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 (CCCCU) 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 CCCCU, a Washington, D.C.-based higher education organization with 175 schools in 20 countries. Calvin has been an active member of the CCCCU since 1981.

“Shirley will be an outstanding servant leader for the CCCCU 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 CCCCU.”

In an exclusive interview with Chimes, Hoogstra said she is sure her departure will not have a negative impact on the student life vision, “I think that they will go on strong and not miss a beat. I hope they will remember how much I want the division and the arts programs and language programs, eliminating the curriculum center and increasing tuition for engineers and nurses, along with cuts and changes elsewhere.

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 20 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 Beverlsluis left at the beginning of the academic year. About two years ago, former President Gaylen Byker and current 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 Bloom, vice president for enrollment, has been in his role since 2009; Ken Erffmeyer, vice president for advancement, has been at Calvin since 2006.

Calvin pays down $13 million in debt

Payment a result of increased giving and real-estate sales

BY KATE PARSONS  News Co-Editor

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 in interest payments.

“I am so grateful. This payment represents a lot of progress,” said President Michael Le Roy.

“This represents a sign of God’s providence and care for our institution.”

In the last two years, Calvin has made significant steps towards balancing the budget, including a prioritization plan approved by the board a year ago. 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.

Despite this prioritization, donors have been the biggest part of Calvin’s debt reduction thus far, helping achieve $35 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, since September, the payment will also save about $750,000 in annual interest payments.

DeBruin 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 Weyohiili 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 KATE PARSONS  Editors in Chief and News Co-Editor

In June, Calvin College President Michael Le Roy signed a letter 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 it and 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,” the open letter to Obama. “However, we are united in asking that such an executive order be written in a way that protects the religious freedoms of faith-based service providers.”

Le Roy explained: “The main thrust of the letter 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 president 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. See “Letter,” page 2
Ebola outbreak prompts delay of Ghana semester

The worst Ebola outbreak in history hit West Africa this year with 3,000 cases reported so far in the countries of Guinea, Liberia, and Sierra Leone. With Calvin students preparing to study abroad in Ghana, administrators offered proactive plans 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 institutions 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 Calvin. 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 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.”

**LETTER: Le Roy joins discussion of discrimination and religious freedom**

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 and state 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 belief. 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 something,” 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.

“We’re going to continue to struggle with this issue.”

Chimes students participate in a past Ghana semester.
Brandsen welcomed as new provost at Convocation

BY EMILY COLE
On Call Writer

The Calvin community cel-

brated the inauguration of its 138th commencement on Tuesday morning, which featured the in-

stallation 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 hold-

ing flags from their home 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.

Caryl 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 profes-

sor, praised Brandsen for her “understated humor and clear-

eyed wisdom.” After the induc-

tion, President Le Roy spoke on J 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 about the importance of true wisdom in the pursuit of knowledge as an academic level.

“As Calvin, we attempt to test everything, and hold on to what is good,” he said. “The world needs more than employable people who have 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 campus.

“We’re honored,” she said. While all first-year students at-

tended the convocation with their orientation groups, there was only

a small smattering of upperclassmen seated in the surrounding bleachers. Bob Crow, dean of stu-

dent development, com-

mented on the lack of up-

perclassmen participation at the event.

“I think that they don’t see the importance of it. It’s a big day with the in-

stallation of the new prov-

ost. They don’t know what they’re missing,” he said.

Professor Venema em-

phasized the importance of con-

vocation.

“It’s healthy to have a community come together and start on the new path,” she said.

Andrew Plaister, a ju-

gler, came to the event, explained, “I came because it’s one of the few times we get to hear Le Roy speak.”

Fieldhouse renovations meant to attract more students

BY BRIAN EXNER
Sports Editor

Calvin has tripled the seat-

ing options at the Spoolhof Fieldhouse Complex and closed the spirit shop in a bid to create more areas on campus where stu-

dents can sit 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 serve 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 a place where students could feel comfortable studying if they wanted to get out of their residence halls,” Witte explained.

In addition to the new dining options, the dish return has also been renovated for a more stream-

lined approach.

The changes came due to feed-

back from students about the dining hall experience at Calvin. A focus group of Calvin students spoke and 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.

Lines at the revamped com-

mons is set up like a taqueria, similar to Qdoba or Chipotle. People can 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 open on Wednesday, will be available daily on line two. The new pasta bar will feature daily pasta dishes specials, as well as the pizza that has always been at Eclipse and Chimes.

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 appear-

ances of old favorites.

Breakfast will not change — students will have the same hot lines and buffet options as before. Regular hot line and buffet op-

tions 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 op-

tions. Knollcrest will also feature Mexican cuisine this fall to help students looking to explore differ-

ent regional U.S. foods.

“It’s a commitment,” Don Hershman, 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.”

Hershman said that Calvin had sent people to other schools to observe what they were doing with their dining halls and no-

ticed a trend toward offering more student choice in dining.

“I think it’s great,” said Eline 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

Commons redesigns dining experience, expands meal choices

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

BY KATE PARSONS

and LAURA SHEPPARD

Campus Co-Editors

This fall, Commons Dining Hall unveiled a major redesign of the way it serves food. Rather

than the traditional buffet-style lines of service, the committee 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 stream-

lined approach.

The changes came due to feed-

back from students about the dining hall experience at Calvin. A focus group of Calvin students spoke and 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.

Lines at the revamped com-

mons is set up like a taqueria, similar to Qdoba or Chipotle. People can 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 open on Wednesday, will be available daily on line two. The new pasta bar will feature daily pasta dishes specials, as well as the pizza that has always been at Eclipse and Chimes.

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 appear-

ances of old favorites.

Breakfast will not change — students will have the same hot lines and buffet options as before. Regular hot line and buffet op-

tions 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 op-

tions. Knollcrest will also feature Mexican cuisine this fall to help students looking to explore differ-

ent regional U.S. foods.

“It’s a commitment,” Don Hershman, 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.”

Hershman said that Calvin had sent people to other schools to observe what they were doing with their dining halls and no-

ticed a trend toward offering more student choice in dining.

“I think it’s great,” said Eline 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

Commons now features an “express lane” for faster meals.

Your story here.

Chimes needs writers like you to capture the stories happening every day on Calvin’s campus.

Contact chimes@calvin.edu for more information.
Grand Rapids adds new and improved bus route

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

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 radial 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 appearance. 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 making taking the Silver Line much quicker than driving down Division Avenue 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-boarding 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 transportation. 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 lifetime to a job... This is not just the end of it. This is exciting for our future.”

Calvin graduates to open hostel in Grand Rapids

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

An old, blue and white Victorian home sits on the corner of Page 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 lifelong friends from traveling, which hosts 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.
The summer movie season is a time of huge blockbusters and stand-out indie dramas. The moment everyone is on the way to August are times that everyone pulls out their wallets and spends money on tickets. With the industry producing so many in-a-year blockbusters, it becomes a real hit to the bank account to see them all, giving people a reason to always be looking for ways to view them. With theaters having tickets as cheap as eight dollars, tickets in big cities such as New York or Los Angeles can run as high as fourteen dollars. Ticket prices are going up at local theaters every passing year, keeping folks away from the movies. However, 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 August 15 release date, a DVD-quality copy was leaked on the web 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 quality and poor reviews caused it to fail, but the role of piracy in the film's failure appears undeniable. This illegal activity may even take a toll on film industry revenue.

Video piracy takes a toll on film industry revenue.

By CHRISTIAN BECKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Every now and then you watch a movie and you can't get it out of your head, that moment that's haunting, in the moment that your thoughts keep coming back. Well you're not alone, 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 quality and poor reviews caused it to fail, but the role of piracy in the film's failure appears undeniable. This illegal activity may even take a toll on film industry revenue.

Flawed Spider-Man still delivers

By CHRISTIAN BECKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 is a victim of piracy. Just 21 days before its August 15 release date, a DVD-quality copy was leaked on the web 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 quality and poor reviews caused it to fail, but the role of piracy in the film's failure appears undeniable. This illegal activity may even take a toll on film industry revenue.

By CHRISTIAN BECKER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The 66th Emmy Awards, celebrating the achievements in television over the past year, took place on August 25. This year, a mix of old and new faces were presented with awards. This year's telecast featured the second highest ratings in 16 years with 17.9 million viewers tuning in. Many predicted that Breaking Bad could be attributed to Seth Meyer's hosting job, which was fresh, funny and timely without being crude or edgy. Meyers made jokes about everything from the legalities of poking fun at network television for allowing all the awards to go to cable and DeHaan's weak scene. The Emmys were both consecutive wins in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past. These little recognition in the past.
My name is Kate Parsons, and I'm a campus news editor for this year! I am so excited to be your source for all things relevant to the Calvin community. I'm from Jackson, MI, and I have a new cat named Theodore Bernard (aka Teddy Bear). I also pursue theatre, dance, art, music, food, cinema and literature (pretty much every art under the sun). Sometimes I go outdoors. As a senior in the College of Arts and Humanities, I am excited to explore these possibilities with fellow students. I am a Spanish minor. I love reading, traveling, listening to NPR and being outside. I am a firm believer that supporting local business is a must, especially during my senior year! This year, I will have the privilege of joining a new editorial capacity.

What is the story of my life? 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 lived in Pennsylvania. I am excited to be on Chimes this year, and I look forward to all the great stories in store!
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

North Carolina A&T University introduces hypoallergenic peanuts
Development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings

BY NATASHA STRYDHORST So-Sci Tech Editor

Already a staple of many college student's diet, peanut butter may be on the brink of even greater popularity. Emerging research from North Carolina Agricultural and Technological 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 one in five people that are allergic to peanuts and consume more than $2 billion dollars' worth of peanut products annually — adding up to about six pounds per person per year.

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 and soak them in an enzyme solution that drastically reduces the allergen content. In trials, skin-prick tests on humans were negative for subjects that had previously shown allergic reactions to peanuts and maintained 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, the resulting hypoallergenic peanuts maintain the taste and appearance of regular roasted peanuts. These new peanuts could soon be ready for market, 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, the resulting hypoallergenic peanuts maintain the taste and appearance of regular roasted peanuts.

The National Peanut Board reports that Americans consume more than $2 billion dollars' worth of peanut products annually — adding up to about six pounds per person per year.

BY NATASHA STRYDHORST So-Sci Tech Editor

North Carolina A&T University introduces hypoallergenic peanuts
Development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings

BY NATASHA STRYDHORST So-Sci Tech Editor

Already a staple of many college student’s diet, peanut butter may be on the brink of even greater popularity. Emerging research from North Carolina Agricultural and Technological 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 one in five people that are allergic to peanuts and consume more than $2 billion dollars’ worth of peanut products annually — adding up to about six pounds per person per year.

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 trials, skin-prick tests on humans were negative for subjects that had previously shown allergic reactions to peanuts and maintained 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, hypothalamic peanuts have the same taste and appearance as untreated peanuts.

The result, gaining higher ground. The development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings.

The result, gaining higher ground. The development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings.

The result, gaining higher ground. The development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings.

The result, gaining higher ground. The development opens possibilities for increased safety of allergic individuals in public settings.
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 owned 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 affects 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.

“If 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 supports the faculty,” he said.

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

Haarsma says there are many implications of Synod at Calvin in the Liberal Arts Tradition: “We need 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.

“The church needed to answer questions, and I needed to answer the call,” he said. “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 very tangible and direct. It will be a gift because they loved James. He gave the truth in love.”

The campus-wide Bible study attracts students Campus-wide Bible study kicks off next week

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 “be-loved” 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 addresses 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 have 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.”

This year’s Bible study will become the Barnabas in the dorms. Barnabas Jessi Robbert in Kleiberg-Huizinga-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.”

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

“If 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.”

James study attracts students

Campus-wide Bible study kicks off next week

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 through all this, you will look more like Jesus.”

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.

“Looking at everything, they have a New Testament epistle this year.

Hulst said that one reason they chose James was because they have 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.”

Leaders will lead studies around Calvin circles. Many of these leaders will become Barnabas in the dorms. Barnabas Jessi Robbert in Kleiberg-Huizinga-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.”

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

“If 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.”
CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

Aug. 25 The Campus Safety Department investigated a report of a larceny. The Rooks/VanDellen R.D had stored some items in a inner lobby conference room over the summer. When they went to retrieve their items they found some items missing. Video was viewed but no suspects were identified and no leads were obtained.

Aug. 25 A student contacted the Campus Safety Department to report their bike stolen from the Rho/Tau bike rack. The student had locked the bike to the rack. They found the lock but it was now broken and the bike was gone. The bike had not been registered with Campus Safety.

Aug. 25 The Campus Safety Department took a report of a theft at the Spoelhof Fieldhouse Complex. A student reported that cash was stolen from their wallet while in the men’s Tennis and Track building locker room. Video was reviewed but no suspects were identified and no leads were found.

Aug. 30 Campus Safety responded to a report of a person on the roof of the Prince Conference Center. Upon arrival contact was made with a student who went on the roof to get a Frisbee golf disk. The student said a friend told him how he could get on the roof to retrieve the disk. He was advised to contact the Prince Conference Center Desk in the future and Building Services could assist him.

From Dialogue

Excerpt from “Regarding Planned Misunderstanding” by George Gercana (originally published March 1982)

Beginning.
Beginning is the worst.
Where does one begin?
Does one begin with those wheels which tumble softly through eternity, gently embracing all creation within their blazing arms?
Does one begin with the nervous clockwork which animates the unseen many-legged creatures of the earth?
Does one begin with the bestial rage which causes the clouds to press, twisting, growling against the land, lips frothing, eyes flashing, wild with the scent of summer?
Should he consider that ragged infinity of sawtooth green, that chaotic universe of trilling voices, nodding heads, and spinning blades which is savannah?
Should he patiently observe the singing and splitting of the earth?
Or should he rather contemplate that curious structure of coral, copper, and glass, which is man?
Where does one begin?

Dialogue is now accepting submissions for the fall issue.
Send your poetry, prose, photography, art, or questions to dialogue.submissions@gmail.com

From the Editor

Fact (n): Something that truly exists or happens; a true piece of information. There are thousands of things at Calvin that truly exist and happen. There are many true pieces of information. It is Chimes’ job to report them. If you have ever taken a journalism class (or read Journalism for Dummies) you will know journalism’s first obligation is to the truth. More importantly, it’s an obligation to unbiased and transparent truth.

But truth is more than just a compilation of facts or real things that exist. Truth has something more. It requires wisdom, thought and faith.
I have spent the past three years with Chimes reporting the truth. During my tenure here, Chimes has brought you stories of community events, faculty decisions, people leaving Calvin and people coming. We have featured you and your friends, your favorite professors and things you may not have even thought were important. Through it all I would like to believe we have also brought you truth. Stories that accurately reflect our community, our mission as an institution and the people that comprise it.
As Christians living in a community, we have a compounded need for and respect of the truth. I have found, however, that there is sometimes a fear to speak the truth in order to maintain the status quo. Especially when that truth may appear in print.
Our need for truth as Christians is not an abstract ideal. It is necessary to maintain a healthy community; a healthy body of Christ. I hope to report the truth this year, but the stories we write must first come from the people we interview. They must come from you. Let us speak the truth in love.
“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.” Ephesians 4:25
I will be pushing each other to get even better and become a tight knit group of guys that will constantly be supporting each other.

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.

**Fall athletic season begins with several wins**

BY BRIAN EXNER
Sports Editor

Calvin students gather at sporting events with Joust to cheer on fellow students. Calvin’s athletes kept busy this summer. When they weren’t preparing for the upcoming fall, they had an opportunity to grow outside of their respective sports. Robinson West — or Mo’ne Davis and Jackie Davis and Jackie Robinson West's, senior on the baseball team, managed to juggle an internship and baseball this summer. While he played for the Romeoville Royals, he spent 40 hours a week at an internship with Salco Products in Illinois. He said that although he was very busy, he enjoyed being able to continue his education and play in a competitive league during a productive summer. Keeping up a schedule like Guiffoyle’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. Guiffoyle thought that he loved the atmosphere after work done and make improvements that you simply can’t do during the fast paced MIAA season,” he said.

“With 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 Jonathan ten Harkes also 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.

“His presence was a huge moment because there is no place like the Big House. His ability to score and put on a show is something I will never forget,” Kuyvenhoven said.

Guiffoyle 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.

“Despite school wasn’t in session the whole 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,” Groenewold said.

BY BRIAN EXNER
Sports Editor

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 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. Many NCAA Division III athletes 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 Guiffoyle, a senior on the baseball team, managed to juggle an internship and baseball this summer. While he played for the Romeoville Royals, he spent 40 hours a week at an internship with Salco Products in Illinois. He said that although he was very busy, he enjoyed being able to continue his education and play in a competitive league during a productive summer. Keeping up a schedule like Guiffoyle’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. Guiffoyle thought that he loved the atmosphere after work done and make improvements that you simply can’t do during the fast paced MIAA season,” he said.

With 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 Jonathan ten Harkes also 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.

Guiffoyle 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.

**This summer in Calvin athletics: reflections of student-athletes**

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 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. Many NCAA Division III athletes 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 Guiffoyle, a senior on the baseball team, managed to juggle an internship and baseball this summer. While he played for the Romeoville Royals, he spent 40 hours a week at an internship with Salco Products in Illinois. He said that although he was very busy, he enjoyed being able to continue his education and play in a competitive league during a productive summer. Keeping up a schedule like Guiffoyle’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. Guiffoyle thought that he loved the atmosphere after work done and make improvements that you simply can’t do during the fast paced MIAA season,” he said.

With 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 Jonathan ten Harkes also 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.

Guiffoyle 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.

**Follow us on Twitter! @Chimes_Sports**

**Contact us:**
chimes@calvin.edu
Streetfest
Photos courtesy Calvin College and Annual Fund