

*Dedication of*  
**THE  
HEKMAN  
LIBRARY**

*Calvin College  
Calvin Theological Seminary  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Friday, October 21, 1994*

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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### **Friday, October 21, 1994**

10:00 a.m. Dedication Service	College Chapel
11:00 a.m. Cornerstone Ceremony	Library South Entrance
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Campus-wide Luncheon	Commons Green
11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Used Book Sale	L207, Library Second Floor
1:30 p.m. Lecture: "Libraries and the Life of the Mind"	<i>John Van Engen, Professor of History, University of Notre Dame Chapel Undercroft</i>
11:30, 12:30, 2:30 Library Tours	Library Lobby

### **Saturday, October 22, 1994**

9:00 a.m. Parents' Week-end Lecture: "When I went to college, we had to do it all by hand OR The Emerging Automated Library at Calvin"	<i>Glenn Remelts, Automation Librarian, Calvin Library Library Computer Lab</i>
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Used Book Sale	L207, Library Second Floor
2:30 p.m. Library Tour	Library Lobby

### **Monday, October 24, through Wednesday, October 26, 1994**

9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Used Book Sale	L207, Library Second Floor
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The Friday luncheon is provided free of charge for the campus community (including commuter students and guests). In case of inclement weather the luncheon will be served in the Commons dining rooms, the Knollcrest dining hall, the Cave snack shop, the staff dining room, and the Spoelhof Center coffee shop.

# A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

**Friday, October 21, 1994**

**College Chapel**

**10:00 a.m.**

We gather in worship to praise God for his goodness to the Calvin community. In this service we dedicate ourselves anew to the Lord. May The Hekman Library assist the College and the Seminary in promoting scholarship and stewardship in the service of Christ and his kingdom.

Fanfare

Prelude: "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Karg-Elert*

Call to Worship

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth!

**Before you all the earth will sing to your name.**

O peoples, bless our God!

**Let the voice of praise resound!**

\* Hymn "Earth and All Stars"

*PH 433:1,3,5,6*

Welcome

Opening Remarks: "Committed to God, Pledged to Excellence"  
by Edsko Hekman

Invocation

\* Hymn: "I Greet My Sure Redeemer"  
vs. 3 – choir

*PH 248:1,3,5*

Scripture: Colossians 3

Meditation: "Fitting Thanksgiving"

Anthem: "Nations Clap Your Hands" (Psalm 47)

*Stegink Sterk*

Student, staff, and faculty choir, directed by Merle R. Mustert

\* Those who are able, please stand.

*(An usher or sound technician will provide an assistive listening device upon request.)*

## ***Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication***

### **COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS**

Let us give thanks to God for his good gifts.

We count our blessings, one by one—

for the body of Christ that has nurtured us  
for the holy catholic church  
for the churches of the Reformation  
for the Gereformeerde Kerken  
for the Christian Reformed Church.

**We give you thanks and praise.**

We count our blessings in the people who have served the college and seminary:

janitors, professors, accountants  
cooks, deans, electricians  
for these and all the other dedicated women and men.

**We give you thanks and praise.**

For generations of students  
and for our current student body  
for their gifts and enthusiasm  
their diversity and vision—

**We give you thanks and praise.**

We marvel at the wealth of communication:

books and magazines  
microfilm and video  
modem and disk  
computer and VCR  
print and cyberspace.

**We thank you for bookbinders and computer experts.**

**We thank you for the pleasure of reading and listening.**

We read and listen and learn from your gifts to authors and artists:

*The Iliad*

*Galileo's Letters*

*Rembrandt's Sketches*

*Mozart's Requiem*

*Patterns of Culture*

*Lake Wobegon*

*The Vulgate Bible*

*The Institutes of the Christian Religion*

*Death Comes for the Archbishop*

*St. Louis Blues*

*A Raisin in the Sun*

*Pink Lemonade*

**For these gifts we give you thanks and praise.**

For the greatest story ever told—as found in the Holy Scriptures

**We give you thanks.**

We count our blessings among the people who contributed to this building:  
student workers and presidents  
donors giving tens or tens of thousands  
bricklayers and architects  
physical plant crew and librarians.

**For these devoted people we give you thanks.**

And now we dedicate this library to your service. We promise:

*[Left:]* **to study diligently**

*[Right:]* **to do meaningful research**

*[Left:]* **to advance the cause of scholarship**

*[Right:]* **to use our resources wisely**

*[Left:]* **to make the library accessible to all**

*[Right:]* **to have our learning build the church**

*[Left:]* **to equip students for service**

*[All:]* **to do all this in love and humility.**

Liturgical Dance: “Then Will the Very Rocks Cry Out”

*Hayes*

Ensemble: New Beginning, directed by Kathy R. Van Valkenburg

Closing Prayer

\* Hymn: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

*PH 631*

Postlude: “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Bach*

Worship leaders:

Organist	John E. Hamersma <i>Professor of Music College Organist</i>
Opening	Anthony J. Diekema <i>President, Calvin College</i>
Scripture reading	Marvin E. Monsma <i>Library Director</i>
Meditation	Cornelius Plantinga, Jr. <i>Professor of Systematic Theology</i>
Litany	Harry Boonstra <i>Theological Librarian</i> Anna Marie Rhodes <i>Student</i>
Liturgical Dance	Ellen R. Van't Hof <i>Instructor of Physical Education</i>
Closing Prayer	James A. De Jong <i>President, Calvin Theological Seminary</i>
Banner	Edgar G. Boevé <i>Professor of Art, Emeritus</i>
Brass Quintet	
Trumpets:	Brandon Kreuze Kevin McNamara
Horn:	Michelle Vos
Trombone:	Matthew George
Tuba:	Greg Hess

## *The Banner*

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The banner will be hung permanently in The Hekman Library.

The green field is a symbol of life and growth. On the right side, three doves spring from the books, journals, and manuscripts. These are symbols of knowledge, wisdom, and inspiration—fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, as described in Isaiah 11:2 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. The discs and screen on the left side represent modern technological information.

These items are engulfed in shades of aqua to blue in a dynamic rhythm that constantly enlivens the library as a center for information and learning. The design culminates in a sun, symbolizing the true Light, Christ the sun of righteousness (Malachi 4:2 and John 8:2) from whom wisdom is given and to whom all wisdom flows.

### **Notes:**

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“I Greet My Sure Redeemer” was also sung at the dedication service of the Calvin Library on June 10, 1970.

Psalm 118:11 was sung (in Dutch) at the laying of the cornerstone of the Calvin College Main Building on the Franklin campus, on June 22, 1916. Today the brass quintet will play Psalm 118 at the cornerstone ceremony.

The chairs near the podium were once used in the original Hekman Library on the Franklin campus.

The cover design is from the brass plaque designed by Franklin D. Speyers, Associate Professor of Art. The plaque is located outside the new second floor entrance to The Hekman Library.



# CORNERSTONE CEREMONY

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**Friday, October 21**  
**South Library Entrance**  
**11:00 A.M.**

Welcome and Introduction	Rev. John L. Witvliet <i>President, College Board of Trustees</i>
Reflections	Dr. William Spoelhof <i>College President, Emeritus</i>
Unveiling of the Cornerstone	Dr. Anthony J. Diekema <i>College President</i>
"Psalm 118"	Brass Quintet
Closing Prayer	Dr. Mary Kooy <i>Member, College Board of Trustees</i>

Sealed into the cornerstone are the following items:

## I. Items retained from the original cornerstone box, 1962:

- Program for the November 18, 1961, Ground-Breaking Ceremonies
- Photograph of the ground-breaking on November 18 (Rev. John Gritter, Dr. William Spoelhof, Rev. John Schuurmann, Dr. John Kromminga, and Rev. John Breuker)
- Architect's sketch of the building
- Brochure of the "Knollcrest Library-Classroom Building"
- Long Range Plan for Calvin College and Seminary, 1962
- Blueprint for first phase of Knollcrest Campus development

## II. Items added for the Hekman Library Dedication, 1994:

- Winter, 1993, issue of *The Calvin Spark* containing a story about the Hekman gift for the library addition
- Campaign brochure about the library fund-raising drive
- Story intended for the Winter, 1994, issue of *The Calvin Spark* about the excellence of the Hekman Library
- Copies of two sermons of The Reverend Henry J. Kuiper, father of Mrs. Claire Kuiper Hekman
- 1991 Commencement program which includes Mr. Edsko Hekman's Distinguished Alumni Award citation
- Photographs of Mr. Edsko Hekman and Mrs. Claire Kuiper Hekman
- Photographs of the library addition construction
- The invitation and roster of activities for the October 21, 1994, Hekman Library Dedication
- A marble coaster depicting the Hekman Library
- Replicas of a Meridian, Inc. truck and Volkswagen "bug" to note businesses owned by Mr. Edsko Hekman
- The 1994/95 Calvin College Catalog



## **LIBRARY DEDICATION LECTURE**

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**Friday, October 21**  
**College Chapel Undercroft**  
**1:30 p.m.**

“Libraries and the Life of the Mind”

Dr. John Van Engen,  
Director of the Medieval  
Institute and Professor of History,  
University of Notre Dame  
Member, Calvin College Board of Trustees

Moderator: Mr. Conrad J. Bult

Assistant Director for  
College-Related Matters,  
Calvin Library

# It's Hekman Again

By Bruce Buursma, '73

He was brought up to be hard-working and hard-to-please, to demand an exacting standard of excellence, and above all to be observant about his Christian faith. Those early lessons were bred in the bones of Edsko Hekman.

Hekman, a Distinguished Alumnus of Calvin College's Class of '35 and a 1993 inductee into the Greater Grand Rapids Business Hall of Fame, has attempted to live those childhood lessons — reinforced during his Calvin days — throughout his life. The promise that was predicted for him by his Calvin classmates — his senior picture in the Prism bears the legend, "Calvin uncovers a business genius in Edsko" — has been fulfilled, according to Hekman's friends and associates.

But don't expect the self-effacing Edsko Hekman to agree.

"I'm not a genius," he insists. "I was enamored with the idea of business. I have to get everything done in a plodding way. At Calvin, I learned that the glory of being a Christian was an open heart and an eager mind — and, of course, busy hands. I also learned that the essence of leadership is service, not self-advancement."

He comes by such tough-mindedness honestly. It is, he says, a family trademark, brought over from The Netherlands a century ago by his grandfather Edsko Hekman.

The elder Hekman was a cookie maker and baker who eventually built his Grand Rapids business into the nationally known Hekman Biscuit Co. He did it, remembers the grandson, on the strength of tasty cookies and a fussy Dutch expression, "*Het is steeds nog niet goed genoeg*," which may be translated as, "It's still not good enough."

The grandson appropriated that motto for his own business endeavors, as a means of quality control. "Make it right, not just about right," says Hekman. "In the race for quality, there is no finish line."

And now, Hekman has contributed a major gift to the Campaign for Calvin College that celebrates his family's longstanding relationship to the school, and is prompting the college to rededicate the Knollcrest library as The Hekman Library. It is a gift and a gesture that will symbolically "make it right" on the Calvin campus again.

The contribution is underwriting a significant portion of the \$3.5 million addition of a fifth floor to the college's library and an endowment for future acquisitions. The college's 31-member Board of Trustees, meeting on Calvin's Grand Rapids campus in late October, unanimously approved a resolution to rename the facility The Hekman Library.

"God has been gracious to the Hekman family through the generations, and the Hekmans have been good citizens of their adopted country and of the kingdom of God," said the Rev. John Witvliet, chairman of the Calvin trustees, at a luncheon to honor Edsko Hekman and his wife, Claire Kuiper Hekman, another member of Calvin's Class of 1935. "In 1928," Witvliet continued, "the Hekman Memorial Library was dedicated on Calvin's old Franklin Street campus, a gift in memory of Edsko Hekman from his widow and their three sons. Soon thereafter, the Hekman family donated the funds to erect the Seminary building on the Franklin campus and, despite unforeseen financial setbacks related to the Great Depression, they even agreed to donate additional money

when construction costs soared beyond initial estimates on the seminary. Since Calvin moved to the Knollcrest campus, beautiful though it is, something has been missing. Today, we have restored the Hekman name to the Calvin campus, to its rightful place on the library.”

The gift comes exactly 100 years after Edsko Hekman Sr., in whose memory the Franklin Street library was dedicated, emigrated from The Netherlands to Grand Rapids. His three sons, Henry, John and Jelle, operated the biscuit company, as well as the Hekman Furniture Co. and the Holland-based Dutch Tea Rusk Co.

Edsko Hekman, a grandson of Edsko Sr. and son of the late Henry Hekman, joined his family’s furniture manufacturing firm, and later founded Import Motors, the exclusive Michigan distributor of Volkswagen automobiles, and the Meridian Corp., the Spring Lake-based office furniture manufacturer. He also was a partner in a Colorado cattle ranch and in the ownership of the Grand Rapids radio station WOOD AM-FM. After selling Meridian Corp. in 1990 to Herman Miller Inc., Hekman has remained active, developing a tract of land he owns at the north end of Spring Lake into a single-family waterfront neighborhood called Hekman Haven. He also owns a landscaping business.

Hekman also took a leading role in the development of Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids, serving as one of the first males on that institution’s board and as chairperson of the board from 1968 to 1976, during which time the hospital began its expansion and relocation to its present site alongside St. Mary’s Medical Center. Hekman also was a founder of the Pine Rest Foundation.

Hekman’s wife Claire is the daughter of H.J. Kuiper, who served for many years as the influential editor of the Christian Reformed Church’s weekly magazine, *The Banner*. The Hekmans are members of First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven.

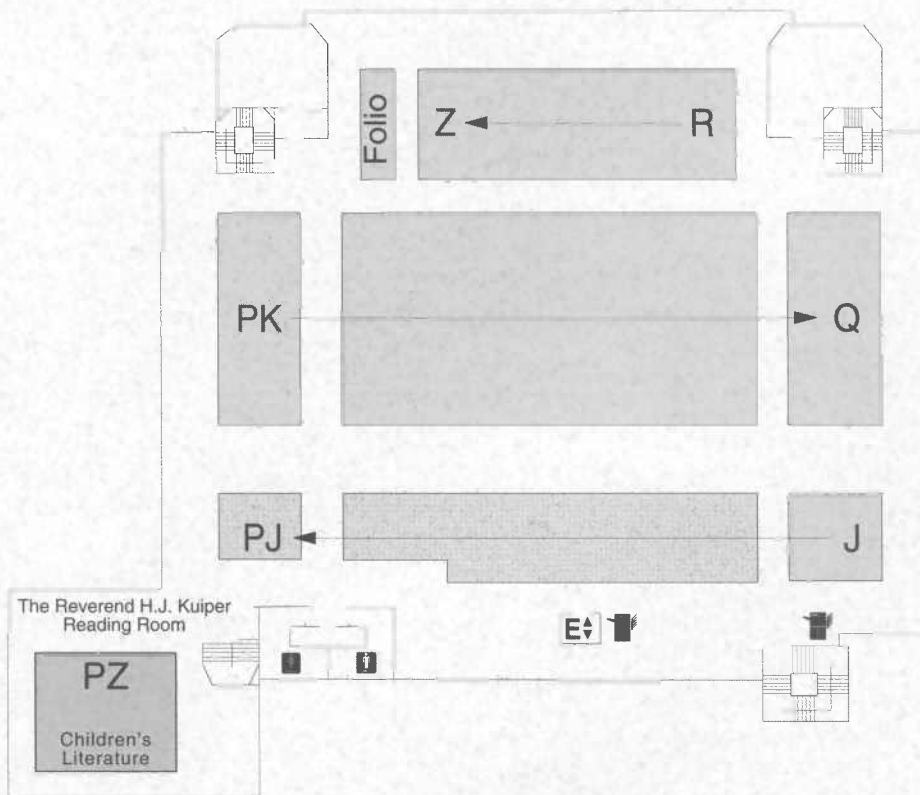
The Calvin library is by far the largest and most heavily used of any West Michigan educational institution, with more than 600,000 items among its holdings. The addition of a fifth floor will increase the size of the building to 125,000 square feet and will allow the library to add nearly 200,000 additional volumes and nearly 200 more study stations. In addition to serving Calvin’s 3,730 students and 500 faculty and staff, the library extends its services to the public, last year providing books, periodicals, staff assistance and computer services to more than 4,000 guest users.

Construction of the cantilevered addition began during the summer and is expected to be completed by next fall, when a dedication ceremony for The Hekman Library will be staged. Hekman said the renamed library ought not stand “as a monument to any individual or family, but rather as a bulwark of the Calvin commitment to Christian higher education — to the source of truth who inspires our dreams and enlivens our intellect.” He also noted that the library at Calvin — both at the old campus and the new — is “not merely a repository of books, but a living laboratory of wisdom. My dream is that this library will continue to be a home where our children’s zeal for knowledge will be fanned into the flames of a passion for ultimate truth and service.”

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# The Hekman Library Fifth Floor

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## **RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION**

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The Calvin community is grateful for the many devoted people and organizations who have been active in the completion of the fifth floor and the ongoing renovation and operation of The Hekman Library.

### **Architect**

William B. Fyfe

### **Associate Architect**

Newhof and Winer, Inc.

### **General Contractor**

Calvin College Physical  
Plant Staff

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