

## ICS enrolment reflects international group

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp  
Admissions Counsellor

Eight months passed by before Joe Thomas received a response to his request for information about ICS. But, with the patience of Job, Thomas waited for the letter. Eventually a letter from ICS dated June 29, 1988 arrived at his address in India on February 3, 1989. The speed and volume of mail picked up after that initial correspondence and today Thomas is a student at ICS.

Iskandar Saher has been instrumental in translating reformational books into Indonesian for use at Satya Wacana Christian University. His passion for all things reformational was a factor in his decision to turn down a scholarship from Princeton in favour of studying at ICS. It took two years of paperwork before Saher's dream to study at ICS became a reality this fall.

These are the kind of stories that make admissions counselling exciting work. Watching a pile of paperwork

flesh out into a person who will become part of what *is* ICS makes all the letter-writing and envelope-stuffing worthwhile.

### 34 enrol full-time

In total, 34 students registered this fall for full-time studies at ICS. The greatest growth occurred in the worldview studies program directed by Dr. Brian Walsh. Four new students, including Cynthia Frazee, Massachusetts; Paul Tuvey, England; Kui-Moon Oh, Korea; and Iskandar Saher, Indonesia enrolled in the program.

The master's program in education, directed by Dr. Harry Fernhout, saw the addition of new students Janice Leach, Michigan; and Joe Thomas, India. Esther Ajax of Sierra Leone returned for a second season.

New Master of Philosophical Foundations (M.Phil.F.) students Paul  
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### Fall retreat

The annual ICS fall retreat provides a tranquil setting for students, staff, and professors to get reacquainted after the summer. Pictured from left to right are students Todd Hartman, Marci Frederick, Jeremy Fisher, and Tim Schouls talking with professor Bill Rowe.

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## IN THIS ISSUE

Christmas in September! That's the celebrative mood here at ICS when the hallways fill with students each fall. For the returning students there are hugs and months of news to catch up on. New students stepping tentatively off the elevator onto the fourth floor are welcomed and soon become part of the milieu that is distinctively ICS. If we could capture this spirit and send it to you in a bottle, we would.

As the new academic year unfolds, many of these students will introduce themselves to you through the pages of *Perspective*. The story of their journey to ICS is always interesting, and sometimes spectacular.

Enjoy this issue and we'll talk to you again in December!

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

By

*Clifford C. Pitt*

I want to thank all of you very much, and am most grateful to God, for giving me the high privilege of being associated for the past four-and-one-half years with this quite extraordinary Institute for Christian Studies.

One of the richest parts of this experience has been getting to know our ICS supporters, a very wonderful group of the Lord's people for whom I now have the greatest respect and admiration. I cannot thank you enough for all the strong prayer and financial support you have given the Institute over these years. Another richness has come from being in touch, almost daily, with the godly lives and deep spiritual insights of ICS faculty, and with the dedication of the administrative staff. I thank you all for the warm Christian love extended to Dorothy and myself by the many of you across Canada and at home whom we now count as our personal friends.

What shall I say in farewell? I should like to leave with you something really valuable, something really memorable. I do so, now, in the same words by which Paul took his leave of the Christians at Corinth:

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God (the Father) and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all (II Corinthians 13:14)*

### The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ

Grace has been defined as God's unmerited favour. We cannot earn it; we do not deserve it; we can only receive it and thank Him for it. It is a forgiving grace, for sinners only. "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance," He declared.

Christ's forgiving grace is an unconditional love. Unconditional love is so foreign to us; conditional love is what we are used to. We soon learn that if we are bad we will not be loved. I will love you *if* you are a good boy, *if* you develop bladder control, *if* you learn to read (especially if you do so earlier than your

cousin of the same age), if you love me in return. But His forgiving grace loves us when, in the hopeless ugliness of our sin, no one else could.

That forgiving grace hovered over us when we were still in the far country. It leads us home at last and keeps us there. And that love and that grace goes wonderfully on and on. We stumble and fall but if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Because He loves us unconditionally, we are now free to love in the same way, unconditionally, the losers, the unattractive, the alcoholic, the braggart, the poor, the lazy, the spineless, the selfish, the prostitute, the rebellious. That is grace! And that is what I would wish for you: a new, fresh sense of His forgiving grace to you personally, and then His empowering you to be that same grace, on His behalf, to others.

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!*

### The Love of God the Father

A minister whom many of us know tells of walking in a field with his four-year-old-daughter. He picked a daisy and began the ancient lovers' game. Plucking one petal, then the next, he mused "She loves me. She loves me not. She loves me. She loves me not." His daughter, picking her daisy, plucking its petals, exclaimed, "He loves me! He loves me! He loves me! He loves me!" Although her father often had to discipline her, close the doors she wanted opened, forbid what she most wanted, she understood even at four years of age, despite all that disciplining, that her father's love was a constant love.

So with our Father's love, too: steady, continuous, consistent, constant. This is a parental love, a constantly-caring-love, a feeding-and-clothing-love, a continuously-on-the-lookout-to-protect-kind-of-love, an af-

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firming, encouraging, you-are-my-child sort of love. Even though His word to us must often be "no" instead of our desired "yes." Even though, with the psalmist, we sometimes wonder if He has abandoned us, it is not so. He will not let your foot slip. He who watches over you will neither slumber nor sleep. These are the spiritual facts: I wish you a resting in them.

*May the love of God (the Father) be with you all!*

### The Fellowship of the Holy Spirit

"... that He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being." (Ephesians 3:16). This wasn't just some airy-fairy theory Paul had. Experientially, in his own life, he knew what it was to live *apart* from the Holy Spirit and what it was to live *with* the Holy Spirit. For Paul, the Damascus road experience separated the two. Living apart from the spirit meant sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies and the like. (Galatians 5:19, NIV). But living in the Spirit produced the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

I would covet these glorious blessings for each one of you. As I do so, I must realize that I am wishing you pain as well as joy, hurting as well as healing, guilt as well as grace: for He who hath begun a good work in you will not rest until He has completed that work (Philippians 1:6), until He has made you and me more and more like our Lord Jesus. That is what I would wish for each one of you: the Spirit's life-transforming power.

*May the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!*

— For some of the above thoughts I am indebted to Dr. Barrie R. White, Principal of Regent's College, Oxford.

*"Enrolment"*

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Ferdinand, England; James Leach, Michigan; Stephen Martin, Ontario; and John Van Vliet, Ontario join second-year students David Collins, Massachusetts; Jacques Fauquex, France; Jeremy Fisher, North Carolina; Todd Hartman, New York; and Janet Wesselius, Manitoba. Thesis-writers include Nik Ansell, England; Shane Baker, Ontario; Barbara Douglas, Iowa; Marcille Frederick, Illinois; Nesa Lysander, Ontario; and Fran Wong, Ontario.

Scott Jacobsen of Hamilton, Ont. joins returning Ph.D. students Matthew Bonzo, Illinois; Bruce Clemenger, Ontario; Jeffrey Dudiak, Ontario; Kanji Fuki, Japan; Michael Goheen, Ontario; Carroll Guen, Utah; Thomas McCormick, Arizona; Gary Shahinian, Ontario; Kuk-Won Shin, Korea; Julius Taniguchi, Japan; and Jeff Wells, Ontario.

Part-time students this fall include James Bailey, Anna-Liza Ferdinand, Jennifer Harris, Clarence Joldersma, Karen Kemp, Rosanne Lenos, Carolyn Lessard, Heather Looy, Will Major, Denise Natishan, Kathryn Onlock, Rosemary Tuvey, David Scheel, Arie Van Eek, Yvonne Vanderkooi, Karl Veldkamp, Maj-Len Wallace, and Lori Yaccato.

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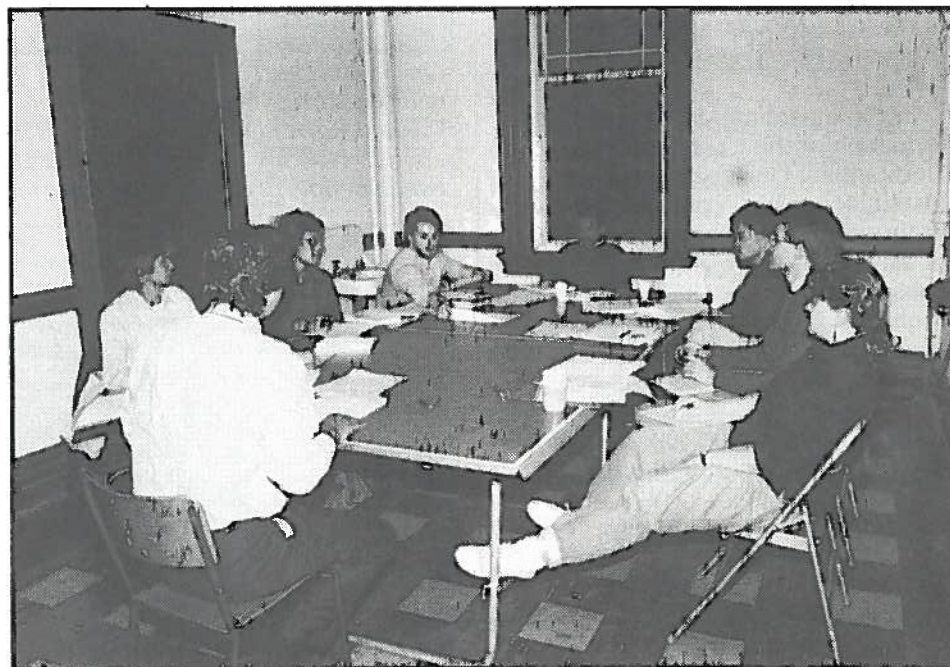
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*Seven nations class*

Seven nations are represented in Dr. Paul Marshall's political theory class this fall. Going around the table clockwise are Marshall, Iskandar Saher, Indonesia; Kui-Moon Oh, Korea; John Van Vliet, Canada; Joe Thomas, India; Julius Taniguchi, Japan; Paul Tuvey, England; and Cynthia Frazee, USA.

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# ICS forms coalition to lobby OCUA

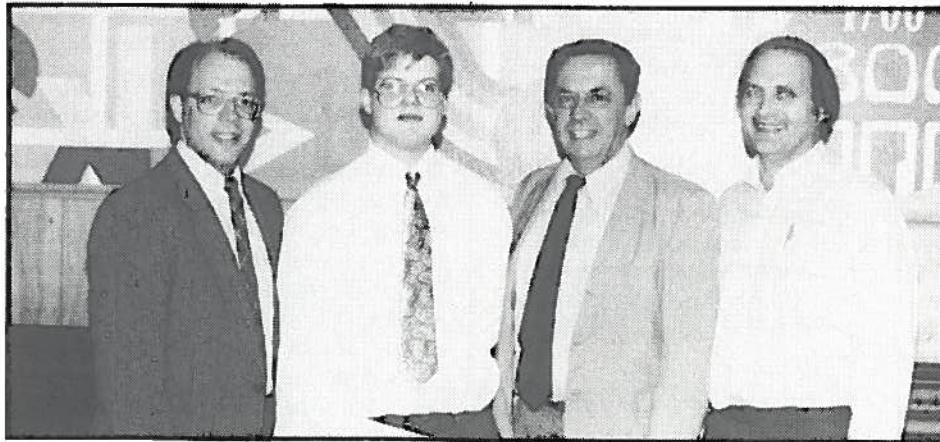
By faith the walls of Jericho fell down. It is proving to take that same kind of perseverance to topple the walls of Ontario's position on the right of freestanding institutions such as ICS to grant degrees. ICS's request to amend its degree-granting charter to include two new master's degrees has been before the provincial government now for close to five years.

ICS's request is currently tied up at the committee level with the Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA), which was asked to advise the Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU) on the general issue of private institutions and their right to grant degrees.

The February 1989 issue of *Perspective* reported on ICS's January 31 hearing with OCUA, which was viewed as a key step in the process. However, since then OCUA's interim chair Viv Nelles has been appointed to the position of chair. His decision to restructure the council internally has set the agenda back; the Freestanding Institutions Committee did not keep its promise of having advice for the minister of colleges and universities ready for late spring.

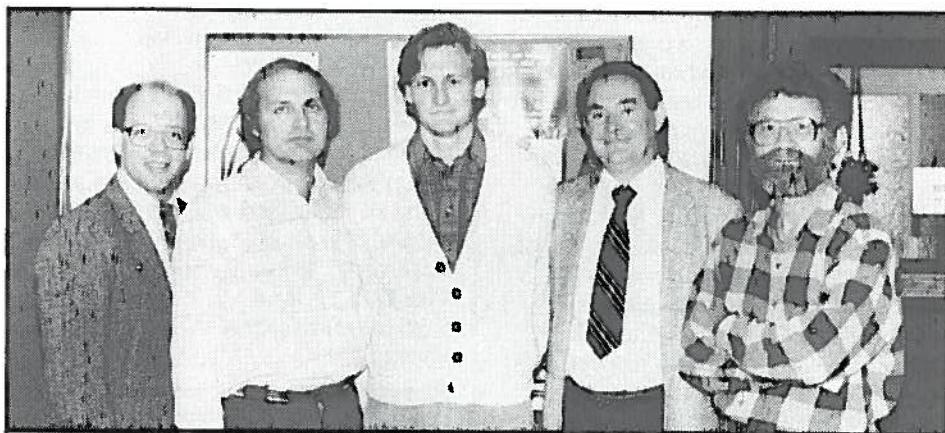
In the meantime, ICS initiated the formation of the Coalition of Freestanding University-Level Institutions, which consists of five institutions which share the problem of accessing degree-granting rights. These institutions include Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College, Redeemer College, Canadian School of Management, Wolfe Institutes, and ICS. Its purpose is to find common ground and together push OCUA and the ministry on these issues.

On September 11, the new coalition presented a statement of five propositions dealing with degree-granting and accreditation to OCUA. In response, OCUA has promised to prepare a discussion paper on the subject for the end of October. Then it will gather input from interested parties and the general public with the goal of formalizing its advice to MCU by January/February of 1990.



On August 25 Henry Luttikhuizen, second from left, became the 50th ICS graduate to receive a Master of Philosophical Foundations degree. He defended his thesis, "The Art-Historiographical Thought and Method of Jose Ortega y Gasset" before an examination committee including, from left to right, Dr. William Rowe, reader, Dr. Calvin Seerveld, mentor, and Dr. James Olthuis, chair. Not pictured are outside examiners Graham Birtwistle and David Estrada Herrero.

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On September 25 doctoral student Jeffrey Dudiak, center, passed his oral comprehensive examination. Present for the exam were, from left to right, Dr. William Rowe, Dr. James Olthuis, Dr. David Goichochea, outside examiner, and Dr. Hendrik Hart. In his dissertation Dudiak will explore dialogue between people of divergent faith communities.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp



On October 5 Tim Schouls, center, became the 51st ICS graduate in the Master of Philosophical Foundations program. He defended his thesis, "Liberal Democracy and Canada's Aboriginal Peoples: Negotiating Basic Group Rights Within the Framework of Political Individualism, 1969-1988" before an examination committee including, from left to right, Dr. James Olthuis, chair, Dr. Harry Fernhout, reader, Dr. Paul Marshall, mentor, and Dr. Michael McDonald, outside examiner.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp



# Campfires burn into night at Tyhee Lake conference

by Carolyn Visser

Many campfires burned late into the night because of discussions sparked by our sessions with Henk and Cathy Pott at the annual Northwestern B.C. ICS Family Conference held at Tyhee Lake August 5 through 7.

Approximately 200 people from Terrace, Smithers, Telkwa, Houston, and Prince George attended the conference which featured Henk Pott, pastor of Christ Community Christian Reformed Church in Victoria, B.C., and his wife Cathy.

The Potts spoke on the topic "The Christian Family: Enemies and Allies," which they broke down into four areas. The first of these was "Satan is Against Us" in which Pott spoke about Satan's aim, approach, scope, tactic, strategy, means and results. In the Sunday morning lecture, entitled "God is For Us," we learned about five aspects of God's character from Genesis 1:1-25: God is personal, powerful, purposeful, plural, and perfectly good. That evening, at our third lecture, "Spirit and Word are Within Us," we learned about the roles of Scripture and the Spirit in counseling. At this point Cathy Pott spoke to us on abuse in the Christian family and how to deal with it. On Monday our final session was on "The Church is Around Us." In this lecture we learned about the boundaries of the Christian family, how we can build up our Christian family by discovering and using our gifts, and how the Christian family breaks down.

Campers also enjoyed weiner roasts, singsongs around the campfire, the Jubilate singers, games for all ages and a pancake breakfast. We can thank God for giving us opportunities such as this ICS conference to worship him and work towards a true Christian family. P



Photo by Luke Kwantes

## "Jubilate" performs

A group of singers who call themselves "Jubilate" are an integral part of the Tyhee Lake conference held in northwestern British Columbia. Here they perform under the gigantic parachute used as a tent by the B.C. ICS supporters.

# Southern B.C. conferees chart rights course

by Kathleen Van Ee

Native Indian rights; freedom of speech; free needles for drug addicts; right to clean air; right to have an abortion.

"Every topic we face today is in the language of rights," stated Paul Marshall in his opening address at the Southern B.C. ICS Family Conference held at Cultus Lake's Columbia Bible Camp. Marshall, who is a senior member in political theory at ICS in Toronto, delivered three lectures on the topic of human rights.

"When Freedoms Collide: Charting a Course in Human Rights" was the theme for the Labour Day weekend. The notion of rights is appealing to the Christian community. Yet we need to consider our human responsibility. We need to learn to distinguish between rights and views, and then be instrumental in upholding rights so that justice and mercy are maintained.

## Rights as gift of grace

In the section on "What Is Right In Human Rights: Guarding the Government," Marshall pointed out that the government exists to protect human

rights, and it receives its authority from the people. Many people hold the view that all rights are equal, and then strive to protect the rights of all people. Yet, according to Marshall, rights are really an aspect of God's grace. Each person has a responsibility before the Creator to a God-given task. Each person needs to be protected so that choices can be made and vocations carried out freely. We have rights because God still cares for us, and demands that each person is cared for by others.

## Individual vs communal

In "What Is Wrong In Human Rights: Legislating Humanism," Marshall explained that a commonly held liberal view is that the purpose of politics is to maximize and protect individual freedoms. If the highest good is this freedom, then the greatest evil can become telling someone what to do. "Progress" is any increase in the number of rights. Since the church and associations limit individual freedoms, we need to ask if there are communal rights. Yet the federal government only understands individual rights, and that eve-

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ryone is equal under the law. The stress on equality tends to run to trivialization and legalism, which leads to secularization. Therefore, it is necessary to be clear on what are genuinely human rights, and to ask what is the responsibility of each person in life. The basic issue is whether or not justice prevails.

### Think before acting

In "Where Do We Go From Here?" Marshall pointed out that first we need to think strategically and theoretically. Even though there is an urgency to do something now, there is a greater need to think clearly and critically. Second, we need to get training. Since we need some political "smarts," we need to be in communication with lawyers, doctors, and teachers. Third, we need to be busy "networking." Since themes of rights (i.e. natives, prisoners, the unborn) do not always affect us directly, we need to keep open and regular contacts with the larger Christian community. We need to be concerned about justice for its own sake, for the long term, and for modeling

Christ's humility. Fourth, we need to "litigate." Judges decide everything; lawyers argue everything. Therefore, we need to be involved before the decisions are made. Finally, we need to remember to avoid despair and cynicism because our success lies in God's faithfulness and promises.

### Workshops on rights

In addition to the main speaker, there were four workshops conducted by four well-qualified individuals. Waldemar Braul, a lawyer with Citizens for Public Justice in B.C. who is presently involved in negotiating reserves for the Ingenika and Mesilinka bands, led a workshop on native rights exploring the search for justice by the aboriginals of British Columbia. Iain Benson, a staff lawyer with the Industrial Relations Council, conducted a workshop on the topic of abortion, along with the human rights issues and arguments which arise in that context. Ron Dart, a representative of Amnesty International in Vancouver, discussed Amnesty's work in monitoring human rights violations and how these are dealt with in the international sphere. Stefan Ullstein, a Christian high

school teacher in Bellevue, Washington, ran a workshop for teenagers and their parents to assist them in critically assessing the movies they watch.

### Opportunity for fellowship

Balancing the "intellectual shot in the arm" provided by the lectures and workshops were opportunities for fellowship and recreation. On Saturday evening a chicken barbeque was followed by a square dance where both young and old learned to use both left feet. Sunday brought numerous people to join us in worship services, which were conducted by Rev. Bill Tuininga and Rev. Martin Contact. During both services Benita Van Anandel helped us to sing joyful praises to our King. Later in the evening Everett Van Ee directed two teams in discovering their hidden acting talents, much to the delight of the audience.

For some people the conference provided "a day away from the farm," and for others it was "a place where we could come as a family." All in all, it was "a nice way to end the summer and to begin a new season of school and work." P

## Alberta conferees explore worldview

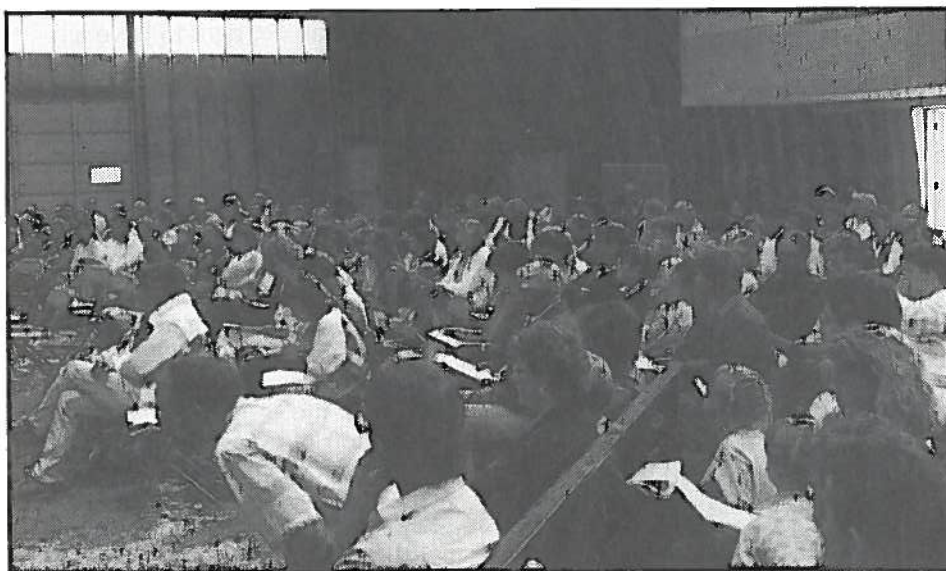
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It was a double pleasure for us to attend the annual ICS conference in Alberta this past August long weekend: a double pleasure because we are now part of the community at 229 College Street and because we have long since been members of the Christian community in Edmonton.

The conference held at Deer Valley Meadows in central Alberta was attended by residents of Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, Yellowknife, and the Northwest Territories as well as by people from Alberta.

### Beyond worldview

Brian Walsh, senior member in worldview studies, gave a two-part address on the topic, "Beyond Worldview to Way of Life: Diagnosis"



### Attentive audience

Alberta conferees take in Brian Walsh's keynote address at the annual ICS conference held at Deer Valley Meadows.

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and "The Candy Man's Gone: Prophetic Faith in a Declining Culture."

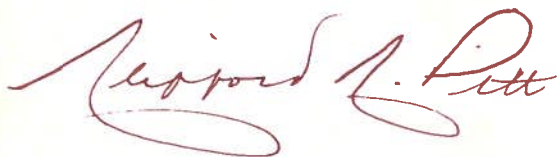
In Saturday morning's plenary address, Walsh challenged his audience to examine the gap between their Christian worldview

and their lifestyle. Christians, particularly those who profess a reformational worldview, are often consciously careful that their intellectual, articulated worldview is

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# President's Annual Report 1988-89



## Introduction

Four years ago the Board of Trustees approved my Four-Year Master Plan which was designed to chart the short-term future directions for ICS. I propose in this annual report to provide you with a sort of report card review of the past four-and-one-half years. Year-by-year changes are often so gradual as to be almost imperceptible; a "before" and "after" review of a four-year period, however, ought to give us some notion as to whether ICS is really getting somewhere or just spinning its wheels.

Before I do that though, I want to tell you that I have had a marvellous four and a half years as president of this extraordinary Institute for Christian Studies. I am indeed grateful to God for giving me this opportunity. In this connection, you might like to read my swan song in "From the President's Pen" column in the October, 1989 *Perspective*.

One of the richest parts of this experience has been getting to know our ICS supporters, a very wonderful group of the Lord's people for whom I now have the greatest respect and admiration, and in the case of the many of you who have become personal friends, much affection. I cannot thank you enough for all the strong financial and prayer support you have given the Institute throughout my tenure and, too, for the warm Christian love extended to Dorothy and myself by the many of you across Canada whom we now count amongst our personal friends. May God bless each one of you and multiply your love for ICS!

## Academic Programs and Resources

In response to certain recommendations in the Greystone Report of January 1985, and to the Board's decision to expand, mortgaging such expansion on the value of the building at 229 College St., Toronto, there has been a substantial increase over the past four years in our academic resources and programs as follows.

## Faculty Complement

In terms of faculty complement, the total number of full-time equivalent faculty increased as follows:

4.8 (1984-85), 5.5 (85-86), 7.2 ('86-'87), 8.6 ('87-'88) and 8 ('88-'89). This is an additional 3.2 faculty, a marked increase of 66% in our most important academic resource.

Four years ago we had just one adjunct faculty member. Today we have twelve, plus one adjunct senior member, an impressive roster of professors from other institutions as follows:

- Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, Ph.D., professor of inter-disciplinary studies at Calvin College.
- Stan Skarsten, D.S.W., psychological counselor and co-director of the Institute for Family Living.
- Albert Wolters, Ph.D., professor of religion and theology at Redeemer College
- C. Thomas McIntire, Ph.D., professor of history at the University of Toronto, (adjunct senior member)
- Robert Wauzinski, Ph.D., Lindaman Professor of Communication, Technology, and Change, Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington.
- John Van Dyk, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Dordt College.

- Harro Van Brummelen, Ph.D., professor of education at Trinity Western University.
- Alice Oosterhuis, Ph.D., professor of educational psychology at The King's College.
- Robert Bruinsma, Ph.D., professor of education at The King's College.
- Gregory Maffett, Ph.D., instructor, Ohio State University
- Albert E. Greene, Jr., Ph.D., executive director of Alta Vista College.
- Lambert Zuidervart, Ph.D. professor of philosophy at Calvin College.
- Robert C. Hudspeth, M.Eng., lecturer in engineering at McMaster University.

## Faculty

Every senior member at ICS is reviewed by the academic council and the senate at regular intervals for the quality of his research publications and teaching and for his contribution to the wider community. I am very much impressed with the rigour with which these examinations are conducted.

Senior members who hold a "continuing appointment" (which is as close as we come to granting tenure at ICS) are reviewed every five years. It was in this connection that senate reviewed senior member Hendrik Hart's work. Senate expressed its happiness with Dr. Hart's academic work and research, especially his dialogue with the contemporary philosophical world at the very highest level of national and international discussion. Henk is an innovative creative thinker who makes a significant contribution to contemporary Christian philosophy. He was commended, too, for his effective work as teacher, thesis supervisor, registrar, and director of the doctoral program.

Senior member Dr. Harry Fernhout was recommended by senate for a third two-year term as senior member in philosophy of education. Dr. Fernhout has continued to contribute to the community of scholars, his teaching is consistently rated highly by students both for its theoretical content and pedagogical approach, and he has developed contacts with other educational institutions in ways which forward the reputation and purposes of ICS.

The senate recommended that Dr. George Vandervelde be offered a continuing appointment as senior member in systematic theology. George was recognized as making an important contribution to the ICS scholarly community, demonstrating strong gifts as a teacher, developing an excellent record of publications, and as doing significant work in national and international ecumenical commissions.

The Canada-wide and worldwide work and influence of our faculty is simply astounding. I could fill this entire report with accounts of their leadership in national and international groups. This past year our faculty had been much in demand: in places like France, Australia, USA, Indonesia, Korea, England, Yugoslavia, the Philippines, Sumatra. Their work varies all the way from giving series of workshops/lectures to institutes of Seventh-Day Adventist college professors to advising governments on abortion and human rights to training staff for Christian work with university students to challenging the leading atheist philosopher in Canada to helping a Christian university of 7,000 students develop courses on the integration of faith and learning

(mandatory for all students) to helping Ontario teenagers deal with their problems and on and on. It is no exaggeration to say that your dollars and prayers send ICS's reformational, all-the-world-belongs-to-God teachings throughout this world of His.

## Ph.D. Programs

The jewel in the ICS crown is the Ph.D. program. In 1984-85 it was unclear as to what Ph.D.'s we might offer. As a result of registrar Dr. Hendrik Hart's discussions with the Free University of Amsterdam, it is now official that we may offer Ph.D.'s in the philosophical foundations of three areas in addition to philosophy: history, political theory, and aesthetics. It is now possible for a Ph.D. student to do 100% of his work right here at ICS without having to go to the Free University for any of his studies.

In fact, ICS may now offer a Ph.D. in the philosophy of any subject for which we have a staff member. It would be great if some generous donor would establish a chair in psychology or economics!

Ph.D. students are especially important for Christian educational leadership because they are being trained to be professors. The increase in this area over the past four years has been remarkable, jumping from two Ph.D. students in 1984-85 to 11 in 1988-89. We have 12 in 1989-90.

## Programs for Teachers

Four years ago we had nothing specifically for teachers in the Christian schools. Since then we have established a complete Master of Education program. The Ontario government has still not made a decision as to whether we may offer the M.Ed. degree itself, despite the fact that our request was made four years ago. Under the direction of academic vice-president Dr. Harry Fernhout, we now have an excellent program which combines the expertise of our full-time faculty in the foundational subjects with a variety of supporting courses provided by adjunct faculty.

Nevertheless, this section of our report card must be marked "unsatisfactory" because we are disappointed by the small enrolments. I believe this would change considerably if we had authority to grant the M.Ed. degree. Obtaining an acceptable M.Ed. degree, in Ontario and elsewhere, automatically leads to an increase in a teacher's salary. Such developments would attract a proper number of students including Christian teachers in the public school system, a goal which has been front and centre in my personal hopes since I first came to ICS.

## Worldview Studies

As far as we know, the Institute for Christian Studies is the first institution anywhere in the world to appoint a Professor (Senior Member) of Worldview Studies, Dr. Brian Walsh, and to establish a complete Master of Arts program in this area. Again, the government has not yet decided whether we may give the M.A. degree itself.

Although the program is only a year old, there will be five full-time students in it this Fall. Some 20 part-time students took Worldview courses last year. I am very excited about this development because Worldview Studies offers a discipline in thinking Christianly about critical issues in a wide range of occupations: this program is for doctors, engineers, social workers, farmers, business people, etc. This program is very promising, I believe, both in terms of course offerings and enrolment.

## Opportunities for Part-time students

Four years ago we took the decision to direct more resources into ministering to part-time students so that we could bring ICS to homemakers



and to people with full-time jobs. For the first time in ICS history, we offered an increasingly comprehensive program of credit courses through Winter and Spring Evening Classes and a small Summer Session. About 50 to 60 semester courses are now being taken each year on this part-time basis. These are regular credit courses in our M.Ed. and M.A. (Worldview Studies) programs.

ICS will offer 10 evening courses in 1989-90 including biblical foundations, worldview foundations, psychology, technology studies, arts and communications, politics, education and theology.

I am well satisfied that we have a rich range of courses to offer but feel we need to greatly increase our part-time enrolments.

## Graduates

In 1988-89 the following students graduated: Glenda M. Hildebrand: M. Phil.F.

Harry J. Kits: M. Phil. F.

Raymond F. Watts: Master's program in Worldview Studies.

As is usually the case, our graduates move to leadership positions of considerable influence. Glenda is working with the Mennonite Central Committee; Harry is executive director of the Citizens for Public Justice; Ray is academic dean of Kapsabet Bible College in Kenya.

Since 1984-85 ICS has awarded 17 M.Phil.F. degrees; this is about one-third more than the rate for the preceding 10 years. One important feature of the Master's graduates is that a remarkably high proportion go on to doctoral work at ICS or a secular university. One important development is that completing the degree now takes a significantly shorter time than it did previously, although it still requires a minimum of two years.

## Student Enrolment

Let me say at the outset that student recruitment is the only major area in which I have been hugely disappointed over the past four-and-a-half years.

- In terms of the Greystone recommendations of 1985 we have done very poorly indeed. Greystone proposed an increase of 25 new full-time students each year. We haven't even come close to that. The average would be more like about 11 per year.

- Over the past 15 years, with but two or three exceptions, full-time enrolments have hovered pretty steadily around the 30 mark. It is true that if we translate part-time students into Full-Time Equivalents (FTE's) and add them to our full-time students, then of the past 15 years only 1981-82 would show a higher total FTE enrolment than last year and this year. We are improving; no question about that, but we do so at a rather slow rate.

Despite the above, it must be said that the student recruitment program mounted this past year by Senior Member Brian Walsh and admissions counsellor Carol-Ann Veenkamp was one of the best we have had. The main fruits of their work will show up over the next one to four years.

- There are, however two bright spots in the recent enrolment picture.

First, part-time student enrolment jumped from a handful in 1984-85 to an average of 53 semester courses over each of the past four years.

Secondly, there is a marked increase in the number of Ph.D. students from two in 1984-85 to 12 in 1989-90. In God's good time, hopefully all of these 12 will become professors in Christian colleges or public universities. It may be of interest to you to know that three of our current Ph.D. students will be part-time faculty at Redeemer College this fall: Gary Shahinian, Michael Goheen and Tom McCormick. Gary will

become a full-time member of the Dordt College faculty in January.

This brings me to my favourite statistic which you may well be tired of hearing by now! There must presently be about 50 ICS alumni around the world holding faculty positions in colleges (60% in Christian colleges) and universities. Over their teaching lifetimes they may well influence with a Christian reformational perspective something like a quarter of a million to 400,000 young people! These will be the leaders of the next generation!

- There are two overriding considerations which cry out for a tripling of our enrolment. First, no place on this continent offers a Christian master's degree and Ph.D. (the union card for professors) comparable to ICS. No university in North America provides the kind of interdisciplinary, reformational binding together of Christian faith and university scholarship that is the ICS experience. It is *shameful* that more students do not know about and take advantage of the uniquely exciting opportunity that awaits them at the Institute.

For the second reason please see my column in the June, 1989 *Perspective*. "He that openeth and no man shutteth" may be deliberately swinging open to Christian scholars a hundred doors into the secular university world. Demographic studies show that the professoriate in the United States is an aging one. About 20% of their university and college professors will retire over the next ten years. The next twenty years will see a massive exodus: almost 100% of the present faculty will retire. There will be marvellous opportunities for Christian scholars to move into that vacuum just as Marxists have in the past. If you have academic ability, ICS can arm you to take your place in that invasion!

- While I believe that the Lord's purposes call for a tripling of our enrolment, do not therefore conclude that ICS is too small: size is relative. For example, of the 62 institutions in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada which have graduate programs, eleven of them (eight universities and three colleges) have full-time graduate student enrolments smaller than ours.

There are 7.5 as many full-time undergraduate students as graduate students in Canada. Consequently, one might say that the ICS enrolment of 36 is as large within the graduate school population as an undergraduate college of 270 would be among the undergraduate population. Graduating with a Ph.D. degree is a very rare experience: only one of every 1600 elementary school students will eventually obtain a Ph.D.

- To sum up, the overall student enrolment picture shows that we are improving, but slowly. In view of the number of faculty and the wonderful God-given opportunity that is not being taken advantage of, all of this is simply not good enough! We must be rated "Poor" in this area. Student recruitment should perhaps be our No. 1 objective for the next few years. We have always said that our ideal goal would be to have about 12 professors and 100 to 125 students. In five years' time we should be well on our way to those numbers.

## Publications

The publications record of the Institute over the past four years continues to be impressive: ten major books ranging over areas such as Christian marriage, the social sciences, hermeneutics, the Holy Spirit, education, the classics, Bible studies; two earlier books so much in demand that they required reprinting; nine ICS master's degree theses; nineteen academic papers; two inaugural addresses; two Niagara Conference lectures; and two manuals. This is

really terrific! It is terrific, too, to remark that some of our books are translated into French, Korean and Indonesian.

A very rough estimate would suggest that ICS publications are currently in the hands of 60,000 to 80,000 individuals or libraries! While this is a low-profile ministry, the importance of its influence is beyond calculation.

Dr. Robert VanderVennen continues to be responsible for facilitating the Institute's publications program. In this connection, Bob deserves particular commendation for developing our very significant arrangements with the University Press of America (UPA), which is now by far our major publisher.

Our forthcoming book on classics will be the ninth book in our ICS-UPA series. This series is gaining respect from Christian academics outside of ICS, to judge by the inquiries and requests we receive to publish their books in our series. It is clear that this ICS-UPA series is becoming somewhat prestigious.

## Books Published in 1988-89

- SOCIAL SCIENCE IN CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE, edited by Paul Marshall and Robert E. VanderVennen, is published by University Press of America. This 358-page book contains papers given by professors at an international conference held at ICS, essentially the first multi-institutional conference for academicians at the Institute. This book was designated as the 1988 Robert Lee Carvill Memorial Book.

- STAINED GLASS: WORLDVIEWS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE, edited by Paul Marshall, Sander Griffioen and Richard Mouw, is published by University Press of America. This book consists of lectures given at a Tripartite Conference (Free University, Calvin College, Institute for Christian Studies) held at Calvin College in July, 1985.

- ON BEING HUMAN: IMAGING GOD IN THE MODERN WORLD, by Calvin Seerveld, is published by G.R. Welch of Burlington, Ontario. The book consists of biblical meditations given at the 50th anniversary of the Association for Calvinistic Philosophy in the Netherlands. It contains reproductions of art works as well as eleven biblical songs composed by Seerveld.

- THE HOLY SPIRIT: RENEWING AND EMPOWERING PRESENCE, edited by George Vandervelde, is published by Wood Lake Books of Winfield, British Columbia. The book contains the papers given at a conference held at ICS and organized by Vandervelde, plus one additional paper written afterwards on the history of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in Reformed theology. Bob VanderVennen assisted with the editing of the book and handled all the production through printing and binding. Wood Lake is a Canadian Christian publisher with strong links with United, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, so we have prospects of reaching markets that ICS ordinarily does not reach.

- CHRISTIANITY AND THE CLASSICS, edited by Wendy Helleman, and to be published by University Press of America, consists of papers given at a conference held at ICS that was organized by Helleman and Robert VanderVennen.

## Forthcoming Books

- THEOLOGY AND MODERNITY: A STUDY IN THE THOUGHT OF LANGDON GILKEY, to be published by University Press of America, is essentially Brian Walsh's doctoral dissertation.

- NORM AND CONTEXT IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES is a tripartite book arising from a conference at the Free University.

- BRINGING EVERY THOUGHT INTO CAPTIVITY is a book from the Philosophy Depart-



ment of the Free University on the history of philosophy. We have agreed to publish this with University Press of America.

•CHRISTIANITY AND CANADIAN CULTURE, the paper given at the conference we co-sponsored with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and involving several major denominations, is under consideration by several publishers.

•THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH AND CANADIAN CULTURE. These are the papers given at the November, 1988 conference organized by ICS at Redeemer College.

•THE GREATEST SONG. This valuable book by Calvin Seerveld was reprinted by him with assistance from Willem Hart. Although ICS provided no direct assistance in this undertaking, we are delighted to promote and sell this book from ICS.

### Inaugural Addresses

We received the printed inaugural addresses of William Rowe and Brian Walsh in time for the ICS family conferences in Alberta and Ontario. Harry Fernhout's inaugural address has seen its initial but not final editing.

### Academic Papers Program

We have virtually dropped any continuing development of our academic papers program with the dropping of the educational services program two years ago, though we have retained some 200 subscribers: individuals and a dozen libraries. However, with three new pieces recently available, we are now sending out our first mailing in two years to these subscribers.

### Other Publishing Matters

With Bob VanderVennen, I would like to recognize publicly the splendid work of graphic artist Willem Hart. Not only is he a great asset in our book publishing, but he is also of tremendous help to us in designing virtually all of our promotional materials. He does very high quality work and his prices are below the market. I greatly appreciate what he does for us.

Bob VanderVennen has been having a rather frustrating experience with various "desktop publishing" firms for laser typesetting from ICS computer disks. If the frustrations mount sufficiently, he threatens to learn the desktop publishing business himself! I will not suggest how you should pray about this (!)

### Bookselling

A significant part of Bob VanderVennen's two-day a week service to ICS is that of marketing and supervising the selling of books and papers. This is a very important ministry to many thousands of people over the years; we sell about 2200 books each year. It is the major way in which we cast upon the waters the rich spiritual/intellectual insights of our senior members and other like-minded writers.

Bookselling also makes a certain contribution to the ICS budget, bringing in an income of \$30,000 to \$35,000 each year, normally about \$10,000 higher than our direct costs, not including our salaries or other overhead. Anna Overweg does a good job at handling the sales, and her expertise has risen over the year as she has become more familiar with the operation.

### Correspondence Courses

Bob VanderVennen has had 152 registrants since the beginning of this program, although the rate has now slowed considerably. Nevertheless, an additional 25 have signed up for courses since June 1988.

### Finance

•While there are undoubtedly other factors at

work, I believe that voluntary donations from individuals in Canada and the U.S.A., together with church contributions, are something of a barometer of the trust and confidence in which the Institute is held by our supporting constituency.

If that is so, then we must remark the critical drop of 23% over the three years of 1982 through 1985: a theoretical loss of \$184,000 even if one assumes absolutely no increase from year to year. I am told that this three-year shortfall was due largely to internal problems at ICS. I do not know whether that be so or not, although other factors which might be thought to influence the situation negatively — such as developments at Redeemer and the King's — have been at work over the past four years as well. If our internal problems were indeed a major factor, then they were costly indeed to the Institute.

•In any event, thanks be to God, our voluntary income increased steadily over the next four years, so that total voluntary giving increased by over \$200,000 from \$331,000 in 1984-85 to \$537,000 in 1988-89. This increase was of the order of 62% in four years!

Over the past four years the average increase in voluntary donations from all sources has been of the order of 16% per annum. This is really wonderful! I cannot tell you all how deeply grateful we are for such positive and steadily mounting financial help. This must be especially encouraging to all you supporters of ICS who have stuck with us so loyally through the difficult times.

A particularly heartwarming aspect within the above trend is the dramatically increased support from churches. This shows an increase of two and one-half times what it was in 1984-85! This is more than we had dreamed of four and a half years ago.

•That's the good news in our four-year overview! The bad news is that expenditures have escalated even more quickly than revenues. As a result, the Institute has had a history of deficits: eleven in the past fourteen years. The last four years are no exception. In my Four-Year Master Plan of October, 1985, I called for a gradual reduction of deficits to \$50,000 in 1987-88 and a balanced budget in 1988-89. In fact we *did* reduce the deficits substantially each year with a deficit of just \$32,000 (instead of \$50,000!) in 1987-88. After that came disaster, for we had an \$89,000 deficit in 1988-89.

The reasons for the 1988-89 deficit are three: (i) we could not expect to continue into another year the generous one-time gifts of the Close-the-Gap Campaign of 1987-88 which brought in an extraordinary 36% increase in one year; (ii) donors who had invested heavily in the Building Partnership to buy 229 College St. put their dollars into that investment rather than donations; and (iii) the seven-month protracted negotiations with a very desirable tenant finally fell through in August; during this in-limbo period the Building Partnership lost about \$16,000 on the building every month.

There is, however, one piece of wonderful God-glorifying news even with respect to these deficits. As is mentioned elsewhere, the formation of the 229 College Street Building Partnership enabled us to wipe out every deficit we had ever had. Our creditors were all paid off by December 31, 1988!

### Building

•In June, 1985, the building and everything to do with it was a disaster area! Our biggest tenant had stealthily decamped over one week-end leaving us with several months unpaid rent and half the building vacant. We have never really recovered from that blow. About the same time, one of our administrators who

had become unwell, made a jungle of unauthorized and disastrous agreements with various of our 27 tenants.

Aside altogether from these quite extraordinary problems, we found ourselves knee-deep in the landlord business. The very proper everyday concerns of the 27 tenants took substantial time away from the regular duties of several ICS staff.

Four-and-a-half years ago we had mortgaged 229 College Street to the hilt for a total of over \$900,000. That indebtedness increased to \$1,300,000 by the end of 1988.

Another problem was that the building had fallen into a serious state of disrepair because we did not have the monies to properly maintain it over the years. It is a very old building with none of the amenities of modern school or office accommodation.

The following developments have now led to a remarkable change in the whole building situation:

•First, our lawyer, Wietse Posthumus, and then vice-president academic Paul Marshall finally brought order out of the chaotic relationships with our tenants in that first year.

•Then we appointed an outside property manager (cost shared by all tenants and ICS) who relieved our staff of most landlordly duties.

•On December 1, 1988 the Institute sold its building to the 229 College Street Building Partnership, a group comprised of ICS and thirteen ICS supporters. The Institute retained a 49% interest with our friends holding the remaining 51%.

That was surely a God-guided transaction! It enabled us to pay off all of our indebtedness of \$1,300,000. At one stroke the Lord enabled us to wipe out the eleven years of deficits that we had accumulated over the last fourteen years!

•At this point I should like to publicly, and from the heart, express the grateful thanks of the ICS to three groups especially: (i) to the scores of individuals, ICS supporters, who loaned us amounts of \$1000 to \$100,000 over the years; (ii) to the CRC Extension Fund and the CRC Stewardship Fund without whose sympathetic understanding and very large loans it would not have been possible for us to stay alive, and (iii) to DUCA Credit Union which also gave us substantial help.

Behind all of this, of course, the Giver of all good gifts! ICS probably would not even exist today had not the Lord exercised His people to support us so strongly. I thank God on my knees for all the faithful ways you have stood by us, through thick and thin, over many difficult years. Thank you!

•We are now committed to a major renovation program which will refurbish our ICS quarters giving us a much more efficient replanning of our space. There will be other advantages, too, such as decent washrooms, flexible classrooms which can be merged to make larger ones, and much needed air-conditioning for our summer session.

•At this moment we are negotiating another deal with an outside organization. I beseech your prayers that God will guide us to an ideal arrangement. That would be one which would do three marvellous things for us: enable us to remain in this prime location across the road from the University of Toronto; give us a majority ownership in the building so that our equity increases with the explosive appreciation of downtown Toronto real estate; and provide leasing profits which will pay completely for ICS's own rent including utilities and maintenance.

•One point must be made crystal clear: even if we are successful in negotiating such a deal, while that would give ICS a place to be and to teach for many years to come, that building arrangement would not contribute much to our



regular operating costs. To cover that budget it will be necessary to raise as much in voluntary donations as we do now.

### Conferences, Special Events

The Institute for Christian Studies has a reputation for mounting challenging conferences and seminars. Not counting the scores of lectures, workshops and seminars which ICS professors give all over the world, the following is a list of the conferences officially sponsored by the Institute itself since I last reported to you.

#### 1988

•Nov. 12 — British Columbia Lower Mainland Chapter Conference on "Ethical Issues in Contemporary Society." Keynote speaker: Rev. Bill Tuininga. Attendance: about 100.

#### 1989

•January — The January Interim Course on "Problems in Art History: Current Options and a Christian Look" was led by Professor Cal Seerveld (ICS), Charles Young (Calvin College), Graham Birtwistle (Free University) and John Walford (Wheaton College). Attendees: 15 students from ICS and Calvin College.

•Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 — Christianity and Learning Lectureship on "The Quest for the Historical Kingdom" was given by Dr. N. Thomas Wright (Oxford University) to a packed house at ICS.

•June 2-3 — "Youth, Electronic Media and Popular Arts" Conference. Presented by Calvin College Center for Christian Scholarship with responses by ICS students and faculty; 40 conferees.

•July 6-7 — "Land in Biblical Perspective;" a seminar presented by Prof. John H. Stek of Calvin Theological Seminary. Attendance: 40 plus.

•Aug. 4-7 — Niagara (Ontario) Family Conference on "Educating Disciples: Shaping Memory and Vision"; Keynote speaker: Dr. Harry Fernhout. Over 700 registrants with 900 - 1000 plus on Sunday.

•Aug. 4-7 — Alberta Family Conference on "From Worldview to Way of Life." Keynote speaker: Dr. Brian Walsh. About 200 attended.

•Aug. 4-7 — Northwestern British Columbia Family Conference on "The Christian Family; Enemies and Allies." Keynote speaker: Pastor Henk Pott. Attendance 200.

•Sept. 1-4 — Southern British Columbia Family Conference on "When Freedoms Collide: Charting a Course in Human Rights." Keynote speaker: Dr. Paul Marshall. Attendance was about 160.

### Administration

Certain administrative improvements have been made over the past four years:

A year ago we instituted the Christian Schools International comprehensive benefits package for all faculty and staff. This includes medical and dental plans, long-term disability and group insurance. In addition, we contribute to RRSP plans.

Four years ago we had no virtually computer facilities. We have now computerized several areas: (a) word processors have greatly reduced Dorothe Rogers' time in typing Senior Members' papers and lectures; (b) our production of camera-ready copy for Bob VanderVennen's publications work has been markedly reduced through in-house and out-house (?) computerized procedures; (c) all financial and budgeting data are now computerized. Besides providing us with information very quickly, this has enabled us to reduce substantially the use of outside accounting consultant costs. It has also been a factor in reducing our in-house accounting time from five days per week to two days; (d) the computerizing of donors' records, receipts, etc., does not seem to have reduced employee

time but does give us information more quickly and provides more helpful analyses of our financial position and of donation patterns.

Over the four years, substantial improvement has been made in the budgeting process, including a completely separate accounting for the building, and a separation of development department costs from general administration costs.

Job descriptions, vacation policy, housing and children's schooling assistance policies, clearer lines of responsibility, etc., have now been developed.

Many of the above improvements can be credited to the experience and hard work of vice-president Administration Ross Mortimer. Ross is a great blessing to all of us.

One aspect of administration has been most unsatisfactory. My own work and that of Ross Mortimer has been severely handicapped over the past two years by lack of appropriate support staff due to illness, transitional staff, and understaffing for long periods of time.

### Staffing

The big news of course, is the Board of Trustees' appointment of Dr. Harry Fernhout, presently senior member (Professor) of philosophy of education, as the next president of the Institute for Christian Studies, effective December 1, 1989.

On your behalf I heartily congratulate Harry on his appointment and welcome him most warmly to this high office. I congratulate the Institute, too, for I believe him to be God's proper gift to us at this particular point in the Institute's history. In my interviewing of Harry in the August 1989 issue of *Perspective*, you will get some notion as to the kind of man he is and where he is coming from. God has given Dr. Fernhout varied and splendid gifts. In my judgment, he will make a superb president. I bespeak for him your prayers and every other support.

Other very major changes are afoot in the area of development. Adriana Pierik served the ICS most faithfully for three years as director. That post is a very demanding and wearing one. I am personally most grateful that Adriana served us with such devotion.

I am happy now to announce that our new director of development is John Meiboom of Kingston, Ontario, where he has held leadership positions in the local Christian Reformed Church. He has a particular interest in education and has been member and chairman of the Christian school there. John will concentrate in Ontario and will do some development in Eastern Canada.

We have also appointed, on a part-time basis, Reinder Klein as our western Canada representative. He will be responsible for development from the Manitoba border to the West Coast.

Both John and Reinder will work under Ross Mortimer, vice-president administration, who has the overall responsibility for development. I would take this opportunity to thank all of you who have shown Christian grace and hospitality in receiving our representatives over the past four years — Aileen Van Ginkel, Nick Loenen, Adriana Pierik and myself — and would covet for our new development team your continuing generosity and graciousness.

The ICS community mourns the loss of Bob Rogers, one of our Ph.D. students and husband of our academic administrative assistant Dorothe Rogers. Bob died on May 14, 1989 after a debilitating battle with cancer. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Dorothe and the families and ask your continuing prayers for them.

The rest of our administration staff includes:

Peggy Fan: secretary;

Gerry Klingenberg: retired certified accountant, (two-three days per week);

Anna Overweg, receptionist and book sales;

Dorothe Rogers: academic administrative assistant;

Margaret Schoemaker: data input and computer programmer;

Robert VanderVennen: publications, (two days per week); and

Carol-Ann Veenkamp: communications coordinator and admissions counsellor.

### Trustees

This past summer saw the retirement of several trustees who have worked for the Institute faithfully over many years. Rev. Herman Praamsma served both on the board and its executive committee for six years. We shall very much miss his spiritual discernment and his love for ICS. Prof. Leo Jonker of Queen's University brought a proper academic judgment to the board of which he, too, was a member for six years. We appreciated very much, also, the business acumen which Dan Van Beilen brought to his two years of service on the executive and the board as he filled out the term of former trustee Nick Terpstra. Rev. Jim Girling has resigned on account of illness and has not yet been replaced.

The Institute has been well served by very dedicated and able trustees over these past four and a half years. I have been very much impressed with their love of the Lord and of His tool, the Institute for Christian Studies. I believe I have had the confidence of the board throughout these years and that has been a very great blessing to me. I do personally thank each one of you, each one now a warm friend, for all the ways you have helped and supported me through these years. Thank you!

### Will you pray for us?

I am delighted that we now have about 70 ICS supporters who are receiving our ICS Monthly Prayer Letter. In a recent survey, half the respondents said they use it almost every day, another 41% use it 15 to 25 days each month. Please join us! Just drop me a one-line request and we will be glad to send it to you each month.

•Please ask the Lord to make 1989-90 the most rewarding year yet, both spiritually and intellectually, in the lives of each student and faculty member.

•Praise God for increasing our faculty by 66% and for giving us the Master of Education and Master of Arts in Worldview Studies programs.

•Thank the Lord for the 62% increase in financial support over these past four years.

•Praise the Lord for giving us such high student enrolments in the past two years and especially for such a high proportion of Ph.D. students. Pray God to greatly increase both our part-time and full-time student enrolment.

•Praise God for the new Building Partnership that we now have with thirteen ICS supporters.

•Praise God that we have been able to wipe out the eleven deficits of the past fourteen years. That is all behind us now!

•Please pray that God will give us an ideal arrangement for the building in the negotiations which are underway right now.

•Please pray the Lord to move the Ontario government to give degree-granting authority to us and Redeemer College.

•Above all else, pray for the spiritual and academic direction of the Institute in general and in the personal life of each faculty, staff, senate and board member in particular.





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Christian; but Christians also often allow their lifestyles to become secularized and enculturated. According to Walsh, the answer to this gap is not to "improve" our worldview by making it more intellectual or better articulated. Rather we need to be on our guard that our way of life does not leave us open to enculturation. In other words, we need to close the gap between what we profess we believe (worldview) and what we actually practice (way of life). Even though the reformational worldview proclaims Christ as Lord over every area of life, those of us who claim to have such a worldview are not immune to enculturation and secularization.

### Society in serious trouble

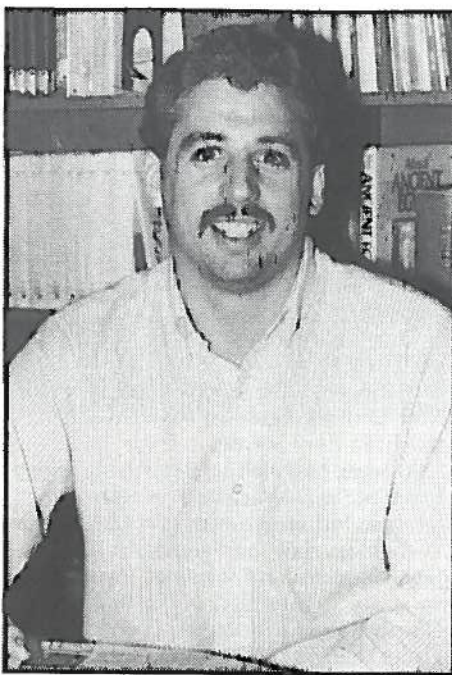
Walsh asserted that our Western civilization is in serious trouble. Our society's belief in economic growth is self-destructing. Walsh pointed out that we need prophets to criticize the dominant worldview with its gods of scientism, technicism and economism. We need prophets like singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn who writes of society's experience that its gods have failed it in the song entitled "The Candy Man's Gone".

In the midst of a declining culture, Walsh said Christians are called to be a people of passion. We are to be culture-formers, not culture-followers. Walsh told his listeners that the issue is not pessimism or optimism about the fate of our civilization, but prophetic critique and prophetic hope. Nor has the issue to do with what is realistic, viable, practical or implementable, but with what is prophetically imaginable.

### Fellowship and reflection

The annual ICS conference is as much a time for ICS supporters to fellowship together as it is to reflect upon a conference theme, and this year was no exception. The square dance, bonfires and weiner roasts were well attended and much enjoyed as was the traditional talent(less) night. As well, there was much visiting back and forth between campsites and late night discussions. We enjoyed our weekend with the members of the Alberta constituency at the conference and were reminded once again of their faithful support of ICS. P

## Meet a student: Matt Bonzo



Matt Bonzo

I suppose the question I am most often asked when I tell people I go to the Institute for Christian Studies is, "How did you end up there?" For a Fundamentalist and Evangelical educational background like mine does not a Reformed scholar make. I received my undergraduate degree in pastoral ministries with a minor in philosophy from Liberty University. I then took my M.A. in Christian thought from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Upon finishing my Master's program, I began my search for a Ph.D. program in philosophy that would be distinctively Christian and seek to integrate theory with daily life. After reading about ICS in an advertisement, I decided to investigate. I have not been disappointed.

I am now in my second year of Ph.D. studies in philosophical theology with Dr. James Olthuis. The one outstanding quality of ICS for me is the sense of Christian community in the academic setting. The senior and junior members and staff seem more like family than a graduate school. There is no competition to overwhelm you. We strive together as seekers. There are disagreements, but each person is allowed her space and voice.

Through the Institute I have gained

the ability to criticize my own tradition while still being comfortable remaining in that tradition. The freedom and integrity around ICS allows for an atmosphere of understanding and learning.

As I prepare myself for a career in philosophy, there will be much from my time at the Institute that I will attempt to carry on in my own teaching and academic relationship. For those of us who have chosen Christian academics, ICS is essential to our communicating truth to future generations.

Also, I would like to give my thanks to those of you who support ICS. It is only through you that many of us can be here. Your support encourages each of us in our work. P

## Dialogue to publish paper

*Dialogue*, a quarterly put out by the Canadian Philosophical Association, has accepted for publication a paper by ICS Ph.D. student Carroll Guen on "Gadamer and Objectivity: the Ontology of Belonging."

"This is an important piece of work, not only in presenting Gadamer's resolution of traditional tensions, but in offering an elegant phenomenology of love. The end of the essay is genuinely an insight-giving experience; a splendid sharing of the fruits of the author's quest for wisdom!" comments the editor of *Dialogue*.

Guen is studying systematic philosophy with Dr. Hendrik Hart. P

## Reserve Nov. 7 for Vision TV

ICS's senior member in political theory Dr. Paul Marshall is scheduled to appear on Vision TV's "The Stiller Report" Tuesday, November 7 at 10:30 p.m. (EST). Evangelical Fellowship of Canada director and program host Brian Stiller will talk to Marshall about "Human Rights versus Self-Interest." P



## KEEPING UP WITH ICS FACULTY

ICS's senior member in philosophy of education **Dr. Harry Fernhout** participated in the development of a legal brief presented by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and the Coalition for Religious Freedom in Education. The brief, presented to the Supreme Court of Ontario in September, argued that public education is always inspired by a worldview, and that an education which is silent concerning the role of religion in human culture is a deficient education.

Fernhout also coordinated the formation of a coalition of freestanding institutions of higher education in Ontario. These institutions share a common struggle to attain a fair degree-granting policy in Ontario. The coalition developed a set of guidelines for such a policy, and presented these to the Ontario Council on University Affairs in September.

Senior member in systematic philosophy **Dr. Hendrik Hart** was pleasantly surprised recently when he received a book in which noted Marxist-atheist philosopher Kai Nielsen from Calgary, Alberta devoted a significant portion to a discussion of Hart's views. However, it was not the discussion which surprised Hart, since he had known about the forthcoming book, *God, Skepticism, and Modernity* (University of Ottawa, 1989) for some time. What he did not know was that Nielsen had dedicated the book to him and another colleague with the following gracious words:

*"To Hendrik Hart and Bela Szabados who disagree with much of it."*

Currently on sabbatical, Hart is working on a book, to be written with Nielsen, which will contain material from their public dialogue for the Canadian Philosophical Association for the years 1986-89. Hart is also working on *Setting Our Sights by the Morning Star*, a book which grew out of the 1985 ICS "Maps and Compasses" lecture series. Hart hopes to publish this book in time for Christmas, 1989, but notes with typical Hartian optimism that this will depend in part on restoring the final edited version, which he accidentally deleted from his computer files in September. A third book on knowledge is also underway.

**Dr. Paul Marshall**, senior member in political theory, is back from his semester on sabbatical. He reports that from mid-May to mid-August he travelled and taught in the Far East.

In June, Marshall served as visiting professor at Satya Wacana University in Salatiga, Indonesia where he gave lectures to theology, law, and general studies faculty, chaplains and students. In addition, he spoke to members of the Bina Dharma Foundation, a nationwide Christian leadership training organization. Marshall also lectured in Solo, Yogyakarta and to the Synod of the Karo Batak Church in Northern Sumatra.

In early July, Marshall travelled to Australia where he gave lectures for the Association for Christian Scholarship, met with various federal and state (provincial) cabinet ministers and did a half-hour show on the Australian Broadcasting Network.

In late July, Marshall attended the Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization in Manila, a gathering of some 4,000 evangelical Christians from 190 countries.

In early August Marshall went on a two-week lecture tour in Korea where he spoke to academic and student groups and met with prospective ICS students.

Marshall's book *Thine is the Kingdom* has been almost completely translated into Indonesian and will be published shortly by Indonesia's largest Christian publisher. The book has also been published by InterVarsity Press (IVP) in Korea where several of his essays have also been translated and published by IVP under the title, *Selected Essays*.

Marshall served as the keynote speaker at the ICS Southern British Columbia Family Conference over the Labour Day weekend on the topic, "When Freedoms Collide: Charting a Course in Human Rights."

In September **Dr. William Rowe**, senior member in history of philosophy, attended an international conference held at Loyola University of Chicago on the philosophy of Martin Heidegger. The conference, which marked the centenary of Heidegger's birth, was attended by some 200 philosophers from several

countries, including France, West Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States.

In July, ICS's senior member in aesthetics **Dr. Calvin Seerveld** presented four lectures on teaching the arts and literature in integration with the Christian faith to 20 leading Seventh Day Adventist college professors and administrators from all over Europe. They met in seminar format at the Institut Adventiste Centre in Collonges-sous-Saleve, France.

"Imaginativity" was the title of a lecture given by Seerveld to an advanced art history class led by Professor Mary Leigh Morbey at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ontario in September.

From August 8 through 19, **Dr. George Vandervelde**, senior member in systematic theology, served as consultant at the plenary meeting of the Commission on Faith and Order held in Budapest, Hungary. While there, he and his wife Bea had opportunity to meet with members of the Reformed Church who spoke cautiously but hopefully about a gradual lifting of the oppression of the church by the state.

ICS's senior member in worldview studies **Dr. Brian Walsh** is teaching a course on "Theology of Culture" at Ontario Theological Seminary this semester.

Walsh also had an article entitled, "A Charter for Christian Activity in the Marketplace" published in the September/October 1989 issue of *Catalyst*, a Citizens for Public Justice publication. P

## Alumni Action

**John Valk** (1979) successfully defended his dissertation this fall to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto Centre for Religious Studies. ICS adjunct senior member C. T. McIntire served as his mentor at U of T. While at ICS, Valk studied philosophical theology with Dr. James Olthuis. He currently serves as campus minister at the University of New Brunswick. P



# Meet a student: Esther Ajax

The third of January 1989 will remain etched in my memory as a big bright painting against a dark gloomy canvas. For most people, it was only the third day in the new year. But for me, it signified the dawn, the beginning of a new life for me. On that day, I entered the Institute for Christian Studies and stepped into a whole new life.

I'd often wondered why my plans to study at the University of Swansea in Wales never materialised. That was back in the mid-eighties; but the more I wonder, the more I become convinced that unbeknown to me, God had planned it otherwise.

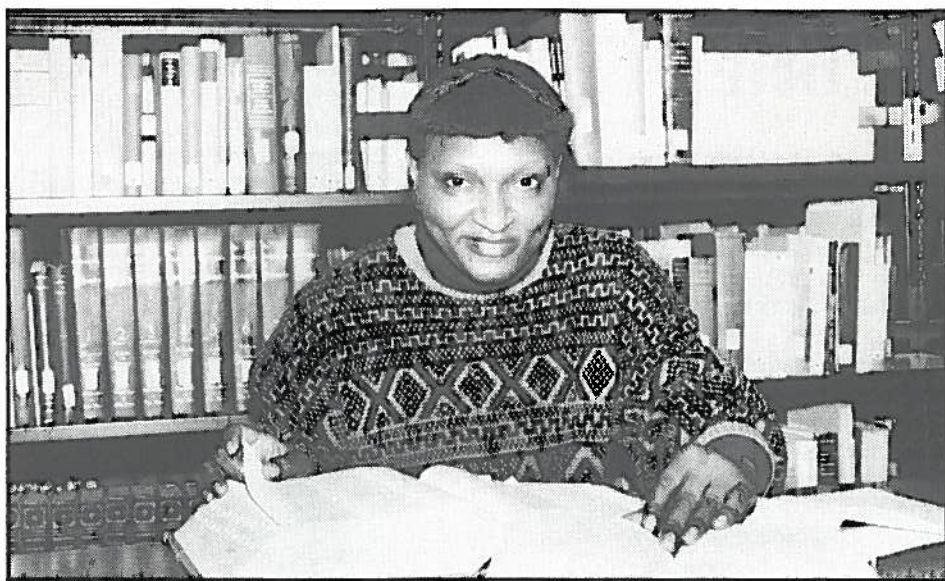
My undergraduate days were spent at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, where for five years I worked through an undergraduate honours program in history and education. It was my intention then to further my studies, especially in the field of education.

I love the teaching profession and I adore kids, so I enjoyed the five years I spent with various groups of young adolescents whom it was my pleasure to teach, after I graduated from college.

But all that time I was trying to come to terms with the turmoil that was quietly raging on within me as a result of a series of tragic events that left me completely disoriented in the light of the well-ordered and sheltered life I had been used to for as far back as I can remember.

I was born and raised in a Christian family belonging to the Methodist denomination; we were very religious and very happy. Unlike most West African families, which are usually large, ours was considered a small family with only three children. I am the youngest. My paternal grandmother, an extremely religious woman, exerted tremendous influence in our upbringing and shaped our view of the world as God's good creation that had been stained by man's willful disobedience.

I received my entire schooling at educational institutions founded by Christian missionary societies from Europe. My high school education especially reinforced my grandmother's influence on me, and consolidated my view of the world as God's gift to man to care for and preserve.



*Esther Ajax*

But my mother was my greatest source of inspiration during my student years. She struggled with me and gave me the encouragement that I needed at that time. Just a couple of months before my graduation from college, she suddenly died. Her death was so quick and sharp that it shattered me. But that wasn't the end. Another death of someone close to me soon followed. And that finally broke me. I didn't want anything anymore. Life lost its sparkle.

To ease the pain, I plunged myself into my teaching and somehow it was the joy of being with those kids and giving something to them that kept me going through those years.

After three years of teaching I applied to and was accepted by the University of Swansea where I planned to further my studies in education. But, just as I was preparing to leave, I had to give my services to relatives of mine. They were going on a contract to one of the Arab states in North Africa, and couldn't take their little boy with them; so I cared for him until their return four years later. By that time my plan to go to Swansea had gone with the wind. By way of compensation, the couple sent me a bundle of college and university brochures to see whether I was interested in any of the programs being offered.

While going through the various brochures, something pulled me to

the one from ICS. It stated, "The Institute for Christian Studies. The graduate school with a difference." That puzzled me. Why was this difference being stressed? All graduate schools have certain similarities and differences. Why was this Christian institute emphasizing its difference? My curiosity was peaked. Moreover, ICS offered a program in education. Just what I was interested in. But my decision to study at ICS wasn't mine. It was my Creator's.

The past ten months within these warm and friendly walls have satisfied my curiosity. ICS has given me a whole new vision of the world and life, deeper and more sincere than the one I grew up in back home. I now have a much clearer perspective of who I am and of my mission in the world. I thank God for this.

I now understand the events that happened earlier this decade in my life as God's mysteries in revealing his love for me. I now know after meeting such excellent mentors like Harry Fernhout that indeed there is "Joy in Learning."

As I continue my studies I look forward to my career as a Christian educator, to promote Christian education and discipleship in whatever part of the world God chooses to send me, as well as to actively participate in promoting the growth of my beloved school, the Institute for Christian Studies.

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# Fernhout contributes to brief

Through Dr. Harry Fernhout, ICS played a significant role in shaping the argument against barring religion from public education in Ontario, which was presented September 11 and 12 by Toronto lawyer Peter Jervis.

As one of a long list of members of the Coalition for Religious Freedom in Education, which represents 2.5 million Canadians, ICS helped sponsor legal intervention in the landmark case of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) versus the Elgin County board of education and the Ontario Ministry of Education.

As ICS's senior member in philosophy of education, Fernhout met regularly with the coalition's steering committee to help develop the content of the legal brief in cooperation with Jervis.

The court case rose as a result of a complaint by some parents that the religious education curriculum in the public schools of Elgin County in Ontario included Christian indoctrination. The CCLA wishes the Court of Appeal to judge Elgin County's curriculum in violation of the Canadian constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion.

## Don't shortchange children

Fernhout's contribution to the brief centered around his concern that public school children in Ontario not be shortchanged. If Christians believe that all children, including those of non-Christian parents, have been created as image-bearers of God, then education in public schools must not shut out treatment of the spiritual dimension of life. For any education which pretends this is a closed world in which God or spiritual life has no reality at all has to be judged as an education that shortchanges children; it helps prevent them from becoming what everyone is called to become — image-bearers of God.

Fernhout says that the brief calls public education to task in asking it to not misrepresent the world to chil-

dren. Religious education in the public school curriculum could be a way of opening up the spiritual dimension to children. This could be accomplished, for example, through proper acknowledgement in the history curriculum of the role of Christians in world and national history, instead of ignoring that contribution as is presently being done. The science curriculum, Fernhout argues, should convey "a sense of awe and wonder"

instead of indoctrinating children in the idea of a mechanical universe.

The Jervis brief, says Fernhout, makes the point that education always embodies a worldview, whether it be a theistic worldview or a non-theistic, secular worldview. The brief suggests that a religious education program can help make students conscious of the life-shaping role of worldviews, and of their nature as spiritual human beings. P

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# DEVELOPMENT NOTES

by *Jefferson*

On September 19 and 20, ICS's staff and students disappeared into the hills north of Toronto for an overnight retreat. As the new director of development, I too was invited to come. Had I been able to bring each one of you along, you too would have been affected by the *vitality of purpose* I discovered within the ICS community.

Prior to coming to ICS, I spent six years as a member of the Kingston Christian School board. During this time I became much more aware of and convinced of the importance of a Christ-centred education, where all areas of life and learning are *subject to His Lordship*. It was this conviction that led me to accept the position of director of development at the Institute.

Thus it was inspirational for me to meet students and staff at this retreat and discover the depth of their commitment. There are students at ICS from around the world, some sacrificing much to be here. Sacrifices include monetary ones, time taken from a career, as well as leaving one's own culture, friends and language behind, sometimes for three or more years. Today, when many people, including Christians, want to see the material benefits of a move (career, education etc.), it is refreshing to see individuals here solely out of a desire to be *an influence for Christ* in their academic environment. Please pray for these students and their professors.

Christ's blessing on the work at ICS is evident in the dedication of the

students and staff. It is also evident in the support we receive from you, our members and donors. **Why do you support us?** For the same reason that students come here to study, and the faculty teach — Christ demanded that we **love Him with all our heart, soul and MIND.** (Matthew 22:37).

By now you have seen our fall letter appealing for your financial support. Many of you will have responded with a donation and for that we are *deeply grateful*. But, perhaps some of you have not had a chance to respond. Let me yet ask you to look at it again, and see if you can find a place in your giving for ICS. It is with a concerted effort, and some sacrifice, that we will reach our goal of a balanced budget. Wouldn't it be great if, at the end of the school year, we could use our telethon to thank people for overwhelming support rather than having to ask for help to "close the gap!"

Let me just mention in closing that Reinder Klein, our western Canada representative, and I are at your service. If you know of individuals or groups who you think might support

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## ICS Comparative Budgets and Financial Statements 1987-1990\*

	1990 Budget	1989 Budget	Actual	1988 Actual	1987 Actual
<b>General Fund — Revenue</b>					
Dues and Donations	475,000	515,000	467,800	559,368	435,276
Churches	75,000	75,000	69,594	64,197	37,415
Tuition	65,000	55,000	79,815	46,091	44,129
Education Services	59,000	67,000	63,293	63,541	62,795
Rent	—	—	33,271	75,147	67,439
Other Revenue	6,000	5,000	9,092	11,902	5,933
Investment Income	150,000	—	94,701	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>830,000</b>	<b>717,000</b>	<b>817,576</b>	<b>820,246</b>	<b>652,987</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Academic	381,300	363,998	362,522	297,244	266,698
Educational Services	63,800	54,900	79,378	70,014	94,654
Student Aid	70,000	40,000	56,863	46,522	41,346
Administration	165,300	151,000	158,320	159,109	147,405
Development	136,000	143,750	129,049	165,214	155,731
Building	102,000	—	60,082	3,965	5,933
Financing	—	—	60,413	110,106	108,080
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>918,400</b>	<b>753,648</b>	<b>906,627</b>	<b>852,174</b>	<b>819,847</b>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue Before Extraordinary item	(88,400)	(36,648)	(89,051)	(31,928)	(166,860)
Gain on Sale of Building	—	—	2,755,960	—	—
Revenue in Excess of Expenditures	—	—	2,666,909	(31,928)	(166,860)

\* Year-end is June 30. All data based on audited financial statements.

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## New book by Hart sees print

Hendrik Hart did recover his lost files (see "Keeping up with ICS faculty"), and as a result his book, *Setting Our Sights by the Morning Star: reflections on reading the Bible in postmodern times*, is now available.

The book is an expanded version of the lecture Hart gave across Canada as part of the 1985 ICS lecture series "Maps and Compasses." In fact, the book owes a great deal to the input of those who attended Hart's lecture since he took their comments into account while rewriting the text.

*Setting Our Sights by the Morning Star* is available for \$13.95 from ICS, 229 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4 or by telephoning (416) 979-2331.

## A CELEBRATION!..

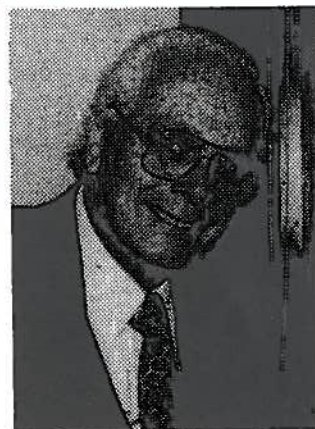
*You are invited to attend a public convocation for the graduation of Junior Members of the Institute for Christian Studies, and the farewell address of Dr. Clifford C. Pitt: "Back to the Future"*

Saturday, November 4, 1989, 2:00 p.m.  
Knox College Chapel, 59 St. George Street, Toronto

Reception to follow

## AND A SPECIAL EVENT!

You are also invited to attend a farewell dinner in honour of our retiring president, Dr. Clifford C. Pitt, to be held on Friday, November 3, at the Willowdale Christian School, 60 Hilda Avenue. This "Dinner Theatre" event will feature *Down to Earth - The Hunters*. A standing reception with Dr. & Mrs. Pitt will start at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 a person (all



Dr. Clifford C. Pitt

proceeds go to the Bernard Zylstra Scholarship Fund). For reservations, and further information please call (416) 979-2331 before October 27.





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