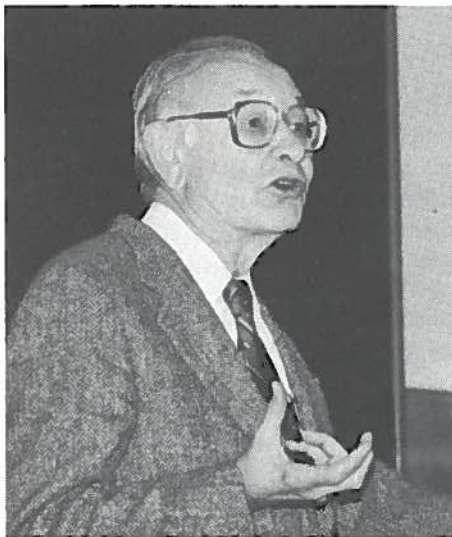


Spykman outlines the task of Christian higher education

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp



Dr. Gordon Spykman

Good bridges make good neighbours, ICS senator and Calvin College professor of theology Dr. Gordon Spykman told 50 people gathered for the annual ICS membership meeting held May 9 at 229 College St. in Toronto.

In a speech entitled, "The Bridging Task of Christian Higher Education," Spykman said that ICS is one community within a cluster of communities connected by bridges.

Spykman said the purpose of his own message was to relocate and advocate maintenance of the bridges already in existence between institutions of Christian higher education like ICS and the other areas of activity in the life of the community and society at large.

Kuyper and bridges

He pointed out that the idea of bridging is built solidly into biblical, reformational worldview and the Christian philosophy which flows from it. Theologian Abraham Kuyper gave definitive formulation to the bridging idea when he talked about sphere sovereignty. This idea holds that each area of life, such as home, church, school, and the work-

place, has its own unique right and reason for existence, but cooperates with a network of interacting partnerships within society at large.

The often forgotten part of Kuyper's message is that community depends on these partnership relationships and that we are to maintain and tend carefully the free flowing two-way traffic that moves back and forth across the various bridges within society, Spykman said.

Dooyeweerd and bridges

The bridging idea also looms large in the thought of Dutch philosopher Herman Dooyeweerd who drew upon Kuyper's insights, Spykman said.

Spykman confessed he would have preferred to name his talk "The *Pontifical* Task of Christian Higher Education" since the word pontifical derives from the combination of two Latin words meaning "to build a bridge." But since the collapse of the Roman Empire, where it was the job of the pontiff to defend the bridge, pontifical has taken on an almost exclusively Roman Catholic meaning. He explained that with the takeover of the

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In This Issue

Bridges are an important part of our lives. In the literal sense, they allow us to travel to places which would otherwise be inaccessible. In his address to the membership, Gordon Spykman talks about the kinds of bridges which connect ICS to various other areas of life. He points out that without those bridges, ICS would be an isolated island.

In this issue, we also talk about many kinds of bridges. Charles Adams reports on the bi-annual meeting of the trustees, a bridge between ICS and its governing body. Two new books out by scholars associated with ICS show a bridge linking the Institute to other academic communities. A new editorial committee tells us that Anakainosis, a newsletter bridging ICS students to other reformational thinkers, is alive and well.

Our faith in God forms the most important bridge of all, binding us to our Creator. Without this bond, any other bridge would indeed be a bridge too far.

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Church at Rome in Western Christianity, the bishop of Rome became regarded as the pontiff or bridge between God and Christ on one hand and the Church on the other.

But reclaiming the original meaning for the word, Spykman urged ICS's membership to unitedly act as *pontiffs* serving those bridges which connect ICS to its larger supporting community. For just as no man is an island, neither is ICS isolated and disconnected from other land masses. Like every academy, ICS has its own unique home base of operations, but is linked to a network of other institutions held together by a series of bridges.

Defines our task

"It is our pontifical task then, here at ICS, our calling in tending bridges, to take good care of the traffic that flows back and forth across these bridges," he stated.

In an effort to define the task of a university in society, Spykman said he went to do some research at Calvin's library where he discovered some 1500 titles on the role of the academy in society. Instead of culling information from the selection, Spykman returned to the handful of options described in H. Richard Niebuhr's classic book, *Christ and Culture*.

The first option Niebuhr deals with is that of the isolationists, which really proposes an abdication of the pontifical task by means of dismantling bridges and erecting barricades to keep the faithful in, Spykman said.

Accommodationists

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, institutions of higher education seem to move back and forth pendulum-style between the isolationists and a second extreme – the accommodationists, he said.

The accommodationists tend to surrender the bridge to secular scholarship. They redirect traffic so that in the end it becomes a one-way street with secular scholars granted almost unchallenged entry into the halls of learning. Sometimes such assimilation takes place in the name of academic respectability; at other times it is born of a sense of weakness and a defeatist attitude of, "If you can't beat them, join them."

Spykman said such annexation of secular and Christian scholarship leads to the disappearance of bridges, and this option too leads to an abdication of the pontifical task.

That leaves another option for those who don't wish to blow up bridges behind them and in doing so lose the universal claim of the gospel upon life as a whole, nor to completely surrender the bridges and thus lose the identity and integrity of the gospel, Spykman explained. These people seek a half and half solution in an attempt to embrace the best of two worlds. They are the dualists. They seek to share the bridge on a 50/50 basis by meeting secular scholarship halfway. While clinging to a sacred stretch of bridge, they deed the rest to secularism in the name of religious neutrality.

Dualism turns out to be an "impossible possibility" since it defies the

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ICS members sing at opening of annual meeting May 9.

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integrally coherent way in which God has put our lives together in the midst of his world, Spykman declared.

Only genuine alternative

The fourth model, the reformational perspective, rooted in a biblical worldview and explicated in a Christian philosophy, offers the only genuine and authentic alternative because it neither destroys, surrenders, nor dissects the bridges, Spykman stated.

Rather, this fourth option seeks to honour, maintain, and traverse those bridges, and in so doing to sanctify them. This is part and parcel of what is called "academic sanctification," he said.

"Bridges from ICS can serve to carry delightfully heavy, biblically illumined traffic from our home here to the other communities around us," he said. "That requires that we become increasingly clear about who we are and why we're here, that we continue to do what only we do best – to engage in biblically reformed Christian scholarship – so that we increasingly become what we are, a reformational community of leaders, because the value of bridges depends ultimately on the value of the goods that travel back and forth across it."

Continual renewal needed

Spykman said reformational Christians must commit themselves to continual renewal in an attempt to get a foothold as Christ's invaders in the whole



ICS board chairman Fred Reinders reports results of trustees meeting to the membership.



ICS president Clifford Pitt, left, Gordon Spykman, center, and Fred Reinders talk together after the annual membership meeting.

arena of secular scholarship. Only then can an institution like ICS offer serviceable insight to other institutions of learning, people at home, those who occupy the pulpit, Christian political action groups, Christian labour groups, businesspeople, those in the healthcare profession, artists, journalists, and scientists.

ICS stands at a busy intersection point in the life of the Christian community with avenues of communication running out in many different directions, Spykman said, and urged the members to pledge themselves anew to continuing to tend those bridges well and to keep the traffic flowing freely.

"That means very simply – graduates – who assume roles of Christian leadership in various sectors of our society and our community, academic and other kinds," he stated.

Tending the bridges also means carrying on a preaching and teaching ministry in the church which respects the emphasis of a George Vandervelde in keeping theology in touch with the life of the church, he said.

"It means that we keep on visiting the homes in our communities by sending out *Perspective*, and putting *Anakainosis* and the other academic papers in the hands of scholarly readers on this continent and across the world."

Keeping the traffic flowing freely means making ICS's presence felt in learned societies such as Cal Seerveld does in the Aesthetic Society. It means attending student conferences such as Jubilee, and making liaisons with Christian colleges both north and south of the border, he added.

ICS's pontifical task means offering a helping hand with questions of curriculum and pedagogy in the Christian schools by tapping the resources of a Harry Fernhout, and it means walking down the street to engage in dialogue with people in universities around us, he said.

Being pontiffs means giving impetus to the good momentum already generated in the publication of valuable books such as those by Hendrik Hart, Paul Marshall, James Olthuis, Al Wolters, Cal Seerveld, and Harry Fernhout, without succumbing to the worldly tactic of publish or perish, he pointed out.

After describing some of the bridges open before ICS and the reformational community, Spykman again called for good tending of those bridges.

"Let us tend those bridges well and traverse them with a sense of holy mission and then thank God for bridges and may he bless us richly as we seek to discharge our pontifical calling."

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Budget summary 1987-88

by Paul Marshall, Vice-President

The income side of the budget was prepared conservatively. Over the last two years our income has increased substantially, but we had budgeted even higher. This time we have projected for smaller increases and, although we project and expect more money in 1987-88 than the 1986-87 actual, we have still lowered our budget income from Canadian membership dues, donations, and donations from U.S. supporters to below the budget for the last fiscal year.

The category of church contributions has been increased from \$30,000 to \$45,000 because by May 10 of this year we had already received \$30,891 in this category.

The tuition projection has been lowered somewhat. This is an extremely hard item to project, so this figure represents a best guess. There is protection against errors here as the category of student aid expenditures also depends on the number of students enrolled. Student aid expenditures will parallel tuition income; if tuition is down (or up), then student aid expenditures will be down (or up). At present, our tuition fees

are comparable to those of Canadian universities, which in addition receive \$15-25,000 per graduate student per year in government monies.

The family conference budgeted income reflects actual income for 1986-87. Educational Services income projects reduced sales due to the cutting back of Educational Services but with increases from conferences and from correspondence courses.

The rent column reflects our net income from 229 College St. after all expenses are paid. (Note that we also get our own "free rent" since we own the building, but this is not reflected in the budget figures.)

On expenditures we have tried to hold the line as much as possible, with very minor increases. The exceptions to this are: Educational Services, where deeper cuts have been made; Development, where we felt an increase of about \$10,000, mostly for advertising, was justified; financial/plant management where the increase of some \$18,000 is largely due to interest costs.

One step we have taken in the last few years is to separate the management of our building, both administratively and budgetarily, from the management of ICS as a whole. This gives us a more realistic financial picture and a more efficient organization. Consequently, whereas in 1985-86 we reported an income of \$165,260 for the building, and covered the expenses in administration and management, we have for 1987-88 taken out building income and expenses entirely and only show **net income** (\$56,500), the amount we actually make after all costs.

This adjustment, plus other related accounting adjustments produces some change in our overall figures. The major effect is that income which used to be reported in our general accounts is now contained in the separated building accounts. For actual 1986-87 this makes a difference of \$25-30,000, i.e., if we were still using the old accounting system our income (and deficit) figure would look \$25-30,000 better than it does under the present system.

The overall effect is that realistically we project a deficit of \$112,200 for 1987-88. This illustrates our financial difficulty. At the same time it is a vast improvement over the deficit of \$213,000 in 1985-86, so that we believe we are restoring order to our financial house. P

Budget Summary, 1987 - 88

	Budget 1987-88	Budget 1986-87	9-month Actual 1986-87	Actual 1985-86
Income				
Dues/Donations	400,000	410,000	214,313	370,133
AACS Foundation	70,000	75,000	27,790	51,824
Church Contributions	45,000	30,000	30,891	27,682
Tuition	59,075	75,800	34,545	33,173
Family Conference	24,000	21,000	23,524	22,918
Sales, Publications, etc.	19,000	27,000	21,119	26,818
Other Educational Services	12,900	7,300	2,307	6,397
Rent	56,500	---	27,110	165,260
Other Revenue, Exchange	1,300	1,000	1,836	6,913
Total Revenue	687,775	646,100	383,435	711,118
Expenditures				
Academic Expenditures	273,000	263,850	198,290	278,029
Educational Services	73,575	97,300	63,772	97,541
Student Aid	40,000	43,000	14,372	57,613
Administration	134,050	132,550	97,021	300,879
Development	160,850	150,300	102,177	
Financial/Plant Management	118,500	100,000	84,690	190,940
Total Expenditures	799,975	787,000	560,322	925,002
Surplus (Deficit)	(112,200)	(140,900)	(176,887)	(213,884)

Trustees face "sweet and sour" menu at spring session

by Charles Adams, Trustee

"Sweet & Sour" describes a number of the dishes served at the Great Wall Restaurant where ICS board of trustees have made a habit of eating during their twice yearly gatherings. It is also a phrase which aptly describes the character of the most recent meeting, held Friday, May 8. During that meeting a number of reports were heard and a number of decisions were made which will affect the structure and future direction of the Institute. Many of those reports and decisions were difficult ones — one might even say, unpalatable. Yet when the overall implications were clear, the trustees were able to leave with a sense of satisfaction, encouragement, and thankfulness.

One of the most difficult decisions to make was the discontinuing of Educational Services as a separate department. The Executive Committee of the Board had decided that one of the few ways in which the budget might be reduced without cutting back on programs would be to take the work done by Educational Services and to either incorporate it in other departments or to hire it out on a project by project basis. The latter would force some of the activities to become self-supporting. The result is that book publishing, conferences, correspondence courses, academic papers, etc., will still be an important part of ICS's mission. However, these activities will become more self-supporting and ICS will take a giant step toward the achievement of a balanced overall budget.

Keep the building

The report of the Finance and Property Committee was received by the trustees with mixed reactions. We were made aware of the fact that ICS continues to suffer from financial poor health and that the process of recovery is a slow one. However, unlike only six months ago when a recommendation came to the trustees to consider "disposal of the building", the recommendation from the committee was that we **not** sell 229 College Street. The committee felt that the building is a valuable asset to ICS, both in terms of its academically-strategic location as well as its increasing economic value. Consequently, the trustees decided to investigate ways in which the building's potential might be more fully exploited. While its sale has

not been completely ruled out, it now seems that stewardly management of the building may be a significant healing agent for our economic plight.

Another positive financial indicator coming by way of the Finance and Property Committee report was the draft budget for 1987-88. While the budget indicates a deficit, the size of that deficit has been substantially reduced in comparison with previous budgets.

New position created

The trustees approved the report of the Administrative Review Committee, the most interesting recommendation of which was the appointment of a vice-president for administration. In an attempt to reduce the administrative work load of Dr. Paul Marshall so that he may return to his academic duties, and to make more efficient the administrative structure, the positions of business manager and office manager will be combined into one position. There will be reassignment of various tasks to a number of other positions as well, but the overall result will be that a highly competent administrator will be hired and given authority to deal with matters that now are handled by various people. The potential effectiveness of this action is enormous, but it depends very much on our finding the right person for the position. Pray that the Lord will identify such a person to us.

Two important recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee were adopted by the trustees. The first is that ICS seek "to establish affiliation

with Redeemer Christian College as a first step in seeking closer cooperative relations with other Christian institutions of higher learning." This is explained in the report as meaning the development of "concrete, practical, and achievable ways of closer cooperation." It should be understood that "affiliation" does not mean a joining together of the institutions into one, or any other kind of action which might jeopardize the identity of either institution. Rather, what the trustees seek is a mutual recognition and, in whatever ways possible, a working together to advance the cause of God's Kingdom in higher education.

New theology program

The other recommendation is that ICS add "a program to our curriculum designed to attract pastors, church leaders, and others interested in issues relative to faith, church, and theology." This means that the recent expansion of our program with two new degrees, a general and an educational degree, will be further expanded with a theological type degree so that ICS will be better able to serve the church community as well as the Christian school community.

One of the tasks the trustees deal with at each of its meetings is the approval of recommendations that arise from the meeting of the senate. The senate met on May 6 and 7, just prior to the trustees meeting. Herman Praamsma represented the trustees at those meetings, and Harry Van Dyke represented the senate at the board meeting. A recommendation from the senate which the trustees received and approved with joy and enthusiasm was the reappointment of Harry Fernhout to a second two-year term as Senior Member. When Dr. Fernhout became a senior member there was

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Trustees plan for 1987-88 at May 8 meeting.

great expectation regarding both his work and the prospects for the new programs in education. The senate's report makes clear that those great expectations are being more than fulfilled. His contribution to ICS has been of the highest quality and of a nature singularly appropriate to the time, situation, and circumstances that ICS finds itself in.

Video captures essence

The last item that I will mention in this report is one that we as trustees hope many of you will be able to experience for yourselves in the near future. During her report on development, Adriana Pierik informed us that ICS had produced a videotape to be used to promote the work of the Institute. No doubt this will be discussed elsewhere in this issue of *Perspective*, but it may be interesting for you to know the reaction of the trustees. At first some of us were doubtful that an audio-visual presentation could really do justice to what ICS is and what it attempts to do. And when we heard how much it cost (it was professionally produced), even though the money was donated specifically for the project by generous supporters, we (at least, I) had even further doubts. But then we had opportunity to view it. Not only is it of the highest technical quality, but it captures beautifully the vision of the Institute and the historical tradition out of which we have grown. It is short, only about 16 minutes in length, but it makes the most of those minutes. After seeing it I was immediately moved to purchase a copy (\$50) and bring it back to Sioux Center, Iowa with me. It is going to provide many of us with the just the right vehicle for getting supporters and potential supporters of ICS together and telling them about the Kingdom vision we have for Christ-centered, graduate education.

Trustees meetings have their ups and downs, or, to use the metaphor I began with, they can be sweet as well as sour. This meeting was in many ways no different. But after all the work was done, there can be no doubt that the lingering taste was very sweet indeed. The Lord has blessed ICS in the past and it is evident that He remains faithful to the Institute in the present. For this we can be most thankful. And in response to His faithfulness, we ought to continue to pray for the work of the Institute, and we ought to work together so that it may be a faithful and effective tool in His hands for the advancement of His Kingdom throughout the world and in every area of life. [P]

Keeping up with ICS Faculty

ICS Senior Member in Education **Dr. Harry Fernhout** participated in Dordt College's annual B. J. Haan Conference April 6 through 8. The purpose of the Sioux Center, Iowa conference was to present and evaluate the research work done by Dordt's Center for Educational Services under the direction of Dr. John Van Dyk.

"Philosophy of Education is Kid's Stuff" was the topic of Fernhout's presentation at meetings held in Thunder Bay, Ont., Winnipeg, Man., Smithers, Port Coquitlam and Victoria, B.C. in April under the sponsorship of ICS's Development Department.

On May 19, **Dr. Hendrik Hart**, Senior Member in Systematic Philosophy, conducted a workshop on a paper entitled, "Reflections on the Bible's Role in Modern Culture" at ICS. Approximately 30 leaders from the Christian community attended the workshop.

On May 24, Hart chaired a meeting of the Christian Philosophers Association in Hamilton, Ont. Two days later he read a paper entitled, "Can Nielsen Escape Both God and Rorty?" at the annual Congress of the association.

Dr. Paul Marshall, Senior Member in Political Theory, had an article entitled, "Ministry of Government" published in the March/April 1987 issue of *Faith Today*.

On April 2 and 3, Marshall attended a meeting of the general council of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) in Toronto at which he was appointed chairman of the Social Action Commission.

Marshall spoke on "Understanding Evangelicals" to a group of Christian members of the New Democratic Party in Toronto on April 5.

On April 23, he attended a discussion on developing a Reformed University in North America held in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Forgiveness" was the title of a speech Marshall presented for a men's study group at Little Trinity Anglican Church in Toronto on May 2.

On April 30, **Dr. James Olthuis**, Senior Member in Philosophical The-

ology, spoke to M-2, W-2, a Christian Prison Fellowship group in Toronto on the theme "Connecting and Caring" at which Pentecostal, United, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Anglican churches were represented.

On May 9, Olthuis and his wife Jean became grandparents with the birth of Janine to Douglas Olthuis and Anita Vlaar Olthuis. He is the first senior member on staff to reach grandfatherhood.

From June 1 through 3, Olthuis attended the meetings of the Canadian Theological Society and the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion at McMaster University in Hamilton. He responded to a paper on capital punishment during one of the sessions.

Olthuis also participated in the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship conference on the Crisis in Central America held at ICS June 12 and 13. He responded to a paper by Dr. Gordon Spykman of Calvin College on liberation theology.

Dr. William Rowe, Senior Member in History of Philosophy, attended the Canadian Philosophical Association's annual conference held May 24 through 27 at McMaster University in Hamilton.

Dr. George Vandervelde, Senior Member in Systematic Theology, presented six lectures on the theme, "Spirituality and Renewal" at the seventh annual Western Canada/USA Ministers and Wives Retreat held in Hope, B.C. at the end of April.

On April 30 he addressed a meeting of Abbotsford, B.C. area Christian Reformed elders, deacons, and their wives on the topic of "The Presence of the Spirit and Congregational Worship."

The Person in Psychology: A Contemporary Christian Appraisal (InterVarsity and Eerdmans, 1985) by ICS adjunct faculty member **Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen** tied for fourth place in *Eternity* magazine's 1986 Book of the Year Poll. Van Leeuwen will be teaching a graduate level summer course on the person in psychology at ICS from June 29 through July 17. [P]

Meet a senator: Peter Schouls



Peter Schouls

Peter A. Schouls, 49, has been on ICS's senate (and the curate before that) for nearly 20 years; he currently serves as chairman. He is a professor of philosophy at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Schouls said he agreed to his appointment as senator because "to be involved in directing ICS amounts to participation in the most exciting and significant Christian academic venture at the graduate level."

Terpstra accepts position at U of R

Starting in September, ICS trustee-at-large Nicholas Terpstra will be teaching history at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan. Terpstra was appointed to the position by Luther College, which is federated with the university.

Terpstra has served on the ICS board of trustees and its executive committee for two years, and has been involved in coordinating the Niagara Family Conference. He is uncertain whether he will be able to maintain his position on the board since the appointment will mean a move from Hamilton, Ont. to Regina.

However, Terpstra sees the teaching appointment as a unique opportunity to form a bridge between the University of Regina and the Institute for Christian Studies. P

His goals include seeing ICS continue the foundational research which confronts secular thinkers with their faith-commitment, and which equips new generations of scholars with the means to expand and deepen ICS-type work. He hopes that ICS will serve the world and especially the Christian community, helping to bring the peace of Christ in all of life.

When asked what he would like to impress on ICS's membership, Schouls responded, "That, in the ICS, it possesses a great gift of service – a gift in a very fragile vessel, a gift which helps the membership to be a salting salt and a city on a mountaintop."

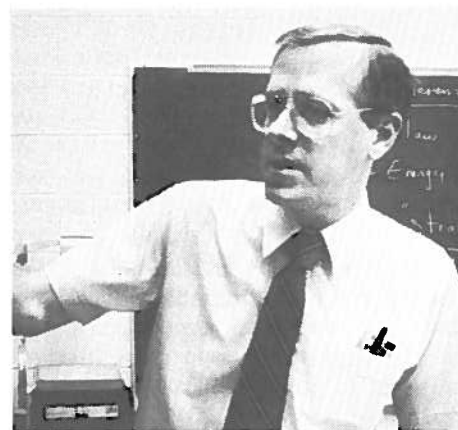
Schouls received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Toronto. He has served as chairman of the philosophy department at the University of Alberta and as a visiting professor at the Free University of Amsterdam. In 1983 he was selected to be an Honorary Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at Edinburgh University. He is the author of *The Imposition of Method: A Study of Descartes and Locke*, Oxford University Press (1980), and McGill-Queens University Press will soon publish his newest book, *Descartes and the Enlightenment*.

Schouls and his wife Jeanette and two daughters live in Edmonton. Their son is currently a student at ICS. P



Former ICS administrative secretary Kathy Vanderkloet, left, watches skit at farewell party held for her May 1, with administrative assistant Dorothe Rogers

Meet a trustee: Charles Adams Region: Western USA



Charles Adams

Charles Adams, 41, has been an ICS trustee for the past three years. He is a member of Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center, Iowa and teaches engineering at Dordt College.

Adams agreed to let his name stand for election to ICS's board because of how ICS has shaped his life since he first discovered it in 1967. Every decision he has made in his life since then, from choosing to teach in a Christian setting instead of becoming an engineer to how he brings up his children has been affected by the reformational worldview he gleaned from weekends spent studying books and articles promoted by ICS's predecessor, AACs, with an older friend who had immigrated from the Netherlands.

Adams believes that ICS is the center of reformational leadership in this hemisphere.

His goals for ICS include seeing the Institute get on its own financial feet. He hopes ICS will remain faithful to the reformational worldview and historical context out of which it has grown while at the same time expanding its programs into various other fields of scholarship. He would also like ICS to remain to some extent a movement capable of exciting people with its vision while also maintaining its status as a graduate school.

He would like ICS's membership to continue to call ICS to be responsible for maintaining its reformational leadership and to support it.

Adams and his wife Pamela and their children live in Sioux Center, Iowa. P

Anakainosis rescued by ICS students

by Nigel Douglas

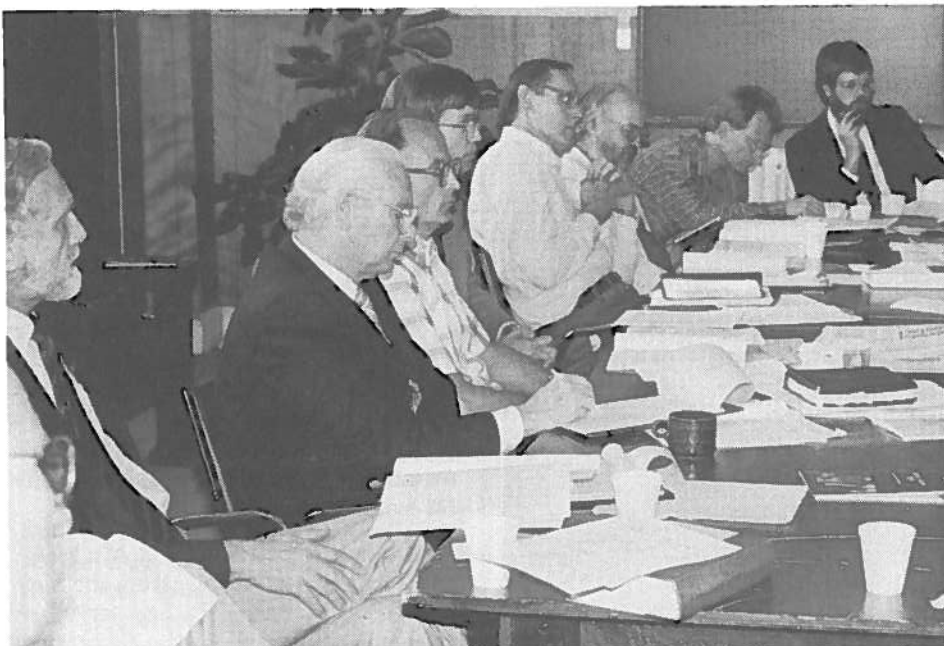
The future of *Anakainosis* – ICS's newsletter for reformational thought was put in jeopardy by a recent decision to cut Educational Services. A further blow to its continued existence came when the press of other projects caused Dr. Robert VanderVennen and David Woods to resign from the editorial committee. However, *Anakainosis* has been rescued, reorganized, and redesigned and will be continuing its task in novel and exciting ways.

The new editorial committee consists of ICS students Nik Ansell, Thom Corbett, and Nigel Douglas. Their vision for *Anakainosis* is that it should be more accessible and interesting to a wider range of readers, that it should provide more of a forum for discussion for members of ICS and its community, and that it should be less technically academic and theoretical in its orientation. This development was approved at the recent Senate meeting, and the publication was given a grant for the coming year.

The first "new look" *Anakainosis*, a double issue, will appear in mid June. It will carry a number of interesting articles: Philip Blosser reflects on the 50th anniversary of the Association for Calvinistic Philosophy; Isabel Sabapathy looks at the relationship between reason and love in the poetry of Robert Browning; and there is a critical reflection on Dr. Merold Westphal's lectures on the religious uses of modern atheism by Nigel Douglas. In the review section, recent albums by Christian singer/songwriter Garth Hewitt will be surveyed and some of the implications hidden in the film *The Name of the Rose* will be examined.

If you think the new *Anakainosis* sounds interesting, the editorial committee invites you to subscribe by sending \$12 (North America) or \$17 (outside N.A.) to *Anakainosis*, ICS, 229 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4.

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An attentive group listens to Dr. Hendrik Hart's presentation of a paper he is writing entitled, "Reflections on the Bible's Role in Modern Culture." About 30 leaders from the Christian community attended the May 19 workshop.

Four evening courses scheduled to accommodate more students

In its ongoing effort to accommodate part-time students, ICS will be offering four evening courses this fall starting September 14. Those who wish to take any of the following courses for credit must have a four-year B.A. degree. Auditors need only the permission of the instructor. Each of these courses may be taken as part of ICS's one-year master's programs.

Biblical Foundations: Old Testament

Join Dr. Harry Fernhout *Monday evenings* from 7 to 10 p.m. for studies in the Old Testament. The seminar will focus on how to read the books of Moses, the historical books, the prophets, and writings in Proverbs and Psalms for hearing Christian direction in our secularized world.

Human Nature, Counselling, and the Christian Faith

Join Dr. James Olthuis *Tuesday evenings* from 7 to 10 p.m. in working from an integral view of being human towards an integral model of psychotherapy based on Scripture and in tune with human experience. This course is

intended for those in the "helping" professions such as pastors, counsellors, and social workers.

Contemporary Christian Philosophy of Education

Develop your own philosophy of education in dialogue with contemporary Christian thinkers under the guidance of Dr. Harry Fernhout *Wednesday evenings* from 7 to 10 p.m. This course has been approved by Calvin College for transfer credit in Calvin's M.A.T. program and is intended for practicing teachers.

Worldview Foundations

The development of an integrally Christian perspective in a vocation requires worldview discernment into the fundamental structures of our society. For a Christian, such discernment is only possible if one is deeply rooted in the biblical worldview. In this course, Dr. Brian Walsh will guide you on *Thursday evenings* from 7 to 10 p.m. in building foundations upon which to construct a Christian worldview.

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Development Notes

by Adriana Pierik

With the conclusion of another academic year comes the end of my first year as Director of Development. It has been a year of much learning. At times I have found it very difficult as the pressures and stresses of our financial problems seemed insurmountable. But at the same time I have enjoyed my work and feel privileged to serve ICS.

This first year of experience has also given me a new awareness of the dedication and hard work of ICS staff, boards and committees, and of the intensity involved in making ICS work.

Three fundraising and promotion trips have brought me face to face with many of our supporters. I have been impressed with their vision, their faithfulness and their generosity. It has dawned on me more than ever before that we are only a small "Gideon's band" working at Christian graduate education.

Many of our supporters are equally committed to our Christian colleges. Is it any wonder that we have that "stretched out" feeling? The need for new support for the cause of Christian higher education is urgent. We continue to work hard in our search for such support.

Our department looks back at some very busy months. During the first part of this year we devoted a lot of time to the production of new promotional brochures, and a video showing the history, purpose, and work of ICS. The production of the video was managed by Christian Communications Centre. We are happy with this new addition and hope

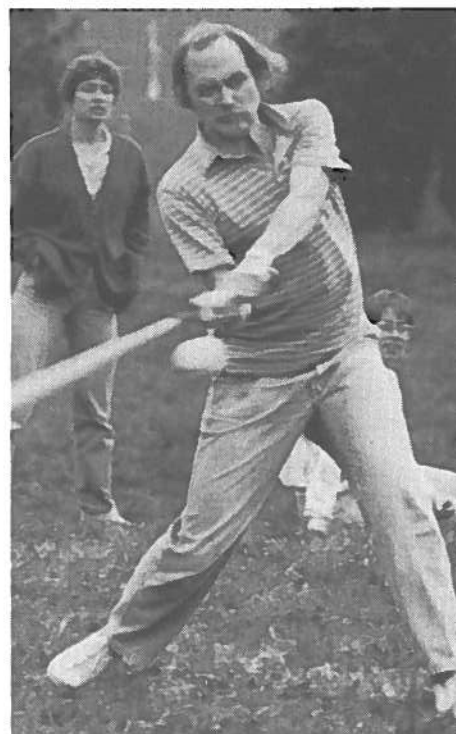
that it will be an effective tool in telling others about ICS.

One question often put to us is, "How is ICS relevant to us and to our children?" A recent tour with Dr. Harry Fernhout helped answer that question. Speaking on the topic, "Philosophy of Education is Kid's Stuff", Dr. Fernhout showed how a teacher's perception of a student shapes her approach to teaching. It became very clear through Dr. Fernhout's address that graduate level research and teaching of "Philosophy of Education" is very relevant to parents and to children, and so real "Kid's Stuff."

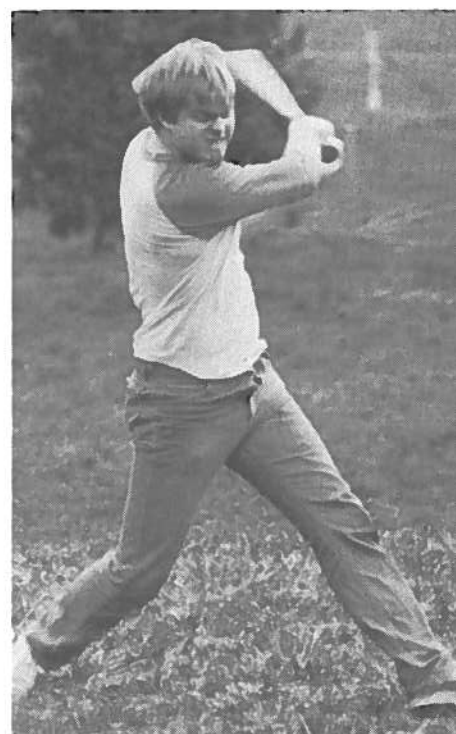
I am happy to report that many classes and congregations have responded favourably to our urgent appeal for increased support. We will end our fiscal year with a significant increase in church contributions over last year. It is good to know that the churches also recognize more and more the value of Christian graduate education as a significant part of the whole Christian education spectrum.

But our financial situation continues to be very critical! At this time it appears that our voluntary income will fall significantly short of our projected goal. Please keep your support coming during the summer months as we have many ongoing financial obligations which don't "take a holiday." Pray with us that we may find ways to overcome our financial crisis in the near future and that we may experience the Lord's guidance in all that we do.

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Each spring ICS staff and students leave the books behind for a day to go on a retreat. Invariably a softball games begins. Above Jim Olthuis, professor of philosophical theology, and below, Henry Luttikhuisen, aesthetics student, try to send the ball home during a game.



Voluntary Income Statistics

Total needed by June 30, 1987	\$515,000
Total received by May 30, 1987	373,088
Total needed by June 30, 1987	\$141,912

— June 30, 1987 is ICS's fiscal year-end —

Two ICS alumni appointed to Redeemer, three to Trinity

Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ont. has added ICS graduate **David T. Koyzis** to its faculty as assistant professor of political science. He starts teaching at the college in September of 1987.

Koyzis graduated from ICS in 1982 after writing his thesis under the supervision of Dr. Bernard Zylstra. In 1986, he received his Doctor of Philosophy from Notre Dame University. His dissertation is dedicated to "the memory of Dr. Bernard Zylstra whose untimely death preceded its completion."

Redeemer has also appointed ICS alumnus **Jacob Ellens** as assistant professor of history starting in September. Ellens took courses at ICS from 1972 through '74. In 1986 he received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Toronto. Ellens moves to Redeemer from his faculty position at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa.

Trio to Trinity

Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Illinois has hired ICS graduate **Brad Breems** (1975) as assistant professor of sociology. Breems received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of British Columbia.

Another ICS graduate, **Dr. Don Sinnema** (1975) has been offered a position to teach theology at Trinity. Sinnema is currently a campus chaplain in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

ICS alumnus **George N. Pierson** (1980-82) has been awarded the position of instructor of philosophy at Trinity. Pierson is a Ph.D. candidate at Catholic University in Washington.

Walsh receives Ph.D.

In April ICS graduate **Brian Walsh** (1979) received his Ph.D. in religious studies from McGill University.

In May, ICS's senate and board of trustees appointed Walsh as an adjunct faculty member. If he accepts the appointment, Walsh will teach a course on the New Testament as well as on Christian worldview in 1987-88.

Walsh also saw publication of his article, "Theology of Hope and the Doctrine of Creation" in the January 1987 issue of *Evangelical Quarterly*.

Gus Polman was recently appointed to serve as co-editor of *Earthkeeping*, a quarterly of faith and agriculture, published by Christian Farmers Federation of Alberta. Polman studied at ICS in 1984 while he was attending Ryerson Polytechnical Institute.

Proper to OACS

The Ontario Association of Christian Schools has appointed **Herman Proper** to the newly-created position of high school education coordinator. A University of Guelph graduate, Proper took courses at ICS in 1969 and '70.

Meet a student: Beverley Boothe



Beverley Boothe

After working for two years as a child care worker in a group home, I felt I needed a change in my life. I was seriously considering returning to school or changing my job.

One day last spring, while I was handing in a resume for a job in the College St./Spadina Ave. area, I noticed the ICS building and decided to find out about their programs. I was intrigued to discover that they were offering a psychology/counselling program from a biblical perspective since I wanted very much to integrate my work and my Christianity.

After careful consideration and advice from friends, family, and staff at ICS, I decided to study here full-time for a year. The year has proved to be rewarding as I have been challenged to study the Bible and apply it to my personal life.

Due to the fact that I was raised in a Pentecostal church and not a Reformed church, my understanding of the Scriptures has not always coincided with that of the professors at ICS. However, I have learned to broaden my understanding of the Bible, and thus, I have grown spiritually.

I want to continue working full-time again this fall, and I believe that God will lead me in a job related to counselling.

Employment opportunities at ICS

The Institute for Christian Studies seeks applications for the position of Vice-President Administration. Duties include supervision and coordination of all ICS activities in the areas of finance, business, development, and property management. Previous financial and administrative experience essential. Apply to Dr. Clifford C. Pitt, President, ICS, 229 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4.

The Institute for Christian Studies seeks applications for the position of Senior Secretary to the President. Duties include assisting the President in most facets of his work and may include coordination of other administrative staff. Experience required. Apply to Dr. Clifford C. Pitt, President, ICS, 229 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4.

Griffioen reflects on work by Smit

A Fellow of ICS, Dr. Sander Griffioen, Professor of Economics at the Free University of Amsterdam, has written a loving, intimate, and critical reflection on the work of the late Meijer C. Smit, according to Dr. Calvin Seerveld, ICS Senior Member in Aesthetics.

Smit was a professor of history for the Interfaculty of the Free University, and his personal library is on permanent loan to ICS.

Griffioen's remarks, which were published in a new collection of Smit's writings entitled, *De Eerste en Tweede Geschiedenis*, edited by J. Klapwijk (Amsterdam: Buijten and Schipperheijn with Stichting voor Reformatorische Wijsbegeerte, 1987), put the man and philosopher of history in the setting of Reformational philosophy as it developed in the Netherlands.

These writings will soon appear in an English translation, edited by Harry Van Dyk, ICS trustee and professor of history at Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ont.

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ICS books prove valuable to chaplain

"Please spread my word of appreciation for the books you people have been putting out through University Press of America. I have now read *The Legacy of Herman Dooyeweerd, Understanding Our World, Telling the Next Generation, A Hermeneutics of Ultimacy*, and have almost completed *Rationality in the Calvinian Tradition*. Each of these works has proved of considerable value to me in conducting my work as a campus pastor—if not in prodding me to better articulate a reformed perspective within the academic community, then in helping me to see my historical rootedness, and how I can best relate to my supporting constituency. Thank you all for enabling me in this ministry!"

From Rev. Willis D. Van Groningen
Queens University
Kingston, Ont.

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Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

An exciting new book on Christian thinking in economics has been written by a British friend of ICS, Prof. Alan Storkey. Storkey has lectured at ICS and spent the year 1980-81 at Calvin College as part of the team at the Center for Christian Scholarship studying Christian perspective on economic theory and practice.

Transforming Economics is a groundbreaking book which develops a Christian policy on economics. Although Christian thinking has hovered on the borderline of economics, the secular definitions have stayed largely intact while Christians have grafted on a moral or theological critique. Storkey now presents a new radical Christian understanding of markets, capitalism, finance, the welfare state and many of the important categories of economic thought.

But this is more than an academic exercise. The author focuses on the greatest problem of our time: unemployment. The old orthodoxies of Keynesianism, Monetarism and Socialism have been tried and have failed to convince. In their fatalistic approaches they have ignored the influences of institutional decisions and the values inherent in banks, families, professions, companies and local and central government. The Christian understanding presented here describes these processes and sets out a new range of policies for re-creating work. This book at last provides some rigorous Christian economic analysis to undergird the good intentions.

Alan Storkey teaches social sciences and philosophy at Oak Hill College, London, England. The book is available from ICS for \$14.95 including mailing costs.

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July 31 – August 3 at Niagara Christian College campus near Fort Erie, Ont.

Keynote Speaker: **Rev. Derk Pierik**, Campus Chaplain,
University of Toronto

For registration information, contact
ICS at (416) 979-2331 or write us at
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by July 19.

The Challenge of Change – *Alberta Family Conference*

July 31 – August 3 at Deer Valley Meadows Camp near Alix, Alta.

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Peter Schouls**, Professor of
Philosophy, University of Alberta

For registration information, contact:
Reta Haarsma at (403) 447-3615.

Imaging God – *Southern B.C. Family Conference*

September 4-7 at Columbia Bible Camp, Cultus Lake, B.C.

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. James Olthuis**, Professor of
Philosophical Theology, Institute for Christian Studies

For registration information, contact:
Pearl Den Haan at (604) 521-4006.

Is There a Future for the Family? – *Northwestern B.C. Family Conference*

July 31 – August 3 at Tyhee Lake, B.C.

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Psychology, Redeemer College

For registration information, contact:
Irene Bakker at (604) 847-4162.

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