

## ICS full-time enrolment highest since '82 at 36

ICS's enrolment peaked this year at 36 full-time students, the highest registration since 1982 and a boost of 12 students over last year.

The greatest increase in enrolment occurred in the eight-year-old Ph.D. program which added eight new students this September compared to one last year. There are currently a total of 14 students in the Ph.D. program, which ICS offers in cooperation with the Free University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

ICS's director of doctoral studies Dr. Hendrik Hart attributes the jump in the number of Ph.D. students in part to better promotion of the program by means of a clearer and more detailed description of it in the 1988-90 academic calendar.

The program's profile began to improve in late 1986 with the standardization of curriculum and credit transfer to the sponsoring Free University. Also, it became clear that ICS students could major in the philosophy of a number of disciplines in addition to general philosophy.

The Ph.D. program became more lucrative for North American students when the Free University's Faculty of

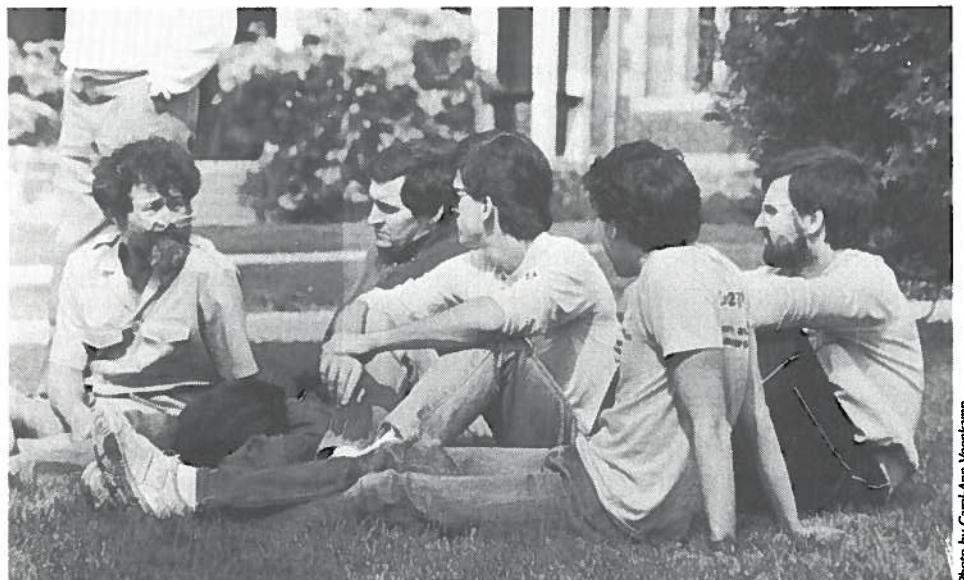
Philosophy agreed in-principle last June to allow ICS's professors to function as main supervisors for ICS students, allowing them to reside in Toronto for the full length of the four-year program.

The new doctoral students include James Bailey of Houghton, New York; Byard Bennett of Potomac, Maryland; J. Matthew Bonzo of Fox Lake, Illinois; Bruce Clemenger of Thornhill, Ont.; Michael Goheen of Unionville, Ont.; Thomas McCormick of Tucson, Arizona; Edward Waluska of Ajax, Ont.; and Jeff Wells of Toronto. Of these students, Bailey, Clemenger, and Wells have studied at ICS at the master's level.

Returning Ph.D. students include Jeff Dudiak of Toronto; Carroll Guen of Utah; Kanji Fuki of Japan; Robert Rogers of Pennsylvania; Gary Shahinian of New Jersey; and Kuk-Won Shin of Korea. Guen, Fuki, Rogers, Shahinian, and Shin are all currently writing their dissertations.

New members of the Master of Philosophical Foundations (M.Phil.F.) class include David Collins of Boston, Massachusetts; Jacques Fauquex of Switzerland

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Left to right: Dr. Hendrik Hart talks with Dr. Paul Marshall and new students David Collins, Todd Hartman, and Jacques Fauquex at the annual ICS fall retreat.

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## In This Issue

*Good news -- full-time enrolment has increased 44 percent over last year! During breaks from classes, ICS's hallways hum with the welcome sound of students interacting with each other, faculty and staff. Pray that the new students will have the stamina to cope with adjusting to a new school, new city, and for some a new country and culture in addition to their rigorous studies.*

*Meet Barb Douglas as she enters her second year of studies at ICS. She shares with us how she came to know about ICS, why she decided to do her graduate studies here, and the challenges she encountered during her first year.*

*Also, we invite you to take a retrospective look at 1987-88, as it affected ICS, by reading the annual report prepared by our president Dr. Clifford Pitt.*

*Until December!*

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## From the President's Pen

By Clifford C. Pitt

In the February 1988 issue of *Perspective* we carried an item headed "Presidential Candidate Sought." It was as though we had thrown the cat among the pigeons! We have had a lot of questions and negative reactors as a result. Was Dr. Pitt in difficulty with the board? Is the president being ousted as a result of some infighting? Had Dr. Pitt had a heart attack? The answers to these questions are, "No," "No," and again "No."

When asked to assume the presidency of ICS, because of some personal family concerns and health problems I had, I had tentatively indicated an indeterminate three to five-year term with the board able to dismiss me whenever it wished.

Be all of this as it may, the facts today are that if a sitting president (please avoid the temptation to draw an unflattering analogy!) doesn't remove the possibility by suddenly up and leaving, most institutions these

days take one and one-and-a-half to two years to carry out a presidential search. This is often further complicated by the successful candidate having to give a half to a full year's notice to his/her present employer. Hence the February 1988 *Perspective* notice about searching for a new president.

There is no other reason for a search at this time. The Lord is blessing the Institute in so many ways that, as I've indicated elsewhere, I'm almost scared. I cannot think of a place I'd rather be, anywhere in God's kingdom. Faculty, students and supporters alike are a sheer delight! And I believe I have the full confidence of the board. I have indicated that, God willing, I shall stay until June 30, 1989. From my own very personal point of view, I should love to stay for one year beyond that (that would complete five years and I would be 75) but that is very much (though no more than anything else) in the Lord's hands. ☐

## Alberta ICS conference sees 244 participants

by Aukje Masselink  
ICS trustee-at-large, Toronto

When we drove south from Edmonton, Alberta, past rolling farmland under a most beautiful evening sky, I was unaware that I was in for a three-day-long treat. We were on our way to the ICS Alberta Family Conference, organized by the ICS Edmonton Chapter, July 29 through August 1.

The setting was the attractive Deer Valley Meadows Camp and Retreat Centre, right above the scenic Red Deer River, with a view of the prairies stretching beyond the river. Not only the gorgeous view from the inviting trails, but also the ripened saskatoon berries made many of the conferees, old and young, don their hiking boots early in the morning or between sessions. My mouth still waters at the

thought of the many saskatoon berry pies that will have been baked after the conference.

### Record number

A record number of people, 244, registered for the Alberta conference, which featured ICS senior member in philosophical theology Dr. James Olthuis as the keynote speaker. His speeches on the topics, "Spirals of Love and Healing" and "The Dance of Intimacy" evoked in some the courage to share pent-up feelings while others dared to reach out and be with those who were hurting. Moving moments brought the ones who are seeking the

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land; Jeremy Fisher of Matthews, North Carolina; Todd Hartman of Elmira, New York; Jeff Miller of Green Pond, New Jersey; and Janet Wesselius of Brandon, Manitoba. These six join second-year M.Phil.F. students Shane Baker of Kettleby, Ont.; Marcille Frederick of Rockford, Illinois; Barbara Douglas of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mike Smayda of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Julius Taniguchi of Japan.

Students working on writing their M.Phil.F. theses include Nik Ansel of England; Thom Corbett of Nova Scotia; Nigel Douglas of England; Henry Luttikhuisen of Michigan; Nesa Lysander of Scarborough, Ont.; Priscilla Reimer of Manitoba; Tim Schouls of Alberta; and Fran Wong of Toronto.

Both Peter Jonker, a native of Kingston, Ont., and Jacob Keegstra of the Netherlands, have taken a year off from their programs at Calvin Seminary and the Free University of Amsterdam respectively to engage in ICS's Special Studies option.

Esther Ajax of Freetown, Sierra Leone has registered for ICS's one-year master's program in education on a full-time basis.

A total of 29 students are taking classes on a part-time basis at ICS this fall. They include Hilda Roukema who is taking the education program on a part-time basis, and Anita House, Stephen Henstock, Denise Natishan, and Lori Yaccato who are taking the new one-year master's program in world-view studies on a part-time basis.

Other part-time students taking courses for credit or audit this fall include Maj-Len Wallace and Dirk Evans who are taking philosophical theology with Dr. James Olthuis; and Ted Bootsma who is auditing this year's Interdisciplinary Seminar.

Enrolees taking one of ICS's four evening courses this fall include David Clark, David Dyke, Robert Logie, and Dian Davis who are taking Biblical Foundations with Dr. Brian Walsh Monday evenings. Sandra Onyschuk, Mary Jane Buchanan, Eke Tiemersma, Elma Foster, Paul Heersink, Barbara Hamilton, Marlene de Groot, Margaret Jurjens, and Dirk Evans are taking Human Nature, Counselling, and the Christian Faith with Olthuis Tuesday evenings. Walsh's Thursday evening Worldview Foundations class includes Charles Hynds, John Aukema, Barbara Rudd, Jane Emmans-Jelinek, and Stephen Martin. ☐

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reality of God's kingdom closer together. Workshops presented by Sini Den Otter, Bruce Cowper-Smith, Gordon Pols, Klaas de Groot-de Koning, Cybil Bohonos, and Karen Wilk dealt with fostering a caring community, intimacy and relationships, nurturing family intimacy, healing the wounds of sexual abuse, and friendship. The discussions were meaningful and much appreciated by those who attended. The teens and children attended workshops and activities designed for them. Judging from their happy faces, they too had a good time.

### **Moving worship service**

More people came to share in the Sunday morning worship service, which was led by Rev. Neil de Koning of Calgary's Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church. Rev. de Koning's sermon on "The Longing Fulfilled," the singing, the children's story and the communion all blended into one moving experience. How rich we are in having song leaders, musicians, preachers, storytellers, organizers, and many others who assist in making a worship service a true celebration.

The highlights of the conference for me were meeting many people, friends of ICS. Some I had met before, others I had spoken to during an ICS fundraising telethon, but most were new acquaintances. In every case, the famous western hospitality would shine through. Wherever I met people, in the meeting hall, the dining room, or at a campsite picnic table, there was always food to eat as well as for thought and discussion.

Monday morning and the end of the conference approached all too quickly. Even the steady downpour could not dampen the spirit that prevailed all weekend. The panel discussion by the keynote speaker and workshop leaders was a meaningful summation of all the shared experiences. When the last songs had been sung and farewells said, the spiralling feeling remained. We all had been inspired or touched in one way or another.

Looking back to a most enjoyable and very worthwhile weekend, I must say that its success, to a great extent, was attributed to the leadership of conference chair Lambert Tuininga, and also to the hard work of the conference committee: Ralph Eerkes, Thea Fennema, Mike Slomp, Harvey Voogd and Edith Zuidhof. ☐



*In between seminars and workshops, Alberta conferees participated in a water balloon tossing contest.*

Photo by Ralph Eerkes



# Wauzzinski explores Christianity and technology

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

Robert Wauzzinski's grandfather emigrated from Poland to the United States of America in 1901. Anxious to shake his Polish roots, his grandfather assimilated with those caught up in the industrial revolution and joined the local Episcopalian church. His son in turn became a Presbyterian because he thought that would make him even more American. And his grandson became a Christian at a fundamentalist Bible camp at the age of 10.

Given this ethnic and religious history, it isn't surprising that Dr. Robert Wauzzinski chose to explore Protestant evangelicalism as it relates to industrialized America in his doctoral dissertation. In fact, his dissertation was published as a book under the title, *The Interrelationship of Protestant Evangelicalism to the Industrial Revolution in America 1820-1914*.

But the story of the efforts of his grandparents and parents to assimilate does not explain how Wauzzinski came to teach a course at ICS last summer.

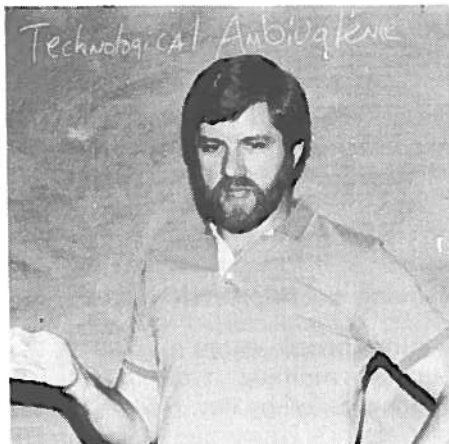
Wauzzinski explains that his background as a Presbyterian put him into contact with the Reformed tradition, but it took an encounter with a man called Peter Steen in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to resolve a tension between his faith and life that had threatened to cripple his Christianity. Steen's visionary message, and two books, *The Coming of the Kingdom* by Herman Ridderbos and *The Challenge of Our Age* by ICS's Hendrik Hart changed his life.

## "A tremendous healing"

"It was a tremendous healing to be introduced to a journey that leads one to be firmly in creation but resisting with grace the norms of the world."

During this time Wauzzinski, who was working for Coalition for Christian Outreach in Pittsburgh, also came into contact with ICS faculty members James Olthuis and Al Wolters. He'll also never forget a debate on politics and socialism in which Citizens for Public Justice advocate Gerald Vandezande participated.

"Gerald pleaded with the audience to choose who they would ultimately serve. He asked for commitment."



Dr. Robert Wauzzinski

Wauzzinski decided at that point that the Reformed tradition had all the strengths of the denomination in which he was raised, but without all the "hang-ups." However, he also observed a significant weakness in his adopted tradition, that of Reformed people battling each other instead of "the principalities and powers of evil."

Wauzzinski went on to attend seminary; but after attending both an evangelical conservative seminary and a Protestant liberal seminary, he felt he had gleaned more biblical theology than he needed. He sought after the social witness of the Dutch Reformed tradition.

"After seminary I was fully convinced that the Dutch reformational tradition was for me."

In his graduate work, Wauzzinski, using the integrational perspective he had learned from Steen and others, began to systematically work out a Christian perspective in technology and economics. At seminary he had worked on the exegesis of passages related to money, and his interest in technology deepened as he tried to understand the dynamics of America's steeltown, Pittsburgh, his home for a decade.

While still a graduate student, Wauzzinski was asked to develop and teach a course in technology. This course developed into "Babeling Towers, God, and Technology: A Christian Perspective," which he taught at three other institutions before bringing it to ICS last summer.

The course investigates, in a philosophical way, some of the fundamental assumptions that propel modern technology. Wauzzinski and his students work out how these assumptions demonstrate themselves in North America, Russia, and the Third World, and attempt to formulate a Christian response.

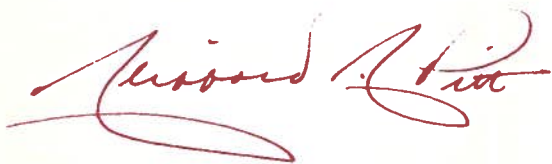
Currently, Wauzzinski serves as the Edward B. Lindaman Professor of Communication on Technology and Change at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington. He was appointed to that position in 1986. Established in honour of former NASA employee Edward Lindaman, the chair is interdisciplinary in nature and follows up on its namesake's interest in trying to determine the impact of technology on culture. □



On October 7, Glenda Hildebrand successfully defended her thesis, "Imagatively Constructing God Concepts: Exploring the Role of Imagination in Gordon Kaufman's Theological Method." Pictured above, left to right, are exam chair Dr. Brian Walsh, examiner Dr. Calvin Seerveld, Hildebrand, advisor Dr. James Olthuis, and external examiner Dr. James Reimer of Conrad Grebel College.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

# President's Annual Report 1987-88



*Isn't that beautiful!*

Recently I was completing my telephone calls (up to midnight!) to supporters in British Columbia, Alberta, Washington, New Mexico, etc. inviting end-of-fiscal-year donations. In talking with a long-time supporter (and former student) in California I had a most enthusiastic and warm reception. She was most interested in my reporting on what was going on at ICS. In fact, the enthusiasm and interest in ICS at the other end of this telephone conversation was so heartwarming and infectious that I just had to share it with you! I hope you don't mind too much if I repeat some things you may have heard before.

The conversation went something like this:  
Me: One of the most exciting things happening at ICS is that we are forming a partnership with a group of Christian businessmen to buy our building (we remain a major partner) and redevelop it into a fine, modern office building. This would get us out of the landlord business and would put the building operation on a more profitable and much more sound financial basis.  
She: That's beautiful.

Me: One great advantage of the proposal is that, at long last and at one fell stroke, we will wipe out the 1.3 million dollar debt which has been accumulated by the 10 deficits of the last 14 years.

She: That's really beautiful!

Me: The last time we talked on the phone, I emphasized that one of our main jobs is training Christian professors who can integrate faith and learning at the university level from a biblical, reformational perspective.

Do you remember that I mentioned that there are now 50 of our alumni who at this moment are professors in Christian colleges or in publicly-funded universities. Over the lifetime of their professorships, they may well influence a quarter and a half million college students! I just found out that 27 of them are teaching in the Reformed colleges like Dordt, Redeemer, Calvin, The Kings, Calvin Seminary.

This September we have 14 Ph.D. candidates. Since the Ph.D. is the union card to professorship, that means another 14 Christian professors a few years down the road. So we are indeed carrying out our No. 1 task of producing Christian professors!

She: That's beautiful!

Me: That No. 1 objective of training Christian scholars who will become professors is of the greatest strategic importance. But I have always had a special interest in helping people who are *not* going to become scholars. We want to help doctors and nurses, lawyers and engineers, psychologists and business people, examine the major problems and issues in *their* fields through biblical glasses. At last we begin to tackle that problem in a substantial way with the establishment of a new master's level program in worldview studies with Dr. Brian Walsh as director as of July 1, 1988.

She: That's beautiful!

Me: Another blessing! One of our generous American friends has promised to foot the total bill for the worldview studies program for three years!

She: Isn't that beautiful!

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Now I leave that encouraging phone conversation and respectfully submit to you the members of the Institute for Christian Studies, my report of your Institute's doings.

## Finance

In November, 1985, the board of trustees approved my Four-Year Master Plan for ICS. The master plan called for an increase in voluntary giving from \$331,000 (excluding restricted funds) in 1984-85 to \$558,000 in 1987-88, a whopping increase of 69 percent over three years! That seemed to be impossible back then when we set that goal. In fact, He who owns the cattle on a thousand hills gave us \$596,000, which is an 80 percent increase! This year, much more than any previous year, we are greatly indebted to a small handful of supporters who have given us extraordinarily large donations. *All of this brings us to our knees in praise to God for what he has worked through you!*

The ICS Master Plan called for a gradual reduction of our typical deficits from \$153,000 in 1984-85 to \$50,000 in 1987-88. Actually, the 1987-88 deficit was \$46,500 so we are right on target. While we have, in fact, budgeted for a 1988-89 deficit of \$37,000, the Four-Year Plan calls for a balanced budget in 1988-89. It may be that that four-year goal may yet be realized. Chairman Fred Reinders and the trustees are determined, with God's help, to bring that about if they possibly can.

## Development

Our development department is to be warmly congratulated in that the donations target for 1987-88 was met for the first time in many years! As a matter of fact, our donations for normal operations were \$81,000 over budget! In addition we received donations of \$27,000 for restricted purposes. This brings the total donations to \$108,000 or 21 percent over budget. Director of development Adriana Pierik, associate director Harry Kits, communications coordinator Carol Ann Veenkamp, and development secretary Margaret Schoemaker, deserve a great deal of credit. Also, we want to thank especially the trustees for all the personal telephoning they did.

This fall we launched a "Close-the-Gap" fundraising campaign in an effort to raise \$248,000 to wipe out the 1986-87 deficit and the anticipated 1987-88 deficit. We got off to a splendid start with Phase I in which the goal of \$60,000 was raised by half a dozen donors in a very short time. However, Phases II and III went much

more slowly. The net result was that we raised about \$110,000 in this effort. Our special thanks to vice-president of administration Ross Mortimer and the others who spearheaded this campaign.

Adriana Pierik deserves particular mention for the increasing ICS support from the classes (CRC regions) across Canada. This support has risen from \$27,000 in 1984-85 to \$64,000 in 1987-88, an increase of 137 percent! My sincere thanks to the members of the classes for the warm welcome and sympathetic hearing we received from you.

## The building

Most of you will be familiar with the picture of our five-storey building in downtown Toronto, just across the street from the University of Toronto. Sixteen years ago one of our most loyal supporters made possible the purchase of this building and ICS has owned it ever since. From a human point of view, ICS would not exist today if it were not for the building because we have always covered our annual deficits by increasing the mortgages on the building. While the building has been a wonderful blessing, it has also created some problems because we haven't been very good as landlords dealing with up to 27 different tenants.

On June 10 the board of trustees unanimously agreed to accept a proposal by Pro-Urban Developments Ltd. to establish a partnership with a group of Christian investors, strong supporters of ICS, to re-develop the building with a major renovation. The Institute would have at least a 49 percent share in the partnership. Some of the most significant advantages of the proposed arrangement are:

- The reasons we have been able to increase mortgaging over the years has been the inflationary increases in the value of the property. Originally purchased for \$500,000, the building would now be sold by ICS to the new partnership for \$3.5 million.

- The sale price would enable ICS to pay off all of its debts of \$1.3 million thus wiping out in one stroke the 10 deficits of the past 14 years as well as the \$250,000 remaining from the original mortgage. That would be an incredible blessing! However, it is quite important to point out that this would remove the debts of the past only. We would still need continuing financial support from you, my reader, at a slightly higher level than in the past if we are to avoid deficits in the future.

- ICS would have at least a 49 percent share in the partnership and would share to that extent in the annual net profits enabling us to pay our own rent, which would be doubled in the new building. Moreover, we would have a 49 percent participation in the appreciating value of the building if it should ever be sold.

- The Institute would get out of the landlord business with all of its attendant headaches.

- The Institute would lease the fifth and sixth floors for its own purposes. This would give us modern accommodation (e.g. air-conditioning for summer classes) and much more efficient use of space. In one sense, these modern improvements are forced upon us by the seriously deteriorating condition of the building, which has lacked proper maintenance and upgrading over the years. We are delighted that we can still stay in this location for it is of critical importance to us to remain across the road from the University of Toronto with all its libraries and other resources.

- After a major renovation the building would be worth significantly more than the com-



bined costs of purchase price and renovation costs. This is a major step which would affect Institute finances for decades to come. The executive and administration have wrestled with this problem for two years now, and we owe a great deal to those who have been central in this undertaking.

### The academic task of ICS

On the academic side we have concluded, I believe, a very good year at the Institute for Christian Studies. As someone mentioned at our last faculty and spouses's get-together, faculty feel we have had a more stable year, free from external and internal tension, a more supportive year than we have had for some years. It has been a year of peace and serenity. *For this, more than anything else, I am most grateful to God and to you who have prayed to this end.* The upshot of this, of course, is an amazing productivity among faculty. The following are among the highlights, which make it a great delight and honour for me, personally, to be associated with the Institute for Christian Studies.

A source of particular joy and strength to the entire community is our chapel services. It is quite clear to me, as I hear senior and junior members and administrative staff open up the scriptures and pray, that their personal and communal spirituality undergirds and directs the whole of the academic enterprise at ICS. Nothing pleases me more than this. I could very much wish that our supporters and others could share with us these times of spiritual refreshment in the presence of God.

### Graduates and enrolment

We had 10 graduates in 1987 compared to six in 1986. They were as follows:

- *Doctor of Philosophy*  
Vaden House (Newfoundland)
- *Master of Philosophical Foundations*  
David Jonathan Woods (England)
- J. Richard Pearcey (USA)
- Jeffrey Michael Dudiak (Ontario)
- Jeffrey John Wells (Ontario)
- Donald Lee Knudsen (USA)
- Kenneth Wayne Van Wyk (Ontario)
- *Program for Master's in Christian Studies*  
Bernice Mary Moreau (Trinidad)
- Sung-Hagch Choe (Korea)
- *Certificate in Christian Studies*  
Jeffrey Alan Martin (Ontario)

Last year we had 24 full-time students and over 60 part-time students enrol at ICS. This fall we saw the number of new students double over the incoming class of 1987-88 for a total registration of 36 full-time students -- the highest enrolment since 1982!

One of the most significant aspects of this year's enrolment is that we have 14 Ph.D. candidates. That means, a few more years down the road, God willing, another 14 professors for Christian colleges!

### Academic reviews

The academic excellence of the faculty continues to be cause for great rejoicing before the Lord. The activities reports submitted to the senate by each senior member provide substantial evidence of very productive research and writing. Moreover, students give ample testimony to the scholarly excellence, teaching ability and personal helpfulness of faculty. Students evaluate each course and are also formally involved in the senate's evaluation of senior members. I can assure our constituency, and especially those familiar with the world of academe, that senate's

examination of faculty -- a review in which the entire senate takes part -- is very rigorous, with quite specific attention drawn to suggested improvements. As a result of these reviews:

- Senate heartily recommended a continuing appointment for Dr. Paul Marshall as senior member in political theory. ("Continuing appointment" is as close as we come to granting tenure at ICS.)
- After being granted a continuing appointment, our senior members are thereafter reviewed by senate every five years. Senate conducted the five-year review of Dr. Calvin Seerveld, senior member in aesthetics, and expressed its happiness with his work.
- Senate heartily recommended a second two-year appointment for Dr. William Rowe as senior member in history of philosophy.
- Although these were not up for formal review, senate had substantial interviews with vice-president academic Dr. Harry Fernhout who is also senior member in philosophy of education; Dr. James Olthuis, senior member in philosophical theology; and Dr. Hendrik Hart, senior member in systematic philosophy. Senate expressed satisfaction and joy at the fine contributions being made by each of these.

### New master's program in worldview studies

The big news this academic year has been the appointment of Dr. Brian Walsh as senior member in worldview studies and director of the one-year master's program in worldview studies. Some readers will know of Dr. Walsh as the co-author, with Richard Middleton, of *The Transforming Vision*. We expect great things of Brian and welcome him most warmly as our most recently appointed senior member as of July 1, 1988.

The master's program in worldview studies may be taken in one academic year as a full-time student or over six years on a part-time basis. The courses will be offered in the evenings so that they may be accessible to people who have full-time jobs. The purpose of this program is not to train scholars who will themselves become professors. It is designed for Christians in business and the professions: doctors and nurses, social workers and psychologists, managers and employers, lawyers and engineers etc., and is intended to equip them with the tools to apply a biblical reformational perspective to those vocations. This is a wonderful opportunity for any of us who can afford some time for study. If you know of someone who might be interested, we would be glad to send them information.

Some of the courses projected for this program include:

- **Worldview Foundations:** *Christian Discipleship in a Declining Culture*, Dr. Brian Walsh
- **Biblical Foundations:** *The Bible, Culture and Scholarship*, Dr. Brian Walsh
- **Psychology:** *Human Nature, Counselling and the Christian Faith*, Dr. James Olthuis
- **Arts and Communications:** *Aesthetics for Every Day: Developing the Approach of a Christian Dove and Snake*, Dr. Calvin Seerveld
- **Politics:** *Christianity and Politics -- Compromise, Consensus, Conflict or Conversion?*, Gerald Vandezande of Citizens for Public Justice
- **Education:** *Teaching the Bible -- Developmental and Foundational Perspectives*, Dr. Harry Fernhout
- **Psychology:** *Marriage and Marital Therapy*, Dr. Stan Skarsten
- **Theology:** *Spirituality and the Renewal of the Church*, Dr. George Vandervelde.

### Adjunct faculty

As a result of new appointees this spring, our roster of adjunct faculty is now as follows:

- Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen, Ph.D., professor of interdisciplinary 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 Wauzzinski, 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

### Publications: books

Dr. Robert VanderVennen is in charge of developing our publications program. A major aspect of this is that we are in a transition stage of how we prepare the written manuscript copy for printing. In the old days (not so long ago!) our books were completely retyped by a typesetter, then proofread, corrected and pasted up on pages. We now enter the text ourselves on computer disk and then print from that, either by laser printer or by a typesetting machine that is computer disk driven. Our new books include:

- *Christian Studies in Social Science*, Drs. Paul Marshall and Robert VanderVennen, editors. This 357-page book is hot off the press of the University Press of America. This book on a Christian perspective in social science is developed from a conference organized and hosted by the Institute for Christian Studies with the help of a number of international scholars in the social sciences.
  - *Christianity and the Classics*, Dr. Wendy Helleman, editor. This is now ready to go to the printer.
  - *The Holy Spirit: Renewing and Empowering Presence*, Dr. George Vandervelde, editor. The editing is now finished. It will be published by Wood Lake books, a Christian publishing house in British Columbia.
  - *On Being Human: Imaging God in a Modern World*, by Dr. Calvin Seerveld. This is a book of biblical meditations given by Cal at the fiftieth anniversary of the Society for Calvinist Philosophy in the Netherlands last summer. It will be published by the G. R. Welch Co.
  - *Stained Glass: Worldviews and Social Science*, Dr. Paul Marshall, editor. This book arose out of a tripartite conference with the Free University of Amsterdam, the Institute for Christian Studies, and Calvin College. We expect publication this November.
- Six other works are presently under consideration as potential books for publication.

### Other publications

- *Changing Views in Changing Times*, by Rev.



Jack Vos. This is a booklet which makes available a talk given by Jack at the 1986 ICS Niagara Family Conference.

•*Being Near to God: The Meaning of Spirituality*, by Rev. Derk Pierik. This booklet contains the two keynote addresses presented by Derk at the 1987 ICS Niagara Family Conference.

•*The Robert Lee Carvill Book Awards*

A book by Dr. James Olthuis with Donald G. Bloesch, Clark H. Pinnock and Gerald T. Sheppard entitled *A Hermeneutics of Ultimacy: Peril or Promise* has been named the 1987 Robert Lee Carvill Book.

•*Christian Studies in Social Science* edited by Drs. Paul Marshall and Robert VanderVennen has been declared the 1988 Robert Lee Carvill Book.

### Correspondence courses

Dr. Robert VanderVennen's "ICS by Correspondence" program has over 120 registrants to date. These courses lead to the ICS Diploma in Christian Studies and may be taken by students who have not done university/college work before. The two most popular courses are: *Christian Schools: Their bases, goals and practices* by Dr. Harro W. Van Brummelen and *Christian Worldview* by Dr. Brian J. Walsh.

### Conferences, public lectures, seminars

While senior members participated in numerous conferences, seminars, lectures etc. arranged by other institutions, the following academic activities were sponsored by the Institute.

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•Aug. 10-15 -- Together with the Free University of Amsterdam and Calvin College, the Institute sponsored the Second International Conference on "Normativity and Contextuality in the Social Sciences" in Amsterdam.

•Sept. 4-7 -- The ICS Southern British Columbia Family Conference held at Cultus Lake took as its theme *Imaging God* with its theme speaker, ICS Senior Member Dr. Jim Olthuis. About 250 attended.

•Sept. 25 -- "Neo-Marxist Influences on North American Education" was the subject of a public lecture given by Dr. Harro Van Brummelen, professor at Trinity Western University and ICS adjunct faculty member.

•Sept. 26 -- "Curriculum: Setting Direction in the Face of Crosscurrents" was Dr. Harro Van Brummelen's theme at an ICS conference/workshop for teachers held at Brampton, Ontario. The event attracted some 50 teachers and educational administrators.

•Oct. 17 -- The Institute has always felt a major responsibility toward the young people at our universities. *Vision 87-88*, the brainchild of former ICS board chairman Rev. Derk Pierik, consisted of a series of four conferences held at McMaster, Waterloo, Toronto, and Western Ontario universities. ICS was happy to co-sponsor the event; a large majority of the speakers were related to the Institute in one way or another. The conferences are designed to help students explore the meaning and implications of a Christian worldview for the areas of their study and vocational interests. (Look for the upcoming *Vision 88!*)

•Nov. 2-3 -- "When School Meets Government: A Christian Response," a conference co-sponsored by the Institute at Paris, Ontario, was attended by some 65 teachers and other educators.

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•Jan. 25 -- "All the Business of Life: Bringing Theology Down to Earth" was the subject of a

public lecture by Dr. Robert Banks of Australia.

•Feb. 23 -- "What's Behind It All: The Crises of Our Present Time" was the title of a public lecture by Dr. Bob Goudzwaard, professor of economics at the Free University of Amsterdam, under the combined auspices of the Citizens for Public Justice and the Institute.

•Apr. 15 -- "Deleuze's Interpretation of Nietzsche's Doctrine of the Eternal Return" was the subject of a public lecture given by Dr. Constantin Boundas, professor of philosophy at Trent University.

•July 7-8 -- Dr. N. Thomas Wright, chaplain and senior lecturer of New Testament Studies at Worcester College, Oxford University gave a two-day seminar on the Gospel of Mark for about 40 pastors, theology students and others.

•July 29-Aug.1 -- The ICS Alberta Family Conference was held at Deer Valley Meadows Camp with theme message on "Spirals of Love and Healing", given by ICS senior member Dr. James Olthuis. There were 245 at the conference, 60 more than last year.

•July 29-Aug.1 -- The ICS Niagara Family Conference was held near Ft. Erie with the theme address on "Beyond Worldview to a Way of Life" given by ICS senior member Dr. Brian Walsh. There were about 910 registrants for the general conference and about 1100 present for the Sunday morning worship service.

•July 30-Aug.1 -- The ICS Northwestern British Columbia Family Conference was held at Tyee Lake with 40 families camping and another 50 attending the lectures given by theme speaker Rev. Derk Pierik, former chairman of the board of ICS on the sermon on the mount.

•Sept. 2-5 -- The ICS Southern British Columbia Family Conference was held at Columbia Bible Camp at Cultus Lake with 80 people in attendance. Dr. Al Greene, executive director of Alta Vista College in Washington spoke on touchstones to distinctive Christian thought.

### Faculty service to the community

One continues to be impressed by the very substantial ways in which all faculty serve the community. To take but three examples: Dr. Paul Marshall's contribution to the abortion issue at the very highest political level in this country; Dr. Harry Fernhout's organizing initiatives for the Christian education community around the question of government funding for Christian schools; Dr. Cal Seerveld's involvement in the development of the new *Psalter Hymnal* for the Christian Reformed Church, his meditations in *The Banner*, and his speaking engagements to a considerable variety of academic and popular groups in Australia, Indonesia, Europe, and the USA. These are examples only. In fact, all of our faculty are engaged in leadership activities in church and society.

### Staff/faculty benefits and salaries

Each year's executive has been much concerned about the material needs of staff and their families.

To that end, this year we adopted for all staff and faculty the Christian Schools International benefits package. This provides very comprehensive coverage, including group life insurance, long term disability, and medical and dental programs. Benefits now average about 14 percent of salary.

With respect to faculty, while beginning salaries are competitive in our orbit, our experienced senior members are paid thousands of

dollars below their peers. Nevertheless, the older senior members are strongly seized of the conviction that the younger members with their growing family needs and their need for housing in an overheated Toronto market should receive the greater increases. Consequently, all faculty receive a common salary of \$32,500 supplemented by the allowances indicated below, which apply to both faculty and administrative staff.

First, there are modest allowances for children, with higher allowances going to those attending schools not publicly-funded. Secondly, ICS will pay one-half of any housing cost which is over 30 percent of the total family income.

### Staffing

Ross Mortimer joined us as vice-president of administration on September 1, 1987. He has made a tremendous improvement in the administration since he came and it is a great pleasure to see him and Dr. Harry Fernhout, vice-president academic, working together as a real team. Despite a great load of work, exacerbated by a staffing shortage, we have had the smoothest running administration in years.

On June 1, Harry Kits, associate director of development, left us (for the next floor down!) to take up a challenging post as executive director/co-ordinator for Citizens for Public Justice. Besides his fund-raising work for us, Harry developed an innovative alumni survey for ICS and headed up student recruitment. We wish him God's rich blessing in this new appointment.

Sarita Baker served in the president's office until the end of January, 1988, when she resumed her studies at Calvin College. Shari Luttkhuizen replaced Sarita. Shari also did a fine job, but left us at the end of July to accompany her husband, one of our students, who will do further graduate work at the University of Virginia. We are very glad that Kathy Larmour is temporarily filling the position of administrative assistant to Mr. Mortimer and myself. Kathy is assisted by Anna Overweg who is our receptionist/typist.

In my last report to you I acknowledged our great debt to Rosalind Deck as business administrator. Her work has now been taken over by Gerry Klingenberg, a Registered Industrial Accountant (RIA), who brings to his three-day-a-week position a level of accounting expertise that ICS has never had before.

Carol-Ann Veenkamp remains managing editor of our bimonthly newsletter *Perspective*. She also coordinates our advertising and communications efforts and serves as admissions counselor.

You will know from my last report that Dr. Robert VanderVennen is now working as an associate staff member two days a week with us. Another two days weekly he is an editor and journalist for *Calvinist Contact*. Perhaps you've noticed!

Adriana Pierik, director of development, continues her important work in two areas especially, in increasing support from classes and churches and in one-to-one visits seeking financial support from donors.

Margaret Schoemaker, development secretary, looks after donor information, address lists, etc. By taking outside courses, she is gradually becoming our resident computer expert.

Dorothe Rogers, administrative assistant academic, continues to do an exceptional job for the vice-president academic and myself and for the academic council and the senate. Dorothe's husband, Bob, who is a Ph.D. student with us, has had a very difficult year with unanticipated physical problems.



Each one of these needs your prayers. By reading the lines and between the lines, you will know what to pray for.

### Trustees

I value *very much* the dedicated, devoted work of trustees and other volunteers. They are of a calibre (senate and board) in judgement and experience that's just great.

This summer we saw the retirement of trustee John de Groot from the board (at least for now!) for he has served two consecutive terms. John has been a model trustee in many ways: organizing a continuing discussion group in Sarnia, Ont. around *The Transforming Vision*; arranging a luncheon meeting for businesspeople; and doing informal fund-raising on his trips to California, Chicago, Grand Rapids and at home in Sarnia. I sincerely hope that he will continue to represent ICS in development/promotion activities. He was the first ICS person to befriend me when I came and has been a staunch friend ever since. I have appreciated his counsel on numerous occasions. He has taken his ICS responsibilities very seriously for he, too, has a vision and dreams dreams. People like John and his wife, Agnes, are the backbone of the ICS support community.

We lose Dr. Ken Hermann from the board too, but that's not so bad because he now becomes a senator and will continue to serve the Institute in that capacity.

Rev. Graham Morbey, chaplain at Sir Wilfrid

Laurier and Waterloo Universities, steps down after six years of faithful service. We particularly value his knowledge of the university community and his decidedly creative approach to problems.

We are very sorry to lose trustee-at-large and executive member Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman who has made a unique contribution as a result of her former staff position at ICS as well as her graduate studies in university administration at OISE. Rosanne has left for Grand Rapids, Michigan, with her husband, Bob, who was appointed assistant professor in the history department at Calvin College.

Nobody knows better than I the tremendous work done by the executive of the board throughout the entire year in support of the Institute. This year has been especially demanding for the executive as we have struggled over the building decisions. Pray for them and thank God for their dedication and for their use of the talents with which he has gifted them. We particularly recognize the leadership of chairman Fred Reinders, the chief mover in helping us to a solution of our building problems; vice-chair, Aukje Masselink, for her endless energy and enthusiasm; and John Jeronimus who is chairman of our property and finance committee.

### Cause for prayer and praise

- Praise God for a wonderfully serene year spiritually for ICS, a year without internal or external strife.
- Ask the Lord to ensure that any problems

that may arise with final arrangements for the building proposal will be satisfactorily resolved.

•Thank God for all the advantages the completion of the building partnership will bring to us, including our paying off the 10 deficits of the last 14 years.

•Thank God for the tremendous increase in financial support from His people.

•Praise the Lord for a doubling of new students.

•Ask God to greatly bless with students and wisdom the new master's program in world-view studies. Thank Him for the three years of financial support pledged by an American friend.

•This now becomes especially important: please pray that the Ontario government will grant us formal authority to award the M.Ed. and M.A. (Worldview Studies) degrees.

•Above all, pray for all the needs of ICS individuals and their families as you know them. Pray for spiritual health and wisdom for every trustee, every senior and junior member, and every member of the administrative staff.

•Please accept the thanks of all of us for your generous support and your earnest prayers. ICS is not just our professors. It is you and all of us as partners together, and God working in both of us to will and to do His good pleasure.

•Finally, and with deep affection for those of you we have come to know, my wife Dorothy and I thank you for many expressions of your love and care for us personally.

## ICS Comparative Budgets and Financial Statements 1986 to 1989\*

	1989 Budget	1988 Budget	Actual	Previous Years Actual 1987	1986
<b>General Fund — Revenue</b>					
Dues and Donations	\$515,000	\$470,000	\$532,234	\$400,136	\$357,224
Churches	75,000	45,000	64,197	37,415	27,682
Tuition	55,000	59,075	46,091	44,129	33,173
Education Services	67,000	55,900	63,541	62,795	56,133
Rent	---	56,500	75,147	67,439	39,597
Other	5,000	1,300	9,478	5,933	4,823
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>717,000</b>	<b>687,775</b>	<b>790,688</b>	<b>617,847</b>	<b>518,632</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Academic	363,998	273,000	295,058	262,206	259,004
Educational Services	54,900	73,575	68,189	81,714	90,035
Student Aid	40,000	40,000	46,522	23,996	47,700
Administration	151,000	134,050	158,309	129,454	136,512
Development	143,750	160,850	155,042	142,424	136,511
Building	---	---	3,965	5,933	4,143
Financing	---	118,500	110,106	108,080	84,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>753,648</b>	<b>799,975</b>	<b>837,191</b>	<b>753,807</b>	<b>758,605</b>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue	(36,648)	(112,200)	(46,503)	(135,960)	(239,973)
<b>Restricted Fund — Revenue</b>					
Donations			27,134	31,628	64,733
Interest			2,424	3,512	2,090
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>29,558</b>	<b>35,140</b>	<b>66,823</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Student Aid			---	17,350	9,913
Other			14,983	48,690	30,821
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>14,983</b>	<b>66,040</b>	<b>40,734</b>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenue			14,575	(30,900)	26,089

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





# Development Notes

by Adriana Pierik

## A gift from the tax collector

In these development notes I will highlight some good news about tax reform as it relates to your 1988 charitable giving. The Government of Canada has just passed a new tax law that will enable our Canadian donors to significantly increase their donations to us without increased cost to themselves.

For my information I am indebted to a brochure published by Christian Stewardship Services (CSS) from which I quote as follows: "Through tax reform, most people will receive a larger refund (called a tax credit) in 1988 than in previous years. Because of the increase in tax credits for charitable donations, you can give more to your church or favourite charities while your actual out-of-pocket expense remains the same.

"But in order for your church and Christian causes to benefit from these changes, **you must adjust your giving in 1988.**"

"Under the new charitable giving provisions, tax credits are as follows:  
On the first \$250 of gifts ----- 26%  
All gifts over \$250 ----- 44%"

The following table of comparisons illustrates the impact of the new tax law. Note especially the columns comparing 1987 gifts with potential 1988 gifts that result in the same amount of out-of-pocket expense for the donor.

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We would be delighted if all our donors would adjust their 1988 donation amounts to make use of this great incentive to increased giving. You could significantly increase our income at no extra cost to you. And believe me, we need it!

## New trustees

A ballot count shows that incumbents Aukje Masselink and Henry Lunshof have been re-elected to serve as trustees-at-large for ICS. Wendy Helleman fills the position vacated by Rosanne Lopers-Sweetman; she will also serve as a trustee-at-large.

Alan Toth replaces outgoing trustee Kenneth Hermann in Region 4 (Eastern USA); Marvin de Vries will represent Region 5 (Southwest Ontario) in place of John de Groot; and Jim Girling was elected in Region 6 (Niagara Peninsula) replacing Graham Morbey.

## Art history interim

How can a Christian art historian contribute to the task of writing art histories with professional responsibility and redemptive integrity? Students who take a course entitled, "Problems in art history: Current options and a Christian look" will explore this question during a three-week seminar to be offered by ICS, Calvin College, and the Free University of Amsterdam January 4 through 26.

Four professors specializing in subjects ranging from post-war COBRA art, seventeenth century Dutch landscape painting, art history, and cultural anthropology to philosophical aesthetics will lead the 17 three-hour sessions at ICS.

Drs. Graham Birtwistle of the Free University of Amsterdam, John Walford of Wheaton College, Charles Young of Calvin College, and Calvin Seerveld of ICS will lead the seminar, which is intended for both graduate and undergraduate students.

The course is aimed at art, literature, and music history students who wish to explore the options taken by secular art, literary, and cultural historians. An attempt will be made to lay bare the philosophical frameworks which guide the different and often opposing methods of doing art history today.

For registration information, please contact ICS's admissions office at (416) 979-2331 or 229 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4. ☐

## Family of Four on One Income

Gross Income	1987 Gifts	1987 Tax Refund	1987 Actual Out-of-pocket Expense	Increase 1987 Gifts by	1988 Gifts	1988 Tax Refund	1988 Actual Out-of-pocket Expense
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$ 538	\$1,462	26.6%	\$2,532	\$1,070	\$1,462
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$ 738	\$1,762	22.6%	\$3,065	\$1,303	\$1,762
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$ 918	\$2,082	21.2%	\$3,636	\$1,554	\$2,082
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$1,532	\$2,468	8.2%	\$4,328	\$1,860	\$2,468

## Single Taxpayer

Gross Income	1987 Gifts	1987 Tax Refund	1987 Actual Out-of-pocket Expense	Increase 1987 Gifts by	1988 Gifts	1988 Tax Refund	1988 Actual Out-of-pocket Expense
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$ 260	\$ 740	24.0%	\$1,241	\$ 395	\$ 740
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$ 436	\$1,063	21.0%	\$1,818	\$ 615	\$1,063
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$ 606	\$1,394	20.5%	\$2,410	\$ 836	\$1,394
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$ 817	\$1,682	17.0%	\$2,925	\$1,055	\$1,682
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$1,080	\$1,920	11.6%	\$3,348	\$1,275	\$1,920
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$1,532	\$2,468	8.2%	\$4,328	\$1,860	\$2,468

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# Keeping up with ICS Faculty

On September 15 **Dr. Harry Fernhout**, senior member in philosophy of education, appeared before the Ontario Legislature's Select Committee on Education as a consultant for Citizens for Public Justice. Fernhout co-authored the brief on the philosophy and organization of education in Ontario, which was presented by CPJ.

On October 4 Fernhout participated in the presentation of the recommendations of the Ontario Education Policy Options Task Force at a special meeting of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools.

Fernhout was one of the respondents at a conference on the Christian Reformed Church and Canadian Culture, which was sponsored by ICS and the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada October 24.

Senior member in systematic philosophy **Dr. Hendrik Hart** gave a talk at the Jubilee Center in Cambridge, England on the interpretation of scripture in the context of modern politics September 1. On September 2 he conducted a seminar with members of St. Barnabas Anglican Church on the interpretation of scripture in relation to the modern experience of faith. On the third day of September Hart gave four presentations designed to deal with following Jesus in the contemporary confusion around issues of sexuality at a one-day academic conference held at College House in Cambridge. The presentations dealt with interpretation of scripture, scripture and norms, norms and homosexuality, and God within us. On September 4 Hart preached on the restoration of women in the resurrection of Jesus at the Baptist Church of Earl Soham (Suffolk), a center in which much reformational activity in England originated. On September 5 he gave a philosophical address following a dinner in Laxfield (Suffolk) for professionals, artists, and intellectuals gathered at the home of James Halloway, the visionary philosopher-bricklayer whose initiative led to the creation of the annual Greenbelt Arts Festival at Castle Asby near Northampton.

The interpretation of scripture was also the theme for a seminar which Hart gave October 27 at the Ontario Christian School Teachers Convention held in St. Catharines, Ont.

In July and August, ICS's senior member in political theory **Dr. Paul**

**Marshall** published a series of four articles in *ChristianWeek* on "Understanding Biblical Parties." His paper on "Work and Rest" was reprinted in the June 1988 issue of the *Reformed Journal*.

On September 12 Marshall submitted to emergency surgery to have his gall bladder removed. One week later he rejoined his colleagues for registration day at ICS and resumed a normal schedule of teaching, while recuperating during his off hours.

As a representative of ICS, Marshall attended a meeting of the Reformed University of North America (RUNA) held in Grand Rapids, Michigan October 14.

On October 20 Marshall opened the conference on Christianity and Canadian Culture held at ICS and gave the first lecture. Two days later he gave a paper on "Pluralism, Liberalism, and Christianity: A Reconceptualization" at the Conference on Faith and History held in Greenville, Illinois.

On October 15 senior member in philosophical theology **Dr. James Olthuis** presented a talk on "Humaneness and Emotional Wholeness" at the Vision '88 Conference held at the University of Waterloo.

Three contributions by Olthuis recently appeared in the book, *Husbands and Wives: A Guide to Solving Problems and Building Relationships* published by Victor Books this year. The book is the third in a series sponsored by Youth for Christ. Olthuis' articles are entitled, "Troth: The Love Connection in Marriage," "Stages of Intimacy in Marriage," and "Identity and Intimacy."

On October 7, 8, and 9, ICS's senior member in history of philosophy **Dr. William Rowe** attended the biennial meeting of the Hegel Society of America held in Chicago, Illinois.

Rowe also contributed to a volume of essays dealing with the work of American philosopher John Sallis, which will be published by the University Press of America.

In late July **Dr. Calvin Seerveld**, senior member in aesthetics, led a three-day conference on "Rainbows for the Fallen World" under the sponsorship of College House in Cambridge, England. Seerveld lectured on the meaning of play, games, clothes, and amateur artistry in the Christian life.

At the end of July Seerveld presented both the opening and closing lectures at a day-long conference held in London, England by the Arts Center Group. Over 100 professional artists, media people, writers, and actors attended. Writer David Porter and lecturers from the British L'Abri also participated.

At the end of August Seerveld presented a paper on "Cultural Dynamics of Philosophical Aesthetics" at the International Congress of Aesthetics held in Nottingham, England. He arranged to do his presentation in conjunction with Heinz Paetzold from Hamburg, Germany so that their bilingual session would spark discussion.

On September 29 senior member in systematic theology **Dr. George Vandervelde** participated in a meeting of the North American Academy of Ecumenists. He responded to a paper by Professor H. McSorley entitled, "Mary in Ecumenical Discussion: A Roman Catholic Perspective." At this meeting Vandervelde was elected to the executive committee of the Academy.

Vandervelde's article, "The Grammar of Grace: Karl Rahner as a Watershed in Contemporary Theology" appeared in the current issue of *Theological Studies*. Another essay, "The Meaning of 'Apostolic Faith' in World Council of Churches's Documents" appeared in *Apostolic Faith in America*, edited by Thaddeus Hargan (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans: 1988).

On August 26 senior member in worldview studies **Dr. Brian Walsh** led a faculty workshop at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts on "Worldviews, Modernity, and the Task of a Christian Liberal Arts College."

On September 23 and 24 Walsh was the keynote speaker with ICS alumnus Richard Middleton at the Vision '88 conference held in Kingston, Ont. on the theme of "Being Human: the Image of God in a Secular Culture." ICS junior member Nik Ansell co-led a seminar on "Being Human as Male and Female" with ICS associate alumna Gloria Nelson.

"Choose this Day: Joshua 24 and Contemporary Discipleship" was the title of Walsh's chapel address at Ontario Bible College October 6. Later that day he gave the same talk at Glendon College Christian Fellowship held at York University.

On October 24 Walsh was the guest lecturer at Ontario Theological Seminary on "The Theology of Langdon Gilkey." ☐





# Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

## Three new ICS books to be released

There's big news in ICS book publishing — three new books and a revised version of *The Greatest Song, in critique of Solomon* are due to be published by the end of the year!

A new book by Calvin Seerveld, senior member in aesthetics, is scheduled for a November release. Titled *On Being Human: Imaging God in a Modern World*, this book is a study of Bible passages which tell us something of what it means to be a human person. Seerveld first presented these ideas in the Netherlands as a series of biblical meditations at the fiftieth anniversary conference of the Society for Calvinistic Philosophy. The book is beautifully illustrated with paintings that speak to the theme of each chapter, and with musical texts that add still another dimension. The book is being published by Welch Publishing Company Inc., a Canadian Christian publishing house.

After some minor revisions to Seerveld's 1967 edition of *The Greatest Song, in critique of Solomon*, Toronto Tuppence Press will reprint the translation and introduction of the Old Testament's Song of Songs, which can also be performed as an oratorio.

A new book on the Holy Spirit edited by George Vandervelde, senior member in systematic theology, is an exciting theological study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit from a Reformed perspective. *The Holy Spirit — Renewing and Empowering Presence*, will be published by another Canadian Christian publisher, Wood Lake Books, and presents papers given at a conference of leading theologians from Europe and North America, which was held at ICS in 1984. Contributors to the book include Richard Mouw, Richard Gaffin, James Dunn, Garth Wilson, Jan Veenhof, and Vandervelde. The introduction was written by Clark Pinnoch.

A third new book, more academic in nature than the first two, is a study of the meaning of Christian worldview, a concept that is widely used today, in

part as a result of research arising from ICS. The book is called *Stained Glass: Worldviews and Social Sciences*, and its chief editor is Paul Marshall, senior member in political theory. The book contains papers given at a conference held at Calvin College in 1985, under the combined sponsorship of Calvin, the Free University of Amsterdam, and ICS. ICS contributors to the book are

James Olthuis, William Rowe, and Albert Wolters. Nicholas Wolterstorff and Sander Griffioen have also contributed to *Stained Glass*. The book will likely become the definitive scholarly book on the subject of worldview.

All of these books will be available soon. To place your order, fill in the order form included in this issue of *Perspective*. ☐

## Order New Valuable ICS Books

### Coming Soon

<i>On Being Human: Imaging God in the Modern World</i> by Calvin Seerveld (100 pages)	\$ 7.95	_____
<i>The Greatest Song, in critique of Solomon</i> by Calvin Seerveld (107 pages)	(paperback) \$14.95 (hardcover) \$24.95	_____ _____
<i>The Holy Spirit — Renewing and Empowering Presence</i> by George Vandervelde, editor, (138 pages)	\$13.75	_____
<i>Stained Glass: Worldviews and Social Sciences</i> by Paul Marshall, Sander Griffioen, and Richard Mouw (eds.) (187 pages)	\$15.50	_____

### Still Very Fresh

<i>Social Science in Christian Perspective</i> by Paul Marshall and Robert VanderVennen (eds.)	\$20.95	_____
<i>Keeping Our Troth</i> by James Olthuis	\$18.95	_____
<i>A Hermeneutics of Ultimacy</i> by James Olthuis	\$11.50	_____
<i>Telling the Next Generation</i> by Harro Van Brummelen	\$20.95	_____
<i>Theories at Work</i> by M. D. Stafleu	\$21.95	_____
<i>Rainbows for the Fallen World</i> by Calvin Seerveld	\$12.95	_____
<i>Thine is the Kingdom</i> by Paul Marshall	\$11.75	_____
<i>Roots of Western Culture</i> by Herman Dooyeweerd	\$12.95	_____
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## Meet a student: Barbara Douglas



Barb Douglas

I regard with astonishment the stacks of paper on my desk awaiting a time when I have both the leisure and energy to sort and file them. Have I been studying here long enough to collect all this? It seems that I arrived here in Toronto only a little while ago, eager to begin graduate studies at ICS, feeling a little scared and lonely and wondering if I had made the right choice. Now here I am with a year of very exciting classes behind me, a year of equally exciting classes ahead of me, many close friendships, and a husband!

A year at ICS has convinced me that I came to the right place. There are three abiding passions in my life: Christ, music, and philosophy. All three stem from my family background. My mother is a musician; she teaches band and piano and saw to it that her three children studied music; my father is a devoted armchair philosopher and theologian; and both are committed Christians. I studied trumpet and eventually went off to the University of Iowa to

study trumpet performance and music education. During my five years there I would sneak out of the music building (with its close-knit and very secular bunch of crazy musicians) to join InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Trinity Christian Reformed Church to keep my faith alive, and take non-music classes ranging from classical Greek literature to medieval philosophy to keep up my other interests. I enjoyed pursuing my diverse interests, but often felt fragmented.


While at university, one of my InterVarsity friends suggested we go to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for a weekend conference called Jubilee. A 16-hour drive for one weekend sounded crazy, but he insisted I come since Calvin Seerveld would be there. I asked, "Who?" And he responded, "Someone you've got to have read if you're at all interested in aesthetics." That did it! We rented a car and drove all day and night to get to Pittsburgh. There I heard Dr. Seerveld speak and got so excited I promptly bought two of his books, *Rainbows for the Fallen World* and *A Christian Critique of Art and Literature*. Then I heard Dr. Al Wolters speak on how Christian philosophy had gone wrong by trying to synthesize itself with Greek thinking, and how people at this place called the Institute for Christian Studies were working at a thorough-going Christian philosophy. If Wolters and Seerveld were from the same place and if they were doing things like this, then I figured that ICS was the place for me!

First though, I had to finish my undergraduate studies. Then I spent a couple of years in a small town in Iowa teaching instrumental music to Grades 5 through 12 to earn some money and begin to establish some professional credentials.

Then doubt began to set in. I won-

dered if my undergraduate education was academic enough to prepare me for a rigorous master's program at ICS. I began to consider taking the one-year Master's in Christian Studies offered by Calvin College instead. I applied to both schools and was accepted by both. Calvin looked good, but ICS fitted my interests so exactly. Besides, to this point the choices I had made in my life had been safe ones. I went to a university 20 miles from home and majored in an area which would lead to employment. Moving to a foreign country, a big city, and a new academic field all at once seemed like the kind of adventure I wanted and needed. So I did.

And adventure has been the operative word for my first year at ICS. It has been an adventure in learning that is at once tremendously exciting as all my interests finally coalesce in the field of Christian philosophical aesthetics, and tremendously challenging as I struggle to fill in the gaps left by a secular musical education. An adventure in community, as for the first time I spend virtually every day working, laughing, and crying with other Christians. And an adventure in living as I learn to cope with high rents, expensive food, tall buildings, crowded streets, and horrible traffic here in Toronto. And an adventure in loving as I met, fell in love with and on May 21, 1988 married Nigel Douglas, an ICS student from England.

ICS, in short, has given me the space and discipline to do what I've always wanted to do: to work in a Christian community, learning how to articulate and test my feelings, thoughts, and beliefs on music, art, and God's world in general; and so to come to know who I am and what I as a philosophical musician (and now wife of a philosopher!) can do in God's kingdom. 



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