

Never say never

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Renovation is a matter of ...

- Awareness
- Networking
- Visibility
- ...

Awareness

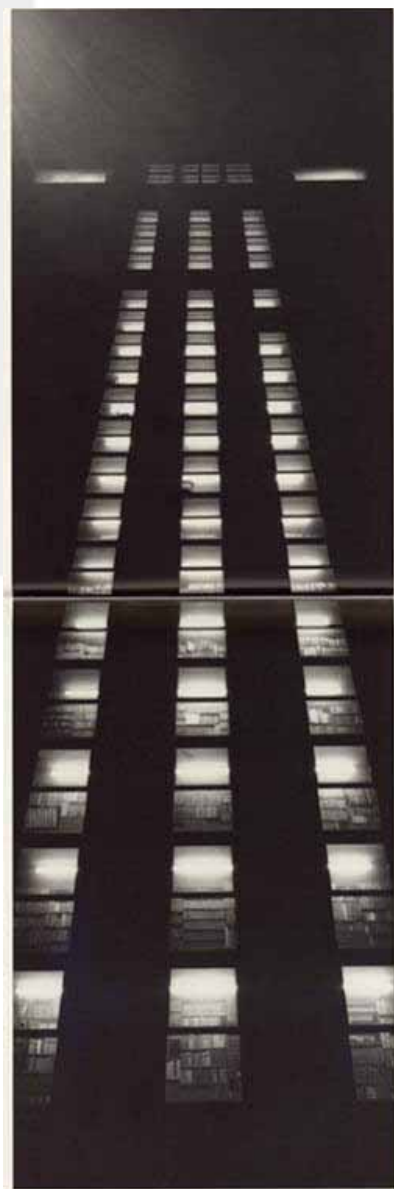
Carl de Keyzer, photobook on the library published in the 90's

Henry Van de Velde

*Universiteitsbibliotheek Gent
Ghent University Library*

Carl De Keyzer

FOTOGRAFIE / PHOTOGRAPHY











Knowing the structures

a university means

- research and education: UGent has 11 faculties
 - central administration: UGent has 8 directorates
- this means 11 deans and 8 directors with demands, the library is part of the research department, so ..one of many

Cloudy days

- September 2002: 500.000 euro less budget
- October 26 2002: Private person sold the booktower archives
- Private person bought them

Sunny days

- Friday january 10 th 2003 ... the press: What is your favorite high building?
- Urban planning department of the city of Ghent



Mr. Singer



Building promotor (Project 2)

Bought the Van de Velde archives on the tower and deposited them in archives of the Royal Academy in Brussels

Is the driver behind the restauration of the tower

Mr Singer



PROJECT²



Kattendijkdok





Study directed by Singer

- Renovation will cost 41 million euro
- Visibility of the study

Visibility of the study

- Board of directors
- Building board
- Architecture department
- Press
- Open archives : google to: singer
boekentoren handle

**De CENTRALE BIBLIOTHEEK en
het voormalig HOGER INSTITUUT VOOR KUNSTGESCHIEDENIS en
OUDHEIDKUNDE van de UNIVERSITEIT GENT**

architect Henry van de Velde



preliminaire studie

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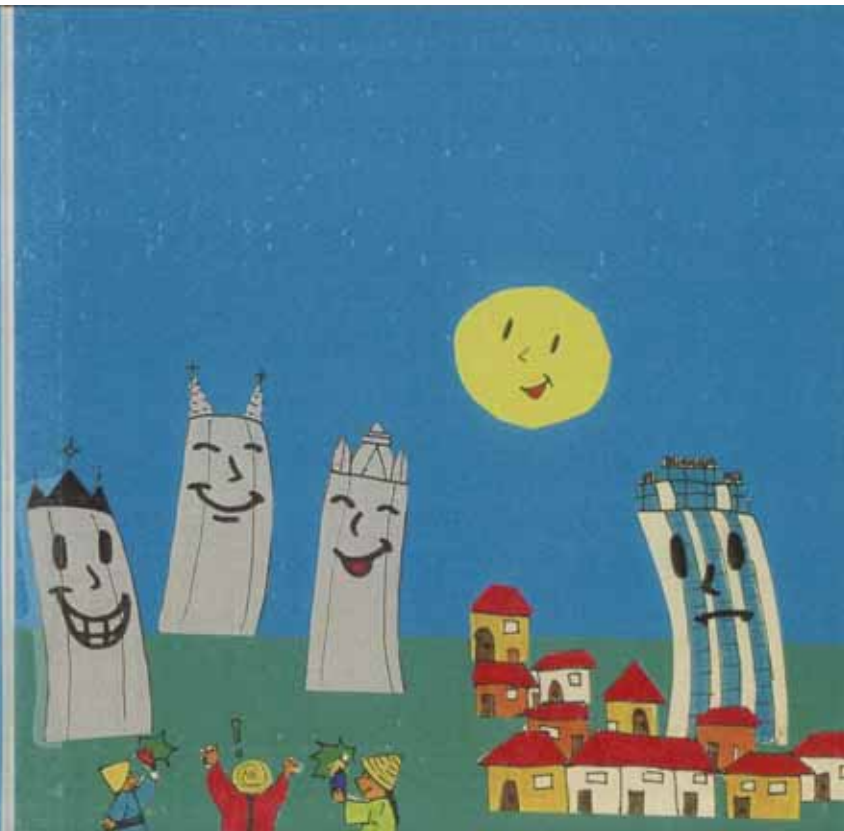


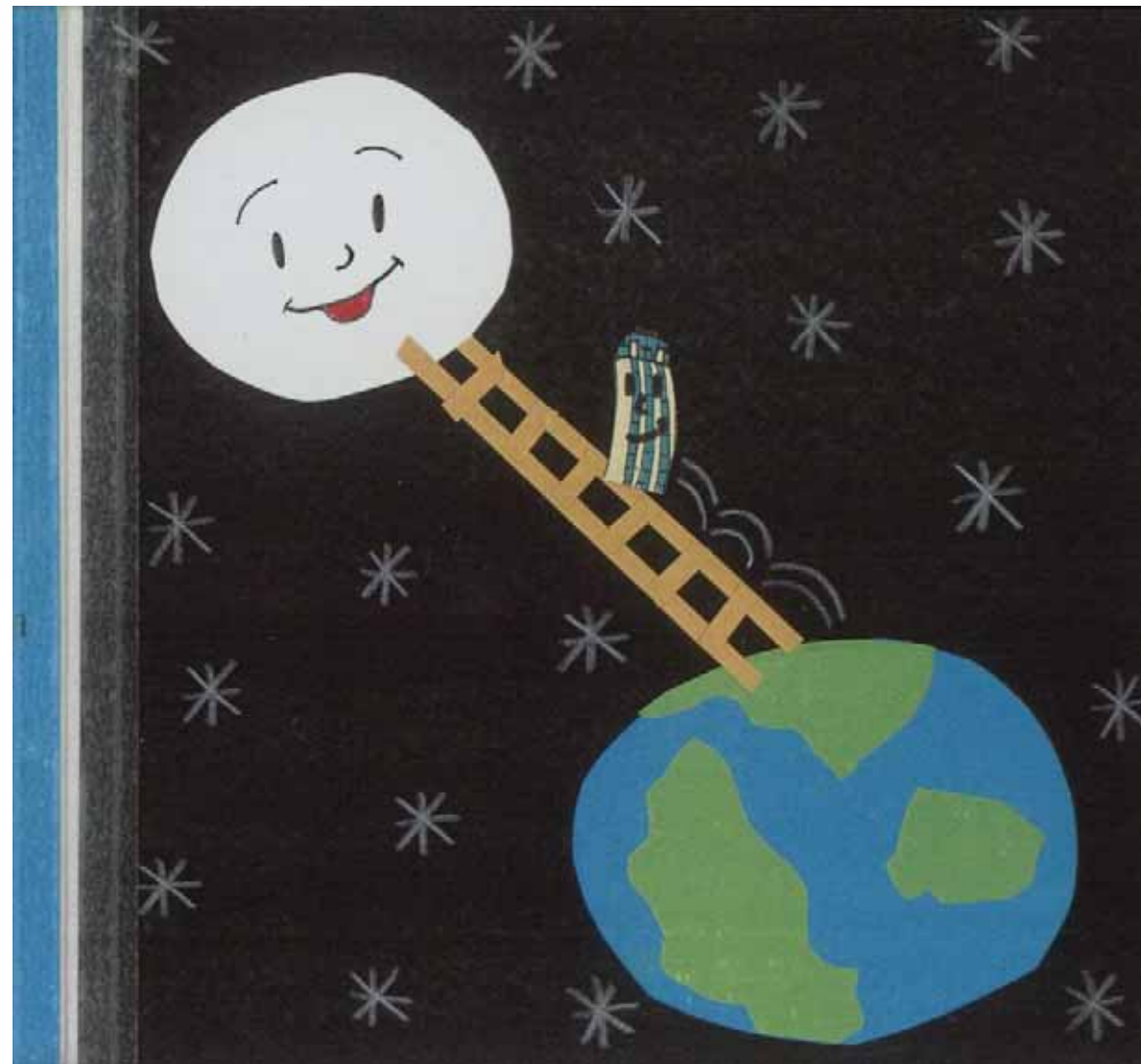






Toch was de toren niet echt content
met zijn plekje in de stad Gent.
Omdat aan zijn voeten geen plein was gebouwd
werd hij als minder belangrijk beschouwd.
Hij reikte wel tot hoog in de lucht
maar slaakte niettemin een diepe zucht.
Als men over hem zou blijven zwijgen
zou hij nooit genoeg erkenning krijgen.
Slechts zelden werd hij gefotografeerd
omdat zijn schoonheid was verveerd.







JAN DE COCK

DENKMAL 9 HENRY VAN DE VELDE
UNIVERSITY LIBRARY,
ROZIER 9, GHENT, 2004

24 January - 4 April 2004



Henry van de Velde (1863 - 1957)











Networking and drivers

- Governor
- Mayor
- Ministers
- Board of directors september 2005 ...rector De Leenheer asked 2 questions :
 - Do you recognize it as a building of European importance?
 - Do you agree with the loan of 30 million euro
 - He got a yes on both questions ...

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- Visibility
- Action













Surprise actions ...

- Spontaneous gifts
- Planned symphony summer 2006

