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Dear Supporters of the ICS and AACCS,

AACS + ICS
grow at
rapid
clip

Things are really happening at the Institute here in Toronto! Last Monday we had a meeting in every available room of this building, including one or two rooms in Dr. Hart's apartment on the second floor. The Institute is growing; it is attracting students' inquiries from throughout North America; and the pace of development and almost frenetic activity increases every month. From where I sit as director of communications I can see that our venture in faith in Christian higher education is not only meeting with greater demands for its services from every different background, but is becoming the vortex for scholarly activity and interaction that is reaching far beyond our continent.

Tremendous
Blessing

I'd like to share with you personally the tremendous blessings we have been receiving on a number of fronts, and try to give you a more intimate glimpse of the internal life of our organization.

Vander Hoeven Addresses Philosophy Conference

Considers
Burning
Issues

Last weekend, for instance, we had a philosophers' philosophers conference here in Toronto. Professors from Dordt College, Trinity Christian College, Geneva and Calvin were in town to hear two lectures by the Free University of Amsterdam's Johan Vander Hoeven, now on a year's leave of absence, teaching philosophy at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The regular interdisciplinary seminar, a group of advanced profs and students at ICS who meet to consider the fundamental questions of a Biblically-directed foundation for all the disciplines, made a special invitation to all interested graduate students and professors to hear Dr. Vander Hoeven consider the burning issues of contemporary Christian philosophy.

70
Hear
Re-inter-
pretation
of
Philosophy
of
Cosmomic
Idea

About 70 people attentively listened as the Amsterdam professor explored the meaning of Law and Fact or Subject, the unfolding of creation, and the concept of "sides" found in the philosophy of the cosmomic idea. Through long, subtle, and often exacting repartee, Vander Hoeven struggled with the Institute professors to discover new avenues of approach which will do justice to Biblical directives about God, man and the world, and more precisely interpret the coherence of all things in Christ. The significance, I'm told, of this work is the reformation of earlier aspects --very basic aspects--of the Christian philosophic tradition which has provided a tool for much of the academic work of the Institute. Certain pivotal ideas and interpretations of concepts such as the "law-side and subject-side" of the creation are being rejected, modified, and re-interpreted.

Though it is difficult and at times impossible for most of us, myself included, to understand the intricate maneu-

New
Philosophic
Advances
Influence
Work of
Special
Sciences

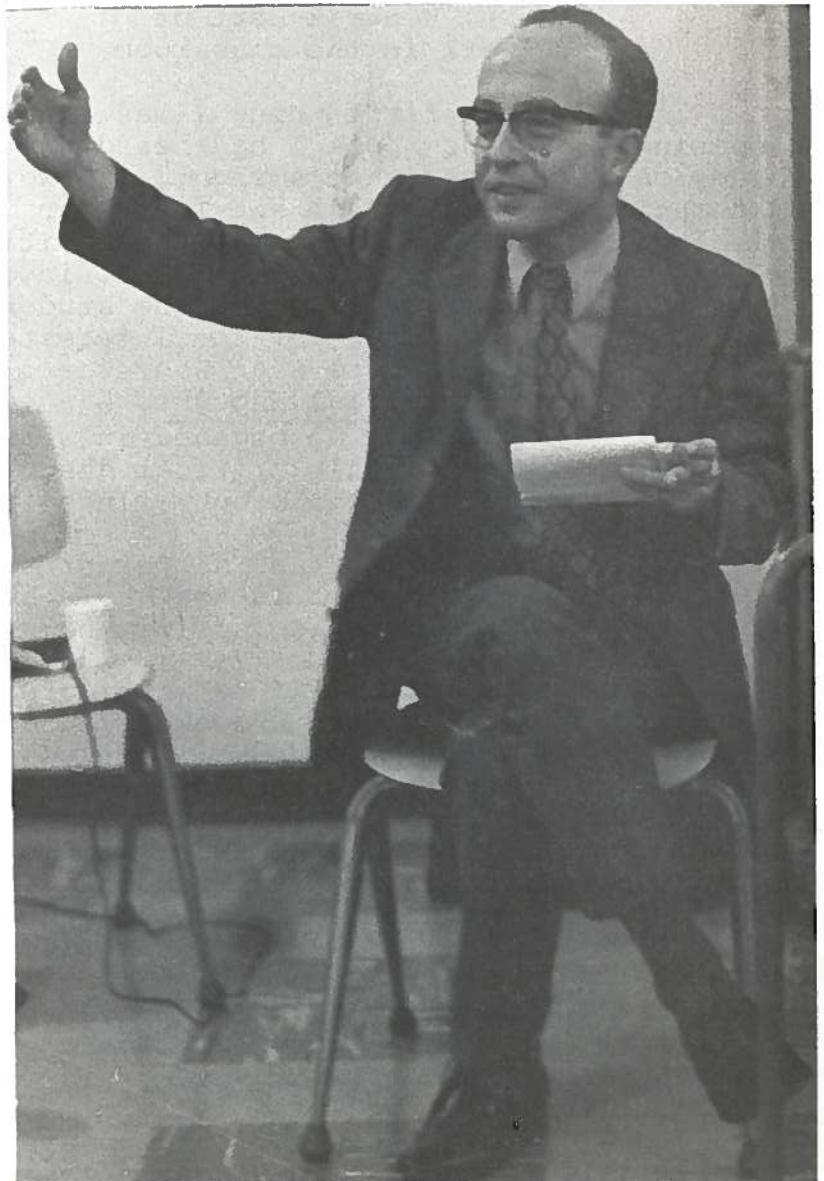
verings and subtle distinctions that philosophers must make, nevertheless, philosophy, systematically developed and refined, remains the core of the whole curriculum of any college or university. The breakthroughs of this past weekend have immediate implications for many other disciplines because philosophy gives the over-arching and inter-locking framework that provides the foundations of all the special fields of study. One social anthropologist grad student, for example, hung on every carefully chosen word of Dr. Vander Hoeven's philosophic explanation of how a societal institution like the modern nation state appears in western history after a long period in which there was not any societal structure comparable to it. The answer Vander Hoeven gave will redirect this young scholar's work. On the other hand, the discoveries of this young social anthropologist may force the systematic philosophers to change their general theories. This interacting relationship gives concrete form to the Body of Christ in a community of Christian scholars.

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Hart's Doing
and Thinking

A number of you have told me that you're interested in discovering more about what our professors are really like, what they're actually doing here, and what kinds of careers they are developing. I've taken those requests seriously, and I've decided to include in the next few Newsletters

First
Interview
of a
Series



Elfin Dr. Johan Vander Hoeven stresses an important point at Toronto Conference



Dr. Hendrik Hart at work in the classroom

insights into the work of our profs, and a little bit about the context and environment in which they're working for us all.

I've decided to start with Dr. Hendrik Hart, 35, our professor of systematic philosophy, because he's been working for us for 4½ years, and has the most experience with the history of this movement. A few days ago I sat in his office in the late afternoon; he turned on his lamp, sat back, put his feet up on the typewriter stand and let me fire questions. Here are some of the things he told me."

Preparing
Volume on
Systematic
Philosophy

The first thing I was interested in finding out was about a new book I had heard that Dr. Hart was working on: "Yes, that's right, I'm working on a single volume in which I intend to set forth our whole philosophical tool; it is to be a systematic exposition of our philosophy in general. The idea is to present in one volume a concise presentation that will do for the student what shorter, popular versions have done for the interested layman. It is planned to be similar to what Dooyeweerd did in his New Critique of Theoretical Thought, but it won't contain the massive discussions he engaged in with myriad scholars of his day. It may contain critical discussion of scholars who've written on this philosophy since its inception."

Different
Theory of
Knowledge

How will it be different from the New Critique? "It would differ most in the whole business of epistemology--theory of knowledge (how we know what we know)."

Danger
of Making
Phil. Tool
the
Foundation

"I would like to work more explicitly at the Biblical foundation than Dooyeweerd did. A philosophy is only a tool which is bound, in the course of history, to wear out (and need to be replaced), or it will have to undergo a lot of change. Unless in a Christian philosophy the foundational elements are basically Biblical, pre-philosophical ideas, the tool will degenerate into scholastic dogma. The tool which is built on the Foundation (the Word of God) will then become the foundation itself."

Hart's
Trying to
Get
Past
Rationalistic
Tendencies

What's wrong with Dooyeweerd's theory of knowledge? "I think that Dooyeweerd's theory of knowledge, especially his theory of scientific (or scholarly) knowledge, needs to be wrestled free from certain rationalistic (reducing human knowledge and understanding to the logical aspect of consciousness) tendencies; an example of this, for those interested in this problem, can be found in the theory of the Gegenstand relation. I think Dooyeweerd does not

theoretically do enough justice to what the Scriptures, especially in John's writings and in the Proverbs, teach us about "knowing". Dooyeweerd's religious awareness of what the Bible means by "knowledge" does not sufficiently come through in his theoretical elaboration."

I then switched the questioning to more general topics: Hart, to what extent are you and the rest of the profs at the Institute a 'bunch of Dooyeweerdians'?

Very
Few
"Dooyeweerd-
ians"

"In the large circle of academics who, under the leadership of Dooyeweerd, have worked at the elaboration of a Biblically-directed philosophy, there are very few Dooyeweerdians. In that circle Dooyeweerd has played a fundamentally important role as the leading thinker; he has made the greatest progress; and he has been the most substantial publisher. But certainly of all the philosophers of that circle, it can truly be said that although there is a common framework, they all have their own ideas as to how the basic notions should be worked out."

"That circle of thinkers is astoundingly self-critical. You could say that at the Institute no one is more critically studied than Dooyeweerd."

Dooyeweerd
Plays
Major Role,
But Others
Differ
Significantly

"It really makes sense to say that what is called 'the philosophy of the cosmonomic idea' is Dooyeweerd's own conception of a radically Biblical philosophy. On significant points the systematic contributions of men like Vollenhoven, Mekkes, Van Riessen, Popma, and Vander Hoeven differ importantly."

No
Specific
N.A.
Brand of
W.d.W.

Is it true, as some people think, that the Institute profs have developed a new brand of philosophy? "The ICS is attempting to work critically in the same tradition. I would think that people who say there is a specific North American brand of this philosophy are wrong. The critical differences found here in North America can also be found in The Netherlands."

Unique
Contribution
is
Communality
at Work

I then asked Professor Hart if there were any unique contributions of the ICS to this Christian philosophic tradition and its methods. "There is something that is very peculiar to the Institute, and that is the communal nature of our work in the literal sense of that word. No one at the Institute works on his own. Everything that is done is a communal project worked at by all in a team spirit."

Bible's View
of Man
Responsible

"The human origin of that communal nature of our work is H. Evan Runner. It is his grasp of the Biblical understanding of the nature of Man that has driven him to mold a community spirit among us."

"Within the Institute community there is no one leader-- that's a strange thing. There are many differences between

No One
Leader
at
ICS

us--our insights, personalities, and also on concrete issues. It might be true that the leadership is provided by our common allegiance to one calling. It's our common vision of our calling in which we all follow the same lead."

Fear
God
in
Scholarship

And what is your common calling? "Our calling is simply to respond obediently to the Gospel in the area of life at which we are at work. At the end of Galatians 6 it states, 'What counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule.' You can summarize it with the last words of Ecclesiastes: 'Fear God and keep His commandments.' For scholarship you can paraphrase that verse thus: 'Fear God and keep His commandments in scholarship, because that's what scholarship is all about.'"

"4½ Years of Incomprehensible Blessing"

"It
Wasn't
Supposed
To
Have
Happened"

I thought I'd ask what changes Hart had observed in the 4½ years since he first arrived on the scene and began to work with the Association. He said: "When you assess the 4½ years I've been here now, the first thing that comes to mind is: Incomprehensible blessing--incomprehensible because in the first place, whether or not we have been faithful, even if we had been totally faithful we wouldn't have thought this possible in 1966. The sheer impossibility of it all! How could all of these things have happened? It wasn't supposed to happen.

The
Scene
in
1966

"In 1966 all we had was an internally fighting, small body of men who employed a half-time executive director and a half-time secretary with a budget that was still, as it had always been the case, written in the red--a budget of \$25,000. And the primary work of the men consisted in gaining members, trying to keep them, settling disputes, and organizing some conferences, and some publications and trying to work with some students on an irregular basis."

Trust
and
Unity
of Mind
Internally

What does Hart see now? "We now employ 11 people; the budget is basically sound, and seven times as high. The work has almost taken on more than continental dimensions. A building, much more literature published, many new insights won, vast increase in interest beyond Reformed circles, great enthusiasm among the young people, conferences tripled in number, and some of them with five-fold increase in attendance; formerly publications were printed 1,000 at a time; our newest publication sold 3,000 copies in the first six weeks; there is now an Institute with five professors, a body of full-time students; above all, internally, there is full trust and unity of mind."

Miracle
of God

Why? "The only reason why that could have happened is that it is a miracle of God. I have no explanation of why this should have happened. I think you can confidently say that all of these developments have overtaken us by storm. They weren't planned and weren't predicted.

Overtaken
Us By
Storm

And the amazement increases vastly when we must confess that from our side we have not been unfaithfully faithful, and we are deeply aware of the sinful dimension of our own contributions."

Our Faith
Is Too
Small

What will happen in the next few years? "If God keeps humbling us with these unimagined blessings, our faith is still too small to indicate what another five years will bring."

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Didn't Get Gage

New
Possibility

You'll remember from the last Newsletter that we were bidding on the Gage Institute Building near the University of Toronto campus. What happened is this: We didn't get it, and neither did anyone else. The officials that own the building decided to keep it and put it to other uses. So we continue to seek out larger facilities in the same general area. Presently we're looking over a building at 357 College St. It is smaller than the Gage, but there is a possibility of educational facilities being rented from an Anglican church next door.

Donors
Stand
Behind
Search
for Best
Facilities

But we're not about to rush into any deal that doesn't give us the very best accommodations to meet our expanding needs. There will be no sudden moves. The Board of Trustees have decided that we won't stop our search until exactly the right facilities are located. If we run out of space at 141 Lyndhurst, we'll rent room in the neighborhood temporarily. Meanwhile our anonymous donors stand ready to finance the purchase of the right building. Please pray that we'll find what God has in store for us.

Curators Announce....

Three New
Summer
Sessions

Herme-
neutics

--The curators met last Thursday and Friday and have decided to authorize the following summer seminars for 1971: hermeneutics--an exploration of contemporary Biblical interpretation with an eye to further developing the approach to understanding the Bible that first appeared in Understanding the Scriptures and which is now being refined in the Institute's Biblical Prolegomena (first things) class. Theologians, pastors, and professors will be especially interested in this important get-together. James Olthuis and Arnold DeGraaff will be responsible for organizing the sessions.

Social
Economic
Political
Problems

--Drs. Goudzwaard and Zylstra will conduct a seminar in social, economic and political problems as they interlock and inter-relate. The content will probably be issue-oriented and will provide opportunities for graduate students to meet a first-rate economist and politician who takes a Christian approach to public life.

--There will be both a course in the theory of education

Educational
Theory and
Curriculum
Workshop

and an educational curriculum workshop led by Dr. Arnold DeGraaff. Plans are being made to continue the groundbreaking curriculum-writing work that was done last summer on an integral Christian curriculum for Biblical and social studies.

Plans are still being finalized, and interested persons should write to the professors involved c/o the Institute for Christian Studies, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario.

Sales of
Curriculum
Materials:
\$2,569.75

In connection with the curriculum workshop--the materials, as experimental, incomplete and tentative as they are, have met with surprising demand from Christian day school teachers in a number of different school systems. Presently sales of these materials stand at \$2,569.75. Last summer the Association invested approximately \$3,000 in this project to help our Christian day schools.

Olthuis:
"We want
co-sponsored
Summer
School."

These materials were produced by 24 teachers attending an AACCS-OACS (Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools) co-sponsored summer school. John Olthuis says that he hopes that the Ontario Alliance will continue the co-sponsorship for this year: "We want to have a summer program co-sponsored; we've made proposals to the Board of the OACS concerning the matter," he said.

"For the
Benefit of
Christian
Day Schools"

"On the basis of the fine cooperation during the summer of 1970 program, we anticipate even better cooperation this year and hope that this will be to the benefit of Christian day school education in Ontario and throughout North America," Olthuis stated.

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ICS
Wants
Grad
Students

Some
Exceptions

Preparatory
Program
for
Scholars?

Our curators also recently considered admissions policies for students. Among the questions studied were: What kind of students should the Institute look for? First, the ICS should recruit graduates and post-graduates. Secondly, however, the ICS should consider applications of junior and senior college students who have special religious or academic reasons for coming to the Institute. Moreover, if the first two years of college provide general education (i.e., to function responsibly with deepened understanding of one's religious calling in the twentieth century), and if the last two years are generally more geared toward the development of scientific (scholarly) insight, the Institute should in future years--depending on the development of Christian colleges, remain open to the development of a two-year propaedeutic (preparatory) academic program--leading to full-fledged theoretical scholarship during the normal graduate school years.

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Conferences Expand Into Mass., N.J., and Calif.

Nine
Conferences

Penn. Out

New
England, N.J.
and
Southern
Calif.
In

James Olthuis said after his last summer study conference last year that he thought the AACS could make a business of just holding study conferences. What he meant of course is that the conferences are drawing greater and greater crowds, and the demands for new conferences are multiplying. This has led to an unexpected problem: How does the Association meet the increased demand for new conferences without wearing out its professors? For this coming year the Association has planned nine conferences besides what may be planned independently in Britain. Our regular conferences will be held in Ontario on the Civic Holiday early in August; the British Columbia conference will be held Sept. 3-6; Alberta, Sept. 3-6; Iowa Sept. 3-6; Seattle, Sept. 1-2; and Western Michigan, Sept. 18-20. This year the Pennsylvania conference will be discontinued and split into two--one in New Jersey in October, and one in the Boston area during October. A California conference is planned for the Isla Vista-Santa Barbara area during the mid-summer. Our biggest concern in coming years will be adequate manpower. The exact locations, dates, and speakers will be announced in the Newsletter soon.

40 Christian Students Publish Vanguard Newspaper at Urbana

Student
Initiative
in
Missions

Over the Christmas holidays ten students from the Institute joined about thirty undergraduates from Trinity Christian College and Dordt College to attend the 9th Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) Urbana Missionary Conference. Months of research and writing prefaced the trip; what was unusual about the group was that they responded to a book by Dr. David Howard, missionary director of Inter-Varsity, calling for student initiative in the struggle to make the Good News of Jesus Christ known throughout the world. Organizing themselves into a Christian student work community these students under my direction produced four daily newspapers entitled, VANGUARD.

Scored
Individualism
and
Personalism

Celebrated
Integral
Good News
of Escobar
and Skinner

The articles written by the students found much to lament at the Conference which was attended by 12,000 collegians, missionaries and military personnel. They scored personalism and individualism and ecclesiastical myopia in spreading the Good News; on the other hand, they found the addresses of Tom Skinner, Samuel Escobar, Myron Augsburger, and Samuel Kameleson proclaiming an integral Biblical vision of Jesus Christ reconciling all things to the Father. The biggest hang-up of the conference was over the dualism between "evangelism" and "social concern"; the roster of speakers went steadily from a concern with "both/and" to "evangelism first".

These students of the VANGUARD attempted to show that this is a false dilemma and that proclaiming the Word of God is also living the Word of God. As Skinner so aptly put it, "Christ is the Liberator!" who frees us from all things old and makes everything a new creation, including men.

Institute Students Calling for Summer Assembly of Global Evangelization (SAGE)

In order to implement an alternative vision of the Christian mission, the Institute students are organizing what they call SAGE (Summer Assembly of Global Evangelization) to be held the last week of August in Toronto. They intend to give a thorough exposition of what they call "total evangelization" in which the active preaching of God's Word reforms every man who is converted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and also leads to a total transformation through the mind of Christ in all human relationships. (Copies of the Urbana Special Issue VANGUARD newspaper are available from SAGE, Apt. 35, 587 Avenue Road, Toronto 4, Ontario, for a contribution of \$1.50 to this youthful experiment in evangelization. Copies of the January and February VANGUARD magazine, which publishes excerpts from the student position papers on missions in the first issue and reports on the Urbana experiment in the second, are available from VANGUARD, Subscriptions, Box 2131, Station B, St. Catharines, Ontario, for 50¢ @.)

Alternative Vision

Responses to Urbana VANGUARD

To give you some impression of the kind of response these students got to their initiative, I'm sharing some brief excerpts from letters they've received:

'Turned On'

From a student in Pittsburgh: "I ran across VANGUARD at Urbana '70 this past December and in an expression have become 'turned on' to your vision of a radically Christ-like view of Christian publications."

'Renewed Confidence'

From a campus minister: "Please enter our subscription--you're where it's at--I have renewed confidence in the liberating Power of the Spirit of Christ."

'Earth-Shaking Christianity Is Only One'

From a North Carolina student: "What have you got? Where did you get it? Your virile call to radical, militant, earth-shaking Christianity is the only one that suffices... I saw the real life of Christ in me verbalized on your pages. I had paled from thinking no one else felt as all-out for Christ as I. And now--a whole 'organization'?"

'Reflects My Deep Concerns'

From a Lutheran minister, Missouri Synod: "(to the Institute) I saw your ad in the magazine, VANGUARD, which my wife brought home from the Urbana Missions Conference last month. Your ad looks intriguing since it reflects my deep concerns and interests."

'I Thank God for Such a Vision'

From a Reformed student on a secular university campus in Michigan: "I was not present at Urbana last week, but I happened to see two copies of VANGUARD, and I say 'Cheers!' for those of you putting it out. I have never seen anything like it, (sad to say) and the perspective makes so much sense in the light of the Book and the present history of man. A publication like this is long over-due, and I thank God there is such vision and effort on this continent that such material can be produced."

I was beginning to feel like Elijah before God revealed that there were 7,000 who had not bowed to Baal in Israel. VANGUARD comes as something of a 'still, small voice' to me, although I am certainly aware that more work needs to be done to me in the area of strengthening my faith."



Ko Takariki preparing for a class

Although the students made no attempt to speak officially for the AACCS, it is heart-warming to see how the faithful support and Christian world view of so many of you is taking root not only in our own Institute students, but in many others as well.

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First Student Interview

I've heard from some of you that you'd like to know more about the Institute's students. So I've decided to interview one student for each Newsletter to get you better acquainted with some of them. I'll be printing the names of all of our students in the next Newsletter, and the interviews will be made on a random basis.

Ko Takariki, 26

One of the students who went to Urbana to witness to a full-orbed Christian faith was Rev. Koichiro "Ko" Takariki, 26, formerly pastor of Kyoto's Kawaguchi Evangelical Free Church, a graduate of Japan Christian College and Kobe Reformed Seminary. Presently Ko is serving as an assistant pastor for a Japanese Canadian congregation, the Toronto Gospel Church.

I first asked Ko whatever made him decide to leave his wife Chizuko in Kyoto, Japan, to come to an unknown graduate Institute in Canada. The first recipient of an Institute scholarship answered thus:

'Something Lacking'

"Through my study of church history I got the idea something was lacking from our idea of the world and the Christian point of view, and through my theological and general education I knew the fact that from the very beginnings of Japan as a modern state only Christianity and Marxism took their places as thought systems designed to guide society as a whole. I found deeply disturbing the very fact that only Marxism exists today as a total life principle, and that the original Christian faith and its early potential have largely disappeared. Christianity, I found, had been reduced to the inner life, to the sectarian--and at best, propositional things. It didn't exist as a guiding, living principle for all of life.

'Christianity Reduced to Inner Life'

'Withdrawal
Tendency'

This withdrawal tendency of Evangelical Christianity was especially apparent after World War II when only the state religion (a synthesis of Shintoism and Buddhism) and Marxism were left to compete for men's allegiances.

'I want
the full
Meaning of
the Gospel'

"In a word, I began to ask myself: 'What is the reason why the Gospel is irrelevant in the modern world of Japan? I want to get the full meaning of the Gospel.

AACS
Publications
Were
'Liberators'

"While I was studying at seminary I read some of the publications of the AACS, and these publications were liberators for me. I was especially helped by Scriptural Religion and Political Task, The Relation of the Bible to Learning, and The Challenge of Our Age.

"So I decided to go to the origins of these liberators!"

Made
Church
Come
Alive

"Through my ministerial work as a pastor the Biblical idea which I learned from these writings made the church come alive. I lived in an industrial city with many factory workers. This is a Gospel that these people really want and find necessary."

AACS:
Few
People
With
Big
Vision

I asked Ko if there were any things that surprised him about the AACS. "Yes. For one thing, there aren't as many reformational Christians as I expected at first. I was surprised at the organizational smallness of the AACS and ICS considering the bigness of its vision and the many areas its writings touched upon. I expected to find more Christians in the churches supporting the work. It is a real work of faith for 2,500 people to do all of this.

"Also the professors are teaching in more than one area; that would be incredible in Japan. They are doing it tremendously well, though, and I'm enjoying their lectures."

Future
Depends on
Vision of
God's
Kingdom

And what of the future of this work? "The future of this work will depend on our degree of commitment to this same vision of the Kingdom of God, and I'm hoping that the AACS and ICS will keep growing in spite of some misunderstanding and opposition.

My Big Vision: Establish Similar Work in Japan

"I'm very thankful for the supporters of the AACS, and I believe this kind of work should grow up in Asia. The time is already at hand. My big vision is to establish some kind of similar work in Japan."

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Letters of
Support
From
Young and
Old

Recently in one week I received two interesting letters-- one from a 14 year-old boy, and the other from a pastor of 77. They illustrate the unusually strong support the Association and Institute are receiving from both young and old; read this:

Dear Sirs:

'I
Don't
Want
To
Wait
Around.

I'm a Christian boy. I'm 14 years old, and very much interested and inspired towards your new approach to the development of the New and Only Kingdom. I might be wrong, but I think this is where Christ wants me to go-- working for His Kingdom. I'm going to Cono Christian School and have very strong faith. Please send me an outline of what you're doing. Even at age 14, I'd like to understand what I'm doing. Tell me your purpose behind it and everything else you can think of.

I
Want
To Do
Something
NOW'

I hope this letter will inspire you somewhat. Every time our teacher, Mr. Kaufmann, talks about it I get excited.

I don't want to wait around. I want to do something NOW. Maybe this is because I'm a teenager, but this is still how I feel.

A student of yours, Mr. Judd, came to our school and gave an excellent, inspiring, get-up-and-go-ish type of speech he should be commended upon.

I want to help start His Kingdom. I love Him.

Yours in Christ,
Paul Mason
Cono Christian School
Walker, Iowa 52352

Dear friends in Christ,

I read a short write-up of your intents in our last Christian Life Magazine.

'Looking
For
Another
Reformation'

I am very anxious to know more about your teaching and how to go about this work. I am now 77 years old. I have worked through different congregations, but have found it hard. I graduated from Moody Institute in Chicago in 1932. I am now attempting to work with a non-denominational church, a very small church but very spiritual. I have said different times I was looking for another reformation that would far overshadow the last one. You are the first group I have heard of starting such a movement.

Please let me know more about your movement. I am enclosing a check for \$10 for just a little assistance on your part.

Yours for the advancement of
the true Gospel,

John E. McConner,
R D 3, Salem, Ohio
44460

All I can say is, Praise the Lord!

Discovery II - Fourth Lecture on Church in Renewal

Discovery II, the Association's attempt to not only keep you informed, but to demonstrate the positive fruits of Biblically-directed study, will begin its fourth lecture of the current series on the Institutional Church. "The Institutional Church in Renewal" will be heard in 22 communities throughout the continent. For team A, Mr. C.T. McIntire will be visiting the following communities from February 15th through 24th: Thunder Bay, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Lethbridge, Alberta; Calgary, Alberta; Edmonton, Alberta; Lacombe, Alberta; Telkwa, and Terrace, British Columbia.

Rev. John Vriend will visit Sioux Center, Iowa; Manhattan, Montana; Vancouver, British Columbia; Seattle, Washington; Victoria, British Columbia; and Abbotsford, British Columbia, for team B from February 17th to February 24th.

For team C, Dr. Bernard Zylstra will speak in Ottawa, Chatham, Sarnia, Drayton, London, Hamilton, Toronto, and St. Catharines, Ontario, beginning February 17 and ending February 26th.

To find out what your Association is thinking and doing, plan to attend the Discovery lecture nearest you. The next series of lectures will consider the theme, "The Institutional Church in the Kingdom".

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International Christian Research Library Founded

In response to increasing demands for help on particular academic problems from students in many places, and in an attempt to develop a trans-collegiate Christian academic community, Michael Welton, acting on behalf of the Institute's students, last Monday initiated what he describes as the International Christian Research Library. Welton exacted promises from professors from the Free University, Geneva College, Trinity Christian College and Dordt College that they would see that articles, papers, essays and books written by members of this movement for Christian higher education, and especially from students, would be sent to the Institute for Christian Studies. These documents will be kept on file and will be available for students and professors as well as others who need help in a special area of Christian scholarship. For rules, regulations, policies, and procedures, write to Mr. Michael R. Welton, International Christian Research Library, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario.

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Speeches,
Papers,
Books to
be Sent
to
ICS

'Launching
Out On
Faith'

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Discuss
It

Sales of Out of Concern for the Church, published by Wedge Publishing Foundation and written by five members of the Association, have now reached about 3,500 copies, making this paperback a best-seller in Canada. Orders have remained brisk as many groups in local congregations have made the book the topic of discussion at their meetings, and as the reverberations have rumbled through different denominations. There have been reviews in several periodicals and journals, and one anonymous party took out a full page ad to voice open disagreement with its contents.

90%
Exposition
10%
Critique

Out of Concern is just that--concerned about the state of the Body of Christ in North America. There are cries of anguish sprinkled throughout its pages, and even though the book is 90 percent positive, about 10 percent of it is frank critique. Originally the five speeches that compose the book were put together in the hopes that the authors' concern with the health of the church would lead to re-assessments and renewal in the most important institution within Christendom. But the contents, once rather naively issued, have caused a flurry of affirmation and dissent. The first non-academic book ever published by professors and leaders of this movement, its message appears to have hit home.

Second
Edition
Planned

A second edition is now in planning stages, including, possibly, some of the debate that has surrounded its short life thus far. A sequel to Out of Concern will be published, tentatively entitled, Reformation in the Church. Although the opinions and views expressed in Out of Concern are not official statements of the Association, we would encourage all who have heard rumors, both pro and con, to get and read this book through. Copies are available for \$2.50 plus 25 cents handling charge from Tomorrow's Book Club, Box 10, Station L, Toronto 10, Ontario.

Sequel
to
Be
Published

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James Olthuis Finishes Ethics Book on Friendship, Family and Marriage

Solid
Biblical
Guidelines

Assistant professor of ethics, James Olthuis, has just finished a new book, tentatively entitled, Friendship, Family and Marriage: Towards a More Biblical Life Style. Olthuis believes that many Christians have lost sight of the Biblical norms for these three human relationships, and he sets forth his views in disarmingly straightforward exposition. The six chapters of the new book were given to the editor recently and they appear to contain solid Biblical guidelines upon which Christ-confessors can build their friendships, marriages and families. Dr. Olthuis is quick to add that no man should be called "teacher", and admonishes his readers to search the Scriptures and to work out their salvation in these areas of life in fear and trembling.

Earlier this fall in October the first issue of VANGUARD, Christian Vision for the Seventies, published an article by Dr. Olthuis adapted from one of the chapters of his new book, entitled, "Family Values--A Ping Pong Game". Recently the editors of VANGUARD received this letter:

Gentlemen:

Do you have plans to reprint the recent article, "Family Values--A Ping Pong Game", etc.? I would like to see this and other such articles in tract form for wide circulation.

Please let me have your suggestions. I believe the printing could be covered by the cost of the tracts. We are grateful to our Saviour for the great ministry of AACS.

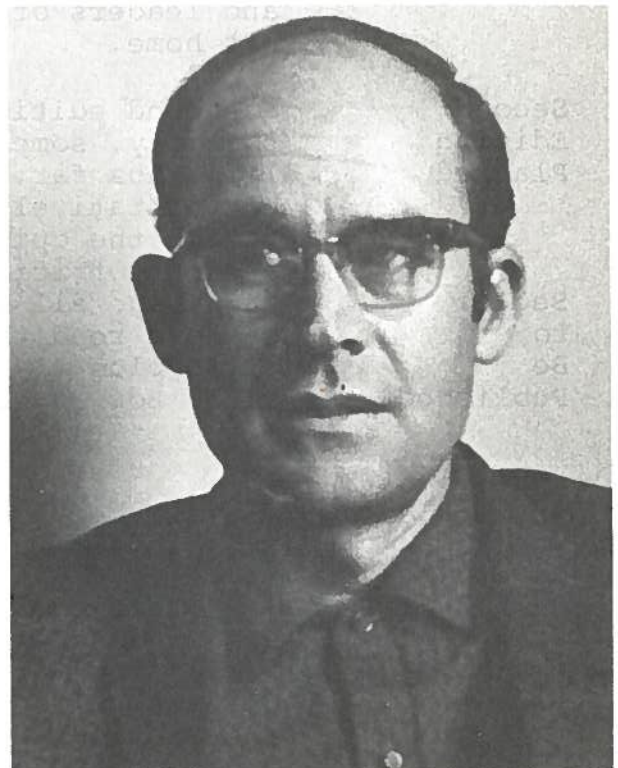
Sincerely in Christ,
 Donald R. Kimsey,
 Principal
 Evangelical Christian School
 Memphis, Tennessee 38112

If you would like reprints, please write to VANGUARD, Business Office, Box 2131, Station B, St. Catharines, Ontario.

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Pieter Du Plessis, South African Prof, Spends Part of Sabbatical at ICS

These days at the Institute we have visitors from many places. One of the more distinguished is Dr. Pieter G.W. Du Plessis, 39, professor of philosophy at Rand Afrikaans University in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Du Plessis, formerly a professor at Potchefstroom University in Potchefstroom, is spending his sabbatical in the United States and Canada. After spending two and a half months at Columbia University, he arrived in Toronto to pursue advanced studies into the history of science during the Renaissance and the Reformation, one of his scholarly specialties.



Prof. Pieter G.W. Du Plessis:
 "What was that again, please?"

Reprint
 'Family
 Values'
 in
 Tract
 Form

From
 Rand
 Afrikaans
 University
 in
 Johannesburg

pursue advanced studies into the history of science during the Renaissance and the Reformation, one of his scholarly specialties.

Dr. Du Plessis has addressed the Institute's inter-disciplinary seminar and one of Dr. Hart's systematic philosophy courses on such topics as the meaning of Renaissance humanism, the implications of secularization on 15th and 16th century scientific development, and on the Reformation and science.

Du Plessis
Is
Unofficial
Ambassador
of an
Unofficial
Movement

Dr. Du Plessis also comes to the Institute as an unofficial ambassador of an unofficial movement in South Africa dedicated to developing an integrally Christian political and educational system. The unincorporated group he represents had had meetings with the premier of the R.S.A., and continues to exert its influence to liberalize South Africa's attitude towards race relations along more Christian lines. This has led to meetings with all kinds of different ethnic groups in an attempt to present a Christian witness.

He Found
AACS Mode of
Operation
'Very
Successful'

Du Plessis wanted to come to the Institute because he and his colleagues found that the AACS had a mode of operation that "appears to be very successful. You have been able to get at least some popular support. In South Africa the entire Afrikaaner community belongs to one of three Reformed churches, and conceives of its society not as being secularized like North America, but as Christian. That it is not really Christian in a deep and meaningful way is hard to convince many people of."

'Ready to
Present a
Positive
Alternative'

"We further got the impression that you people are ready not merely to defend, but to take the attack against the Establishment--to present a positive alternative."

Need
International
Cooperation;
International
Newsletter

"We would like to foster more international cooperation. Both through personal contacts and through publications. It was only one of God's carefully chosen accidents that I met one or two of your professors in 1963 when I was in Amsterdam. What we need is an international newsletter that would report on dissertations and other writings that could be used by our students. We need to take seriously the Biblical injunction: Don't hide your light under a bushel."

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Goudzwaard Arrives May 1 - Three Months Early

ICS
Rejoicing

The Institute professors and Association staff are rejoicing over learning that Dr. Bob Goudzwaard will be arriving May 1 to begin his work here. This is some three months earlier than we had expected. We are also glad to announce that Dr. Goudzwaard's book, Great Task for Common Men is being translated into English, and will soon be published.



Dr. Goudzwaard

Rev. Horner Invites Zylstra to Succasunna Gathering

120
Hear
Zylstra
on Relation
of
Christianity
and
Politics

On November 21st of last year Dr. Bernard Zylstra spent a day in Succasunna, New Jersey, at a conference organized by Rev. John Horner on the theme, "The Religion of Democracy Versus the Religion of the Bible". The sub-head of the banner announcing the event read, "Calling all people who are sick of the hypocrisy from the left and the right. You are invited, regardless of church affiliation, or political persuasions, to attend this important seminar." About 120 people did.

'State:
Vehicle of
Justice'

Zylstra's two speeches were entitled, "Towards Christian Politics in America". The first talk covered fundamentals: The Word of God, the Kingdom of Christ, the Body of Christ, and our task in the world. The theme of justice in the Kingdom of God as expressed in the vehicle of the state was stressed. The second talk outlined the scope, development, and implications of a Christian political program, and included a statement on the nature of our times.

Some
Walked Out
on Issue
of
Injustice
in
America

When Zylstra made a statement critical of America, and pointing out that justice had not always been done in America and was not now, some of the most conservative members of the audience walked out.



Dr. John Van Dyke, Rev. John Horner, Dr. Bernard Zylstra and Mr. Thomas Tomas talk things over during a seminar break

Status
Quo Must
Be
Related to
Higher
Norm

Zylstra scored two points close to the heart of his conservative Evangelical listeners: First, he said that the status quo must be related to a higher norm. For the conservative the past becomes an idol. The Gospel is therefore without effect for changing the present in which men live. Then the status quo is identified with the content of the Gospel. Nothing needs to be done any more.

'Salvation
Theology -
Do Nothing
Religion'

Secondly, he pointed out what he called a "salvation theology--a do-nothing religion" which is presently persuasive with so many American Evangelicals. He charged that we have come up with a number of theologies, and that they all have had the same status quo type approach to social problems. The Calvinists and Arminians have both coalesced on this point.

"For the American conservative Christian the 'critical function' of the Gospel is lost. Christian politics for him is to retain the best elements of American politics."

Disturb
Conservatives
By Re-discov-
ering Gospel

Dr. Zylstra told me upon arriving back in Toronto, "If we don't disturb these people, we aren't speaking the truth any more. But we have to do this by way of re-discovering the Gospel."

Utopian?

"As usual the charge of 'Utopianism' was raised in the morning. But these very same people would say in the afternoon, 'America is the greatest nation in the world.' They utopianize America, and have no room for the Gospel."

Harsh
Words?

Harsh words? Yes, but the future of American Christendom may depend on what happens in churches like the one where Rev. Horner preaches. How many of us would have the courage to call a conference like this one just described if we discovered that we had been advocating "the American way of death", as C.T. McIntire describes it in his December VANGUARD article?

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Here Are the Mini-Scripts:

New
Newsletter
for
Women's
Action

* The new Newsletter of the Women's Action for the AACCS is being published this month. It is an amazing document! It chronicles how the Lord has blessed the vision of one woman who wanted to save her pennies for the work of Christian higher education. That work started in faith now extends across the continent with 3,000 penny banks and 58 local chapters. Over \$5,000 has been raised through this method so far. At the annual meeting in October \$2,000 was given to the Association, and it has now been determined by the Board of Trustees and the Women's Action leadership that the money will be spent to purchase a photo-copy machine. It is estimated by John Hultink, our director of development, that this gift will do the work of a full-time secretary and increase the effectiveness of the professors and administrators. Can you help in this work by putting all your spare small change into a penny bank? If you'd like to serve the Lord in this growing work, please write and ask for information from Mrs. Ida Lunshof, Secretary, Women's Action for the AACCS, Box 53, Drayton, Ontario.

Money
Raised to
Buy
Photo-Copier
- Save One
Secretary

* Total Giving to AACCS-ICS Nearly Doubles in One Year. Has the Lord been blessing the Institute for Christian Studies and the Association? Total receipts for 1969--\$98,000; total receipts for 1970--\$171,000. This miracle can be traced to the sacrificial giving of hundreds, and the faithful giving of thousands, but the blessing is from the Lord. Let's pledge ourselves to support this work of the Lord even more wholeheartedly during 1971.

1969-
\$98,000;
1970-
\$171,000

Students:
Apply By
Feb. 28,
If Possible

* NOTICE: If you are a student planning to attend the Institute for Christian Studies in September, please try to apply before the end of February. This is not an absolute deadline, but if you apply before this date you have a better chance of being accepted. Limited facilities and

professors make it necessary for us to plan ahead for the new academic year.

Will
You
Study
With
Goudzwaard?

* N.B.: The Institute for Christian Studies is seeking able students interested in political economy, economic theory, and macro-economics. Dr. Bob Goudzwaard is not only an experienced politician, but he's a fiscal expert, and an anti-pollution fighter, all of this from out of a Christian approach. If you can qualify to study personally with Dr. Goudzwaard, please write to the Institute for more information. If you know of someone who might be interested, please send us his or her name. Economics, 141 Lyndhurst Ave., Toronto 4, Ontario.

Our
Western
University
Witness
for
Radical
Christian
Faith and
Study

* Kennedy and Julien Publish Renaissance Review in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Spreading the word of a radical Christianity on the West Coast of the U.S. in the Santa Barbara-Isla Vista area of California are Dave Julien and Jon Reid Kennedy. Renaissance Review: A Radically Biblical Campus Critique is published monthly by Christianity on Campus, Box 13850, University of California, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93107. The newspaper, which contains news of reformation, stories of personal radicalization to a more integral Christianity, and reviews of contemporary art productions from a Christian perspective, is distributed on the nation's campuses free, and is sold on newsstands for 10 cents a copy. Kennedy and Julien are the vanguard of this movement for Christian higher education and are living in an area of the U.S. where, according to Julien, "everybody is radically committed to one religion or another, and society is in a continual flux." The Study Center, 6565 Trigo Road, Isla Vista, Box 13850 UCSB, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93107, is an outlet for reformational books, tapes, and VANGUARDS.

AACS
Asks NUCS
Cooperation
In
Publishing
AACS-OACS
Curriculum
Materials

* John Olthuis reports that the AACS has proposed a new level of cooperation between the Association and the National Union of Christian Schools regarding the distribution of the integrally Christian day school curricula being produced by Christian teachers under the direction of Dr. Arnold DeGraaff. It is expected that the 800 pages of curriculum guides and experimental lesson plans will be supplemented and refined in this coming summer curriculum workshop to be held under the co-sponsorship of the Association and the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools, a district of the National Union of Christian Schools. Instead of the Association initiating an alternative program of distribution for the alternative vision of Christian day school education that its materials represent, the Association has proposed that the alternative materials be offered along with the present NUCS-sponsored materials. Mr. Olthuis remains confident that the National Union will recognize the different approaches and be ready to foster cooperation through offering the AACS-sponsored materials as an alternative to present curricula guides, etc.

Opbouw
Reprints
Overduin's
Article
on AACS
in
Dutch

* Hendrik Overduin's "The House of Subversion on Lyndhurst Ave." written in August for the Windsor Star, Windsor, Ontario, has been translated into Dutch by C. Lentink of Apeldoorn, and appears as "Het huis van de omverwerping in Lyndhurst Ave." in January 8, 1971 Opbouw, a Dutch magazine edited by ds. H. Amelink, Waal 5, Langerak, The Netherlands. Opbouw describes itself as "uitgave van de gereformeerde persvereniging 'opbouw'". The 4,000 word article deals with the place of the Movement for Christian higher education in Canadian society. Readers of Dutch who are interested in this article should write the editor for reprints.

Opbouw was instrumental in translating and publishing Dr. James Olthuis' "Ambiguity is the Key", a thorough critique of H.M. Kuitert's thought.

Rempel
Invites
Carvill and
Forbes to
Mennonite
Student
Conference

* Robert Carvill, director of communications, and Richard Forbes, a researcher for the Christian Labour Association of Canada, attended a Mennonite Student Conference held January 29-31. They discussed Christian witness at the university, and how the Christian community, with its various sub-communities, may be strengthened by cooperation. The opportunity for this sharing of views came about because of the favourable impression the student witness at Urbana made through VANGUARD. John Rempel, a seminarian at Goshen Seminary, arranged the invitation.

Hagan
Publishes
'Wisdom of
Men'
in
UNTIL

* Lowell Hagan, a member of the Association from Kirkland, Washington, published "The Wisdom of Men", (an exploration of the right relationship of Evangelicals and philosophy, and the pioneering, and still tentative work of the philosophy of the cosmonomic idea) in a new magazine entitled, UNTIL, 2141-105th Ave., N.W. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55433. Lowell mentions the work of the Association and directs people to the Institute. We have received several inquiries because of his well-written article.

English
Magazine
Publishes
McGregor
Article
on
ICS

* Life of Faith of London, England, recently carried a news article entitled, "Embryo Christian University in Canada" written by a peripatetic Scottish missionary journalist Iain McGregor. Mr. McGregor visited the Institute on behalf of Mobile Report, the international Christian missionary news service. Reprints of this article can be obtained from Mr. Stevenson, Editor, 1-5 Portpool Lane, Holborn, London, E.C.1., Great Britain. The article gives a professionally-presented introduction to the work of the AACS and ICS, slanted towards English eyes and ears.

Evangelical
News Service
Covers
AACS

* HAPPENING, a greater metropolitan Toronto news service for Evangelicals, in its January issue, carried an article about the Institute and the AACS entitled, "A New Reformation?". The unsigned article gave a mature, carefully-worded assessment of our movement, though disagreeing in in certain points. A copy of this article can be obtained from Rev. Ron Marr, editor, HAPPENING, Box 471, Willowdale, Ontario.

Chinese Lawyer to Translate C.T. McIntire's IRB Article

* Trustee Paul G. Schrottenboer informs us that member C.T. McIntire's article "Revolution at Work Today" which was published in the October 1969 International Reformed Bulletin, will be translated into Chinese by a Christian Chinese lawyer in Hong Kong. Copies of the article are available from IRB, Editor, 1677 Gentian Drive S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508, USA.

White Stirred Up FOCUS Retreat

* Member of the Association Dr. William White from Philadelphia spoke to a Federation of Christian University Students Retreat on the weekend of January 22-24 in Guelph, Ontario. White spoke on the topic: "The University, Restoration, Revolution or Reformation". Several other faculty and administrative personnel attended the conference to meet students and help them with both academic and personal problems.

Zylstra Speaks at Westminster College and to Christian Legal Society in Penn.

* On the weekend of January 21-23 Dr. Bernard Zylstra spoke at several meetings in the Beaver Falls--New Wilmington, Pa. area. Thursday and Friday were spent addressing the Public Forum Series and several classes at Westminster College, New Wilmington. The meetings were made possible through the invitation of Dr. Thomas Gregory, of Westminster's philosophy and religion department, and Dr. Jack Rogers, assistant dean of the college. Westminster College is a Christian college of 1,500 students sponsored by the United Presbyterian Church. Saturday morning was spent speaking to the Christian Legal Society of the greater Pittsburgh area, organized by member of the Association Rex Downie. Zylstra spoke on "The Place of Law and Justice in the Context of a Biblical View of Society". A spirited four-hour discussion ensued.

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And that's a little bit of how the Lord has been blessing the AACS and ICS. We'll keep you informed as further developments break. Pray, work, and give so that this movement for Christian higher education may glorify Christ, whose work it is.

Sincerely,

Director of Communications
AACS-ICS

P.S. Are there people who should know about this work of the Lord? Please write their names in the space below and send them to us. Thanks.

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DISCOVERY

The fourth lecture in this series will be held in the following communities:

Mr. C.T. McIntire on the topic, "The Institutional Church in Renewal":

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| February 15 | Thunder Bay, Ont. | February 19 | Edmonton, Alta. |
| February 16 | Winnipeg, Man. | February 22 | Lacombe, Alta. |
| February 17 | Lethbridge, Alta. | February 23 | Telkwa, B.C. |
| February 18 | Calgary, Alta. | February 24 | Terrace, B.C. |

Rev. John Vriend on the topic, "The Institutional Church in Renewal":

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| February 17 | Sioux Center, Iowa | February 22 | Seattle, Wash. |
| February 18 | Manhattan, Montana | February 23 | Victoria, B.C. |
| February 19 | Vancouver, B.C. | February 24 | Abbotsford, B.C. |

Dr. Bernard Zylstra on the topic, "The Institutional Church in the Kingdom":

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| February 17 | Ottawa, Ont. | February 23 | London, Ont. |
| February 18 | Chatham, Ont. | February 24 | Hamilton, Ont. |
| February 19 | Sarnia, Ont. | February 25 | Toronto, Ont. |
| February 22 | Drayton, Ont. | February 26 | St. Catharines, Ont. |

NEWS FLASH--

C.T. McIntire accepts full-time Institute appointment in history beginning in September, 1972.

Dr. Calvin Seerveld becomes visiting professor of aesthetics at ICS in September, 1971. He will lead ten monthly seminars.

--Complete Coverage in Next Newsletter

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