

Space lands on Calvin as it becomes a University next fall

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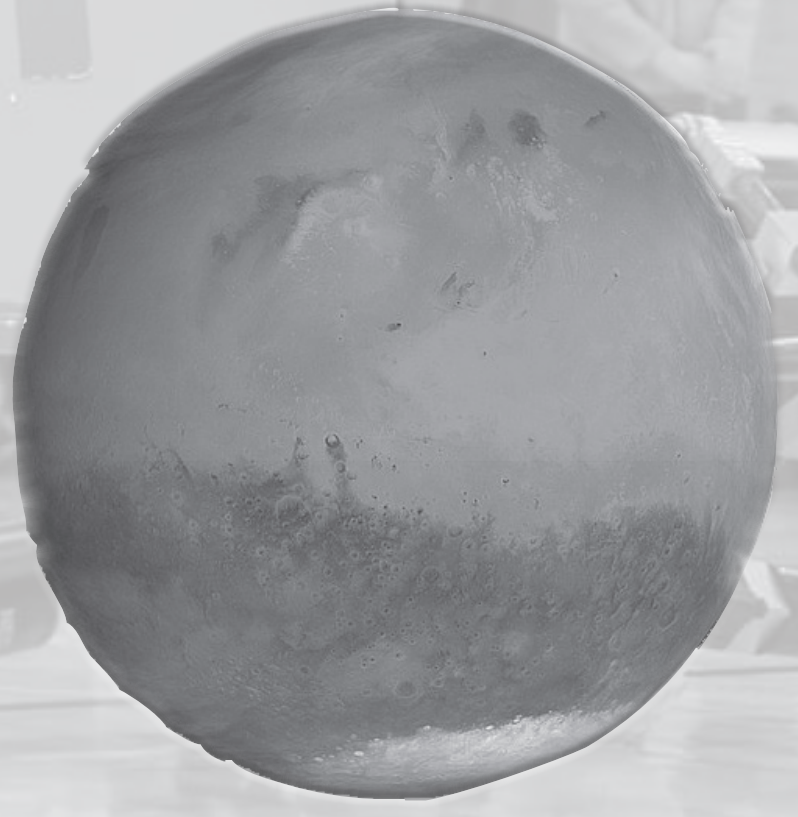
Following the Mars Rover competition, the engineering department in conjunction with other STEM fields was proud to announce that a selected number of students will be heading to Mars this coming fall. Captain Rogers said, "We always knew we would win the competition and advance to the next round. However, we didn't expect to be chosen to go to space." Following the close of the international space competition two weeks ago, rumors had it that certain students were being selected to go to Mars. On March 18, the engineering department received a confirmation from US Department of Space Exploration (DSE) confirming that Calvin College was among the top five colleges and universities across the country selected to participate in this program.

The DSE in conjunction with the World Aeronautics and Space Administration (WASA) released in a press conference on March 25, 2019, that they have decided to include undergraduate students in a pilot program designed to give students real-world experience especially in the field of engineering and astronomy. "We are glad that our students are part of this grand program which we believe will help them put their skills to use," said Dr. Isabel Maru. The challenge is to be able to build your own space rocket component which complies with the specification outlined to all the schools.

The engineering, computer science and astronomy departments have begun recruiting students who show an extensive interest in space exploration and hope to put all they have learned to a much greater course. "This opportunity is open to all years and all majors. If you believe you have a particular skill you believe will be of great contribution in this program, you should definitely apply," said Professor Xavier.

"We have already laid out the plan for our Nose Cone Payload and engine mount," said senior Tony Stark. Participants in the Rover competition form the core group were involved in this project. According to the engineering department, they need five more students who show an extensive knowledge in space exploration, problem-solving and a high level of organization. Applications will be open on April 1, 2019 and will be posted on Handshake as well as Student News. The deadline for the application will be April 1, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. as the team wants to be able to begin interviews as soon as possible.

The STEM department encourages a lot of students to apply and firmly assert that this is not an April Fool's Day prank. "This is legitimate, it is real," says the Terminator — The end!



Calvin to become carbon neutral by 20000

BY KARBON D. OXIDE
Staff reporter

This week, Calvin College officially announced that the campus is on track to become fully carbon neutral by the year 20000. "This is a big step forward for our campus," said biology professor Waves-are-Warmers. "It shows exactly how seriously our administration takes climate change."

"We're taking big steps to live up to our calling as stewards of God's creation," President Oh Boy said. He outlined what this commitment involved in his speech on Wednesday, which was a 500 page memo about why Reformed theology mandates us to care for God's creation. Administration introduced recycling bins for both Schultze-Eldersveld and Beets-Veenstra. "We estimate that the gentlemen of First Schultze alone will recycle enough pop cans to keep 3 million tons of waste out of our landfills," said Dean of Student Life John Wits.

However, these changes exist on paper only so far. "I hope the administration follows through on this ambitious pledge," cautioned Warmers.

The change came after extensive lobbying by all environmental groups on campus. The Creation Care club, Students for Watershed Justice, Students Demand Climate Action, Save the Trees and twenty other groups with three members each teamed up to get this done. "This really shows the power of students to change the world," said senior Jasmine Oaks, president of the Green Club. Professors from the environmental science department were ecstatic about the change, noting that they had been urging the administration to take action on sustainability for a long time. "We've been advocating for this since... around the time John Calvin passed, give or take a few years," said environmental studies professor Samie Jillen.

The provost's office applauded the commitment to sustainability but noted that Calvin must be careful not to rush this project. "20000 is a very ambitious timeline for Calvin to become carbon neutral," said Provost Barrel Cansen.



Master Perry passes out protein shakes after forty-minute "Bambelela" session

BY UNCLE FERB
Da Pope

The Student Worship Team appealed to student demands by replacing the worship set at LOFT with a forty-minute "Bambelela" jam session. Master Shawl said he noted the popularity of the song, especially in online platforms.

"It was a tough decision, but I think that this song really enhances our spirituality on campus," Master Shawl stated.

Ace Gong, a sophomore Worship Apprentice, recalls preparing for this LOFT.

"I had to start an aerobic training schedule to prepare for the intense dancing I knew I would have to do for this LOFT."

Master Shawl noted that he was concerned about the students leading up to "Bambelela". Student worship leaders were required to pass a physical exam where they drank eight cups of coffee followed by an hour of prayer-inspired squat poses.

Master Perry, also, shared concerns for the students. "Some of the students in the audience haven't taken a gym class in years," she noted. "We were afraid some of them would pass out."

Some students in the audience did indeed feel dizzy at the end of the end of "Bambelela," and freshman Dante Thiground did faint of what was diagnosed as "religious frenzy."

To enhance recovery, Master Perry distributed protein shakes to the LOFT-goers.

"I could feel the Holy Sprite descend on me as I drank of The Whey," Gong recalled.

Master Perry praised the students in the audience for their participation during her sermon on sloth. Students are encouraged to prepare appropriately for the next "Bambelela" LOFT, which will be held on April 28.

Religion majors start new religion for senior seminar

BY JOSHULANA POLANKNOTSKI
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The religion majors seem to have gone rogue during this year's senior seminar — they made a new religion. The religion, called "Ya Kuyper Boyz," venerates "Abraham Kuyper" as a saint, uses kombucha instead of wine for communion, and requires reading of academic theology as a spiritual act of worship.

A typical worship service consists of reading an academic article found on "JSTOR," the kombucha communion, singing various old hymns whose theologies have been "corrected" and the consumption of two IPAs. The service ends with a debate about the omniscience of God and the labeling of random things as heresy.

However, other students are not worried that the new cult will affect their own spirituality; after all, there are only 10 religion majors. Student Johnny Calvinus said, "They seem to be a cult. I ain't got no worries."

Another student, who majors in something else, said, "I didn't even like kombucha."

The participants of this new religion often randomly shout, "Vocation!" and it has caused a disruption with practicing members of other religions. One of the members of the religion, Jacobus Van Moosu, said, "We are just trying to find our square inch. We'd like to help you find yours too."

If you're somehow interested in joining this new religion, go to the religion department during chapel break; the majors often forget we have chapel, so it's easy to get ahold of them.

In addition to Kuyper, the participants venerate the still-living N.T. Wright.

Did you actually read this whole article? Wow.