



“No Time For Foolishness”

By Elizabeth Vander Haagen

I had the privilege of hearing Rev. Callender, the first black minister in the CRC, preach last Sunday. He spoke about the unity of all humanity - that we all bleed the same blood and are all beloved of God. He ended his

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”
Amos 5: 24

sermon with a long list of the injustices that exist in our world - the huge gap between rich and poor people and nations, all of the “isms”, preventable hunger and diseases. After each condition he named, he called out “what time is it?” and we the people replied

“no time for foolishness.”

Recognizing that we have no time for foolishness and are called by God to wrestle with the question “how then shall we live?”, a new student organization is forming

with three goals in mind: to raise awareness of social justice issues and their causes, to encourage dialogue about social justice and related issues and to empower action for social justice.

Watch for more information and opportunities! If social justice

concerns are something you’re passionate about, or curious about, or if you have input you’d like to give, please contact: Ray De Lange (rdelang9@calvin.edu 956-1182), Jay Blankespoor (jblanke3@calvin.edu 956-1182), or Elizabeth Vander Haagen (evander3@calvin.edu 776-1057).



Knollcrest Security Issues *from Student Senate*

Do you know of someone who has had something stolen recently or in the time that you have lived in Knollcrest East? How many of you have seen someone you don’t recognize or know doesn’t live in Knollcrest East? Have you done anything or said anything to them? Do you feel your and your neighbour’s security may be at risk? If you can say yes to any of these then we need to talk.

The subject of building security in the Knollcrest East apart-

ments has been kicking around Student Senate for a number of years. Some have said that we should keep the doors locked all day and just use our keys to get in and out. The counter discussions are that our children then have no way of getting into the building when they go out to play. The counter argument is that if they are old enough to play outside by themselves they can carry a key to get into the building. The counter (and this will go on and on) is that

they may lose the key, or worse, if someone really wants to get into the building then they will get the key and/or the child (heaven forbid!).

Another proposition is that a key code box be hooked up to the door and our telephones or access box in the apartment that will

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The Challenge to Article Seven

Editor's note: the following articles are in response to Ryan Faber's article: "Challenge to Article Seven," as appeared in the last issue of Kerux on October 1, 2001.

The Need for Article Seven

By Josh Benton!

Although Mr. Faber's intentions are good, I believe that they are misfounded when it pertains to article seven. If he (along with the rest of us) would note the supplement to the article; it states that this article was set up in the beginning of the 20th century when there was an even greater shortage of ministers than there are today.

As well, the basis of Article seven should be examined closer. The article calls for a proper knowledge of exegesis of the Old and New Testaments, general Church and CRC history, knowledge of Church Polity, and a good grasp of Reformed dogmatics.

I recently spoke with the stated clerk of Classis Chicago South who is presently working with the Synodical Deputies of the classis on ordaining a person under Article seven. He stated that it is a long and lengthy process to determine the individual's giftedness; that is a lay minister raised up by the Holy Spirit to do effective ministry. In fact, the classis clerk informed me that if there was not such a great need for the individual, then it would not have been examined this far.

I also asked concerning the age and maturity that the individual must be in order to enter in under Article seven. The clerk jokingly told me "Not your age." One of the qualifications of entrance into the CRC ministry under Article seven is that of a personal testimony, showing the life experience of one's

growth through the Holy Spirit in order to enter into the ministry under Article seven.

He said people such as myself and those my age will not be admitted into the ministry under Article seven. Even if you are the Mozart of theology you'd still be expected to go to Calvin Seminary.

As to the situation in the classis examination you referred to, the classis failed there, not the Article.

ARTICLE SEVEN ARTICLE:

By Ken Vander Horst

This short infomercial is in response to Ryan Faber's musings on Article seven of the CRC Church Order.

Ryan's concern is that through the misuse of Article seven, the CRC will suffer from a number of under-trained ministers of the word. Indeed, if classes, with the concurrence of Synodical Deputies, approve aspiring ministers of the word who do not have the appropriate theological gifts, then the CRC is poorly served.

But let me underscore the nature of Article seven. Its intent is not to admit people to the ministry so as to release them from the responsibility of proscribed theological training. Instead, Article seven seeks to provide a means to ordination for those who "give evidence that they are singularly gifted as to godliness, humility, spiritual discretion, wisdom, and the native ability to preach the Word". (Underlining mine).

Article seven is to be used "by way of exception ... especially when the need is urgent." During a time when the CRC faces a significant shortage of ordained ministers of the word (the vacancy rate of the denomination hovers above 10%, and the rate may soon escalate due

to increase numbers of retirements and church plants), we should not be surprised that the Spirit raises up leaders in an exceptional manner for exceptional times.

As a member of the CRC's "Committee To Study Routes to Ordained Ministry", I encourage your continued discussion of Article seven as well as other routes, and I am glad to hear your comments or concerns about any matters related to this study.

Ken Vander Horst



THE KERUX WANTS YOU!!

We are always looking for new opinion articles or news and ideas from the community. Please consider writing something for us.

Contact *the Kerux* at:

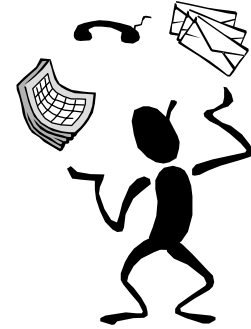
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Eclectica

Free Food and Islam

You are invited to join the Paul Society at the Grand Rapids Hilton Inn (28th and Patterson Ave.) for dinner and a timely message on Islam by DR. C. GEORGE FRY, Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor and former university professor in Iran. Date: Friday, November 2 at 6:30 pm. Make reservations by October 27 by calling 616.698.8393. NO CHARGE for the dinner (minimum age 16), but an offering will be taken for missionary support. Questions? Talk to Mike or Lisa Hooageboom or call them at 261.5929.

Thanks!
Lisa Hooageboom



WWJD?

Most people assume WWJD is for "What would Jesus do?". But the initials really have been changed to stand for "What would Jesus drive?".

One theory is that Jesus would tool around in an old Plymouth because the Bible says, "God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden in a Fury".

But in Psalm 83, the Almighty clearly owns a Pontiac and a Geo. The passage urges the Jesus to "pursue your enemies with your Tempest and terrify them with your Storm".

Perhaps God favors Dodge pickup trucks, because Moses' followers are warned not to go up a mountain "until the Ram's horn sounds a long blast".

Some scholars insist that Jesus drove a Honda but didn't like to talk about it. As proof, they cite a verse in St. John's gospel where Christ tells the crowd, "For I did not speak of my own Accord..."

Meanwhile, Moses rode an old British motorcycle, as evidenced by a Bible passage declaring that "the roar of Moses' Triumph is heard in the hills".

Joshua drove a Triumph sports car with a hole in its muffler: "Joshua's Triumph was heard throughout the land". And, following Jesus' lead, the Apostles car pooled in a Honda... "The Apostles were in one Accord".

ATTENTION ALL M.DIV. STUDENTS

It is seminary policy that M.Div. students who plan to fulfill field education requirements through a one-year internship take that internship after their second year of residency (Student Handbook, p. 63). Another way of stating this policy is that a one-year internship may not be taken after the final year in residency unless an exception is granted by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Students in their second year of residency who want to request that an exception be made for them must submit their request to Vice President De Moor no later than November 5, 2001. Questions? See Director of Field Education Byker or Vice President De Moor.

Prayer Corner

- Continue to keep Doug and Mary Beth in your prayers as they struggle with another miscarriage.
- Pray for Betty Sherman, the wife of John Sherman in her ongoing surgeries.
- We rejoice with Deborah Miller and her father with his successful surgery to fix his heart block.
- Please pray for Isomi and Chieko Saito's 60-year-old mother Sachi Kawamura in Japan as she has been diagnosed with bone cancer.
- Please keep Harold Winter's daughter Rebekah in your prayers. She is having her tonsils removed; a procedure which may be complicated by her chronic lung disease.
- Tim DeJonge's Grandpa Vanderzee (79) and Grandma DeJonge (90) both died in the last week or so. Please keep his family in your prayers.





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“By wisdom the LORD laid the earth’s foundations, by understanding He set the heavens in place.” Proverbs 3:19

Knollcrest Security *continued...*

permit us to open the door from our apartments. No bothering with cutting new keys and the possibility of losing them. Again, what about our children? If they can be taught to punch one button to access their parent’s apartment then this would be acceptable, functional, and safe. The children who are too young to learn the code would obviously be at an age that requires adult supervision outside. One problem from the child’s perspective is that they have to make a “long term choice” to either stay outside for a long period of time or stay inside rather than bothering their parents/guardians with “buzzing them” to get in every couple of minutes.



One final point. How many of you have seen someone you do not know wandering about Knollcrest East? How many of you have gone up and talked to these people? I

know I haven’t. But I will make it an effort to talk to people I do not know or have never seen before. There are a couple of things that could happen. You could find out they are a fellow student you have never met before. You could ward off a potential intruder. Or you might find a stranger and bring the gospel to their home today.

What are your thoughts on this subject? What can we do? What do we want to do? After the concerns and events over the past several weeks, we need to look at doing something rather than nothing. If you have input, comments, or suggestions please contact me. We look forward to increasing and improving our measure of safety at Knollcrest East.

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Community Information Table

Community Calendar

Tuesday-Wednesday, Oct.16-17—
Reading Period—No classes

Thursday, Oct. 18—Special lecture featuring Dr. Beverly Gaventa in Seminary Auditorium at 10:00am & 1:00pm

Wednesday, October 24—3rd Add/Drop deadline at 1:00pm; Bible knowledge exam at 4:00pm

Mon-Tues, October 29-30—
Registration for Winter quarter

Friday, November 2—EMPMC interviews; Adjusted SPMC interviews

Tuesday, Nov. 6—Stob Lecture in Auditorium at 7:30pm: Rev. Oliver O’Donovan of Christ Church in Oxford UK: “Objects of Love”

Wednesday, Nov. 7—Hebrew Comprehensive Exam at 4:00pm; Stob Lecture in Auditorium at 7:30pm: Rev. Oliver O’Donovan: “Agreeing to Share”

Thursday, Nov. 6—Stob Lecture in Auditorium at 7:30pm: “A Multitude of Rational Beings United”

Wednesday, November 14—Final day of classes

Thursday, November 15—
Examinations— through November 21; Presentation in the Meeter Center at 3:30: “The Fundamental Meaning of Theology: Archetypal & Ectypal Theology in 17th Century Reformed Thought.”

November 21—End of Fall Quarter

Thursday-Friday, Nov.22-23 —
Thanksgiving Recess

Monday, November 26—Winter Quarter begins.

Tuesday, December 4—Christmas Banquet

Wednesday, December 5—Greek Comprehensive Exam at 4:00pm

Thursday, December 6—Special Lecture in the Auditorium at 10:00am: Leanne Van Dyk; Associate Professor of Reformed Theology, Western Theological Seminary

Friday, December 7—1st Add/drop deadline; SPMC Interviews

Other Information:

The *Kerux* submissions deadline is always during the week after the *Kerux* appears in mailboxes. The Tuesday after is the official submissions deadline. Thursday is the absolute last day submissions will be received.

The *Kerux* thanks all of you for your submissions. Keep on writing! Your input is what makes this paper happen.

