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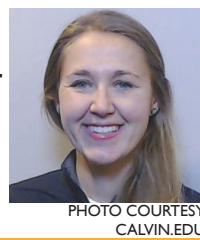


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GR pastors discuss concealed carry in churches



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BY JULIANA KNOT
Religion Editor

As the national gun control debate rages on, Grand Rapids churches face a pressing question: How do they respond to the threat of a mass shooter attacking their sanctuaries? Already, some states like Maryland and Missouri are considering bills that would allow concealed carry in churches. These actions have prompted protest from some places of worship and sighs of relief from others.

In light of the recent Parkland mass shooting and the Central Michigan University attack, Chimes contacted over 90 local pastors and church offices, asking what their current policy is regarding either hiring armed security or having a congregant concealed carrying. Although Chimes contacted a variety of denominations, Christian Reformed Church (CRC) congregations made up just under half of the respondents, and Reformed-identifying churches

made up the majority of its respondents.

The responses reflected the range of responses available. Some churches had never discussed the topic. Many decided against any kind of armed security. Still, a few decided either to hire armed security or ask a congregant to conceal carry.

Of the 29 pastors who responded to the survey, 21 wished to remain anonymous, including all of the pastors with any plans for armed protection.

Reverend Mike Abma is the head pastor of Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church, which meets in Calvin's chapel for Sunday services. As a result, Woodlawn CRC does fall under the protection of Calvin's campus safety whose guards are armed but could not ask its congregants to arm themselves as a result of Calvin's no-weapon policy.

According to Abma, whether the church met on or off Calvin's campus has no effect on Woodlawn's stance. They would reject bringing guns into their church regardless. Abma

referenced an article by former Marine Anthony Swafford:

"The presence of a firearm is always an invitation to violence." This was written in response to the idea of arming teachers at schools, but it also applies to arming congregants at churches. It is simply a bad idea," Abma stated.

Reverend James Kralt of East Paris CRC echoed Abma's concerns. Both expressed support for banning weapons like the AR-15, which was used in the Parkland attack. However, Kralt differs from Abma in that his council discussed asking a congregant with a concealed carry permit to arm at church because hiring security would not be a feasible financial option for his smaller congregation.

However, Kralt stated that although he respects churches that genuinely feel the need to arm congregants, he resents the fact that his kids need training in school and at church to react in the case of a mass shooting.

"God's intent for us is to live life — full, rich and vibrant. How can we do this when our kids are

Has your church discussed armed security?

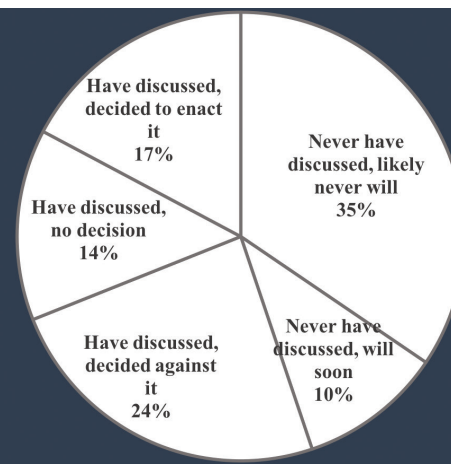


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scared?" he asked. "Is there any place where they can feel safe?"

Reverend Paul DeVries, pastor of Brookside CRC, also resented this culture of fear but was more open to the idea of gun ownership. The elders and deacons of his church recently finalized several new security measures that did not involve either hiring security or asking a member to arm.

DeVries cited Brookfield's urban setting, immigrant and returning citizen population and

lack of control over congregant gun training as reasons for deciding against it.

"These are frightening times," DeVries said. "But fear is not a good motivating perspective."

DeVries stated that he disliked incendiary speech that claimed Christians can't be gun owners and that he would never forbid a member to conceal carry, just that he would never ask them to do so on behalf of the church.

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Plasma donation: An attractive moneymaker for students



PHOTO CREDIT DAVID FITCH

BY MOLLY BRUNS
On-Call Writer

For many Calvin students, plasma donation, though unpleasant, presents a way for quick cash.

These students have been visiting BioLife Plasma Services, usually at the East Paris location, for anywhere from a few months to a few years.

For some student donors, the process is an infrequent way to make some ends meet—a quick, money-making remedy. However, for donors like senior Andrew Hendricksen, it has become a practice:

"I donate twice a week, which is the maximum number of times you're allowed to donate in a seven-day period," he said. "I am pretty indifferent about the process at this point in time, simply

because it has become such a routine part of my weekly schedule."

Plasma is obtained through a process called plasmapheresis, in which an automated machine extracts whole blood through an IV. The plasma is separated from the red and white blood cells and platelets, which are then returned to the donor. This takes about one and a half to two hours. Roughly 600-800 milliliters can be safely drawn from a donor each time they go through the procedure.

Plasma mainly goes toward plasma protein therapy. It assists with clotting issues and helps in the healing process. Plasma also contains antibodies, which fight off infection; when extracted, the plasma can fight hepatitis A and B, as well as tetanus.

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Business department launches new majors, entrepreneurship minor

YOLANDA CHOW
On-Call Writer

What once was the general business major and minor will soon become five specific majors and two minors.

The new entrepreneurship minor will be offered starting fall 2018. Other degrees in finance, human resource management, human resource marketing, professional selling, and analytics and research, as well as a minor in supply chain management will start in the fall of 2019. The new programs will be available to current first-year and sophomore students.

The changes come as a response to research that the business department conducted with employers, recent graduates and prospective students. They also compared Calvin's offerings to programs at about 40 other colleges.

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Madcap pops up at Festival of Faith & Writing

BY MICHELLE HOFMAN
Features Editor

For the first time ever, a temporary Madcap cafe will be added to the list of vendors for the Festival this year.

Lisa Ann Cockrel, the director of the festival, has made hospitality central to the work of the Center of Faith & Writing. With over two thousand visitors expected on campus for the extended weekend, a lot of work has been put into making the space welcoming.

Cockrel noted that good food and drinks are foremost when it comes to good hospitality, and Grand Rapids has a lot to offer in that area. However, with so many festival guests relying on shuttles to get to and from campus, they don't have a lot of opportunity to see this aspect of the city.

"It breaks my heart," said Cockrel, "when people come for the festival and leave with this perception that Grand Rapids is all big box stores and fast food. One way we're trying to get around that challenge is to bring more local food to campus for the festival."

The festival has partnered with Creative Dining to serve GR Popcorn and Palazzolo's gelato as well as their own Calvin Bakery cookies at coffee breaks. The Madcap pop-up came about after some conversations that Cockrel had with some friends at Laity Lodge, an ecumenical retreat center in Texas.



The pop-up cafe will introduce visitors to GR's coffee scene.

"[They] are real wonder workers when it comes to creating hospitable spaces for conversation," Cockrel admits. "They encouraged me to dream big and ultimately agreed to underwrite Madcap coffee for everyone at the festival."

Gate Davis, the director of operations at Laity Lodge, met Cockrel at the 2016 festival. According to Cockrel, after having conversations on hospitality, Davis began brainstorming with her on ways that Laity Lodge could offer aid to the festival.

"He'd visited Madcap's downtown café when he was in Grand Rapids for the festival and loved both the vibe and coffee," recalled Cockrel. "I mentioned at one point how much I wished we could introduce more festival-goers to Grand Rapids' great coffee

and food, and a plan started to come together."

Cockrel declined to comment on the cost of the pop-up cafe.

Madcap will have a pop-up cafe set up in the lobby of the DeVos Communications Center. Their services will include espresso, cappuccino, lattes, mochas, miels, hot chocolate, chai and a variety of teas. Anyone with a festival badge will be able to enjoy free coffee. No cash sales will be available, since the cafe is expected to be busy enough with festival attendees. The hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

When asked if Madcap will be a new norm for future festivals, Cockrel said, "We'll see how it goes this year!"

Summer tuition drops



Course offerings for the summer term will be similar to past years.

BY SAMANTHA BALLAST
On-Call Writer

Calvin's administration has decided to decrease the tuition rate for summer classes from around \$760 to \$495 per credit hour during the summer of 2018 as a pilot program. The potential for this to continue into the future will depend on the number of students who enroll this summer.

In the past few years, board of trustees have noticed that there has been a significant decrease in enrollment for summer class mainly because of the cost. That board of trustees from Calvin study these tuition rates and fees each year.

"We know that there are a lot of students who want to take summer school courses. They create more opportunities for our students," said Michael Stob, the dean of academic administration. "We wanted to make summer classes here a better option for the students by making the cost less."

The pilot program which looks to draw a larger enrollment from students as a result of the lowered price of tuition.

Stob commented that Calvin has competition for

summer tuition enrollment, such as local community colleges that offer lower prices for their summer courses. The administration responded to that price difference by trying to level the playing field through cheaper tuition rates.

The summer classes are not exclusively for Calvin students; the majority demographic has been those who have enrolled at Calvin in the past, according to Steenwyk, director of academic services and registrar. He also commented that within that larger body of enrollees there are a variety of different students who benefit from the classes in different ways.

"This is a way for students to complete classes outside of the school year and [it] helps them to stay on track for graduation," said Steenwyk. "It also allows students to catch up on classes for their program."

There are currently 36 undergrad classes besides physical education courses being offered for summer of 2018 providing students with a breadth of options.

"We need to experiment with this for a year," said Stob. "If this is successful at increasing enrollment, it's something that we'll probably continue to do in the future."

Business

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Currently, the business program at Calvin offers two majors: business and a bachelor of science in accountancy (BSA). The business major includes five concentrations: entrepreneurship, finance, human resources, marketing and operations. There are also two minors available in business and accounting and a master's program in accountancy. The offerings in accounting will be unaffected by the recent changes.

According to business professor Tom Betts, employers are looking for more depth in students' studies of analytics, data analysis, spreadsheets and oral and digital rhetoric. The new programs include several classes outside of the business department, drawing on strengths across the college in areas like the social sciences.

Business is one of Calvin's biggest departments, with an average of 163 graduates a year, counting affiliated programs such as sports management or graphic design, which include business studies in their requirements.

"The new business program offers students even more robust options with greater depth in specific areas of business. [They] are current, rigorous and enhance Calvin's strong business offering," said professor Leonard Van Drunen, chair of the business department.

According to Eliezer Yeong, a senior involved with the Calvin Center for Innovation in Business, the entrepreneurship minor will focus on succeeding in small business leadership through collecting information and being people-oriented. Yeong, who assisted business professor Peter Snyder in marketing the minor, said it was intended not just for business majors but for any artist, engineer or writer with an interest in creating their own enterprise.

"It's about trying to create a solution to a problem," said Yeong, who emphasized that the minor aligns well with Calvin's values of thinking deeply, acting justly and living wholeheartedly. Students will have the opportunity to develop their own business in a new class on social entrepreneurship.

The minor will be 21 credits, with a couple of interim options available that could lighten the course load from a regular semester. Entrepreneurship will give students background in areas such as communications, accounting and website design, with classes from a variety of departments in the college.

Yeong noted that many international students who had graduated from Calvin went back home and started something to answer needs that were present in their home countries. Other recent Calvin graduates with entrepreneurial ventures include Lance VanTine, who started a medical advocate service for senior citizens called Professional Experienced Assistants Caring for the Elderly (PEACE), and Ryan Roff, the creator of boldSOCKS, which partners with 20 Liters to deliver clean water to those in need.

"It's an opportunity to understand what you can do and what people can do," said Yeong. "Anyone can use this."

Rugby season ends, friendships last

BY ISABELLA EBBERT
Sports Editor

Though the season is wrapping up, that doesn't stop Calvin's women's rugby team from continuing their intensity until the very end.

Sophomore Wangeci Macharia, the team's social coordinator, who also plays "back field," reflected on how the season was winding down:

"The season is almost done, but since we need the field to play, and it's freezing outside, we are mostly conditioning and traveling to scrimmages right now."

The rugby season started in September and officially ends in May. From September to December, the team plays about a game each week, while the rest of the season they condition and will play unofficial games about every three weeks. Rugby is an extremely intense sport, and the girls are very open and accepting.

"We believe in the wholeness of rugby as a sport; we don't just take in people who have played before," Macharia explained. "At Cokes and Clubs we are always looking for new girls, some who have never even heard of it, to train them and play with them. It's not just a sports team, it's a social and team-building environment."

Macharia said the friendships are the best part of being on the team and that the girls hang out off the playing field a lot more than other teams.

Positions of leadership on the team come with many commitments, said junior Madison Kuipers, vice president and co-captain of the team.

"I assist with duties such as scheduling matches with other colleges, going to leadership events, writing workouts and practices every week and teaching new girls the rules and game of rugby," Kuipers said. She also makes posters for the team and posts on their social media platforms.

Kuipers agreed with Macharia in that her favorite part of being on the team has been the relationships she has formed.

"I've loved growing so close over the last three years with old and new girls and developing a family on campus," Kuipers said. "I didn't know rugby even existed before she attended Calvin."

"And now I'm on my way to play for the GR-area team over the summer!"

Kuipers said the team has improved this year.

"We have definitely become more focused. Our team struggled with leadership when I was a freshman, since all of the seniors had graduated without delegating responsibility to younger generations. We



PHOTO COURTESY CALVIN WOMEN'S RUGBY
The players on the rugby team enjoy the friendships they have built this year and are excited to continue the momentum next year.

have reinvented our goals and principles and have made a solid platform to build off of for the years to come."

While Kuipers is a Calvin rugby veteran, this is sophomore Maggie Hendricks' first season on the team. She explained how physically challenging the sport was for her in the beginning, especially considering she never played sports growing up.

"There's no pressure to be this incred-

ible person. Our captains are pretty much the most incredible women ever and never made me feel bad or weak when I couldn't do something or didn't understand a play." She explained that the team tries to push each other physically but always out of positive motivation.

Though the season is coming to a close, the relationships between the girls continue to grow.

Women's soccer coach replacement hired

BY ISABELLA EBBERT
Sports Editor

It's a season of change as Calvin hires a new head coach for the women's soccer team. Calvin alumna Emily Ottenhoff '10 will be taking over as head coach starting this coming fall. Ottenhoff has been coaching for seven years and is excited to be getting back to her roots.

"I'm a Knight for life," Ottenhoff said. "It's a good fit for me to be in a program I'm really passionate about and where I first started out. Hard to turn that down."

During her time at Calvin, she was a dedicated student athlete, playing three years of Calvin soccer and two years of basketball, graduating with a major in physical education and a minor in health education.

During her time as a fifth-year assistant coach at Calvin,

the women's soccer team won an MIAA Tournament title and made it to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the sixth year in a row. Ottenhoff is eager to start up again in a higher position.

The previous head coach, Mark Recker, left Calvin this spring after 17 years with the team.

Besides getting the chance to return to her alma mater, Ottenhoff is looking forward to get to know each of the players and lead them to success, individually as well as as a team.

"I'm most excited to get to know my student athletes," she said. "I'm excited to watch them grow and watch our team grow, seeing how far we can get and aim to reach."

Ottenhoff is eager to mold their identity as a team in the upcoming season. Kali Mouw, a Calvin junior and starting left-defender for the women's soccer team, shares her thoughts on the team and the new transition.

"We are looking forward to the new season with Coach Emily Ottenhoff leading us. She will be bringing fresh passion, excitement and knowledge that will carry us far, following in her example of success as a CWS [Calvin Women's Soccer] alum herself. We believe she will make a lot of changes that will take our program in a positive direction."

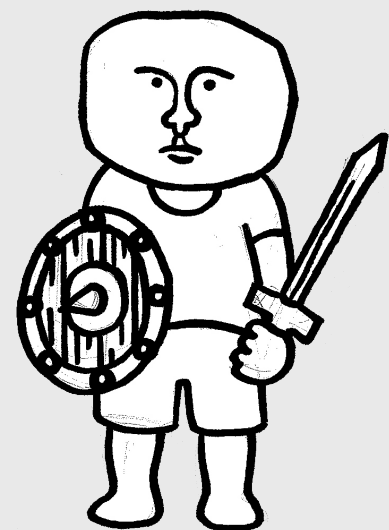
Mouw also adds that her love of the current team dynamic will strengthen and grow in the years to come, no matter the changes.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the chance to play one more year with these women. With all the changes coming, the core of CWS remains with these returning players. I've grown close with the team and it's just an awesome experience to be a part of and one that really can't be replicated after college."

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Calvin graduate Emily Ottenhoff will take her place as head coach of Calvin's women's soccer team in the fall of 2018.



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Nostalgia isn't always such a bad thing

'Ready Player One' review

BY BRANDON SCHREUR
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I've seen a lot of hate towards Steven Spielberg's newest film, "Ready Player One," in the last week. "It's nothing more than a bunch of forced references" and "It's just fan service! There's no story here!" are some of the more common complaints you'll come across.

Maybe there's an argument to be made in that. There's also an argument on the other side of that spectrum as well — which is the side I find myself falling on.

First, some clarification. "Ready Player One" is based on a novel written by Ernest Cline and released in 2011.

The story centers around the character of Wade Watts (Tye Sheridan). The year is 2045 and the world has completely fallen apart. Climate change, energy crises and pollution have made the planet practically uninhabitable. The only places where most people can afford to live now are in "the stacks," which are basically nothing more than a bunch of crammed mobile homes piled on top of each other.

Watts lives in one of these slums with his aunt and uncle in Columbus,

Ohio. His life, to put it simply, isn't great. Their family doesn't have much money and his uncle is somewhat of an abusive brute.

There is, however, the OASIS — a virtual reality world created by the late James Halliday (Mark Rylance). The OASIS is a place designed to give people an area to escape: you can do just about anything or be anyone that you want in it, since players have the opportunity to design their own custom avatar. That means you can go surfing alongside Batman or wage a war on an alien race with Laura Croft at your side.

While adventures like these are fun and all, Watts — or, as he's known as inside this world, Parzival — has a deeper reason for being here. He wants to one day rule the OASIS.

See, Halliday unexpectedly died five years ago, but right before his passing he made an announcement. Halliday had been working on a special quest inside the OASIS (think Anthony Hopkins in "Westworld"). Whoever wins it will be crowned king over the entire OASIS. All it takes to win is for a player to find the three separate Easter eggs, hidden somewhere in Halliday's world.

The only problem is that no one has been able to find a single one of the eggs since Halliday's death.

To make matters worse, Watts and the other "gunthers" (those who have dedicated their entire lives to Halliday's quest) are

running a separate group of people known as "sixers." These are nothing more than a bunch of corporate bought entities that are run by CEO Nolan Sorrento (Ben Mendelsohn), who wants to use the OASIS to sell ads.

It's all a great deal of excitement, as we see pop-culture characters from different properties collide together on the screen for the very first time (don't ask me how they got the rights to all this stuff; it must have been a nightmare).

That's also where the problems start to arise, as people are calling Spielberg out for basing his film entirely around fan service.

In that, there's no use in pretending this movie is perfect. The female protagonist, Art3mis (Olivia Cooke), isn't written in all that satisfying of a way, and the way Spielberg chooses to end is problematic at best.

However, there are also moments that I, personally, loved about this movie — and not just because I understood what they were referencing.

Spielberg is a certain kind of storyteller who knows how to create stories we're invested in, even when we shouldn't necessarily be. Yes, some of the story beats in "Ready Player One" are things we've seen before, but he finds a way to inject new life into them.

Much of that comes from the characters and the mystery they're surrounded in. Throughout the whole thing we're learning

more about James Halliday, how the OASIS consumed his life and some regrets he might have. Seeing this, we quickly realize Watts is heading down a similar path — which Art3mis later calls him out for. Spielberg cleverly unfolds all this with a wink of his eye, including an underlying commentary about things like net neutrality and studio conglomerations.

"This movie is going to show why it's interesting not living in the real world, but what we're missing by not," Spielberg said in an interview.

Of course, that can be easy to miss and requires the viewer to dive into the movie's subtext, but that doesn't mean it's not there.

"Ready Player One" also isn't fan service just for the sake of being fan service. The references themselves all fit into the context of the story — the best of which is in the very middle of the film. While it's fun to spot them, you can also watch "Ready Player One" without having seen a single one of the properties the film calls out and still have a perfectly enjoyable time.

So yes, "Ready Player One" isn't as important as something like "Black Panther" and does cater '80s nostalgia more often than not. Is that necessarily such a bad thing, though? Aren't the new "Star Wars" movies doing, like, exactly the same thing? And, if we're being honest, Spielberg has far more relevant things to say in "Ready Player One" than Gareth Edwards did in "Rogue One."



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Concealed

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Reverend Jim Hogg, pastor of Living Hope Community Church, stated that his church has not reached a conclusion on the matter. Like East Paris CRC, his church cannot afford hired security, so Living Hope would have to ask a congregant.

He estimated that roughly eight of his congregants have a concealed carry permit, but like DeVries, his lack of knowledge on their training makes him hesitant to ask them to protect the church. Had one of them been former police or military, he said he would strongly consider talking to them.

Living Hope Community Church has been debating this issue since the Colorado Springs church shooting in 2007. Hogg has a close friend who attended New Life Church, the church affected, at the time of the shooting. As a hunter and pastor to a congregation with many hunters, he sees the mass shooting problem as a moral issue instead of a gun issue and does not want the government to take away firearms.

However, Hogg supports tougher background checks and raising the legal age to own a gun. In this space of uncertainty and conflict, he stresses that the church should focus on Jesus Christ as its primary goal and unifier.

"We're not sure what to do but pray, preach and teach," Hogg said.

Pastor A, who interviewed with *Chimes* anonymously, serves a church that has three congregants who have permission to arm themselves at church. These three are part of a larger security team in the church, the rest are not armed. Pastor A's church is just under a thousand people.

In order to obtain permission, congregants must have a concealed carry permit from the state of Michigan and ask Pastor A for permission. According to Pastor A, all three congregants have military or police back-

grounds. When they do start carrying, they must do so discreetly to avoid making other congregants uncomfortable.

The church's staff, with input from the congregation, started implementing the plan several months ago. The staff member in charge of security was also present for the interview.

"We say before every meeting that we wish that we didn't have to do this," the security coordinator said. "But it's not enough to believe 'Not here, not us.' Time and time again, that isn't true."

Pastor A believes that the conversation about armed security is a necessary one that many churches naively avoid.

"This is the real world. Yes, [a church] is a house of worship, but there are also people that need to be protected and cared for, and we want to do that in the best way possible," Pastor A said.

The concealed carry policy is part of this church's broader theology of caring, which they show in their programs for the elderly and recovering addicts.

Pastor A stated that he understood if people felt uncomfortable about the security measures but that they are necessary. He compared it to locking the childcare facilities during service because of the presence of recovering drug addicts and returning civilians. According to Pastor A, although they may make people feel uncomfortable, these security measures are the best way to care for people by protecting them.

Pastor A echoed the thoughts of other pastors by resenting the contentious climate of the gun control debate, blaming both the far left and the far right.

These pastors face the future of church security with very different approaches, ranging from outright approval or outright opposition of armed protection. Although the majority of councils decided against weapons in their sanctuaries, they did so with varying degrees of certainty. Several still had no response. Easy answers evade churches, without any sign of becoming simpler.

African Student Association: Working toward a better future



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From left to right: Maxine Asante, Julliete Mpano, Ewurama Wilson, Sonny Kumi, Adeola Opawuyi and Alexandra Anaele are the members that make up ASA.

BY SONNY KUMI
Guest Writer

The African Students Association (ASA) at Calvin College was created in 2012. In a span of 5 years it has completely re-invented its vision, mission and purpose as a student organization to integrate more meaningful and impactful goals.

This path was set up by the 2016-2017 executive team, led by senior Chinelo Ezenwelu, in their launching of the first annual ASA Charity Banquet, themed “Goge Africa,” which means “Africa Unite.”

Not only was this banquet a success, it helped forge a new direction for this student organization as they aimed at extending their reach and impact outside the gates of Calvin and into the Grand Rapids refugee community.

“To be honest, it surpassed my expectations,” reflected Ezenwelu “Seeing a lot of people come out to support our cause made my team very grateful for the platform we had. I really did not think 150 people would attend our banquet.”

Ezenwelu explained how the idea of a charity banquet came about in the first place:

“Having been orphaned during the summer of 2016, I thought of an event for ASA to serve as a means of support for orphans in Africa who do not have the opportunity I have. But seeing as it would be risky to send in funds to orphanages outside the U.S., I ultimately decided to rather center on refugees in Michigan because in some way have they also been

orphaned from their cultures and the lifestyle they are accustomed to.”

On campus, ASA became known for their dance parties and the great food served at their events and, sadly, this has defined the organization. Most members would attend ASA events mainly for food and to engage in the communal atmosphere, which drove the team to spring into action to completely rethink the purpose of their events.

The executive team wanted their event attendants to leave with some sort of positive imprint on their minds, one which would encourage them to want to get involved in impacting their immediate environment in whatever possible way. This idea laid the foundation for the conception of a charity banquet.

To achieve the goals set for this charity banquet, the 2017-2018 executive team, led by junior Adeola Opawuyi, the president of ASA, is working with Bethany Christian Services to understand the ins and outs of refugee settlements, their needs, and in what ways they could offer their help.

Also, through Bethany, the ASA team was introduced to the Mukaratee family, who had moved to the U.S. just two months before ASA met them. They were not prepared whatsoever to face their first Michigan winter, and ASA saw an opportunity to step in and help.

Additionally, the eldest daughter in the family faced the challenge of continuing her education in a new country. ASA’s president decided to take her under her wing as a mentor, to help her get back into school through an English as a second

language (ESL) program, with the end goal of her obtaining a GED.

Opawuyi said, “Once it’s in my capability and power to offer help, there’s no need not to”.

One key principle that has always stood at the center of this organization is the prime notion that ASA events create a communal space for African students on Calvin’s campus and everyone who is open to learning about and integrating themselves into African culture.

ASA was conceived as an organization with the primary goal of creating a home away from home for African students at Calvin. Over the years, it became more geared towards creating a space where anyone can come to learn about African cultures and grow in their appreciation and acknowledgement for them.

This goes to say that ASA is not solely for African students, which is a major misconception plaguing the face of the organization. All their events are open to the entire Calvin community, with everyone standing to benefit from ASA in one way or another.

Sophomore and ASA executive

member, Maxine Asante, said, “My decision to join the ASA team was solely based on my desire to try and help make people understand that the organization is very much culturally diverse and accepting. Most people regard ASA as being only for Africans, but it really isn’t. ASA is for anyone who is interested in learning about different African cultures and traditions and want to engage with and in these cultures.”

Every year the executive team picks a theme for the banquet to embody their vision for the event, and this year’s theme was “Wakanda: Reimagining Africa’s Future.”

While the inspiration behind “Wakanda” may be obvious, the influence the fictional country is what will be touched upon at the Banquet this year.

The promise of a “Wakanda” serves as a template for which people can envision a continent taking advantage of its potential, prime in its riches and in all its glory, be built up to the standard it is worthy of. With this at the forefront, the banquet seeks to engage attendants in discussions

centered on how and in what ways they can get involved and help out with ASA’s cause.

Just as at last year’s Banquet, all the money made from ticket sales and donations go towards the helping of refugee families in Grand Rapids. This stands on the hope that more money is made this year, in order for at least more than one family to reap its benefits.

The future of ASA as a student organization may seem ambitious yet well-defined. With the banquet being annual, this has set a promising path to open many beneficial avenues for this organization to reach and impact more families in the immediate community.

They call upon every and anyone who wants to join their cause to attend their Banquet on April 14 with tickets being sold both online and at the Calvin Box Office. There is definitely way more that can be done, but also recognizing just how limiting being a student organization is is vital to understanding just how much ASA can stretch themselves into achieving what they are setting out to do.



PHOTO BY JULIET MPANO

ASA visited the Mukaratee family to take them household items and winter jackets. They discussed their transition to the United States, the support they’ve received from agencies in Grand Rapids and in what ways ASA could offer more help. ASA’s public relations officer, Juliet Mpano, is from Rwanda so she helped facilitate the conversation and translated during the visit.

IDS professor, colleagues awarded \$25,000 for international research



PHOTO BY JULIANA KNOT

Kuperus works on research for her project on youth involvement in Africa.

BY JULIANA KNOT
Religion Editor

The Global Religion Research Initiative from Notre Dame awarded international development professor Tracy Kuperus and colleague \$25,000 to study the effect of Christian institutions on the political involvement of African youth.

Kuperus and her five other colleagues came up with the idea roughly a year ago as a combination of their fields of study: African politics, Christianity and youth.

The study will be focused on 18-35 year olds in Tanzania, Ghana and Uganda.

Two scholars will be studying each country, pairing one scholar representing his or her

respective African country and an American scholar.

According to Kuperus, this is unique because American and European scholars have conducted most of the studies done on African politics.

She looks forward to having a partner familiar with the language, culture and people they are studying.

The study will do multi-method research, which means that the team will be conducting interviews with both ecumenical leaders and youth activists and focus groups with both religious and non-religious youth.

The team will divide the \$25,000 six ways for each member. Most of the money will go to transportation, food and lodging.

Kuperus is eager to study the church's impact on the political engagement of African youth because most similar studies focus on economic motivators, not religious ones.

Kuperus said.

Kuperus became interested in how Christian institutions affect democratization during the 1980s when apartheid was at its peak in South Africa.

As a Dutch Calvinist herself, she struggled to reconcile her identity with the injustices happening "at the hands of other Dutch Calvinists in South Africa who were part of a church that legitimated apartheid both biblically and theologically."

She also hopes to challenge the stereotype that young Africans are apathetic to their political situation.

The research she and her team have done so far has shown that their subjects are politically invested.

Kuperus also wants to emphasize that politics can be "a force for good in the world."

She said that it is easy to become cynical about politics but that it has created and continues to create positive results.

"Any effort that shows how political engagement can foster flourishing community is worth doing," she said.

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Additionally, she says that the study gives a different perspective on the role of the church.

"Not enough of [studying on the church's effect on politics] is done. We look at how the church affects us spiritually, which is good, but we also need to study how it impacts us politically,"

Read next week's *Chimes* for a special interfaith edition.

LDS members, Calvin students connect over pizza and conversation at interfaith dinner

BY JULIANA KNOT
Religion Editor

Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS) presented and answered questions about their faith over pizza as a part of an interfaith dialogue, hosted by the Kaufmann Institute.

Five Calvin students attended the dinner. Calvin Interfaith, a program of the Calvin Service-Learning Center, advertised the event to students.

The Kaufmann Institute, an interfaith organization of Grand Valley State University (GVSU), asked that groups limit their size in order to keep the event informal and conversational.

Around twenty people attending, represented a variety of religions, including Christianity, Islam, Mormonism and agnosticism.

The night started with pizza and informal conversation.

Then, GVSU engineering professor Dr. Blake Ashby explained some of the LDS Church's history and core beliefs in a brief presentation.

Afterwards, he and other members of the church, including two mission-



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The event took place at GVSU's Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, where the Kaufmann Institute's offices are located.

aries, fielded questions from the guests at the table.

Students asked questions on Mormon theology, church order, religious practices and the effect of media exposure on the LDS Church's visibility.

Members stressed the importance of the family and joy in the Mormon tradition.

They also gave free copies of the Book of Mormon to the students and staff who attended.

Manato Jansen, Calvin's Interfaith intern, expressed how the event humanized a group that he feels is often scrutinized.

"I thought I knew those misconception [about Mormons] weren't true, but when you're only fed negative stereotype, it fuels negative emotions," Jansen said. "Tonight let me see how wrong they were."

Jansen had never met a Mormon in person before.

Several of the other Calvin students echoed that statement and said that they enjoyed the opportunity to listen to another religious perspective.

Students bonded with members of the LDS Church by talking about their shared interest in Japanese language and culture, shared love of Chicago pizza and shared dislike of early morning classes.

Roxanne Dragovich, a

Mormon who teaches theology and church history to LDS high schoolers, noted that interfaith events were an opportunity not only to learn more about other religions but also improve the community.

"When [various religions] come together, there's strength, and we can build each other up and support our community," Dragovich said.

CS clubs to cook up Raspberry Pis in upcoming tutorial event

BY DAVID FITCH
Sci-Tech Editor

Next Wednesday, two Calvin computer science clubs will put on their second Raspberry Pi workshop. It will feature a tutorial on building a device capable of object detection using the credit card-sized, all in-one computers that have seen huge application in education and industry, being used for everything from mini-supercomputers to a device that can monitor aquarium conditions.

Last semester, these two clubs, Abstraction and Women in Computing, put on a similar, well received event. It featured a tutorial on making a photo booth-like application using the tiny computer. For the upcoming event, Jesse Kuntz, president of Abstraction, will lead participants in creating a device that can detect visual changes. Kuntz says that the device will use a tiny camera to capture successive images of an area, compare the images and determine movement and change. "Machine vision" like this is currently a booming field for its applications in self-driving cars.

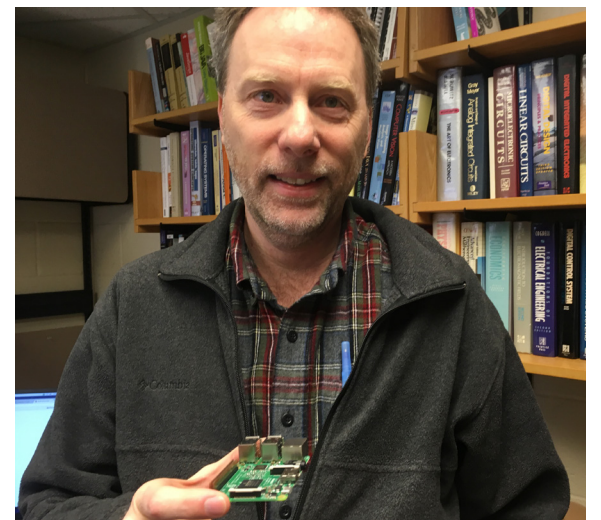
Raspberry Pis have been receiving increased attention in recent years for the ways in which such single-board computers open up the world of computing to amateurs and tinkerers. Computer science professor Derek Schuurman says that the devices harken back to the early days of computing when hobbyists like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates built machines in their garage and "hacking" was not a negative term.

The tiny computers look like a circuit board you might find in any larger-scale computer, with a green silicon board, complete with small soldered connections and processors. Pis also feature ethernet connections, allowing networking and internet capabilities, USB ports for connections to keyboards and mice and an HDMI port for connection with a monitor.

Professor Joel Adams has helped to facilitate collaboration between researchers who use networked pis to create supercomputers. Adams says that the low power requirements and low heat output of the machines make them ideal.

One early supercomputer made from pis was housed in a casing built from Lego by researcher University of Southampton Simon Cox with the help of his young son.

Schuurman has incorporated pis into much of his work, including working with students to set up computer labs in Christian schools in Nicaragua and



Professor Derek Schuurman says that Raspberry Pis would have been "an attractive platform" for use in his PhD research in 2002-2003.

other developing countries in Central America and West Africa.

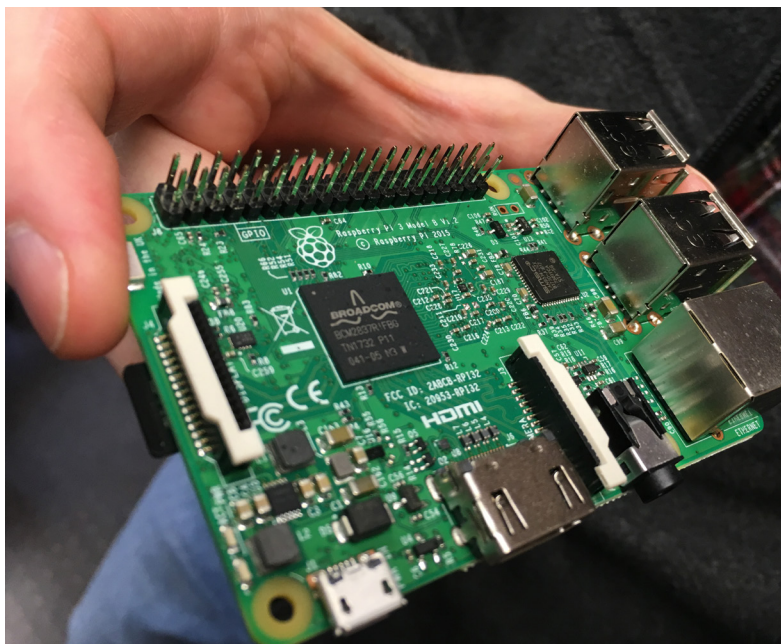
Schuurman says that these schools previously used bulky, "cast-off" desktops which were very expensive to ship and often became corrupted with viruses. Pis, however, require much less power than these units and can be purchased for a fraction of the price (the latest unit costs \$35). In addition, because they use a Linux operating system, they are less susceptible to viruses. Schuurman says that he is able to pack a briefcase with dozens of the devices.

Kuntz says that pis inspired him to tackle multiple projects and changed his career direction. He says that his first project kit allowed him to build a programmable grid of LED lights.

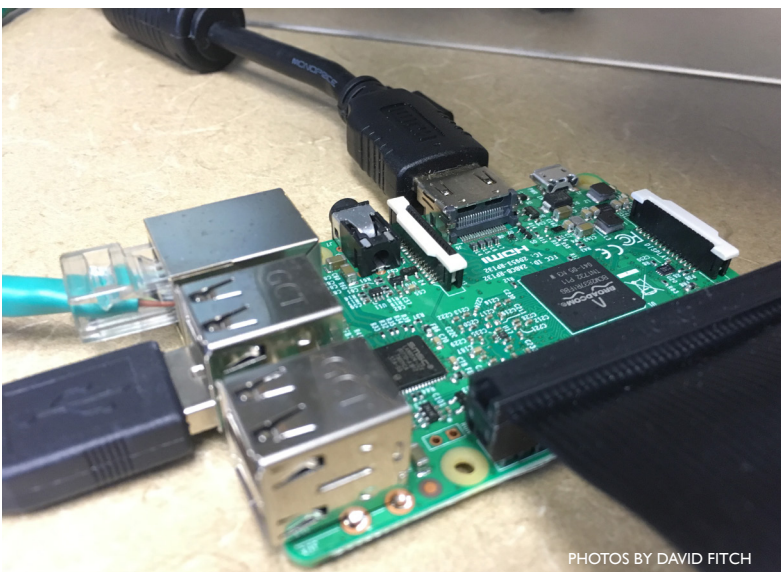
And they inspired him to tackle other projects such as a video game console and controller that run off of a pi.

Schuurman will lead a group of Calvin students back to Nicaragua to help build computer labs using the pi as part of a 2019 class titled "Faith and Computer Education in Nicaragua."

The Raspberry Pi workshop will take place April 11 in SB 372. Students can sign up at rpishop.eventbrite.com.



Professor Joel Adams says with Raspberry Pis and other such single-board computers, "a lot of things become possible that weren't."



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For more about the Raspberry Pi Foundation, visit www.raspberrypi.org/about/

For more about professor Schuurman's work with the pi, visit <https://goo.gl/6ZEgWs>

BioLife

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According to BioLife, the plasmapheresis process takes 20-40 minutes longer than a blood donation because of the separation; however, because the cellular components are returned, donors can donate twice a week.

Though the experience is benign for some students, for others, it can be stressful.

"I hate donating," said first-year student Austin Kanis. "My first time consisted of sheer terror and I feel anxious and uneasy every time I donate now."

For junior Nathan Fitch, the process can be sometimes be nauseating.

"This is probably due to all the blood around," he said. "You can see other people's blood in the clear tubes that they use in the machines. Sometimes seeing that

gets to me."

But despite the discomfort, many students find the process worth the money.

BioLife pays donors \$20 the first time they go during a week and \$50 for the second. They also offer promotions: donors who give eight times in a month get an extra \$50 and first time donors receive \$50 instead of \$20 their first few donations.

All of the money the donor earns is deposited onto a BioLife debit card, which can be spent at the donors' convenience.

For some students though, the payment presents an ethical quandary. Senior Drew Folkerts said donating for pay left him with feelings of guilt. But when donating without payment for Michigan Blood, Folkerts says he felt better.

"I am still a little confused as to why I felt guilty," he said.



At BioLife, at the corner of East Paris Ave. and Sparks Drive in Grand Rapids, less than a liter of plasma and an hour and a half can earn students \$20-50. Bottom left: Bandages can be seen on students who have donated plasma at BioLife.



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Opinion: Structural failure in engineering department

BY BENJAMIN FEIKEMA
Guest Writer

I've been interested in science and technology for as long as I can remember, and I've been asking what that means for a Christian for just as long. For years I was taught that we can know God by his revelation through creation, and I wondered what this world told us about God. Easy answers like "God is big and creative" left me wanting.

I think a more fruitful line of questioning is to consider our *imago dei*, our image-bearing-ness of God. What does this image-laden-ness say about us, and what does it say about God? I can know love when I experience it because God made me, and God is just.

We know someone not just by what they say and do, but also by what they make. We know what God values because the things and people he's made represent and embody those values. Barring sin, of course, we couldn't be anything that God isn't because one can't create what one doesn't value. We are, as the terminology goes, value-laden.

Just as God cannot make something that he doesn't value, neither can we. This is as clear to see in music written by the lonely for the sake of love or the disenfranchised for the sake of revolution as it is in engineering for the sake of solutions. Steve Jobs clearly valued immediate communication and access to information, albeit of a certain limited type, when he envisioned the iPhone.

To say that the things we make do not bear our image, that technology is merely an amoral tool whose social impact is determined exclusively by the user, is to condemn ourselves to an understanding of technology such that only the users of iPhones are to both thank and blame for the benefits and ills of smartphones. Furthermore, it is to deny that God's creation can bear any mark of who God is or what God values. When put in language like this, it is clear that users are not the only party responsible for the implications of technology.

Technology is becoming the dominant medium through which we interact with our world, and we're only going to become increasingly intertwined with technologies like artificial intelligence and virtual reality. It's easier to see that our capabilities are extended by the internet and our phone further than they were by the telegraph.

Since our technology is becoming a bigger part of who we are, and it bears the image of those who make it, we technologists should have a sturdy education on how technology shapes the societies in which it is employed. Christian engineers should have a biblical vision for what role technology can and should have in the world.

In the engineering program, questions about goodness are

answered through the design norms, seven guiding principles for the Christian development of technology. These norms, these distinguishing features of a Calvin engineering education, are presented once briefly during freshman year and twice during senior year. They are presented as if they are tedious government regulations to be worked around and check-boxed upon completion of a design, not foundational principles in identifying problems and conceptualizing solutions. When design norms conflict or it's difficult to identify possible ramifications, the advice is not to dig deeper or ask others, but to "let go and let God."

Supposedly, Calvin's approach is to dig deeper when faced with a vexing problem, not to throw up one's hands in ignorance. The broad education afforded by the liberal arts traditional guards us technologists from, as one professor put it, not being able to think about something we can't think about. Unfortunately, the liberal arts are undervalued at Calvin as a whole, and in the engineering curriculum specifically, at the moment in history when they should be valued the most.

I argue that now, more than ever, engineers have the responsibility to understand how technology challenges what it means to be human, that is, they need to study philosophy; we need social science to understand how technology forms the cultures and minds that use it, history for how technology has influenced humanity's progress through time, language to know how to articulate the benefits and dangers of technology, art to understand and create beauty and theology to know the meaning behind our drive to create. Calvin College of all institutions has the obligation to lead the way in training technologists whose competencies are as broad as they are deep.

I am deeply worried that Calvin is not fulfilling its mission, that Calvin's engineering education is not meaningfully different from one at any other institution. Some have countered that these topics are covered within our engineering classes. I can say from experience that, generally, they're not. Others insist that the paltry core curriculum for engineering students is sufficient. When professors advise students to "get [core classes] out of the way" and they treat other classwork as an infringement on their right to your time, this can't be the case either.

If Calvin judges its engineering program solely on professional licensing exam pass rates and the program's similarity to public universities' engineering programs as it does now, it has failed in its stated mission to understand "the role of technology in society." These should not be the final goals of the engineering program but the very bottom line of what constitutes a successful Christian engineering curriculum.

Campus Safety Report

Campus safety took a report of a larceny of a skateboard from the lobby of Noordewier-Vander-Werp residence hall lobby. The skateboard was left in the lobby during the break and was taken sometime between March 15 and March 26.

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The campus safety department took a report of a larceny of parts from a motor vehicle. A staff member reported one of the wiper blades from their car was stolen while it was parked in lot 2.

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by Linda Thistle

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