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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 Newberry 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 I.R.S. 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.