

## Marshall meets with Epp on abortion issue



Dr. Paul Marshall

Just days after Canada's abortion law was struck down January 28 ICS's senior member in political theory Dr. Paul Marshall met with federal minister of health and welfare the Hon. Jake Epp.

On February 5, and again on March 1, Marshall met with Epp as an advisor on the issue of abortion in Canada. They discussed the meaning and implications of the supreme court decision and options for a new law which would be just, achievable, and constitutional.

"There are so many constraints on a law," Marshall said. "It must be constitutional; achievable by means of a vote in parliament, and enforceable."

In the meeting Marshall stressed the actual form of the law. He said the law should recognize the rights of the unborn child as well as those of the mother at all stages of pregnancy.

Marshall said he disagrees with the trimester approach being put forward in many current proposals to the government because this approach implies that at earlier stages of pregnancy the unborn child is of no consequence.

"Any law on abortion has to respect the rights of the unborn right through the pregnancy," he said.

Marshall also emphasizes a legislative framework which promotes birth as a live option to abortion.

A more detailed account of Marshall's views on the abortion decision can soon be read in a book entitled, *The Issue is Life* to be published this

month by G.R. Welch Company Limited in Burlington, Ontario. Marshall's contribution, "Some Political Implications of the Supreme Court Decision on Abortion" will make up one chapter of the book, which was developed by ICS student Thomas Corbett, and edited by Denyse O'Leary.

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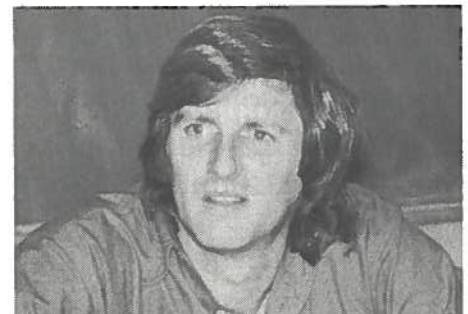
## Walsh appointed senior member

Dr. Brian Walsh was appointed senior member in worldview studies and director of the one-year master's program in Christian studies by the executive members of ICS's board of trustees at a meeting held March 29.

In accepting the two-year appointment, Walsh, a 1979 graduate of ICS's Master of Philosophy program, follows in the footsteps of fellow graduates Dr. Paul Marshall, Dr. Harry Fernhout and Dr. William Rowe, who also now teach at ICS.

Walsh, who received his Ph.D. in philosophy of religion from McGill University in 1987, was recommended for the position by ICS's senate, which interviewed him during a special executive meeting held February 20. Senate cited in particular Walsh's competence as an instructor as demonstrated in his work as adjunct faculty member at ICS this year, his ability to shape a program as shown in his earlier work with the "Hearing and Doing" program at ICS, and his gift of being able to write material suited to the program, such as *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview*, a book he co-authored with ICS alumnus Richard Middleton.

Look for an interview with Walsh in an upcoming issue of *Perspective*.



Dr. Brian Walsh

# Perspective

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## From the President's Pen

By Clifford C. Pitt

### In This Issue

With this issue of Perspective comes the news that ICS has appointed a new faculty member in the area of worldview studies! Effective July 1, ICS graduate Dr. Brian Walsh becomes a senior member in worldview studies.

This issue also highlights the important work which Dr. Paul Marshall is doing in bringing a Christian perspective to the abortion issue through his meetings with Canada's federal minister of health and welfare.

ICS also made an impact recently on the campus of Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont. when Dr. Hendrik Hart and his students Carroll Guen and Nigel Douglas presented papers at a conference there. Brock professor John Mayer tells us his reaction in a special report.

Enjoy this issue!

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Power! Many in this world covet power and will go to great lengths to acquire it: the power of Rockefeller's millions; a General Noriega's military might; the power of a rock star over hundreds of thousands of teenagers. I covet power too: powerful resources that will make the Institute for Christian Studies a real power house for God's purposes.

Today I'm home in bed with the flu (on vacation!). I have just got up from my knees and back into bed after pleading with God for the most powerful resource for ICS that I can think of. If you were head of the Institute, what one thing would you ask for above everything else? I have said it before and probably will say it again many times over:

*What I most deeply covet for the Institute for Christian Studies is the fervent, effectual prayers of God's people on our behalf.*

In previous columns I have written about the diverse and wonderful gifts that God has given to various individuals for the building up of Christian undertakings. For me, these supporters tend to fall into three groups. One group supports Christian enterprises with the serious commitment of their substance; without their dollars most organized Christian prospects would wither and die. A second group brings gifts of volunteered time and the expertise of certain gifts: musical talent or writing ability, sound business judgement, the personality of leadership, wisdom, the compassionate heart, accounting skills, infectious energy or some other specific gift. Then there is a third group, those who undergird whole Christian undertakings with believing prayer. Of the first and second groups I've spoken in earlier columns, today's column I reserve for the third.

I very much covet an active group number three for the Institute. I would dearly love to grapple to the heart of ICS a little group, a kind of Gideon's band if you will, whom we could lean on consistently (heavily at times of crisis) to pray for us:

- a group that really loves ICS as a work of God despite our human weaknesses and failures;

- a group which (after family and local church) would put us very high, perhaps first, on their prayer list;

- a group with whom I could share our problems and joys perhaps more intimately, more concretely, and in greater detail than this column allows;

- a group that will try to pray daily for the Institute;

- a group that shares our vision of the strategic importance of ICS in God's kingdom.

I'm not looking for a large group, but I am looking for a special circle of friends who have the time and dedication to take seriously the sort of commitment I've outlined just above. Would you join me in this? If so, please drop me a line telling me so. Address it to me, Clifford C. Pitt; mark it "PERSONAL" and be sure to print clearly your name, address, and telephone number. I shall then send you a simple prayer list or letter, nothing fancy; then we can pray and praise the Lord together! Now that's off my chest and I'm glad. I've been wanting to start such a group ever since I came to ICS! I very much hope you will join me.

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What considerations drive me to invite you to join a regular prayer support group for ICS? Here are just three of half a dozen reasons that have moved me.

- First, and most important: the Scriptures frame a constant call to prayer and are alive with encouragements to expect God's answers. Says Paul to this twentieth century, "Age of Anxiety," *don't worry about anything at all* (Phillips) *but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God* (NIV). Do you know what helps me most in prayer? It is my realization that through the work of Christ, God has become my Father; I have be-

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come His child. Nothing is now too small or too big for me to bring to a Sovereign God whose eyes see every sparrow fall! Finally, there is the authority invested in prayer by Christ Himself. There is no ambiguity about it; no wishy-washiness here. Ask, Christ declares, *and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.* Do you wonder that I beg you to join a prayer partner's group interceding for us?

• Secondly, my request to you arises partly out of the blessing I receive at the Institute itself in our weekly chapel service. Led by a student or faculty member or one of the administrative staff, we meditate on the Scriptures together and pray. It is a wonderful time for us, invariably a greatly strengthening time, often a very moving time, really quite wonderful as we listen to the voice of God and lay our needs before Him. I suppose, I'm asking for a wider circle of exactly that: a somewhat wider circle of Christian friends who know and care for us and will carry that concern into the presence of God.

• Dr. John Gladstone, my pastor, reminds me that godly Archbishop William Temple once said, "When I pray for my friends, coincidences seem to happen to them, when I cease to pray, the coincidences cease to happen." William Temple's testimony is the testimony of Dorothy and myself, and of our family. My request for you to pray for us grows out of our own convictions about all those curious "coincidences," "coincidences" not only throughout our family life, but "coincidences" also affecting the life of entire institutions when I was at the Ontario College of Art and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Miracles seemed to happen: impossible problems were solved, my own and others' attitudes strangely changed, desperately needed resources appeared. It is my own, and my family's experience of God's great faithfulness to us when we pray; it is this as much as anything else that makes me know I must have your prayers too! Again, I beg you to drop me a line and join a partnership in prayer for ICS.

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# Goudzwaard calls for Christians to choose life

by Bruce Clemenger  
ICS Ph.D. student

Dr. Bob Goudzwaard called for Christians to "choose life" and renew their covenant with the "God of life" in a public lecture entitled, "What's Behind it All: The Crises of Our Present Time" given at Willowdale Christian Reformed Church in Willowdale, Ont. on February 23.

A professor of economics at The Free University of Amsterdam and Fellow of ICS, Goudzwaard analyzed the failure of modernity to fulfill its promise of prosperity and happiness and called for a return to normativity at the lecture sponsored by ICS and Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ).

Goudzwaard focused his lecture on several events which have occurred in the socio-economic realm during the last decade. He said that the unexpectedness of the events, as well as their interconnectedness and paradoxical nature, has given rise to uncertainty, which has in turn resulted



Goudzwaard

Photos by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

in a sense of despair and hopelessness within modern society.

Whereas in the 1970s people were optimistic about the economy's ability to alleviate poverty, solve the crisis of the welfare state, and adequately address the distortion and corrosion of the ecosystem, the latter part of the 1980s has seen increased poverty, increased international indebtedness, and the ongoing deterioration of nature, Goudzwaard pointed out.

## All part of one crisis

Arguing that there are not several separate crises, but that they are all one, Goudzwaard said that modern society tends to see the cause of the crisis in terms of a deficiency of knowledge, will or power. Yet, whatever the cause might be, resolution of the crisis is sought in the process of modernization. This belief reveals a faith in progress which is itself the cause of the crisis.

Recalling Dr. Bernard Zylstra's investigation of modernity, Goudzwaard said that within modern society the process of modernization has come to have meaning in itself and that it is understood to be necessary for survival and for the attainment of happiness.

Goudzwaard illustrated his point with the picture of a tunnel. The

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Dr. Bob Goudzwaard

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tunnel itself represents the process of modernization and the trust in progress. The end of the tunnel is the possibility of survival and happiness.

He pointed out that in Third World countries people are displaced from their land for the sake of progress. Yet, they do not benefit from the economic growth which results. In our society, time is devoted to production and consumption of goods since such activity is necessary for further economic growth. But, people have less time for one another, and loneliness increases. The "goods" provided by modernization, which promises to make us happy, only increase our loneliness and the tunnel to happiness lengthens. The by-products of modernization give us the impression that we are satisfied or happier, but this is only an image.

### No need for despair

However, we need not despair, Goudzwaard cautioned, since the problem is not one of fate. The process of modernity is a direction which

has been chosen in an attempt to create happiness. Yet happiness or peace are not goods which can be produced; but rather, they are gifts to be enjoyed along the way. Modernity does not have redeeming power; it cannot create happiness.

Goudzwaard said that we have lost the concept of normativity or a sense of God's laws for how we should live. Instead, we believe that we must attain more before we can resolve questions of justice and love; that only at the end of the tunnel is there a possibility of doing good.

In contrast to this notion of "post-care," Goudzwaard said that normativity suggests the idea of "precare" in which norms are understood to be guides to happiness. Norms must be given priority before we act and they must direct us in our activity. Happiness and peace are not goals, but if we live by norms they become part of our walk in life.

God will bless us if we obey his laws, Goudzwaard said. When a people despairs, the covenant must be renewed. The choice is ours; let us choose life, he urged, and live in a fashion which expresses our confession of faith in the God of life. P

## "The Candyman's gone" Walsh tells TKC

Dr. Brian Walsh gave the keynote lectures at an interdisciplinary conference sponsored by The King's College (TKC) in Edmonton, Alberta March 14 and 15. Walsh is a graduate of ICS and currently serves as a chaplain at Brock University as well as an adjunct faculty member at ICS.

The college-wide conference, "Christian Discipleship in a Post-Modern Culture," was coordinated by ICS doctoral candidate and professor of philosophy at The King's, Vaden House, to provide an interdisciplinary focus to their programs of study.

Walsh lectured twice on the topics of "The Candyman's Gone: The Decline of Modernity" and "Life after the Candyman." He outlined the value of a worldview analysis of our modern culture and the need for a response to that culture from a Christian worldview.

The conference was enthusiastically received by staff and students of TKC. Walsh's sober diagnosis of the plight of modern culture, combined with his hopeful portrayal of a dynamic and transforming vision, led to lively and creative discussion with the college community.

In addition to the conference, Walsh, accompanied by ICS's associate director of development Harry Kits, was able to talk to students at The King's about future graduate studies at ICS. They were also able to meet with students from the University of Alberta and others at the home of campus chaplain Tom Oosterhuis and King's professor Alyce Oosterhuis.

## Date change for annual meeting

The date for the annual general membership meeting has been set for Saturday, June 11 rather than Friday, June 10 as reported in the last issue of *Perspective*. Members will receive details as to time, place, and program in the mail.

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Dr. Bob Goudzwaard and ICS senior member in philosophical theology Dr. James Olthuis take part in ICS's communal soup time, which follows chapel each Tuesday.

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# ICS trio makes impact at Brock philosophy meet

by John R. A. Mayer  
Professor of Philosophy  
Brock University

The Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) played a major role at a March 25 philosophy conference sponsored by Campus Ministries and the Philosophy Society of Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont. Three out of four papers presented were given by members of ICS's academic community.

Dr. Hendrik Hart, ICS senior member in systematic philosophy, Master of Philosophical Foundations student Nigel Douglas, and Ph.D. candidate Carroll Guen each presented papers dealing with post-modern philosophy from a Christian perspective. The fourth presentation was made by Brock professor Dr. David Goicoechea.

A good discussion followed each paper, and the enthusiasm with which the program was received augurs well for future collaboration between Campus Ministries and the Philosophical Society, and even more so for exchanges between the Brock philosophers, professional and amateur, and the students and faculty of ICS.

## Can truth be objective?

The over-all theme of the papers was whether and in what sense can there be truth that is in some sense objective and accessible after the attack on objectivity and universality by the post-moderns has been seriously heard and integrated.

The conference, attended by approximately 100 people, was ably moderated by Dr. Brian J. Walsh, chaplain for the Christian Reformed Church at Brock.

The first paper, by Douglas, explored the thrust of Allan Bloom's recent and popular book, *The Closing of the American Mind*. He interpreted the book as a plea for providing and maintaining a place for contemplative philosophy as a legitimate option for a minority of people, who may be obligated to persuade a more pragmatically-oriented world by emphasizing – perhaps even over-

emphasizing – the potentially practical worldly importance of the outcome of such activity and lifestyle. Douglas seemed to agree with Bloom that philosophy is not nor can be an activity for the masses; nor can contemporary philosophers long for real political power in any realistic manner. Consequently their task is to gain some respect or at least tolerance in a world where the contemplatives have been marginalized.

## "Beautiful" paper on Gadamer

Guen read a beautiful paper on a creative reinterpretation of objectivity as inspired by Hans-Georg Gadamer's philosophy. Gadamer is a living German thinker who has contributed extensively to our recognition of interpretation in the role of thinking. His major work, *Truth and Method*, suggests that truth is not an inert, objectively out-there matter of fact, but that it speaks to us, much in the manner in which a work of art invites and addresses the spectator. Thus truth does not lose its objective character if it is seen as independent of the wishes and preferences of the people whom it commands, and on whom it works. Such a view of objectivity, however, is a far cry from the more traditional positivist one.

Hart explored how and whether there can be a sensitive and sensible retention of an ideal of truth that is unifying, rational, universal, necessary and normative. He bravely sought out what such a notion might mean and how it might function, at least normatively, in the lives of those who are no longer able to take the more traditional, doctrinaire approach to truth seriously. Hart also emphasized the importance of dialogue and conversation in a spirit of openness which is simultaneously committed to agreement as the final *desideratum*, but is willing and patient with the recalcitrance of such a goal. Discussion rather than violence is the post-modern approach to divergence and division. [P]



Dr. Hans Radder, a lecturer at the Free University of Amsterdam, gave a guest lecture at ICS March 11 on the relationship between science and technology. Radder is currently on research leave with the University of Toronto's Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

## Nominations for trustees sought

Members of Region 4 (Eastern U.S.A.), Region 5 (Southwest Ont.) and Region 6 (Niagara Peninsula) are invited to submit nominations of members to serve on ICS's board of trustees. The terms of office of Ken Hermann (Region 4), John DeGroot Sr. (Region 5), and Graham Morbey (Region 6) expire this summer. Only Ken Hermann is eligible for re-election.

Also expiring this summer are the terms of office for two trustees-at-large, Aukje Masselink and Henry Lunshof. Both are eligible for re-election.

Nominees should be members in good standing, must be Canadian citizens, and must reside in your region. If you're not sure whether someone is a member, or whether he or she lives within the boundaries of your region, suggest his or her name anyway and we'll check to make sure the nomination is valid. [P]

# Keeping up with ICS Faculty

"Knowledge and the Curriculum" was the topic of a presentation made by ICS's senior member in philosophy of education **Dr. Harry Fernhout** on February 12 at a professional development day held for teachers of the Niagara and Guelph districts of the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association (OCSTA).

On March 24, Fernhout dealt with the topic of "moral education" in a session with members of Professor John Vriend's "Issues in Education" class at Redeemer College.

ICS's senior member in philosophy **Dr. Hendrik Hart** read a paper for the philosophy department at Trent University in Peterborough, Ont. February 24.

On March 2, Hart gave the William Morris Memorial Lecture at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ont.

Hart also read a paper entitled "Myth and Rationality: A Rorty Conversation about Truth" at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont. on March 25 under the sponsorship of the Christian Reformed Chaplaincy there.

Hart has accepted editor-in-chief responsibilities for a three-volume theology of modern society to be co-edited by David Moberg and Howard Snyder.

On February 5 ICS's senior member in political theory **Dr. Paul Marshall** met with the Hon. Jake Epp, federal minister of health and welfare, in Toronto to discuss the abortion issue following the Supreme Court of Canada's January 28 ruling that Section 251 of the Criminal Code of Canada is unconstitutional. He met again with Epp and other government officials in Ottawa on March 1 to discuss the situation. (See the separate story on Marshall and Epp for more details.)

On February 27 Marshall was one of five people to make a presentation at a conference on the abortion issue called by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC). Marshall spoke on the "Political Implications of the Supreme Court Decision."

March 9 and 10 found Marshall in Edinboro, Pennsylvania where he spoke on "Religion and Politics in the Presidential Campaign" at Edinboro University. He also spoke to

Christian groups on campus and in various political science classes.

A meeting of the Reformed University in North America (RUNA) brought Marshall to Grand Rapids, Michigan March 18 and 19.

On March 26 Marshall spoke to a conference of elders of the Christian Reformed Church in Classis Niagara on "Communicating the Reformed Faith in a Relativist Age."

Marshall attended a meeting of EFC's executive committee and spoke to its general council on abortion April 14.

"I Have My Rights . . . or Don't I," Marshall's article on human rights, appeared in the March 7 issue of *The Banner*, and an article entitled, "Stop abortion? Prepare for a long haul" was published in the March 18 issue of *Calvinist Contact*.

"Some Political Implications of the Supreme Court Decision on Abortion" is the title of Marshall's contribution to a book entitled, *The Issue is Life* to be published by G. R. Welch Company Limited in Burlington, Ont. this month. The project was developed by ICS student Thomas Corbett who works for Welch. The book's editor is Denyse O'Leary.

ICS's senior member in philosophical theology **Dr. James Olthuis** participated in a panel discussion on "Liberation Theology and South Africa" with Archbishop Ted Scott at Scarborough College, University of Toronto, which was organized by InterVarsity Fellowship on March 2.

From March 17 through 20, Olthuis visited in Fredericton, New Brunswick. On Friday morning, he spoke to the Fredericton Clergy Council on "Fostering Intimacy." That afternoon he met with the counselling department of the University of New Brunswick (UNB) and with students. "The Dance of Intimacy" was his topic for a public lecture at UNB Friday evening. On Saturday Olthuis participated in an all-day marriage preparation course with 50 couples held at the university campus.

On Sunday, Olthuis preached twice at St. Paul's United Church on "Wanting to be close/Afraid to be close" and held a two-hour discussion after church.

Olthuis's trip to New Brunswick was organized by ICS graduate John Valk (1979), who is now a campus chaplain at UNB.

On March 26 Olthuis spoke at a marriage preparation course in Samia, Ontario. In the afternoon he spoke on "Sex and Marriage." In the evening, he spoke at a public meeting on "Communication in Marriage."

ICS's senior member in aesthetics **Dr. Calvin Seerveld** teamed up with William David Romanowski to lecture to students in the arts track at *Jubilee 1988*, an annual conference held February 26 through 28 for Christian university students in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by the Coalition for Christian Outreach. Their lectures explored what the biblical injunction for jubilee means for making "fine art" and for understanding "popular art" in our day.

Seerveld also talked about "The Meaning of Clothes and Games in the Christian Life" on February 7 to a college and career group called Logos, which meets monthly at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto.

At the invitation of Wheaton College, Seerveld presented their newly-endowed Annual Aesthetics Lecture for 1988. His address, illustrated with slides, was titled "Bearing fresh olive leaves: redemptive artistry in the modern world." This event in March was sponsored by the departments of art history, philosophy, literature, and the conservatory of music. Seerveld also gave the chapel meditation that day entitled, "She has done a beautiful thing for me" based on Mark 14:1-11, attended a couple of regular classes, and held discussions with various faculty members.

Seerveld also reports that Dr. John Walford, art historian and chair of Wheaton's art department, is planning to join a team of instructors to teach a graduate level interim course at ICS on "Art history: current options and a Christian look" in January of 1989.

Seerveld spent three days in March at Ontario Bible College (OBC) as their Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar lecturer. He presented five lectures on "Faith and Art," developing a biblical rationale for Christian responsibility in matters aesthetic and demonstrating how one could do critique of humanist

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paintings while learning from them about God's world. He also spent time interacting with faculty members and students.

At the invitation of Redeemer College professors Harry Van Dyke and Al Wolters, Seerveld lectured on aesthetic theory in the neo-Calvinism course required of all senior students on March 17.

**Dr. William Rowe**, senior member in history of philosophy, spoke at the January Vision '87-88 conference held at the University of Waterloo on "Why did Nietzsche say 'God is dead'?" Rowe spoke on "The Pursuit of Wisdom versus the Pursuit of Philosophy?" at the February Vision conference held at McMaster University in Hamilton.

ICS's senior member in systematic theology **Dr. George Vandervelde** is on sabbatical until August. P

## Middleton lectures at U of T



Richard Middleton

"The Liberating Image" was the title of a seminar given by ICS alumnus Richard Middleton at the University of Toronto's Victoria College March 24. The talk dealt with the image of God as portrayed in the first chapter of Genesis.

Middleton is currently working on a master's in biblical studies at the University of Rochester, New York where he also serves as a campus chaplain. In his ministry, Middleton attempts to bring across the transforming vision, which he and Brian Walsh, a fellow ICS alumnus, wrote about in their book, *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview* (IVP, 1984).

Originally from Jamaica, Middleton came to ICS in 1977. After three years at ICS, he enrolled in a master's program in philosophy at the University of Guelph where ICS's foundational studies proved "invaluable," he said.

This summer Middleton plans to teach two or three worldview courses at Rochester while finishing up his thesis. He also plans to publish an annotated bibliography on Christian worldview literature.

Middleton's wife, Marcia, is finishing her master's degree in nutrition at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The couple has a one-year-old child named Andrew. P



"The Gang's All Here" — Staff, faculty, students, spouses, and children spent April 11 at a retreat centre near King City, Ont. The retreat is a semi-annual event. Included in the group were, back row, left to right, Priscilla Reimer, Adriana Pierik, Brian Walsh, Tim Schouls, Paul Marshall, Shane Baker, and Dorothe Rogers. Third row, left to right, Harry Fernhout, Henk Hart, Nik Ansell, and Calvin Seerveld. Second row, left to right, Barbara Stevens, Nigel Douglas, Anna Overweg and daughter Ami, Mike Smayda, Henry and Shari Luttikhuisen, Ross Mortimer, and Harry, Marian, and Gerda Kits. Front row, left to right, Carol-Ann Veenkamp, Marci Frederick, Govert Buijs, Marshall's dog Milton, Bill and Jamie Rowe, Margaret Schoemaker, Carroll Guen, Jim Olthuis, Jeff Dudiak, Michael Rowe, and Fran Wong.

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## Meet a student: Mike Smayda



Mike Smayda

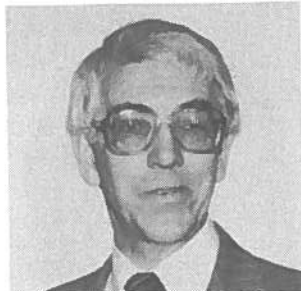
I knew about the Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) long before I made the decision to apply last winter. In fact, my first introduction to ICS came in August of 1978 when Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO) workers Bob and Christie Wauzzinski "dragged" me to the annual Niagara conference. There I met ICS graduate Perry Recker who eventually influenced me to come to ICS. This was also my first introduction to reformational Christianity.

In the church I had been attending in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the emphasis was on one's personal relationship with God, morality, witnessing, and salvation. My graduate school work in paleontology was seen as a sideline, and at best irrelevant to my Christianity. At the Niagara conference I learned that "all of life is religion" and that I was called to live in God's creation and not just wait to be taken up in the rapture.

About that time I decided I needed to get away from school. I thought about ICS, but at the time I didn't want to study anywhere. So, I spent the next six years working at a job in which I wasn't very interested. But I came to the conclusion that I needed to study philosophy, and in particular, philosophy of science.

In the United States, most universities lean to the analytic school of philosophy which excludes the reality you would analyze. I decided to apply to ICS because it doesn't reduce everything to reason and sense observation, and because they serve the right God. Here we study the matter of task in God's world and where philosophy fits in and relates to the rest of life. P

## Meet a trustee: Sam Van Randen



Sam Van Randen

Sam Van Randen, 51, is serving his second term as trustee. A member of First Christian Reformed Church of New Westminster, British Columbia, Van Randen also serves as a member of the local ICS chapter. This year he is chairing the annual ICS Labour Day conference committee as well as overseeing promotion of the conference and regular fall/spring lecture series.

A controller by occupation, Van Randen received his basic education in the Netherlands, and in 1967 obtained a Certified General Accountant degree from the University of British Columbia.

Van Randen agreed to his nomination to the board of trustees in 1983 because he has always felt strongly the necessity for a graduate school like ICS for providing the lower levels of Christian education with the philosophical underpinnings, together with ongoing research, and development of new ideas.

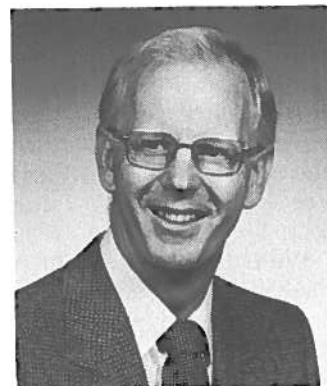
His major goal is to see ICS become a viable operation. His hopes lie in the future development of a Christian university, grounded in the Reformed faith expression, with the full cooperation of the Christian colleges now operating in various parts of North America.

The most important thing Van Randen would like to impress upon ICS's membership is that there is no choice in the matter of providing Christian graduate education.

"If we believe that Christian elementary education is important we must be committed to graduate studies also. In ICS we have an opportunity to witness and be of service to our nation. As a Christian community we must not toy as if it matters not whether it (ICS) stands or falls."

Van Randen and his wife Wilhelmina have five children, and live in Burnaby, B.C. P

## Meet a senator: Wm. VandenBorn



William VandenBorn

William H. VandenBorn, 55, has been a member of ICS's senate since 1985, and was a member of the curate for a year before that. A member of Westend Christian Reformed Church in Edmonton, Alberta, VandenBorn is a professor of plant science at the University of Alberta.

VandenBorn agreed to his appointment to ICS's curate and senate because he felt he would be able to contribute in carrying out the responsibilities involved.

He hopes that the faculty members of the Institute will continue, faithfully and unitedly, their work as Christian scholars, deepening their understanding of God's world and the roles of men and women as image-bearers of God in that world. He also hopes that the faculty will pass on that understanding to both the current and next generation, while fostering an inquisitive enthusiasm in that next generation to be, in turn, builders of the kingdom of God in their scholarly and other activities.

As a senator, VandenBorn would encourage and challenge the membership of ICS to make it possible for the above-mentioned activities to continue.

"Do not allow the flame that sometimes flickers or is blown about by gusts of wind to be extinguished, but help fan it into a giant torch that sets Christians in the world on fire for our great and glorious God."

VandenBorn received a B.Sc. in 1956 and a M.Sc. in 1958, both from the University of Alberta. In 1961, he received the Ph.D. from the University of Toronto.

VandenBorn and his wife Edigna live in Edmonton; they have five children. P





## Development Notes

by Harry J. Kits

I have two concerns in mind as I begin to write these development notes – fundraising and recruiting – and on both sides there is reason for much joy and for continued prayer.

We have just sent out our annual spring appeal and have been able to rejoice in the fact that donations have kept pace with expenses this year. We have not needed to borrow any new money to make ends meet. This is reason for much rejoicing. Our concern and our need for prayer is that this momentum may continue for the next few months until our fiscal year-end (June 30). If we can balance the budget this year and maybe even remove last year's deficit we could really sing our thanks to God. WILL YOU PRAY FOR THAT?

On the recruiting side, we also have much reason to rejoice! At the time of writing we have seen 22 students begin their application for study at ICS in 1988-89. Nine of these applicants are seeking to enter the Ph.D. program; seven are applying to the M.Phil.F. program; four are hoping to take our master's program in Christian Studies; one person has applied for admission to the master's program in education, and one wants to do special studies with us for a year to supplement his seminary training.

Of these applicants fourteen have completed their applications and have been offered admission by ICS. Six of those have told us that they intend to be here in September; one has declined our offer. That leaves seven students still in the process of deciding whether or not to actually come and eight who still have to complete their application. We pray that even more potential students will begin their applications over the next few months.

This summer we will again offer two intensive three-week courses, including one for teachers and one for people in technological fields. We hope to fill our classrooms with students excited about taking these seminars as well:

Again, we have much reason to rejoice with this high number of applicants and the interest in our Ph.D. program. Yet, prayers are still important for those who are deciding whether to attend ICS, whether to complete their application, and even whether to still apply. WILL YOU PRAY FOR THAT?

Please continue to support ICS with your prayers. As Christians we can have confidence that our God will listen to our prayers and provide for the Institute for Christian Studies.

## Alumni Markings

by Harry J. Kits

ICS alumni are scattered around the world. In this issue we are taking note of those from the Far East and Down Under.

**Rev. Masuo Miyazaki** of Kumamoto-shi, Japan studied theology with Jim Olthuis back in 1972. He is now pastor and evangelist at 24-member Kumamoto Reformed Chapel, a congregation of the 8,000-member Reformed Church in Japan.

**Joseph John** who now lives in Singapore is the assistant general secretary of the Fellowship of Evangelical Students in Singapore. Along with 15 staff members he assists students in various institutions with their Christian Fellowship activities. He both counsels students and speaks at meetings, conferences, and camps. Joseph studied psychology at ICS with Arnold De Graaff in the mid '70s and did further work at St. Paul University and Calvin College.

**Bruce Wearne** spent the school year of 1974-75 studying political theory with Bernard Zylstra. He then switched his studies to sociology and gained a Master's at Waikato University in New Zealand and a Ph.D. at La Trobe University in Australia. He is now a lecturer and tutor in sociology at the Chisholm Institute of Technology and Deakin University both of Victoria, Australia.

**Doug Blomberg** is currently the principal of the Institute for Christian Education in Australia and the vice-principal of curriculum at the Mount Evelyn Christian School in Australia. He studied education with Arnold De Graaff in 1975 and went on to earn his Ph.D. at the University of Sydney.

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### Voluntary Income Statistics

Total needed by June 30, 1988	\$515,000
Total received by March 31, 1988	399,000
Total still needed by June 30, 1988	\$116,000

### Special Income needed for "Help Close the Gap" Campaign

Extra income needed by June 30, 1988	\$248,160
Extra income received by March 31, 1988	81,822
Extra income still needed by June 30, 1988	\$166,338

\* Please remember June 30, 1988 is ICS's fiscal year-end.

# Be challenged at 30th annual conference

"CHALLENGE: From beyond a worldview to a way of life" is the theme of the upcoming 30th annual ICS Niagara family conference, and ICS's newly-appointed senior member in worldview studies Dr. Brian Walsh will be the keynote speaker, coordinator Rita VanderVeen announced.

The conference is held on the grounds of Niagara Christian College located near Fort Erie, Ont. over the August Civic Holiday weekend each year. The purpose is to bring the fruits of research done at ICS to its supporting community and other interested people at the grassroots level.

In an attempt to broaden the scope of the conference, the committee has invited Dr. Brian Stiller, national executive director of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, to give the sermon at the Sunday morning worship service. Rev. Henry Wildeboer and his wife Janet of Oshawa will lead the vesper service.

Other events scheduled for the holiday weekend include a double billing by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's Spectrum Productions. "In Search of the Sun" will be shown Friday evening, and "Say It Isn't True" will follow on Saturday evening.

More details on the Niagara conference will be announced in an upcoming issue of *Perspective*. Also look for information about ICS summer conferences planned for Western Canada.

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Dr. Brian Stiller



On February 25, Harry J. Kits successfully defended his thesis, "Worldviews and Social Involvement: A proposal for classification of Canadian Neo-Calvinist social involvement 1945-80." A Dordt College graduate, Kits came to ICS from Edmonton, Alberta. Pictured above, left to right, are Dr. William Rowe, exam chair, Dr. C. T. McIntire, examiner, Kits, and his mentor, Dr. Paul Marshall. Dr. Sander Griffioen of the Free University of Amsterdam served as the outside examiner.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp



John Peck, left, takes in an interdisciplinary seminar at ICS with class members Calvin Seerveld, Nesa Lysander, and Tim Schouls. Peck, inspired by ICS's vision, set up College House in England, and currently serves as director of Open Christian College there. He visited ICS last month after lecturing in Detroit, Michigan.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

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## Walsh speaks at Gordon College convocation

"Wisdom is hollering herself hoarse in the streets" is the way that Dr. Calvin Seerveld translates Proverbs 1:20, and this was also the theme of a convocation address given by newly-appointed senior member in worldview studies Dr. Brian Walsh to 1,200 students and faculty at Gordon College April 8.

The convocation, which took place at Gordon, a Christian liberal arts college located in Wenham, Massachusetts, was sponsored by the college's honour society Phi Alpha Chi. Phi Alpha Chi, which stands for "Lovers of the truth of Christ," encourages Christian academic excellence at Gordon.

In his address, Walsh stressed the need for Christian scholars to seek Wisdom (as she seeks them) in the face of the fragmentary specialization that is common in scholarship and the disintegration of Western culture.

While on campus, Walsh also enjoyed fruitful interchange with Gordon faculty members and students. [P]



## Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

### ICS Correspondence courses move ahead

In its first year our correspondence courses have enrolled a total of 119 students, which adds to the total of students registered for our courses in Toronto. Though most of the correspondence students live in Canada or the United States, others live in Korea, South Africa and Brazil. Inquiries have been received from places like Iceland, Puerto Rico, Australia and Mozambique.

The most popular course is "Christian schools: their bases, goals and practices," prepared by Dr. Harro Van Brummelen. Many Christian school teachers are taking this course for credit toward an Ontario "Christian Teacher's Certificate" as well as for certification by the Association of Christian Schools International.

Also very popular is the "Christian worldview" course prepared by Dr. Brian Walsh, which is being taken by 38 people. Two new courses are "Christian views of history" and "Encounter with sociology." Other courses are "Science in Christian perspective," "Technology in a Christian perspective," and "Introduction to the economy."

Not only are individuals registered for the courses, but there are also seven different groups of four to eleven people who are studying courses together, at a reduced tuition fee of \$75. The regular fee, which includes all books and materials, is \$100.

### British Christian Perspective

A marvellous "educational service" has been set up in England by the Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship (which is basically

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of England). Dr. Nick Isbister, under the stimulus of Dr. Oliver Barclay, has set up a number of professional and academic interest groups whose aim is to develop richer Christian perspective in a variety of areas, and link Christians who have common interests.

Meetings and conferences of these groups are held for the people in Britain who can attend them, and papers and news are printed in periodic newsletters. The groups exist for those who can participate in their activities, but there may be place for an outer circle of like-minded Christians throughout the world who wish to participate at a distance by reading the fruits of their work and even contributing in written form.

Among the groups whose work we have seen are:

- Business Study Group
- Research Scientists Christian Fellowship
- Association of Christians in Planning and Architecture
- Christians in Student Politics
- Historians Study Group
- Career Officers Christian Fellowship
- Agricultural Christian Fellowship
- Association of Christians in Higher Education
- Engineers Group
- University Staffs Christian Fellowship
- Study Group on Aims in Education
- Literary Studies Group
- Librarians Christian Fellowship

To communicate with any of these groups you can write to Pat Deacon, UCCF, 38 De Montfort St., Leicester L31 7GP, England. [P]



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## Summer seminar on gospel of Mark, July 7, 8

Dr. N. Thomas Wright, chaplain and senior lecturer at Worcester College, Oxford University, will give a two-day seminar on the gospel of Mark at ICS July 7 and 8. ICS's senior member in worldview studies Dr. Brian Walsh will host the event.

Wright is an internationally respected New Testament scholar, and the author of numerous articles and books, including *Colossians and Philémon*, (Tyndale Commentary Series, 1986).

The seminar on Mark will promote discussion of the structure and message of the book as a whole and the life transforming meaning of that message for life in contemporary culture.

The seminar will be of special interest for pastors, theology students, and informed laypeople who have a desire for a deeper knowledge of the Scriptures.

The registration fee for the conference is \$60. The seminar begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 7 and ends at 5 p.m. Friday, July 8.

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## PART-TIME STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR CREDIT\*

### Transforming education and technology: ICS in the summer

Here's an opportunity to expand your mind and Christian worldview this summer. Starting July 4, 1988, the Institute for Christian Studies (ICS), a Christian graduate school, will be offering two courses for credit.\* Join us for a course in education or technology.

#### Education

#### Curriculum Principles and Practice: A Christian Perspective

**Dr. Harro Van Brummelen**  
Professor of Education  
Trinity Western University  
Author of *Telling the Next Generation*  
ICS adjunct faculty member

Days, July 4 through 22

You are a Christian and you are a teacher. Ideally, your faith will be reflected in the curriculum you use. But, it's often difficult to find good material written from a Christian perspective. In this course, Dr. Van Brummelen will focus on the theory and processes of curriculum development, and help you acquire the tools to build your curricular program Christianly.

*This course has been approved by the Ontario Christian School Teachers Association (OCSTA) for credit toward the Christian School Teacher's Certificate.*

For registration information contact:



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#### Technology

#### Babeling Towers, God, and Technology: A Christian Perspective

**Dr. Robert Wauzzinski**  
Edward B. Lindaman Professor of  
Communication on Technology and Change  
Whitworth College  
ICS adjunct faculty member

Days, July 5 through 22

Technology has a pervasive influence on our lives. It almost seems to have a life independent of us. In this course we will attempt to understand the dynamics of modern technology in terms of its origins, development, nature, place, and limits in Western culture. We will then reflect upon the transforming implications of a Christian worldview for the manner in which we use, design, and develop technology. This course is for engineers, computer scientists, and anyone else concerned with developing a Christian perspective in technology.

\* Those wishing to take courses for credit must have a four-year B.A. degree in an appropriate area and must send in official transcripts prior to the starting date. Auditors need to obtain permission from the instructor. Both courses may be taken as part of ICS's one-year master's program in education and Christian studies.



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