MASSACHUSETTS
Northbridge High
Uxbridge High
Brian Vander Baan
Randall J. De Vries

CHICAGO
Covenant Christian
Grand Rapids Christian
Calvin Christian
Holland Christian
Kalamazoo Christian
Northern Michigan Christian
South Christian High
Unity Christian High
Western Michigan Christian
Brian Rich
Edward J. Bos
Lou Ann Ooms
Martin De Vries
Julie Zuiderveen
Kenneth D. Hoekman
Beth Lubben
Connie L. Visser
David Kuipers
Linda M. Poel
Lisa Vergeput

MINNESOTA
Central Minn. Christian
Lincoln High
Milaca Minn. Senior High
Minnehaha Academy
Southwest Christian High
St. Louis Park Senior High
Jan Wieberdink
Julie A. Workman
Joy Kracht
Philip J. Bylsma
Janice Van Stempvoort
Brenda K. Grivac

MISSOURI
Westminster Chr. Academy
Ann K. Barker

MONTANA
Manhattan Christian
Sherri Broekema
David J. Feddes

NEW JERSEY
Covenant Christian
Eastern Christian
Cindy M. Vander Ark
Ruth A. Vander Klay
Patricia L. Timmer
Daniel D. Kosten
Brenda Van Stempvoort

NEW YORK
Goshen Central High
Judy Van Der Heid

OHIO
Maple Heights Senior High
Willard High
Jane J. Diewert
Michael J. Cook

WASHINGTON
Grandview Senior High
Lynden Christian High
Sunnyside High
Watson Green Christian
Cheryl Van Corbach
Dell Blankens
Colleen Bode
Tim Vanden Bos
Jeanne Honeyford
Mary Slager

WISCONSIN
J. I. Case High
La Follette High
Sheboygan County Christian
Tremper High
Jane R. Kuiper
Ann E. Stremler
James K. Riemsma
Brian Baker

CANADA
Beacon Christian
Chatham Dist. Christian
Clarke High
Hamilton Dist. Christian
London Dist. Christian
Toronto Dist. Christian
Gordon Vander Leek
Ena Heemskerk
Jon D. S. Aukema
Cora E. Mostert
Paul Van Arragon
Richard Stronks
Henrika A. Klaassens
Michael Westerhof
Janet Kranenburg
Jacqui Eygenraam
Aernout H. Van Goich
Caroline Brouwer
George Petrusma, Jr.

ALBERTA
Edmonton Christian
Valerie Klumpenhouwer

ONTARIO
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LOOKING A GIFT HORSE
On a snowy morning late last November, librarians Conrad Bult and Stephen Lambers drove to the home of Meindert De Jong in Allegan, forty-five miles south of Grand Rapids. De Jong, a 1932 graduate of Calvin and an internationally known author of children’s books, had called a few days earlier to inform the Library of his desire to give to the College his personal collection of the foreign translations of his books. Because many of De Jong’s twenty-seven books have been published in several foreign languages, the librarians were elated at the prospect of possessing this collection. They pictured an attractive addition to the Library’s rare book collection.

Meindert De Jong’s house (he has since moved) was comfortably set on the banks of the Kalamazoo River, in a prosperous residential section of Allegan. Greeting the men at the door, De Jong marveled at their height and recalled his friendship with Bult’s father in college days. In the living room a huge Afghan hound lounged on the sofa. He appeared docile, but until De Jong verified it one couldn’t be sure. A couple of cats, one Siamese and the other a Burmese, slipped away to remote parts of the house. “I’m low on cats,” De Jong laughed. “I usually have a half-dozen.” The author’s fondness for domestic animals was further suggested by the room’s decor. A more-than-life-size statue of a cat served as a sentinel at the entrance, and gracefully carved figures of other pets adorned the mantel and end tables.

Concluding the exchange of pleasantries, Mr. De Jong pointed to a shelf piled high with books and declared, “You’re welcome to them all. Do with them as you like. I need to eat my breakfast now.” Under the baleful gaze of the Afghan whose long tongue lolled limply off the side of his pointed muzzle, Bult and Lambers eagerly sorted through the books. Challenging because of their cryptic foreign titles and enlivened with colorful cover and jacket designs, the books were a collector’s delight. Hurry Home Candy, a 1953 book about a lonely little lost dog, became Candy Kom Terug, Komm Heim Candy, Wracaj Do Domu Karmelku, and Snoepie Kom Huis Toe in the respective Dutch, German, Polish, and Afrikaans translations. The men found ten different foreign language editions (out of a possible twelve or more) of The Wheel on the School, a book for which De Jong won the Newbery Medal in 1954. In the stack of volumes were more than eighty separate editions of books by De Jong.

When Bult and Lambers left a half an hour later, they were quite convinced that despite the proverb (“Never look a gift horse in the mouth”), this was one gift that easily stood the test of a careful look.

Stephen Lambers
Calvin Librarian

HOEKENGA ASSUMES
PART-TIME WORK
Jim Hoekenga, the retiring Executive Director of Alumni Relations, has decided to do part-time work for the De Vries Travel Agency of Grand Rapids. For 14 years, Jim has planned and expedited 38 tours abroad for Calvin. While Calvin will continue to sponsor tours, the managing details and finances will be shifted to the travel agency in order to comply with IRS requirements of an alumni association remaining non-profit. If any minor surplus accrues (so far $2.50 per person) at the end of a year the travel agency will give a contribution to the Calvin Alumni Association.

Jim will continue to work closely with Calvin on the tours as Tour Consultant and with the agency will assist in expanding the tour business with many other contacts.