to ignore the paths that lead to common solutions. They simply have and develop. They learn to no longer use their own thinking. The way I need to think in order to do well on the GRE is an analogue. I have to learn by rote for a few hours, the way I think about problems, that particular solutions emerge from general rules, and that the process of generalization is usually fun and interesting.

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