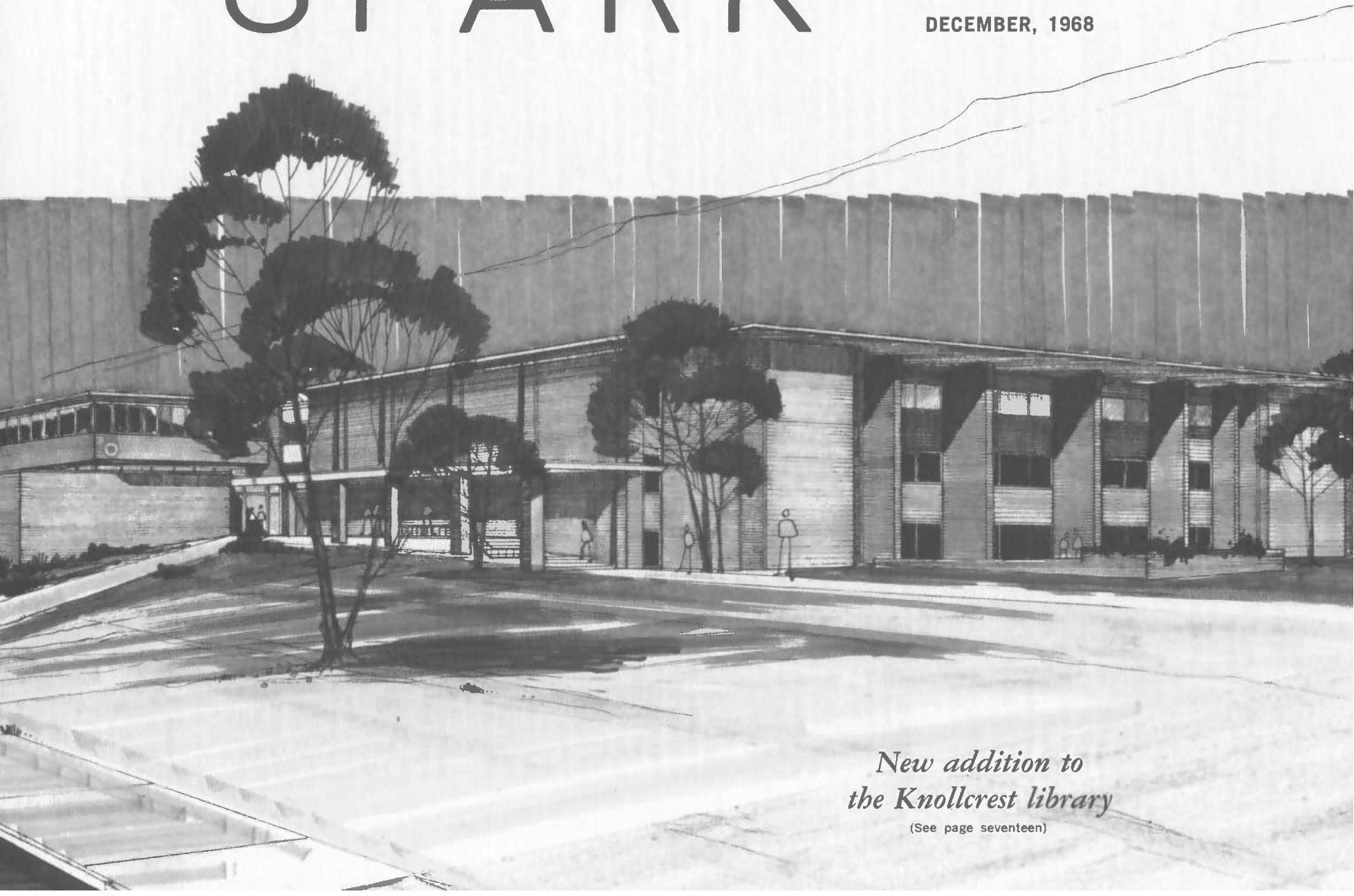


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*New addition to
the Knollcrest library*

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techs, 101 business administrators. Other pre-professionals and unclassified students total 215.

Almost 92% of the students are affiliated with the Christian Reformed Church. The remaining 8% belong to other evangelical churches.

It has become a standard procedure for all colleges to demand that students asking admission take the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test. Of the students admitted to Calvin this past September, 40.4% were in the top fifth of their high school graduating class, and 80% were in the upper one-half of their class.

One final tabulation, made by Calvin's Registrar, is of interest. 78% of the first-time enrollees in September came from 37 Christian High Schools.

CALVIN FACULTY-BOARD CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, September 3, the Calvin faculty and members of the Board of Trustees conducted an all day retreat. Each year a topic or theme is chosen which will challenge all those present to exchange ideas which will make Calvin College and Seminary a more exciting place to study and a truly Reformed school. We need this stimulation, which comes from a frank and honest exchange of ideas, to alert us to new challenges and the expanding opportunities of service in God's world.

The general theme was: "How have the church, the home, and the Christian school shaped the religion to today's Calvin student?" Members of the Calvin Board and teaching staff introduced the many facets of the problem and lively discussions followed.

Additional topics, which had a bearing on the general theme, were discussed for an hour at the close of the afternoon. The topics were: American Student Campus Movements, The American Ethos, and The Current Context of Crisis.

After the evening dinner, a panel summarized the trends in the day's discussions and tried to focus the attention of all on the alternatives which face us and some of the basic considerations to keep in mind if the task of teaching is to be effective.

ADDITION TO KNOLLCREST LIBRARY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The cover picture of this issue of the SPARK shows an artist's drawing of the four story addition to the Knollcrest library. For those who are familiar with the library and the Knollcrest campus, the new addition will be placed north of the present facility or toward the Commons.

If you view the drawing on the cover, you will note that three floors are above ground level. Actually what appears as the first floor above the ground in the new addition, is on the level of the basement floor of the existing library. What appears to be the second floor of the new extension is on the same level as the first floor Heritage hall in the library, and what is the third floor will link up with the stack and study area of the second floor of the present library. Beneath the three floors of the new structure, which are visible in the picture, there will be a full basement which has been designed to accommodate 13 classrooms, 5 offices, and 2 confer-

ence rooms. This area can be converted to library use later. The building will be constructed to allow for another floor to be added, should the demand for space make it necessary.

In order to allow for a more even moisture control for books, the comfort of study and paper ventilation of basement rooms, the building will be air-conditioned.

There will be different study areas on a floor, so arranged that endless rows of tables, with hundreds of students in a single large room will be eliminated. Small study areas will be conducive to better concentration. Approximately 1000 students will be able to be accommodated at one time in the library when all areas are used for library purposes.

We shall continue to have "open shelves" for student perusal with a special room for special volumes. Our micro-film department will continue to expand for the normal library use, but also because Calvin Library is the depository for the records of the Christian Reformed Church.

An added feature of the new addition is the Departmental Rooms. Here special books, records, and periodicals will be available for study in a particular discipline.

Our alumni might be interested in knowing that the Calvin library is a Federal Depository for all government documents.

At the present time approximately one-third of the library is on the Knollcrest Campus and two-thirds is still on the Franklin campus. When the new addition is completed the total facilities of the library will be on the Knollcrest campus.

According to Mr. Henry De Witt, Vice-president for Business Affairs, the cost of the building and its furnishings will be under twenty dollars a square foot. This is far below the national averages for this type of a building. The highly competitive bidding between union and non-union contractors benefitted Calvin greatly. We hope the building will be completed by January 1970.

The financing for the building is broken down into three categories. Calvin received a government grant of \$800,000, a federal loan of \$920,000, and Development Funds of the College will amount to \$980,000.

GUEST SPEAKERS VISIT CAMPUS

Every college tries to bring to its campus qualified speakers on a wide variety of subjects. While the views presented will not always be supported by all listeners, they will cause a lively exchange of opinion and cause students to reflect seriously upon problems which they otherwise might not investigate.

On Calvin's campus we have a Lectureship Committee composed of faculty and student members who invite visitors to the campus.

So far this semester we have entertained a number of speakers. One of the speakers was former Illinois Senator Paul H. Douglas, now associated with the New School for Social Research. Dr. Francis Schaeffer of L'ABRI spent three days on campus in formal and informal discussions. Touring the United States, he