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## Sale of ICS building to partnership announced



Trustee John Jeronimus explains terms of sale.

Discussion about the future of 229 College St., which has been both albatross and golden egg for ICS administrators over the past several years, dominated the annual membership meeting held Saturday, June 11.

Board of trustees chairman F.J. Reinders announced that on June 10 the board unanimously agreed to accept a proposal by Pro-Urban Developments Ltd., which would allow ICS to retain a substantial ownership interest in the building and occupy the fifth and sixth floors. A group of Christian investors, strong supporters of ICS, would hold the remaining ownership interest in the building. The newly-formed partnership would also undertake much-needed renovations of the College Street facility.

The board had advertised for serious proposals for the redevelopment of 229 College St., and the proposal by Pro-Urban was accepted after the executive, and property and finance committees spent more than a year carefully investigating several proposals, some of which included sale of the entire building. Pro-Urban won the bid because of its distinct

advantage to the Institute, including allowing ICS to remain at its present site.

### Terms of Sale

After introducing the discussion on the building at Saturday's meeting, Reinders handed the floor to trustee John Jeronimus, chair of the finance and property committee, who explained the terms of the sale.

The ICS building will be sold to the partnership for \$3.5 million. ICS will use part of these funds to retain a substantial ownership interest via the partnership. In the transaction ICS will pay off its \$1.3 million debt (the accumulated deficits for several years), and still have a considerable amount to invest. These invested monies will pay the rent for ICS in upcoming years. The redevelopment of the building will require additional funds, which will be raised by mortgages. Upon completion of the renovations, the building will be worth significantly more than the combined costs of purchase price and renovation costs. Also, the increased rental income from the renovated building should leave a net annual profit in which ICS will share.



President Clifford Pitt presents report.  
Photos by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

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# Perspective

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## From the President's Pen

By Clifford C. Pitt

We all get discouraged and depressed at times, even the great heroes of our faith. Consider David (1 Samuel 23). Saul was out to kill him and the citizens of Keilah intended to betray him. Weary, a fugitive in the desert, David is greatly discouraged.

*And Jonathan went to David and helped him find strength in God. (1 Samuel 23:16 NIV)*

When one is downcast, overwhelmed with problems, how wonderful it is to have someone who loves you "strengthen your hand in God." Among the gifts of Romans 12 is listed the Encourager. "If a man's gift is encouraging, let him encourage. (v. 7 NIV) Let us set ourselves to it." (Phillips). Encouraging isn't something that just happens. Encouraging is something we have to work at. The ability to encourage is not to be hidden in the ground, wrapped in a napkin. Maybe you and I need to bring this gift out to the light of day, polish it up, "set ourselves to it."

Perhaps Jonathan reminded David not only of what God had done but who he, David, was because of God's goodness. He was a man of great gifts: extraordinary bravery, martial prowess, compassion for all those "who were in distress or in debt or discontented," - talents, abilities, qualities which were God's gifts in him.

A very special case of Christian encouragement is encouraging the development of the gift that the Holy Spirit has implanted in a fellow Christian. That gift may be preaching, teaching, serving, encouraging, charitable giving, wielding authority, feeling sympathy for others, and so on (Romans 12:6-8, NIV, NEB, Phillips). How do we encourage one of these gifts in another? By recognizing it, by deliberately admiring and appreciating it (out loud!), perhaps by public commendation or private compliment. Let me not be niggardly in my praise of the talent that God is growing in my brother or sister! I'm not talking about flattery but rather of

what I can say to him soberly and advisedly, but nonetheless warmly and enthusiastically. In this I follow Phillip's transliteration: "Don't cherish exaggerated ideas of your importance, but try to have a sane estimate of your capabilities by the light of the faith that God has given to you." (Romans 12:3) My brothers and sisters in Christ should help me towards a sane estimate of what the gifts are that God has given me. What I'm trying to say is that your verbal approbation of another's gift may, firstly, be tremendously important in affirming a gift, in helping a fellow Christian to realize s/he has a gift at all! Secondly, your encouragement may be used of God to stir up and help shape that gift.

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There are half a dozen groups I especially think need and deserve our encouragement. Let me mention just three of them.

First of all, how I wish I could encourage our Christian young people! How much greater their stresses and strains and anxieties, their problems and temptations than mine of half a century ago. I have nothing but admiration for your strength, your courage, your idealism, your honesty. In Scripture, youth are sometimes likened to the eagle. I give you Psalm 103: every single verse is an encouragement for eagle-like, soaring, daring youth. When the day comes when even you shall faint and be weary, then encourage yourself in the Lord with His ancient promise:

*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.*

Another group I dearly love are the steadfast, plodding Christians of simple faith who trust the Lord in every joy and trial. The ICS com-

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## In This Issue

With this issue of **Perspective** comes the news that the ICS building will be sold - a move which has been under consideration for the past three years as ICS struggled under the burden of deficit financing. However, as you'll read, ICS will be able to retain an interest in the building as well as continue to occupy 229 College St.

Also, celebrate with us Vaden House's successful defense of his doctoral dissertation in Amsterdam. House is the second graduate of the Ph.D. program offered by ICS in co-operation with the Free University of Amsterdam and the first to do all his work in Canada.

Please join us at one of our four family conferences to be held this summer. Details are on the back page of this issue.

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munity is full of them! I mean those who, in deed are:

... steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. (1 Cor. 15:58)

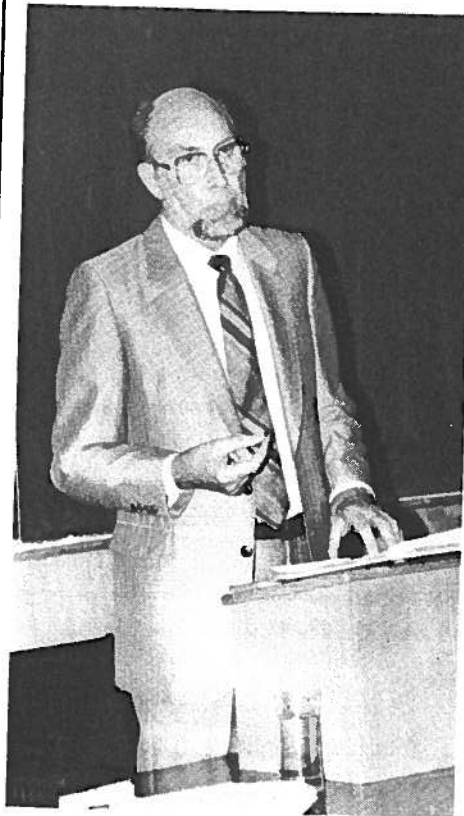
According to Webster, *steadfast* means "firm, fixed, settled, established; constant; not changing, feeble or wavering." Such are the Christians I most admire! Be encouraged! You are at once a wonderful example and a rebuke to the rest of us with our spiritual ups and downs.

Finally, I would encourage you Christian employers. I would, of course, encourage you because Christian enterprises depend desperately on your generosity. But there's something else that impresses me. Visiting an ICS donor who has 220 employees, it suddenly struck me that that man makes it possible to put food on the tables and roofs over the heads of 220 families! That's really something! Here is an Albertan whose workers, boat-people refugees, weep when he leaves! We see the status, the money, the power, and envy them, but many live modest if not frugal lives as godly stewards of the Lord's bounty. An example: ICS's largest donor lives in a most modest dwelling. Moreover, these men are often more sensitive to the needs of the Church than are the rest of us. A case in point: our second biggest donor, reputedly a millionaire, prays regularly for ICS and is deeply committed to spreading the work of Kuyper and Dooyeweerd; he stands alone among his friends in this. And how great are the temptations for those with wealth! How easy to say to oneself, "Is not this great Babylon which I have built!" How great the burdens when the livelihoods of others, half a dozen or even hundreds, depend on their judgment and abilities! When was the last time we prayed for them or encouraged them with appreciative words?

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Barnabas is the only man the Bible describes as "good." Barnabas is a nickname, presumably given him because of a particular trait in his personality; it means Son of Encouragement. Is there a Barnabas-in-the-making reading (or writing!) this column? I sincerely hope so! [P]

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*Board chairman Fred Reinders opens annual meeting.*

Other highlights of the meeting included presentation of a draft budget for ICS, the president's report by Dr. Clifford C. Pitt, the awarding of the Ph.D. degree to Vaden House, student comments by Tim Schouls and Bernice Moreau, and a brief presentation of the new one-year master's program in worldview studies by Dr. Brian Walsh.

Total expenditures proposed for 1988-89, exclusive of rental income and financial plant management expenses are \$754,000, with an anticipated income of \$717,000, leaving an operating deficit of \$37,000. These figures compare to the 1987-88 budget, including rental income, for \$799,975 in expenditures with an income of \$687,775, leaving an operating deficit of \$112,000.

The annual meeting coincided with the return of Vaden House and his mentor Dr. Hendrik Hart from the Netherlands where House had successfully defended his dissertation at the Free University of Amsterdam. Both House and Hart were on hand for the meeting, and in a symbolic ceremony, Hart bestowed the doc-

toral hood on his student. The text of Hart's speech is printed elsewhere in this issue.

### **New staff benefits**

Out of concern for those who work at ICS, the board approved a comprehensive package of benefits in 1987-88, Pitt said in his president's report. He pointed out that the benefits will help staff and faculty financially since ICS salaries are nearer the low end of the market.

Among the new benefits are a family allowance plan which grants a certain amount per elementary school and high school age child, and a housing subsidy in order to help married ICS employees combat the high cost of living in Toronto.

Pitt also announced that the board had established the new category of *Associate of ICS* for those people engaged in extensive volunteer work on behalf of ICS. John de Groot, Sr., outgoing trustee, has the honour of being named the first appointee.

In his comments, ICS junior member Tim Schouls thanked ICS's constituent members for allowing a graduate school like ICS to exist.

"Coming to ICS presents a unique opportunity to wrestle with the foundational issues in a field, and to claim Christ's redemption in that area," Schouls said after criticizing the fragmented approach to studies he found at a secular university.

Bernice Moreau studied for a year at ICS in 1986-87, but has continued to use the Institute as a resource for her doctoral work at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Moreau credited the Institute with saving her both spiritually and academically as she learned how to integrate her Christianity and graduate studies.

"Thank God this school allowed me the privilege of bringing my faith and scholarship together! I'm not from a Reformed background, but it is such a blessing that such an institution exists," she stated as she thanked the members.

An extensive report on the new master's program in worldview studies, which Walsh described to the membership at the close of the meeting, can be found elsewhere in this issue.

*Minutes of the annual meeting are available to members upon request.* [P]

# House earns Ph.D. from Free University via ICS

After successfully defending his dissertation, entitled "Without God or His Doubles," in the Netherlands on June 7, Vaden House became the second ICS junior member to receive the Ph.D. degree through ICS's co-operative program with the Free University of Amsterdam.

At ICS's annual meeting on June 11, president Dr. Clifford C. Pitt announced that the Rector Magnificus of the Free University had given the Institute special authorization to present House with the hood and Free University medal, symbolizing when attached, the relationship between ICS and the Free University in the granting of doctor's degrees. Pitt called upon House's co-promotor, ICS senior member Dr. Hendrik Hart, to award the hood and medal to the graduate.

Dr. Hart's personal words to House after granting him his hood and medal were as follows:

"The research upon which the granting of your degree was based stands in the best tradition of both of our institutions, namely an inquiry into the consequences for truth and reality of taking a position within creation from which not only God is rejected, but also any substitute for God. Your analysis of the work of Richard Rorty, the most consistent atheist known in the history of philosophy, has provided all those with an interest in questions related to norms, truth, and the nature of reality in relation to our own place within reality, with a deep, lucid, clarifying, enriching, and fundamental piece of scholarship. Testimony to this is not only the widespread praise you received in Amsterdam this week, but also the already spreading reputation of your study in the Netherlands, Germany, and North America, where scholars such as Richard Bernstein, Kai Nielson and also Richard Rorty himself have expressed an interest in your work, and where Holland's oldest and prestigious publisher, the 17th century firm of E.J. Brill, has agreed to publish your book.

That your work has impressed and encouraged the Free University to

continue our relationship is evident from the decision taken in principle by the Rector and members of the Faculty of Philosophy this week that ICS Senior Members will be able to function as main and first promotor for ICS Junior Members in the future, as well as from a similar decision by the Rector and the President of the College of Governors that cross appointments of ICS Senior Members to the Free University should be explored. And further evidence of the good relationship between the two institutions is that professors Sander Griffioen and Johan van der Hoeven, both ICS Fellows, send special greetings to this meeting.

Your relation to ICS, Vaden, has from almost the beginning been more than that of a member of our academic community. It was that too, of course, and in the most desirable way thinkable. But more than that, you have always spoken of our institution as your real home. Ties of love

and nurture were formed with a number of us. Those with Jim Olthuis and myself were particularly deep and grew into bonds of friendship that this formal ending of your studies will not sever. And a telephone call from Steve Shaw of Cambridge while we were in Amsterdam testifies that you spread your love in many directions. We here shall miss you. I trust that your walking in here on crutches today is no symbol of what happens when you stand on your own feet now. In fact, many of us will be eager from here on and in many ways to lean on you and learn from you.

Darlene, your wife, and Shalen, your philosophically-inclined nine-year-old daughter, were unfortunately not witness to any of the wonderful proceedings of the last days. But, we include them when we say that it is our deep wish and heartfelt prayer that our love many continue, that our mutual enrichment may grow, and that our being children of a God, whom we praise and adore on this occasion, will prove to all that God alone, and no doubles of any sort, will shepherd us into a future of worship in truth. In that truth we shall be free and have light." [P]



From left to right, Professor C. A. van Peursen, Vaden House, and Dr. Hendrik Hart pose for a photo at the Free University of Amsterdam following House's successful defense of his dissertation June 7.

# New program designed for working professionals

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

Brian Walsh's appointment to the position of senior member in worldview studies and director of the master's program in worldview studies should be good news for people in various professions who hold an undergraduate degree and who wish to do graduate work at ICS.

In a recent interview, Walsh, 35, stated that he wishes to work with people who are struggling to find a way to deal with the split they encounter between their Christian faith and the secular world in which they live and work.

"What matters to me is trying to help ordinary people develop Christian wisdom," he said.

The purpose of the new program will not be to train scholars as much as to equip Christians in various vocations to Christianly transform those vocations.

Although ICS has always been committed to education for Christian discipleship, in the past that education has focused on training Christian scholars. Walsh's appointment, combined with the development of the new master's programs in worldview studies and education, signals a broadening of that focus to include people in various professions.

In carrying out his task, Walsh will draw from the theoretical insights developed at ICS by its senior members (professors) and junior members (students) over the years. He cited, as an example, how the theoretical work of ICS's senior member in aesthetics, Dr. Calvin Seerveld, could help Christian musicians as well.

"Seerveld has argued over the years that art, if it is to be Christian, should be subject neither to the dead end dictum that says art must be beautiful or that it must proclaim the gospel message in explicit terms. Such 'Christian' art becomes either superficially pretty or propaganda. That insight is liberating for Christian artists. It provides a foundation that



Dr. Brian Walsh explains new program to ICS membership.

will help them give a natural, authentic, and integral expression of their Christian faith in art."

## Life is multi-dimensional

Walsh pointed out that the philosophical background of ICS insists that scholarship goes fundamentally awry when one dimension is absolutized over another – when the integral multi-dimensionality of life is ignored. This holds true for work as well. Christians in business need spiritual wisdom if they are to discern idolatry such as the absolutized belief in profit. Within the new master's program a Christian in business would be encouraged to think through the nature of the business enterprise and how it should be subject to the biblical norm of stewardship.

Similarly, a Christian engaged in the medical profession may wish to go beyond the overemphasis on the human body as a fine balance of chemicals, which leads to an absolutized pharmaceutical approach to health care. Within the program, a Christian medical practitioner would attempt to develop a who-

listic, multi-dimensional approach to health in the light of the biblical notion of shalom.

The success of Walsh's program, which was put in motion without a director two years ago, rests on the validity of his assumption that there really are Christians out there who find the dualism between their Christian faith and secularism of their professional lives intolerable, Walsh said.

"Are such people really out there? Do they want the kind of service we may be able to offer them?" he asks, before responding, "The jury's still out on that."

If Walsh sounds challenging, he means to be. He has devoted his scholarship to addressing the issue of integrating one's worldview with one's life, a theme which culminated in his doctoral dissertation, "Theology and Modernity: A Study in the Thought of Langdon Gilkey." And he's convinced there are more Christians out there who wish to pursue studies at the graduate level with the specific goal of developing an articulate Christian worldview with which to run.

## Can Christians be relevant?

In a description of the program prepared for a supplement to the 1988-90 Academic Calendar, Walsh describes the program in response to cultural analyst Theodore Roszak's observation that the piety of North American Christians is "personally engaging, though culturally irrelevant."

"Most sensitive Christians shamefacedly recognize the truth of that observation," Walsh commented. "But Christians of vision, who take their discipleship seriously, recognize the untenability of such piety and strive to live their lives in such a way that their relationship with God is personally engaging and culturally relevant. That is, they strive 'to grow up in every way into Christ,' their Christian faith transforms their whole lives."

This is also the theme of *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian World View* (IVP), co-authored by Walsh and ICS alumnus Richard Middleton in 1984. The book grew out of Walsh's and Middleton's experience of teaching Christian worldview courses on the campuses of secular universities in Ontario over the last decade.

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Walsh graduated from ICS with a master of philosophy degree in 1979. After discovering ICS while an undergraduate at the University of Toronto, he began to use the Institute as a resource in his studies, and it became what he calls "a natural step" to continue his education at ICS after receiving his B.A. in philosophy and religious studies.

### From junior to senior member

Did Walsh envision himself making the transition from junior member to senior member a decade ago?

"As a junior member I had joined a community and it seemed natural to me at that time to assume I would continue with that community," he reflected. "While doing my Ph.D. at McGill I never simply assumed that ICS would hire me. But I knew that the kind of research and teaching that interested me would be most readily received at ICS."

Walsh's desire to continue to make his academic "home" at ICS is in keeping with an ancient tradition which ICS has adopted from English universities where students are referred to as junior members and the professors as senior members. Using this terminology helps stress that the

task of learning is shared by professors and students. Both are members of one community, devoted to the same calling, responsible together for the advancement of knowledge and insight. Walsh, like fellow graduates Paul Marshall, Harry Fernhout, and William Rowe, successfully stepped from junior to senior status. But not without proving himself as a scholar at another university first. Walsh received his doctorate in the philosophy of religion from McGill University in 1987.

Walsh has felt God's providential hand in all of this, but admits that "you only know God's providence in hindsight."

As he looks back over the years, Walsh sees a number of factors leading to his appointment as a senior member at ICS. He credits his mentor at McGill, Dr. Joseph McLelland, with giving him the freedom to do broad research in the theology of culture rather than limiting him to narrowly defined topics in the philosophy of religion. As part of his Ph.D. work, Walsh was able to expand on *The Transforming Vision* and this work will serve as excellent preparation for teaching at ICS.

Another significant indication of God's hand in this is the fact that ICS's need for a director for the worldview program coincided with Walsh being in a position to accept the appointment.

### Faculty also pastors

During the year since his graduation from McGill, Walsh has served both as an adjunct faculty member teaching two courses at ICS, and as a chaplain at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont. Walsh discovered teaching graduate students at ICS to be a joyful experience and this has reinforced his desire to be a teacher. But he's grateful that he also had a year to serve as a chaplain. His involvement with faculty and students as a chaplain at a secular campus led to personal growth and a conviction that as a senior member he and the other faculty members at ICS have a pastoral responsibility as well.

Walsh's thrust as a senior member will be spotlighted at the annual Niagara Family Conference to be held July 29 through August 1 near Fort Erie, Ont. where he'll be keynote speaker. The subject of his address? "Challenge: Beyond Worldview to a Way of Life." He hopes to bring the Niagara crowd beyond talk to action in expressing a Christian worldview.

ICS's supporting community will also be able to hear Walsh when he presents his inaugural address as an incoming senior member at a special ceremony November 12. P

## 1987/88 Carvill books named

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

*Social Science in Christian Perspective* was named the **1988 Robert Lee Carvill Memorial Book** and is dedicated to the memory of Bernard Zylstra who organized the 1978 International Social Sciences Conference from which the book arose. Zylstra was also the original editor of this volume; after his death, Paul Marshall and Bob VanderVennen took over as editors.

Established in memory of the former ICS communications officer and editor of *Perspective*, proceeds from the Robert Lee Carvill Memorial Book Fund have been designated for the production of a book published under the auspices of ICS. P

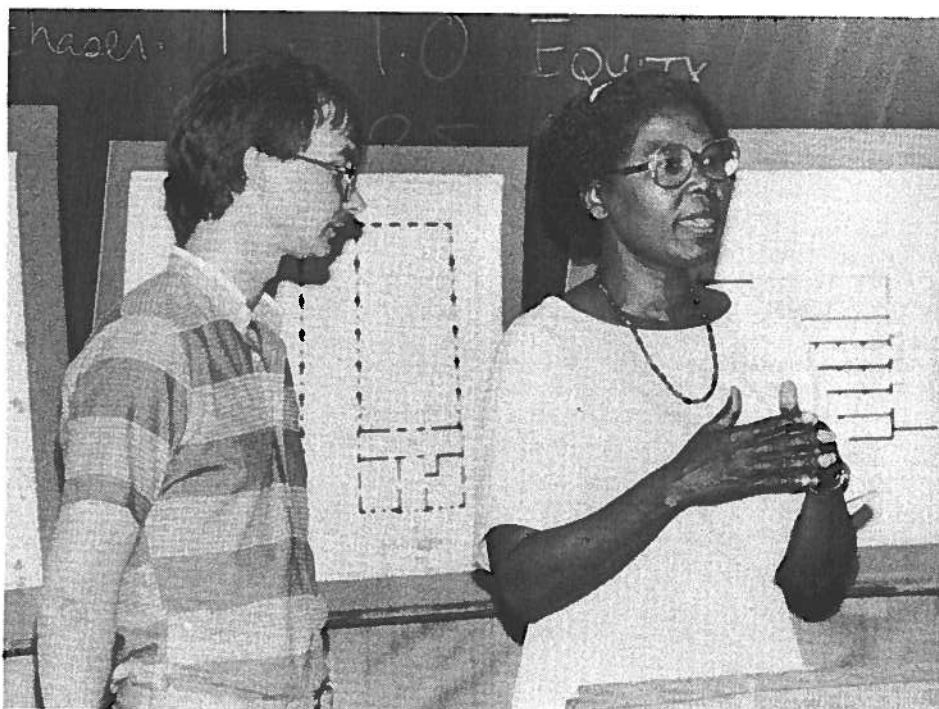


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ICS students Tim Schouls and Bernice Moreau share their observations about ICS with membership at the annual meeting June 11.

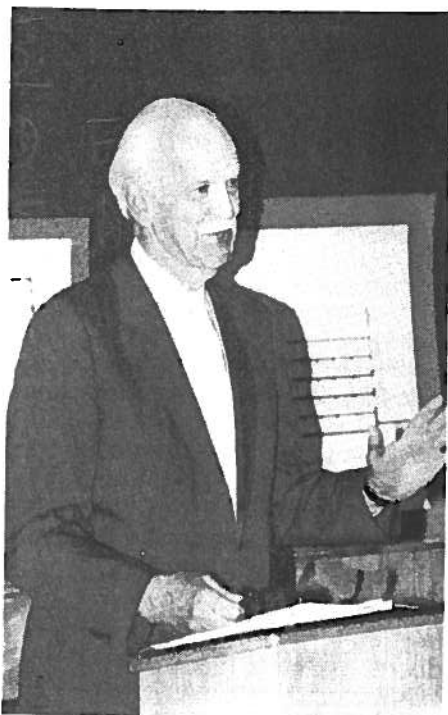


Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

The ICS budget is not normally something to smile about, but with vice-president of administration Ross Mortimer at the helm, expectations are for smoother sailing. Here Mortimer presents the budget for 1988-89 to the membership at the annual meeting June 11.



Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

Dr. Constantin Boundas, a professor of philosophy at Trent University, Peterborough, Ont., presented a public lecture on Deleuze's interpretation of Nietzsche's doctrine of the eternal return at ICS on April 15.

## Meet a student: Govert Buijs



Govert Buijs

"Do not conform to this world," warns Paul. This admonition seemed to be the ultimate cornerstone of the Reformed ethic by which I was raised.

I remember a building at the end of our street, which as a child, I skirted by passing by on the other side of the street. I always heard music coming out of the open door. And when I sometimes ventured, somewhat intrigued, to pass by at a closer distance, that same music blew me away and I could smell the pervasive odor of beer – Dutch "Oranjeboombier" – just like the big sign at the front of the building told the reader invitingly. This bar was for me the embodiment of the world. It all happened there. Paul's "do not conform" was easily implemented; just pass by on the other side of the street.

This ambiguous relationship to the world, neatly illustrated in my passing by that pub on one side of the street or the other, has remained with me, and the implicit problem, which I now refer to as the question of the "relation between Christianity and culture" or "Kuyper's cultural mandate" is the basic motivation behind my current studies.

The question has three legs. First, what does it mean to be a follower of Christ, in the world, but not of it? Second, what and where is the world?

At what stage is the world? What are the fears and hopes of people in the world, personally and collectively? And what is the ultimate source of these fears and hopes, and how are they expressed? Third, the most difficult question of all, what is the relationship between the two? What difference does Christ make in the world? Is he not too irrelevant, too insignificant? Isn't religion over?

Almost a second revelation occurred to me during the reading of Bob Goudzwaard's *Capitalism and Progress*. Rather than explain the world using verses from the Bible, he analyzes the world by means of a penetrating and patient reflection on the gods in which people in our culture place their ultimate trust. Goudzwaard points out that religion (or the beautiful Dutch word "godsdiens," which means the serving of a god) is not a Christian prerogative, an insignificant extra, but rather, the most basic characteristic of a human being. The question then becomes not whether to serve a god, but which god?

Goudzwaard's book also opened my eyes to the fact that God and the gods, or the idols, are not easily identified with the church, with the Christian community on one side and the world on the other. Christians often serve idols too. The world is not something external, but internal. The struggle takes place within ourselves.

Inspired by *Capitalism and Progress*, I wanted to get to know more about "what-is-going-on-in-the-world" in my studies. Political science seemed to me to give the broadest orientation possible, but the most superficial as well, I discovered. So, after one year of studies in political science, I decided to attempt a second major in social philosophy. The Free University of Amsterdam was my obvious choice for a place to study since it has its roots in the reformational tradition. And it was here that I heard about ICS, an institute dedicated almost entirely to dealing with the questions with which I struggled.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Sander Griffioen, I decided to go to ICS for one year to do part of my philosophy program. And in brief, it has been an exciting year. My main emphasis has been in political philosophy, but in making the most of the opportunities offered at ICS, I

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audited several other courses as well.

One of the most important characteristics of ICS for me is that it has provided me with an open atmosphere in which I felt challenged to build my own perspective instead of imitating others.

When I return to my studies in Holland this fall, I plan to study some theology to complete – for the time being at least – my search on "both sides of the street." But ICS will stand out in my memory as the place where a responsible integration of faith and culture is achieved as perhaps nowhere else. And, using Augustine's splendid description, where the world, the *Civitas Terrena*, is characterized by a self-love reaching a point of contempt for God and neighbour, and the *Civitas Dei*, the city of God, which is characterized by love for God and neighbour reaching the point of contempt for oneself, in the academic community that is ICS I discovered something of this *Civitas Dei*!

A dieu, ICS!

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## Natishan receives Steen award

**Denise Natishan** is the second ICS student to receive the Peter J. Steen Memorial Scholarship, which was established in 1984 in appreciation of the promotional work Steen did for ICS and in the hope of keeping alive his ministry to help students develop an understanding of their studies that is rooted in Jesus Christ and makes use of the insights of reformational Christian thinking.

The annual scholarship is drawn from interest accumulated by money donated to the fund, and the recipient is chosen by ICS's Financial Aid Committee upon ratification by Academic Council.

Recipients are usually from the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area, and Natishan fits this qualification. During 1987-88, she was enrolled in ICS's one-year master's program in Christian studies; her area of emphasis is psychology.

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## Meet a senator: Robert Malarkey



Robert Malarkey

Robert L. Malarkey is a professor of sociology at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ont.; he began his term as a senator at the June 6 senate meeting.

Malarkey agreed to his appointment to senate because he feels that as a former ICS student he has an understanding of the Institute that would help him carry out constructive change. Also, his five years at the University of Toronto have given him knowledge in the areas of faculty and publications review which may prove helpful to ICS.

He hopes that through diligent and careful academic work, the Institute will be able to overcome some negative perceptions from past years and move forward with its task of giving academic leadership.

When asked what he would like to impress upon ICS's membership, Malarkey responded, "ICS is at a critical point in its existence. It has made a significant contribution to the Christian community in North America and beyond. We all need to be part of the effort to insure that the Institute will have the finances to continue making a contribution."

Malarkey received a B.Sc. in 1964 from the College of William and Mary, an M.Div. in 1968 from Westminster Theological Seminary, an M.Phil. from ICS in 1981, an M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1983, and a Ph.D. from the U of T in 1987.

Malarkey lives in Ancaster, Ont. with his wife, Susan. They have two children.

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## Alumni Markings

by Harry J. Kits

Several ICS alumni are now across the Atlantic ocean from Toronto. Here is what some of our former students are involved with today.

**Drs. Greg Officer** is now a parish minister in the Dutch Reformed Church of Heino, The Netherlands. He also is on the editorial staff of *Reveil* and writes for Dutch periodicals. Greg studied with George Vandervelde and Calvin Seerveld in 1978.

**Drs. Adrienne (Dengerink) Chaplin** studied aesthetics with Cal Seerveld beginning in 1981 as part of her doctoral work at the Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands. She is currently the director of YWCA Hostel in Central London, England and is active in the Open Christian College of England.

**Jonathan Chaplin** began his studies at ICS in 1980 and received the Master of Philosophical Foundations degree in 1983 after successfully defending his thesis, "Herman Dooyeweerd's Theory of Public Justice: A Critical Exposition." Jon is currently a Ph.D. candidate in political theory at the London School of Economics and Political Science. A part-time lecturer at City of London Polytechnic, Jon also serves on the editorial advisory board of *Third Way* magazine and convenes a Christian group which writes on politics.

In Sweden we find **Dr. Per-Ake Myrin** who spent a year (1976-77) at ICS studying worldviews and systematic philosophy with Hendrik Hart. A member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sweden, Per-Ake works part-time at the University of Stockholm and spends the rest of his time as a self-employed consultant. He also regularly writes for Christian newspapers and magazines.

**Terry Tollefson** completed his Master of Philosophy degree at ICS in 1977 with his thesis, "Paul Tillich's Anthropology as Key to his Thought." Terry studied with Jim Olthuis at ICS, and went on to get a teaching degree. He is currently enrolled at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. He also serves as director of Intercollege, Nicosia, Cyprus.

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# Development Notes

by Adriana Pierik

How to raise ICS's profile everywhere, but especially in areas which are geographically far removed from us in Toronto is my deep concern after returning from two recent trips to Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

"Out of sight, out of mind" the saying goes. But this is not really true with us. We have many supporters and friends in far away places who keep us in mind when deciding which causes to support. Also, many people give their time and energy to organize meetings, conferences or special events for ICS. We greatly appreciate their help.

However, after my return from Western Canada, I am left with an overwhelming feeling that the value and work of ICS are hardly known in many communities and churches. To many, ICS is not a tangible presence.

There are of course perfectly understandable reasons for this. First of all, local church, school, and college activities demand a great deal of time and money. In addition, there are many other causes which vie for financial and volunteer support. For example, many of you are involved with the mentally handicapped, pro-life groups, prison ministry, senior citizens homes, etc. These are all very worthwhile causes. Consequently, a small graduate school located "way

out there in Toronto" takes on less and less of an important place in the minds and hearts of many people.

To my amazement, some of the people I talk to didn't know that ICS is an actual school, with teachers and students, classrooms and lectures. Some thought ICS consists of a small group of philosophers who are out of touch with the "real world out there" and make little impact on our society. Many didn't understand the difference between college and graduate level education. Others thought that we are a Bible college or a theological school. Still others thought that CPJ and ICS were one and the same.

Clearly, the task of making ICS better known to many more people is one of our primary objectives. This year we have placed numerous ads in many different periodicals. We will seek ways and means to have our professors speak more often to audiences far and wide, especially at the popular level. We need to "turn on" our young people with the exciting vision of a holistic and radically integrated biblical world and life view as it affects the area of academics.

But it takes more than this. Just as we need your help in supporting us financially, we also depend on you to help spread the news about ICS by word of mouth in your local areas.

We find again and again that people become newly acquainted and seriously supportive of ICS by having been introduced to us by you. Just this week a retired professional man came to inquire about our courses and is planning to enrol in a course this fall. He heard about us from one of our "friends."

Recruits for the task of representing and promoting ICS should also be sought out amongst those of the younger generation. Not only will this spread the work over more people, but it will especially ensure that the vision for Christian graduate education will continue for many years to come.

Christian graduate education, taught from a biblical reformational perspective is not a luxury but a dire necessity in our secular age. Please become our promoters and spokespersons where you live, and work with us to make others see the importance of the work of ICS! P

## Kits leaves ICS for CPJ position

After two years as associate director of development, Harry J. Kits left ICS in June for a position as executive director/coordinator of Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ), a national public advocacy organization which strives to express God's spirit of love, justice, and healing in Canada's public affairs.

Kits obtained his Master of Philosophical Foundations degree in political theory from ICS earlier this year. His keen interest in developing and promoting a Christian approach to politics led him to the CPJ position. P

## Middleton appointed Brock chaplain

ICS alumnus Richard Middleton was appointed to the position of campus chaplain at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont. by the regional governing body of the Christian Reformed Church, Classis Niagara, at a May 11 meeting.

The position was formerly filled by ICS graduate Dr. Brian Walsh who will now serve ICS as a senior member on a full-time basis. Middleton takes on the chaplaincy on August 1. P

## Voluntary Income Statistics

Total voluntary income goal for June 30, 1988	\$515,000
Total "Help Close the Gap" campaign income goal	248,160
Total goal for June 30, 1988	\$763,160
Total income received by May 31, 1988	\$464,986
Already received in pledges for June	85,000
Voluntary income still needed to meet goals for '87/88	\$213,174

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

# Keeping up with ICS Faculty

On April 12, ICS senior member in philosophy of education **Dr. Harry Fernhout** was one of the panelists responsible for presenting the work of the Task Force on Education Policy Options at the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools.

On May 19 and 20, Fernhout participated in an invitational conference sponsored by the Ontario Moral/Values Education Association on the theme, "Developing a Values Based Vision for Ontario Schools" held at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

ICS's senior member in systematic philosophy **Dr. Hendrik Hart** presented a response to a paper by professor D. Goldstick of the University Congress in Windsor, Ont. Hart also read a paper entitled, "But Deliver Us From Reason" at the May 1988 meetings of the Canadian Society for Hermeneutics and Post-modern Thought held during the Learned Societies Congress in Windsor.

**Dr. James Olthuis**, senior member in philosophical theology, was the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies held April 20 through 24 in Denver, Colorado. His topic was "Wholeness and Holiness: Spiritual Psychotherapy."

On May 14, Olthuis presented two seminars on friendship at the Ontario Singles Fellowship meeting held at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ontario.

May 30 through June 1 found Olthuis at the Learned Societies Congress in Windsor where he presented a paper entitled, "Spirits of Love and Healing: On Human Nature, Psychotherapy, and the Christian Faith."

On June 12, Olthuis participated in the adult education seminar and introduced the topic of "Faith Issues in the Adult Life" during the morning worship service at Warden Woods Mennonite Church in Scarborough, Ont.

On April 5, **Dr. Calvin Seerveld**, ICS's senior member in aesthetics, spoke on methods of art history for art classes at Redeemer College and presented a talk entitled "Art, Icons, and Imaginativity" at Professor Mary Leigh Morbey's advanced art seminar.

Seerveld also gave the commencement address at The King's College's second graduation ceremony held April 30 in Edmonton, Alberta. The address was entitled, "After College: Visionary Scholarship, Leadership and Relevance."

Newly-appointed senior member in worldview studies **Dr. Brian Walsh** presented two papers at the Learned Societies meetings on May 30 and June 1. His first paper, presented to the Canadian Society for Studies in Religion, was entitled, "The Christian Worldview of Bruce Cockburn: Prophetic Art in a Dangerous Time." Walsh presented "The Dimensions of Ultimacy and the Theology of Culture: A Critical Discussion of Langdon Gilkey" to the Canadian Theological Society. [P]



Doctoral student Kuk-Won Shin passed his oral comprehensive examination May 26. Present for the exam were, from left to right, Dr. William Rowe, Dr. Hendrik Hart, Shin, outside examiner Dr. Paul Gooch, and Dr. James Olthuis. Dr. Paul Marshall chaired the exam. Shin is a student of systematic philosophy and is writing his dissertation on Hans-Georg Gadamer's philosophy of culture.



While ICS can't promise that all single students will discover a marriage partner within its halls, graduate studies here did bring Barbara Stevens of Iowa and Nigel Douglas of England together this year. The couple married in Toronto on May 21 before leaving to spend the month of June in England. Both will return to ICS to continue their studies in September.

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

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## Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

### New book on social sciences from ICS

A new book titled *Social Science in Christian Perspective* is due to be released August 1 by University Press of America in its co-publication series with ICS. Editors of the book are Paul Marshall and Robert VanderVennen.

The book arises out of an international conference held at ICS in 1978 co-sponsored by Calvin College, the Free University of Amsterdam and ICS. It breaks fresh ground in understanding the social sciences from an inner, integral Christian point of view.

This scholarly book shows how confessedly Christian convictions can reshape social theory, sociology, economics, politics and technology. The authors try to rework these studies from the inside out by addressing the ethical, methodological, ontological and epistemological assumptions of the social sciences.

Hendrik Hart sets the stage with an introductory chapter on the idea of an inner Christian reformation of the sciences. In a section on social theory M. Elaine Botha discusses objectivity and alternative paradigms; Richard Mouw and Johan van der Vyver reflect on the nature of individualism, and Marshall addresses the growing use of quantitative methods. Under sociology Daniel Strauss examines the philosophical base of sociological thinking; David Lyon writes about secularization; and Maarten Vrieze about problems in the sociology of knowledge. Economist A. B. Cramp writes about the proper scope of economic science; Roelf Haan about methodology, Bas Kee about the nature of economic studies; and George Monsma critiques neo-classical welfare economics. James Skillen critiques the assumptions underlying the study of international relations, and Egbert Schuurman discusses implications of systems analysis.

This book is designated as the 1988 recipient of the Robert Lee

## ICS Books for your Summer Reading

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Carvill Memorial Award given annually by ICS, and is dedicated to the memory of Bernard Zylstra, an organizer of the conference and the original editor of the book.

Editor Marshall says, "This book goes beyond the idea that religion supplies ethical guidelines for the social sciences, that science is a 'tool' for religious people, and that religion and science are separate realms. Rather the authors of this book hold that the history, the sociology, the structure and the very conceptual makeup of the sciences reflect deep-seated patterns of commitment which

can properly be called religious. All the authors seek to work out their Christian faith in the actual practice of each science, even in their science's most technical aspects."

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July 29 - August 1 near Port Hope, Ont.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Brian Walsh, Senior Lecturer in  
Worldview Studies, ICS

For registration information contact:

ICS at (416) 979-2331

## Journey Through the Sermon on the Mount — Northwestern B.C. Family Conference

July 29 - August 1 at Tyhee Lake

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Derk Pierik, Campus Chaplain,  
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For registration information contact:  
Irene Bakker at (604) 847-4162

## Is the Bible a Distinctive Christian Witness? Does it Really Matter? —

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Al Green, Executive Director, Alta  
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For registration information contact:

Pearl Den Haan at (604) 291-4006

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July 29 - August 1 at Deer Valley Meadows Camp  
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Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Olthuis, Senior Member in  
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