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## Calvin takes steps toward carbon neutrality by 2057

BY JOAN NAKAKANDA  
Guest Writer

Through initiatives led by Calvin faculty, students and the Calvin Energy Recovery Fund, plans are in process for the institution to reach carbon neutrality within 40 years. As of last year, Calvin College has committed to one of the three Second Nature Climate Commitments for Climate Change, joining a carbon-neutral movement on college and university campuses across North America. The commit-

ment, signed by President Le Roy, marks the challenge to become carbon neutral by 2057.

The United States is the second highest emitter of CO<sub>2</sub> in the world. As of 2015, Calvin's campus emitted 26,675 MTCE (Metric Tons Carbon Equivalent). But Calvin also soaks up carbon — a process called sequestration — mostly from the trees maintained on our campus and at our preserves — Camp Waltman Lake, Flat Iron Lake and the Ecosystem Preserve.

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## “Commons Union” project architects consult with students for design

BY SAM BALLAST  
Staff Report

Centerbrook Architects is taking on the design and construction of a new campus union space, as envisioned in Calvin's 2015 Master Plan.

In an email to all students, vice president for student life Sarah Visser wrote, “we envision this new building as the “living room” of Calvin's campus... we intend for the building to provide space for student programming, small spaces for studying and community connection (i.e.- “sticky spaces”), large meeting areas, and innovative concept dining. Additionally, the new building will allow

people to enter from several sides and will extend a welcoming presence.

Visser's email also mentioned, “we are in the early planning stages and project completion is likely several years away.”

A design team from Centerbrook Architects was in Johnny's from Monday to Wednesday the week of 15th engaging with students and receiving feedback from the Calvin student body about the current spaces on campus.

Jim Sukenik, a member of the team of architects from Centerbrook, commented on the vision and development of the project.

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## AHANA retention increases at Calvin

BY ANNETTE ESPINOZA  
Campus Co-editor

The first-to-second-year retention rate for Asian, Hispanic/Latino, African and Native American (AHANA) students at Calvin has been increasing over the last few years. Todd Dornbos, director of retention, explained that over the past three years, Calvin's AHANA retention rate has gone up from 74.4 percent to 85.5 percent, nearly matching the college's overall retention rate of 86.5 percent.

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## Local bishop discusses martyred saint

BY JOSHUA POLANSKI  
Religion Editor

The assassinated Archbishop Oscar Romero became Saint Oscar Romero on Oct. 14. Most Rev. Bishop David J. Walkowiak of the Diocese of Grand Rapids spoke about the life, martyrdom, and significance of Romero's canonization as a saint.

Romero was Archbishop of San Salvador from 1977 to 1980, when he was killed by a right wing death squad under the command of the politician Roberto D'Aubuisson. His tenure was during an El Salvadoran civil war that would eventually claim about 75,000 lives; the wealthy tried to maintain their social advantage and disdained those who tried to vindicate the rights of the poor.

The newly-canonized saint advocated for liberation theology, which according to Walkowiak seeks “to vindicate the rights of the poor and lift them up as God's most beloved.” He continued, “it wasn't Marxist-tinged liberation theology ... but the liberation theology of Paul VI.”

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## Restorative Justice Conference continues conversation about justice practices

MICHELLE MERRITT  
Staff Reporter

People from all over the country gathered at Calvin to discuss the state of our justice system at the Second Annual West Michigan Restorative Justice Conference on Saturday, October 13. Organized by students in the Calvin Prison Initiative program, this year's conference focused around the theme "Hope, Healing, and Radical Reconciliation." With a combination of booth-style presentations by local projects and a rich variety of speakers, the conference was able to tackle the issue of restorative justice from many sides. But what should it look like?

"We have understood punitiveness as justice," Reverend Dominique Gilliard contended during the morning session. In essence, restorative justice is all about changing that.

"It's not about a crime or an issue. It's about people and restoring relationships," explained Father David Kelly, founder and executive director of the Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation.

Throughout the conference, restorative justice was discussed philosophically, politically, socially and personally.

"People are finally figuring out that we need to look at crimes as problems that need solutions," State Representative David LaGrand pointed out in his address. "Criminal justice is

the one field where we don't do outcome testing."

The conversation about restorative justice is significant at Calvin because of the Calvin Prison Initiative, which is a degree program that works with inmates at the R.A. Handlon Correctional Facility in Ionia to train them as mentors for their fellow inmates. Throughout the conference, the Handlon students introduced each speaker via video.

Tina Murua, facilitator and trainer at the Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) of West Michigan, expressed that the students' involvement was especially meaningful. "It puts a face on [them]," she said. "That's what it's all about — allowing the humanity of everyone to be recognized."

The introductions, along with prayers and a video performance by the Handlon students' gospel choir, solidified their presence throughout the conference.

"One thing you did today is you got closer to people that are in prison," LaGrand remarked. From the reaction of the audience, it would seem that everyone felt that connection.

While the concept of restorative justice is closely tied to the prison and justice systems, it also has far broader implications.

"Restorative justice is relevant whenever someone has wronged another person," pointed out Yale Divinity School professor Nicholas Wolterstorff.

2nd Annual West Michigan RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CONFERENCE



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Murua is just one example of the many applications. Her work with the DRC is based in Grand Rapids area schools and deals with resolving student discipline in restorative ways. "Restoration is not something that we do, it's something that we are," she explained.

Restorative justice is also relevant from a community standpoint. One of the many tables at the conference was run by a team of Calvin students presenting their work on the Returning Citizens Services (RCS) Map, which documents and locates various services for former prisoners that are integrating back into their communities. Calvin senior and political science student Annalane Miller described it as a "practical way of bringing justice to convicts by addressing systemic issues." She explained that while there are many re-

sources for returning citizens, the information is often difficult to work with. Her hope is that the map will make those resources more accessible for people returning from incarceration.

While the conference was certainly both informational and hopeful, the true impact will only be seen going forward.

"[I'm afraid it's like] preaching to the choir," Murua remarked. Even though it was well attended, the future of restorative justice is dependent on the involvement of more people and the proliferation of restorative practices.

"As a church, we've got to be about living out restorative justice in a real way," Father Kelly stressed in his presentation. According to all of this weekend's speakers, in order for our systems' practices to change, all of society is going to have to be involved in the conversation.

### ► Carbon

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As of 2018, Calvin has been able to sequester approximately 10 percent of the amount we need to take out of the atmosphere to balance the amount of carbon emitted and the amount soaked out (known as equal point). These unbalanced numbers raise inevitable questions about whether Calvin can become carbon neutral by 2057, but steps are being taken to work towards this goal.

Calvin's acceptance of climate change as a reality that requires that action was the first step undertaken to address carbon neutrality. Biology professor Dave Warners believes that signing the commitment not only served as an example of institutional creation care but also served as a broader encouragement to our community to advocate for creation as God intended.

Warners emphasized that climate change is real, and that it needs to be addressed before it goes haywire. In order to reach the carbon-neutral goal, there needs to be a shift from consuming carbon-based fuels to using renewable energy sources that are more environmentally friendly. Carbon based fuel like coal produce 650–950 grams of carbon compared to solar energy, which emits only 40 grams. Calvin is planning to use renewable sources of energy, especially solar energy. The Calvin Energy Recovery plant plans on the installation of solar panels in the near future. Not only will it reduce the amount of carbon emitted, it will also save the college money in the long term.

Warners further explained the need to raise awareness around campus about carbon emission and sequestration, and how that impacts the environment, which includes other people in other places. Warners has been able to raise awareness about individual carbon emissions in his Biology 123 class, where students are assigned to calculate their personal carbon footprint.

"There are carbon footprint websites that everyone can use to find out how much carbon they emit," said Warners. He further emphasized the need to mind the foods we eat and the carbon footprints left by their production. By eating locally grown foods, we can avoid depending on vehicles to ship the food long distances and thereby reduce the carbon cost of our diets.

According to the Summary of Calvin College Carbon Balance Budget, developed by economics professor Becky Haney and physical plant directors Jack Phillips and Russell Bray, Calvin's carbon emission has been decreasing over the past few years. Calvin has achieved this decrease through the maintenance of the trees on campus and at

| YEAR | CARBON EMISSION (MTCE) |
|------|------------------------|
| 2009 | 29,616                 |
| 2010 | 28,974                 |
| 2011 | 28,915                 |
| 2012 | 28,151                 |
| 2013 | 28,149                 |
| 2014 | 26,792                 |
| 2015 | 26,675                 |

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**Table: Calvin's annual carbon emissions from 2009–2015 show a decrease every year since 2009.**

Camp Waltman Lake, and replacing incandescent bulbs with LED (light emitting diodes) as the primary source of lighting.

LEDs have a smaller carbon footprint and only consume a small fraction of energy compared to incandescent bulbs. Installation of LEDs reduces carbon footprint by soaking six tons of carbon per year. Phillips listed different areas where LED lights have been installed on campus including street lights, building lighting, sports lighting and soon, dorm lights as well.

Further, the Calvin physical plant have replaced boilers with higher efficiency boilers. High efficiency boilers save electricity which reduces carbon emission. These boilers are also used differently during cold and warm weather.

The physical plant has also reduced airflow in some areas to save HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) energy, thereby reducing the amount of electricity used.

An important approach in Calvin's journey to becoming carbon neutral is continuing to take good care of natural areas and even working to increase the number of trees and natural habitats on Calvin property. Camp Waltman Lake is a case in point — at 320 acres, it contributes to the highest percentage of carbon sequestration of any of Calvin's land holdings. Therefore, from a carbon perspective alone, it makes sense for Calvin to maintain and conserve this piece of land.

# Handling of sexual misconduct strives to balance safety, support with conduct code



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ANNETTE ESPINOZA  
Campus Co-editor

The office of student conduct sat down with *Chimes* to discuss discipline policies at Calvin with regard to sexual misconduct.

“We are guided by the mission of Calvin. We are a Christian community, an educational community. We respond to everything with grace and truth,” said Jane Hendriksma, the dean of student conduct.

The student code of conduct, which can be found online, states: “In the area of sexuality, Calvin College expects students to follow biblical guidelines for intimacy and for sexual relationships. The student conduct code prohibits sex outside of marriage, casual sexual encounters, cohabitation, involvement with pornography, and internet cybersex.”

When a report is made about a violation of the sexual ethics

outlined in the student conduct code, explained Hendriksma, the students involved are invited to speak to staff in the office of student conduct to explain and discuss the situation. From this conversation, the office proceeds to discuss how to best support the students involved with grace and truth as well as learning and growing.

In cases of sexual assault, the office of student conduct invites students to visit their office and express their concerns by talking to their staff members, who are trained to support students with such concerns. Hendriksma expressed that “the immediate concerns would be for safety and support.”

The office of student conduct starts an investigation whenever a concern is raised. Hendriksma emphasized that the office gives students the choice about how they wish to proceed in the case of sexual assault: options include presenting formal

charges or getting a no-contact order. A “no-contact rule” is an administrative directive issued to the student and to the other party. It is not a conduct action that goes on a student’s record unless the restraint is violated, but it does allow space between the involved parties while the office conducts an investigation.

According to Hendriksma, the office of student conduct stands by their students by handling cases of sexual misconduct seriously and carefully. Sometimes students who raise concerns may not want to make a formal report or take legal action; however, Hendriksma maintains an open door policy, meaning that if students change their mind about taking action, she is there to support them and present them with options.

Hendriksma emphasized that safety and support of students are a priority, and that in handling cases of sexual misconduct, the staff aims for grace and truth.



PHOTO COURTESY MSDO

## Film and conversation for UnLearn Week offers hope for multicultural worship

ANU TEODORESCU  
Guest Writer

On Thursday, October 12, David Bailey, founder of Urban Doxology and executive director of Arrabon, was invited to Calvin’s campus for UnLearn week to present his documentary “11 A.M.: Hope for America’s Most Segregated Hour.” Discussions of racial reconciliation have fallen by the wayside in the last few years. However, Bailey believes the issue of reconciliation is as important as ever. Both of his organizations work to engage the public in culturally-challenging conversations.

A documentary inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.’s idea that 11 a.m. on a Sunday morning is one of Christian America’s most segregated hours, “11 A.M.” follows the lives of worship interns at the Urban Doxology Songwriting Internship. A ministry created by Bailey to write “the soundtrack of reconciliation” in the gentrifying neighborhood of Church Hill, Richmond, Va., Urban Doxology addresses the need for worship music that caters to the context of a racially tense neighborhood.

During the internship, interns work to develop music that catalyzes healing across races by bridging the ethnic, racial and cultural gaps found in church pews. The experience takes each intern — all from different colors, backgrounds, and music styles — and transforms them into leaders, empowered with the love of Christ to lead the way toward reconciliation.

“If we want to see something tomorrow, we have to create new culture today,” Bailey states, emphasizing the need for culturally competent leaders and a collective recognition of our nation’s past. “We’re here today because of what happened yesterday; if we don’t learn about what happened yesterday, we’re destined to repeat it. It does something to our collective memories when we try to forget the things that make us feel bad.”

The documentary, hosted by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and sponsored by the Multicultural Student Development Office (MSDO), was shown in the seminary chapel. Assistant Dean of the Multicultural Student Development Office (MSDO), Khayree Williams, explained the importance of UnLearn Week and events like this one for the Calvin community. “We want to provide opportunities for our students to engage in conversations like this. Our goal is that when you walk across the stage at graduation, you know how to interact with all kinds of people.”

According to Bailey, although conversations about gun violence, Black Lives Matter, and segregated Sunday mornings, are difficult, they are necessary and that’s all the more reason to continue forward.

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“The greatest outcomes are where you have a student-focused process that works to understand the campus community — what’s special about Calvin, what makes each student’s experience at Calvin rich — and what you’re trying to do is create a building that amplifies that, that actually makes the things that you like about Calvin feel even better.”

Mark Harter, another member on the Centerbrook team, said that they have gotten significant feedback from students, staff and faculty through their pop-up table in Johnny’s, as well as a workshop with fifty students, faculty, administrators and alumni, and meetings with focus groups.

“We’re doing our homework. We’re learning from everybody,” said Jim Childress, third member of the team. “That’s why we’re here getting input — trying to get people a way to give us that input through the survey or how they travel through the campus or the spaces they like.”

Students expressed their desire for more natural light, a space made for simultaneous studying and socializing and having more outdoor views from inside buildings.

The conceptual design, as part of the workshops, will be completed in January. After that, with fundraising, there will be one year of designing followed by two years of construction.

The original idea, which was proposed by the Board of Trustees, was to tear down the Commons building completely and have a new, separate building next to the Covenant Fine Arts Center. However, Childress commented that the design team proposed that they rethink that approach.

“We don’t know yet, we haven’t made that decision yet. We’re all going to think about it together, but we’ve all said ‘No, let’s keep our options open and see what’s the best thing to do.’”

Harter commented on the impact this new student center or union will have on the Calvin community in the future.

“I think it’s about having variety in the spaces within the student center that allow every student, every staff member, every visitor to find places that are special to them,” said Harter. “If you want to be in a large group area, there’s a large group area. If you want to be in a knit space to hang out with your friends, those spaces exist. If you want a bright space to study, that space is provided.”

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When asked about how the college is supporting the AHANA community, Dornbos said, “The faculty and administration care deeply about the learning and success of students AHANA students.” He added that the Intercultural Student Development Team has worked to foster a “safe, supportive, and hospitable environment at Calvin.”

Dornbos credits the Multicultural Student Development Office (MSDO) for sharing their knowledge in order to help increase support for AHANA students. Efforts in communication across departments have boosted efforts to help AHANA students sort through academic, financial and social challenges they may face at Calvin.

Calvin’s website for MSDO states, “The Multicultural Student Development Office (MSDO) exists to create a campus community where all students feel a sense of belonging through support service, multicultural programming and anti-racism education.”

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Throughout their college education, the Intercultural Student Development Office, MSDO and Calvin as a whole hope to support AHANA students from admission to graduation.

Regarding the future of AHANA student retention, Dornbos said, “Our goals for AHANA students will continue to develop from what is learned each year, but more importantly by listening intently to the suggestions and ideas we receive from students.”

**MULTICULTURAL Student Development Office**

**Assistant Dean of Multicultural Student Development**  
Provides leadership, direction and assessment for MSDO's programmatic efforts that impact the Calvin community and Ahane Population.

**Program Coordinator Multicultural Student Development**  
Provides mentorship, coordination and facilitation of MSDO's programmatic initiatives.

**LEADERSHIP GROUPS**

- Mentoring & Mentees**  
The office of Multicultural Student Development (MSDO) Mentor & Mentees program is designed to support the success of MSDO through peer-mentoring of first-year Ahane students in the transition into college.
- Student Ambassadors**  
The office of Multicultural Student Development (MSDO) Ambassadors strategically plan and support first-year Ahane students' academic, social, and financial adjustment while attending Calvin. These groups meet weekly a few times a month near dinner or by attending various events.
- MSAB**  
The Multicultural Student Advisory Board  
A diverse group of students committed to supporting the Multicultural Student Development Office's mission and vision by providing feedback and input on the development of campus programs.
- AAAB**  
Support group for Native American students and those that identify with that experience.
- Asian American Affinity Group**  
Support group for Asian American students and those that identify with that experience.
- BLEND**  
Fellowship group for bisexual and multi-gender students and those that identify with that experience.
- Affinity Groups**  
These Fellowship groups meet to network and share ideas on how to maximize their academic, social, and financial potential while attending Calvin. These groups meet weekly a few times a month near dinner or by attending various events.
- My Brother's Keeper**  
Fellowship group for men of color and men that identify with that experience.
- Pluribus**  
Fellowship group for Hispanic/Latino students and those that identify with that experience.
- Slaves to Slaves**  
Fellowship group for African American women and women that identify with that experience.

Calvin College Multicultural Student Development Office

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## Wild and Scenic Film Festival showcased humanity's ties with nature



PHOTO COURTESY CALVIN COLLEGE

BY GARRETT STRPKO  
Staff Writer

Calvin College continued a commitment to the integration of environmental sustainability and the arts with the Wild and Scenic Film Festival on Saturday. The festival was brought to Calvin as part of a collaboration of the Student Activities Office (SAO) and the Environmental Studies Department.

According to Student Activities Director Ken Heffner, the origins of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival lie in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, passed by U.S. Congress in 1968 and currently celebrating its 50th anniversary. The goal of the act was to aid in the preservation of the country's extensive river systems, and the act was in some ways a precursor to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency. Heffner first heard of the festival through his wife Gail Gunst Heffner, director of community engagement at Calvin. She is involved in the Plaster Creek Stewards program, a local river sustainability organization with significant ties to the college. Upon seeing a demon-

stration of the festival at a conference the Plaster Creek Stewards were involved in, Heffner promptly reached out to professor James Skillen of the geology, geography and environmental studies departments, with whom SAO has partnered for the Banff Mountain Film Festival (BANFF) for a number of years. BANFF, a popular outdoor documentary festival out of Alberta, Canada, stops at Calvin every spring and has drawn increasing viewers from the greater Grand Rapids area every year. Heffner described BANFF as "the outdoor film version of Sundance." Seeking to further the relationship between sustainability and the arts at Calvin, Heffner felt adding another festival in the fall semester would be beneficial for both.

What is unique about Wild and Scenic is that whereas BANFF is a "real white-knuckles, cliff-hanger — crazy stuff people do outdoors. This one's got some of that feel, too... [but] there's a little bit of an activist angle which you don't see as much of in the Banff Film Festival," said Heffner.

The films ranged in length and content, anywhere from three to 25 minutes long, and covered a host of topics all involved in outdoor adventuring and environmental sustainability. Using the unique power of cinema, many of the films not only emphasized the overwhelming beauty and grandeur of nature, but made their points by highlighting the connection between nature and humanity to elevate persons' connection with their environment.

A longer version of this article is online at [calvinchimes.org](http://calvinchimes.org)

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## Review: First Man highlights human vict not national achievement



JOSHUA POLANSKI  
Religion Editor

First Man, Damien Chazelle's third film, is the movie that our polarized country needs. With its thoroughly humanist perspective, it unites rather than divides. It also happens to be the first time Neil Armstrong's story, portrayed by Ryan Gosling, has been put to the big screen. The plot is quite simple: as history knows, Neil Armstrong is the first man to step on the moon. But first, he travels a series of emotional tests, the rigor of NASA, multiple life threatening situations and the drama of his troubled family.

Throughout Armstrong's story, Chazelle, the film's director, constantly criticizes those who doubted the protagonist's mission. We are shown Kurt Vonnegut's concerns with governmental spending, congressmen who think it's a waste of taxpayer dollars, protestors who hate NASA and wives who just don't understand.

The Armstrong of this film embodies humanism. We all have famil-

ial and career stress; the bulk of this movie is dedicated to Armstrong's personal stresses. We all deal with the deaths of those close to us at some point or another; Armstrong does this several times. Eventually, we all will have to come to terms with our own mortality; Armstrong tells his children he may not return.

Many conservatives boycotted First Man because they heard Chazelle decided not to include the staking of the flag onto the surface. This hubbub is feeble; sure, it doesn't show Armstrong planting the flag onto the Moon, but it's still a mildly patriotic movie: there are one-punchliners that dog on the Soviets and JFK voice-overs. What an irony. This is a conservative movie in a weird, healthy sort of way and boycotting it over a flag is a dumb excuse to miss out on one of the best movies of the year.

But yes — it's important that this Armstrong didn't drive the stripes through the lunar surface because it would have been out of place. It would have been a nationalistic twist on a character who embodies all of humanity. America wasn't Chazelle's focus: all of humanity was changed, not just the red, white and blue.

Chazelle's Armstrong isn't an American hero — he is a human hero.

In one scene, Armstrong isn't merely a hero, but a soldier. The film contrasts liberal Vietnam protestors who refused to die for their country with Armstrong, who is in the midst of mourning his martyred astronaut friends. The movie tells us that there are two types of men: those who will die for their country and those who won't. Our protagonist is the former.

This theme, again, attacks those who doubted the mission, but more importantly, it normalizes the troubles of Armstrong. Not everyone goes to Vietnam, but all will return death's call; through this normalizing of the heroic, we all relate.

First Man released on Oct. 12.

## Calvin Geo course offers research opportunity to first-year students



PHOTO BY KATHERINE BENEDICT

Geo students surveying in the field

KATHERINE BENEDICT  
Guest Writer

The Calvin College department of geology, geography, and environmental studies offers first-year students a unique research opportunity through the course First Year Research in Earth Sciences: Dunes, better known by the abbreviation FYRES. The five-credit course is offered every fall and consists of a classroom experience and a lab at the Lake Michigan dunes every Thursday. This course is unusual because it offers an opportunity for freshman to conduct actual scientific research.

There are many reasons why this course is popular among students. Freshman April Volzer, a current FYRES student, talked about how much she enjoys getting to go out to the dunes every week. Speaking about what parts of her research she enjoys, Volzer said, "My favorite part of the research was being on the wind data team. The field work was fun and I liked how it was real research, not just

theoretical studying." While many of the students in FYRES plan to major in the science field, FYRES is also a valuable experience for non-science majors.

This year's cohort consisted of majors as diverse as political science, computer science, English, biology, marketing, nursing, environmental science and music. Volzer, who is an English and music double major, talked about the benefits of FYRES for non-STEM majors. She said, "FYRES is very valuable for non-science majors. Coming to college, I thought that this kind of research was reserved for science majors in upper level classes. I didn't think that all Calvin students would have opportunities to conduct scientific research. I think that this fits nicely with Calvin's focus on core curriculum and being a well-rounded student."

Another FYRES student, Jacob Mulder, shares Volzer's enthusiasm for spending time on the dunes and satisfaction at doing real world research, saying, "I like how FYRES is a class where we do actual research and solve real world problems." He also noted the sense of community that is created among

the FYRES students, particularly on the trips to and from the dunes. This sense of community is also created through the fact that most of the FYRES students were also together at orientation and are in the same First Year Seminar class together. Being part of this group can help ease the transition to college. Mulder strongly advised prospective students to "take the FYRES class!"

The labs in the first part of the semester involve students learning about different dune research methods such as wind measurements, sand traps, total station surveying, stadia rod surveying and GPS mapping. Students have the opportunity to get certified with advanced equipment such as the Sokkia Total Station, a very precise way of making a topographical map, and the GPS mapping units.

The second part of the semester is spent participating in ongoing research projects. This year's projects include two studies at Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartiger Dune Preserve (KLH). One is management techniques at a blowout (a type of dune), and another is an examination of another blowout that was requested by the KLH board, who fear that the dune may be posed to cover a parking lot. Research projects in other locations this semester include an investigation into the invasive woolly hemlock, a tree-killing parasite; a study about the endangered species pitcher's thistle in the Rosy Mound Natural Area; and an examination of a dune. This work is overseen by upperclassmen mentors.

A longer version of this article is online at [calvinchimes.org](http://calvinchimes.org)

# History of dance on Calvin's campus

LUCY VAN REGENMORTER  
Guest Writer

For nearly a century, dancing was not allowed on Calvin's campus. Today, dancing is celebrated widely across Calvin, as a form of art, a means of self expression, and as a way to let loose after a long week's work.

## Permission to Dance

Dancing was not allowed for almost 100 years after Calvin was founded — at least on campus. Dance was seen by the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) as "fundamentally immoral" because of "the close physical contact between the sexes," according to Synod, the clergy of the CRC, in its 1928 "Report on Worldly Amusements."

It was not until the late 1970's that Calvin allowed dancing as a social activity on campus and asked Synod to respond.

"It is biblical and therefore fitting that God's people use appropriate liturgical dance forms for the expression of their deep feelings of praise to their God," Synod concluded in their "Acts of Synod" report in 1982.

They determined that recreational dance, however, would be more challenging to maintain in a way that is glorifying to God.

"While many of these dances present positive potential for the expression of genuine artistic skills," says Synod, "they also present negative potential. They can be, and often are, deliberately sexually suggestive." For this reason, Synod said that Christians should practice this type of dancing with "genuine Christian maturity."

In order to assure that the guidelines put in place by Synod were followed, Calvin formed a student dance committee. According to a Chimes article from 1990, this committee was in charge of all on-campus dances at Calvin, including banquets, fundraiser dances and dances put on by clubs.

This team was also in charge of discerning what music was appropriate for dancing according to Synod guidelines.

At the time Calvin was one of the leaders in the movement for allowing on-campus dancing, and paved the way for many other schools, such as Dordt, to allow dancing on their campus as well.

## Dance Guild

Dance Guild was founded in the spring of 1971 by then Calvin student Hannah Van't Hof. Starting as a group of around six students, Dance Guild has transformed over the years into a thriving community, with upwards of 200 students in recent years.

Dance Guild is separated into different dance groups based on style and level of experience. There are three levels: guild, advanced and audition. Each level has groups in different styles, ranging from hip-hop to modern.

"I love coming and taking dance classes, but still being able to perform," says senior Rachel Knox. "A lot of times when you get out of high school you might still dance, but there are a lot less opportunities to go and do a show."

Dance Guild has an annual showcase each semester, where the groups get to show off what they have been working on.

"For me it's the community," says first-year grad student Eleosa Chong. "It's about meeting every week with the same group of people and forging new friendships. It's something you can look forward to every week." Members of Dance Guild meet once a week to rehearse.

## Dance Minor

For students who chose to pursue dance in their careers, Calvin college has offered a dance minor program since 1998. These students will still have to fulfill their liberal arts requirements, as well as choose a separate major.

Some of the courses available to the dance minor include creative dance, dance composition and performance. Dance minors from Calvin have gone on to become dance instructors, dance therapists, performers, choreographers and more.

"I've been a dancer my whole life, since I was about two years old, and I didn't want to stop doing it," says first-year student Hannah Denbow. "I have a passion for it, and I hope to teach dance after college someday."

## Rangeela

Another opportunity for students interested in dance at Calvin is the annual multicultural showcase Rangeela. Rangeela is a showcase of music, dance and skits put on by students from all different cultural backgrounds.

Rangeela started in 1996, and there has been a spring show every year since. Students who dance in Rangeela perform traditional dances from varying countries around the world, as chosen by the Rangeela leadership team. Rangeela's goal is not only to entertain the audience, but also to educate them about different cultures.

## Swing Dance

In the past decade, swing dancing has risen to popularity as a form of recreation, both on and outside campus. Every Wednesday, Calvin hosts the Grand Rapids Original Swing Society (GROSS), and offers a night of dancing to students for five dollars.

The location changes weekly based off weather, but it is typically done outside of the chapel. Many Calvin students also enjoy going off campus to swing dance; GROSS hosts a social dance every Tuesday night at spots throughout the city.

"What I really love is that anyone can swing dance," says senior Casey Turtle. "The turns are simple enough if you take the time to learn them, and it's okay if you don't have the best sense of rhythm because chances are your partner will! If you want to relax and meet new people, downtown swing is great!"

Turtle started swing dancing his sophomore year after watching a Dance Guild performance which included swing dance.

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## Dance Marathon

The Miracle Network, which has been putting on dance marathons since 1991, held its first ever dance marathon at Calvin college in the spring of 2018. The Miracle Network organizes fundraising dance marathons across 300 college campuses to raise money for children in local Miracle Network Hospitals.

For Calvin, that hospital is the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital. Although the dance marathon is only one day of the year in the spring, a group of Calvin students

works all year round working to raise money in preparation of the marathon. On the night of the event, students stand and dance for six hours to raise awareness and funds for those who can't.

Dance at Calvin has come a long way from not being allowed to becoming an essential part of campus life. As Turtle puts it when talking about swing, it is "a fun and exciting way to get away from the stresses of school and learn something new."



Dancers in Dance Guild Spring 2018

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## Time Line

- 1876- Calvin College Founded
- 1928- CRC Synod calls dancing immoral
- 1970s- Social dance allowed on campus
- 1971- Dance Guild formed
- 1996- Rangeela formed
- 1998- Dance minor started
- 2018- Dance Marathon started



Moments after Romero was shot.

## ► Romero

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Romero's good friend Rutilio Grande, S.J. was murdered while working on the behalf of the poor. This murder shook him. He ordered an investigation that was ignored by the government. Walkowiak said, "looking down on him, lying on the ground, [Romero] realized what he did, 'this, will probably be my fate.'"

On Sundays the archbishop would have his homily broadcasted from the cathedral and would follow up with commentaries on Monday, often mentioning who went missing. Walkowiak mentioned that the day before he was killed, Romero had issued a plea to the El Salvadoran military to end the violence. Romero pleaded, "In the name of God and this suffering people, I implore you, I order you, in the name of God, to cease the repression."

The next day while he held Mass at a hospital, a car pulled up and shot him. Walkowiak empha-

sized, "he was murdered in the midst of Mass, right before the liturgy of the Eucharist began."

The funeral of Romero, like his tenure as archbishop, "was marked by great violence." Snipers murdered 42 people at his funeral.

Walkowiak shared his distant connection to Romero through Bishop James Aloysius Hickey. Bishop Hickey, later Cardinal Hickey, was Bishop of Cleveland and ordained Walkowiak as a priest.

Cleveland had several missionaries in El Salvador and Hickey would visit them yearly. Hickey knew Romero, and when he was assassinated, Hickey went to El Salvador for the funeral.

Walkowiak, talking about his former bishop's time at the funeral, said, "[Hickey] remembered spending a great deal of the Mass lying flat on the ground because of the bullets and the tear gas."

The Catholic Church has an official, lengthy process for canonizing saints. Walkowiak clarified that the canonization means that "the Church can say with confidence they are with the Angels and Saints beholding the presence of God." He continued, "it's really the Christian Hall of Fame." Walkowiak said the life of a saint is "one to be imitated."

Matthew Lundberg, a Calvin College religion professor who teaches a class on martyrdom in history, said, "in a way, Oscar Romero is our older brother in the faith ... and though he may not give us the direct helping hand many Catholics think, the story can lend us a helping hand because in many ways the story touches on dynamics that are obviously still part

of the world, poverty, wealth, political liberty and repression."

Romero's canonization was delayed for disputed reasons. Some say it was because there was speculation within the Church that his theology would enable Marxists. However, Walkowiak said, "As far as I can tell, there was nothing really in Romero's background where people had doubts about whether the canonization should move forward."

Walkowiak notes that Pope John Paul II had canonized over 500 saints, an extraordinary number, and that Pope Benedict XVI may have wanted to "put the breaks on" and return to a normal, steady rate of recognizing saints.

In addition to the Catholic Church, other Christian traditions, such as The Church of England and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, have venerated Romero. Lundberg pointed to the veneration of Romero as one of the ten 20th century martyrs on the Great West Door of Westminster Abbey of the Anglican Church in London. His statue is between Martin Luther King Jr. and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The canonization was made official on Sunday when Pope Francis held the commemorative Mass at St. Peter's Square. Six others were also canonized, including Pope Paul VI, who took over the Vatican II council that reformed the Catholic Church.

According to the New York Times, "[Pope] Francis wore the bloodstained cincture of the martyred archbishop" while performing the commemorative Mass on Oct. 14.

## Azusa Pacific's LGBTQ+ policy creates controversy

BY JOSE M. HERNANDEZ  
Staff Reporter

Azusa Pacific University (APU) reversed its policy changes allowing LGBTQ+ students to have public romantic relationships no more than two weeks after the policy changes were originally established. According to Christianity Today, this reversal stemmed from their board of trustees. The original change of policy was reportedly a unilateral decision by the university's administration and was never approved by the board.

This situation at APU raises the issue of how Calvin and other Christian institutions engage the LGBTQ+ community.

The APU administration came under serious criticism following the change of policy, since many felt the university was losing its core value of "God First." Barbara N. Harrington, a writing professor at APU's Honors College, stated in a letter to the board that "the loss of 'God First' means APU stops progressing and loses itself and its defining character in a wave of change."

In the same letter, Harrington went on to call for the president's resignation and the reversal of all the policy changes implemented by the administrative board. This included the suspension of university support for an LGBTQ+ support group called "Haven." This group had been forced to meet outside of university grounds because it was not endorsed by APU. The original change in policy would have allowed the group to function on campus, but now its fate is uncertain.

This is not the first time Azusa Pacific has made a controversial decision with regards to its LGBTQ+ community. In 2013, APU asked a theology professor and former chair of theology and philosophy to leave the university after he came out as transgender.

Dr. Sarah Visser, vice president of student life at Calvin College, didn't comment on APU's decision but specified that while "it may be difficult to engage this conversation, avoidance is not an option [at Calvin]."

Viser said, "Calvin College is owned and operated by the Christian Reformed Church," and because of the relationship with the CRC, "the Board of Trustees has affirmed that the CRC synodical position on homosexuality is ... settled and binding for the college with respect to policies."

The CRC affirmed in its Acts of Synod 1973 that homosexuality, the orientation, isn't sinful, but homosexualism (acting on homosexual desires) is. Despite this, Visser confirmed that all policies in the Student Conduct Code apply to all students, no matter their sexual orientation.

Calvin's Board of Trustees has also taken action to define better the college's stance on homosexuality. According to Visser, they appointed a group of faculty, staff and board members in 2008 to study homosexuality-related issues in the college community and promote healthy ways to address these and other sexuality-related issues as a whole. This study, along with others in following years, culminated in several policy changes in 2012. Visser emphasized the college's desire to "engage this area of human life with courage, humility and faithfulness."

Visser later added, "The goal is to help students explore how to live faithfully and responsibly as image-bearers of God who are also sexual beings."

By educating staff and other students through Sexuality Series talks, creating a Safer Spaces policy to deal with harassment of any nature, and sponsoring support groups like SAGA, Calvin has built a fairly welcoming community for the LGBTQ+ community. Campus Ministries offers a support group for LGBTQ+ students, hosted by Pastor Mary Hulst.

Julia Smith, coordinator for student support and sexuality programming, emphasizing the importance of these groups and other efforts, stated, "Through Sexuality Series events, academic classes, dorm discussions, and in everyday conversations with others, we can find ways to sort through the complex questions of sex and gender that are facing the church and society in our time. We need to listen well, engage patiently and always prioritize love."

Calvin has not experienced the reversal of policy like APU has; Calvin's code of conduct has always held that sexual relations are to remain within the marriage of a woman and a man. With the CRC's official stance on homosexuality as its basis, Calvin's policies on regarding the LGBTQ+ community have been well defined for decades. Barring some extreme circumstances and decisions within the CRC, Calvin is unlikely to change the way they engage with its LGBTQ+ students for years to come.

## Calvin hosts Midwest Invitational volleyball tournament, loses first match of season

BY ELLINGTON SMITH  
Staff Reporter

The Midwest Invitational is a tournament Calvin has hosted the past five years that invites various volleyball teams to compete against each other.

This year it featured the #1 team in the nation, Calvin, #7 Thomas More, #16 Hope, #19 Northern Ohio, Elmhurst and Susquehanna.

Calvin opened up the Midwest Invitational on Friday, Oct. 12, facing off against Susquehanna and Northern Ohio.

As the top ranked team in the tournament, they handled business as expected on the first day by defeating Susquehanna in three straight sets and #19 Northern Ohio in four sets.

On the next day of the tournament Calvin began with a faceoff against Elmhurst, who they also put away easily in straight sets. The next game and last match of the tournament for Calvin was the highly anticipated match against #7 Thomas More.

In the first set Thomas More jumped off to a fast start, but Calvin responded quickly as the set became a back and forth battle. This continued for the duration of the entire first set but Calvin was able to pull away and win 31-29.

This first set symbolized how the rest of the match would continue to be a back and forth heavyweight match.

The second set began in similar fashion to the first as it continued to be an uphill struggle. This time Thomas More came out on top with the score 28-26, showcasing



Sarah Devries prepares for a serve.

how this match was sure to live up to all of the hype.

In the third set the match took a different course, as Calvin was able to overpower the seventh ranked team easily to win 25-14, setting the stage for them to finish off Thomas More in the fourth set.

In the fourth set, Thomas More made a turn for the better as they came out firing, and although Calvin didn't go away easily, Thomas More won the set 25-20 to send the teams to a win or go home final fifth set.

The fifth set was reminiscent of the first and second as it culminated into back and forth action at the highest level. Going down to the final point, Thomas More took the fifth set on an

ace, resulting in Calvin's first loss of the season.

The tournament concluded on Saturday with Calvin going 3-1, Thomas More going 3-1, Hope going 3-0, Northern Ohio going 1-3, Susquehanna going 1-3 and Elmhurst rounding out the group at 0-3.

The Calvin volleyball team will be playing this Friday, Oct. 19, against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater to begin the Elmhurst tournament.

Check out the weekly church spotlight on [calvinchimes.org](http://calvinchimes.org)

## John Calvin University

JULIANA KNOT  
Managing Editor

What's in a name? That which we call Calvin College, by any other name would be just as liberal-artsy and Reformed?

It's uncertain whether the shift from a college structure to a university structure will just be a matter of semantics or whether it will fundamentally change Calvin's identity. However, in the meantime, I'd like to send a suggestion to Calvin's communications and marketing departments, before they start rolling out the new branding. Instead of dubbing the institution "Calvin University," call it "John Calvin University."

The idea isn't mine. Professor Lew Klatt in the English department advocated for the switch in a recent Faculty Senate meeting, and I was won over as soon I heard the switch. The majority of people I've raised the topic with have agreed as well.

Calvin will be losing the pleasant alliteration of "Calvin College" in the coming transition. Additionally, the awkward backend addition of

syllables in the name "Calvin University" leaves both prospective students and wealthy alumni less than satisfied.

"John Calvin University," however, rolls off the tongue with ease. All eight syllables hold a comfortable cadence that leaves students and donors alike with empty pockets. Not only that, but it gives Calvin a level of prestige. It sounds like a school that turns away students and has a multi-million dollar endowment.

The name would also throw a bone to Calvin's Reformed heritage. Although students may not be able to list just one of the five points of Calvinism after their four years here, they'll at least know the first half of their alma mater's namesake. Baby steps.

Not to mention, the acronym would best both that of Calvin College's and of Calvin University's. J.C.U. is the kind of acronym that sticks in your head and can be easily chanted at future football games (maybe?). There's already a C.U. a couple miles down the East Beltline.

Most importantly, this switch would give the college an opportunity to drop that awful mon-

strosity that is the "Wayfinder" logo and stick with the heart-and-hand seal. Since its inception three years ago, the Wayfinder has done nothing but confuse students as to whether they're attending Calvin College or DeVry University Online. The seal, however, especially with the Latin text around it, not only will set us apart from a cut-rate, for-profit vocational school but also will only increase our aura of prestige.

Lastly, picture the branding: vintage sweatshirts bearing "John Calvin University" wrapped around the old-school seal, glowing billboards with the catchy slogan "J.C.U.: meant for you," and Fridays at Calvin handouts declaring the name with bold maroon and gold lettering.

John Calvin University simply sounds better than Calvin University. If we're going to go through the bureaucratic overhaul that is the Vision 2030 process, we should at least do it right. Calvin communications and marketing departments, if it isn't too late to make an appeal, tack "John" onto "Calvin University."

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## Re: Dining services jobs for students see high turnovers

MEAGAN VELDMAN  
Guest Writer

The article, "Dining services jobs for students see high turnovers due to stress, moving on," is a gross misrepresentation of the experience of many students who work within dining services.

One location alone hosts 80 student employees at the height of the semester, making dining services one of the top student employers on campus. While not everyone shares the same experience, it's important to acknowledge both sides.

For many, dining services becomes their home on campus. It is where they make friends and find their community. It offers them a place to grow and develop valuable skills. An article like this not only

diminishes positive experiences, but also deters students from pursuing a job there. The interview with Melissa Smith does highlight some of the great qualities about the job — flexibility in hours, a variety of shifts, friendly work environment — however, this is greatly overshadowed by the negative experience of an anonymous employee at one location.

No matter the job, there will always be disgruntled employees. It is incredibly unfair to judge an entire company or generalize experiences based on the voice of a small group. It is the nature of most food service jobs to have a high turnover rate, as pointed out by the author, and often new opportunities play a large role in the decision to leave. However, this does not diminish the quality of one's time. This article does a very good job of highlighting the bad; now it's time to acknowledge the good.

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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## Campus Safety Report

The Campus Safety Department was notified of a larceny from a vehicle that happened at the Knollcrest East apartment complex in Lot 19 near Calvin Seminary housing (Kuyper Hall). The incident occurred sometime between October 3 and October 10 according to the victim.

Reported 10/10/18

Campus Safety took a report of a possible retail fraud in the Campus Store. A Follett employee observed a white male in their mid 30's to 40, 6'3" tall, blond hair in a pony tail and an off white t-shirt with what appeared to be a book underneath the shirt. The man left the store without making any purchases.

Reported 10/10/18

Campus Safety took a report of a damage to property report involving a vehicle that was parked in the East Beltline lot (#13) and had a dent on the hood. The damage occurred sometime between September 30 and October 7.

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