

# Artists must take risks, Cockburn tells students

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

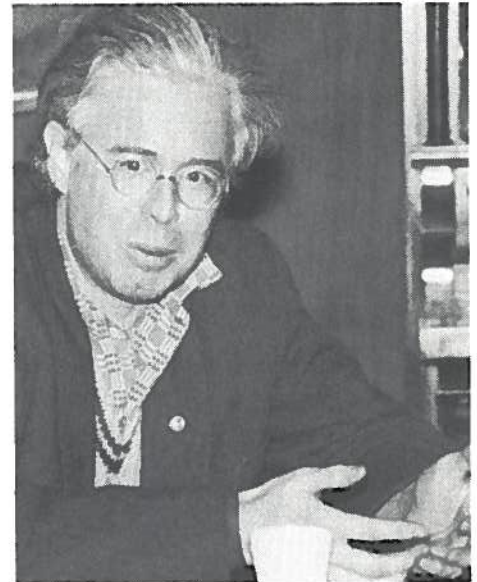
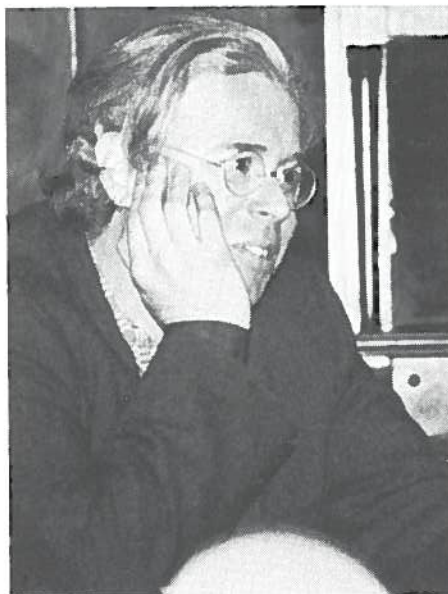
Sometimes artists have to take risks to get the message out, Bruce Cockburn told a dozen students interviewing him as part of an interim course on "Marxism, the Arts, and Society" taught by Calvin College professor and ICS graduate Dr. Lambert Zuidervaat at ICS in January.

Cockburn, who is in Zuidervaat's words "one of Canada's finest songwriter-guitarists" was responding to a question concerning how he felt about having his songs sandwiched in between other popular tunes played on the radio.

"There's nothing to be gained by silence," he pointed out.

Unlike many popular musicians, Cockburn is perhaps as well known for his lyrics as for his musical compositions, so it wasn't surprising to learn that he writes the lyrics first, and then attempts to "make it sound good."

Cockburn recently made the air waves with his album *Stealing Fire* which is severely critical of the USA's involvement in Central America. Ironically, this record has sold well in the States.



## People ready to listen

Cockburn attributes the album's success to being "lucky enough to have an album that spoke when people were ready to listen." He toured with the songs from that album around the same time as Ronald Reagan's last election, and found his music being embraced by people who seemed to feel there was no alternative voice to the "Reagan machine," he said.

Cockburn admitted that earlier in his career his songs reflected his lack of faith in conscious political action; but a trip to Central America dramatically changed his views. He said that while the quality of life in Canada doesn't change very much whether the Liberals, Progressive Conservatives, or New Democratic Party is in power, there are no guarantees that this country can't degenerate to what he's seen happen in Central America.

Cockburn described the plight of the Chileans who used to have a democratic government and said the same thing could happen in Canada.

"My views have been modified by those experiences to where I see a need

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# Perspective

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## In This Issue

*The big news this issue is that Bruce Cockburn came to ICS for an interview with Calvin College and ICS students and came away challenged by the questions they asked him.*

*Of perhaps more lasting import for ICS is the meeting of the heads of the Free University of Amsterdam, Calvin College, and ICS held here at 229 College St.*

*In his column, Dr. Pitt tells an inspiring story about two Williams and an Isaac, and new adjunct faculty member Stan Skarsten recounts how he made his journey to ICS via Norway, army boots, and psychology.*

*We've also begun a new series introducing the people who work behind the scenes at ICS – the trustees and senators; and Henry Luttikhuisen presents himself in our continuing series on new students.*

*On the downbeat side, we have to report the board's painful decision to cut Educational Services from ICS's programs – a move dictated by continuing financial pressures.*

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## From the President's Pen

By Clifford C. Pitt

To what ridiculous lengths vanity leads us! I've often wondered (in vain, I'm sure) whether our family was descended from William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, one of England's most famous Prime Ministers.

Pitt's friend, his closest confidant, is another William, a well-to-do young gentleman, at age 25, already four years a Member of Parliament . . . . . It is October 20, 1784, and William's carriage is clattering over the cobblestones on the way to the Franco-Italian Riviera. Accompanying him is Isaac, exceedingly intelligent, a tutor at Cambridge University and (unbeknownst to William) a deeply devout Christian who has a firm grasp of the intellectual case for Christianity. There is much talk of religion but Isaac can make no headway against William's ridicule of Christian doctrines.

Let's leave William and Isaac for a moment and look around William Pitt's England of 1784. There is enormous wealth built largely on the desperate poverty of the masses, upon the slave trade, upon child labour, upon massive corruption in high places.

In a typical coal mine, the workers include children under the age of seven. Parish overseers of orphanages and poor-houses in the cities contract to deliver children by the barge-load to the mills and mines. Alcoholism is rampant, accounting for one-eighth of all deaths in London in 1784. Women are killing their own children to sell their clothes for gin. Men, women, and children are being hanged for such minor offenses as stealing rabbits.

Britain is the world's leading slave-trading nation. The slave-ship captains take their African cargo by force or purchase, brand the desirable ones, kill the old or unfit. They are jammed onto ships in chained pairs. In bad weather slaves lie in their own excrement for weeks, the stench reaching across a mile of ocean. Typically, 10 percent do not survive the transatlantic crossing. This is big business.

Now back to William and Isaac. After months of Isaac's presentation of the Christian gospel, William now gives intellectual assent, but no heartfelt trust, to the ideas of Christ . . . . But in June, again on the way to the Riviera, grad-

ually intellectual assent ripens into deepest conviction and William becomes a committed Christian. Desolated by his sense of sin and selfishness and guilt, William tells Prime Minister Pitt that he must withdraw from parliamentary life because he has used it only for his own personal distinction. It is Pitt, *himself not a religious man*, who sharply challenges him: "Surely the principles as well as the practice of Christianity are simple and lead not to meditation only *but to practice.*"

The rest, of course, is history. William is William Wilberforce, the man who led the fight against slavery. This story has much to say to us today.

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- Let's be crystal clear about one thing: this story is no argument for a personal redemption through good works. *Wilberforce's eternal salvation depended solely on the redeeming work of Christ upon the cross, not on any dedication to wiping out slavery.* (Eph. 2:8, 9)

- Wilberforce's conversion underlines to us that intellectual assent to Christian doctrine may fall far short of heartfelt conviction and commitment. *A Christian intellectual/spiritual enterprise like ICS must be constantly vigilant to ensure that the intellectual is always at the service of the spiritual.*

- No doubt there were individual Christians who were kind toward their slaves. No doubt individual Christian mine and mill owners were touched by the harsh lives of their workers. *But it required legislative action by parliament before slave labour and child labour were abolished.*

- This is not the story of a one-man show. While Wilberforce was moving front and center, God was raising up a whole supporting community of Christian men and women who would change their world because of their commitment to Him and to one another. (If there is one thing I have learned since coming among Reformed Christians, it is an emphasis on the value of communal action.) *Whatever ICS is, it is nothing*

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*without the love and prayers and support of the Body of Christ.*

• And then there was the role of Isaac, the Cambridge University tutor. *The Church desperately needs every Isaac it can get, those to whom the Lord has given the ability to challenge the teaching of the intellectuals, especially those of the university.*

• *The slave trade was not reformed overnight.* It took 20 long years of heart-breaking disappointments and opposition before England's powerful vested interests capitulated. So take heart, those of you who 20 years ago dreamed a dream and established the Institute for Christian Studies.

ICS's central purpose is to get Christian Isaacs placed in strategic positions in our universities. But appointment as a university professor almost certainly requires you to have the Ph.D. degree. Through the Free University in Amsterdam, the Institute is now able to offer the Ph.D. program in such critical intellectual areas as: political theory, philosophy, history, philosophical theology, aesthetics, history of philosophy, and education.

As far as I know, such programs taught from a biblical, Christian, reformed perspective are not available at any other Protestant college/university on this continent: a tremendous breakthrough for our Isaacs and Rebeccas! *The dream some of you had 20 years ago has come a very long way!*

*(For much of the Wilberforce story I am indebted to the address of John P. Manley given at the Alberta Leadership Prayer Breakfast on May 24, 1985.)*

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... to accept one's civic responsibility," he said. His latest album reflects his new emphasis on political responsibility.

### Lyrics not propaganda

However, he pointed out that he doesn't write lyrics to convince people of his views, but because he is moved and wants to share what he feels moved about. If manipulated, he cautioned, the songs become pieces of propaganda.

Cockburn told the class that artists have a moral responsibility to tell the truth as far as they can discern it and to be accountable for their actions.

"It's a hard thing to pin down a moral code for artists to live by. I have a responsibility not to write songs to encourage people to use heroin because that is personally, morally, and socially destructive. It destroys a life.

"On top of that, because I'm a Christian, I accept morals above that," he added, pointing out that his way of telling the truth does not always look proper and at times "irritates" his listeners. "Some people think I've lost it or myself."

### Fans remain loyal

When asked how his conversion to Christianity had affected his audience, Cockburn responded that his fans had for the most part remained loyal to him despite his 1973 conversion to Christianity and his recent political statements.

"I would have a much harder time now if I was starting out saying the things I do," he admitted.

Cockburn also said that his music would have had to have been modified



significantly had he started out with a major US record label. Although the Canadian music industry is in Cockburn's words "really wierd" and for the most part owned by Americans, there is more openness to getting started in Canada, which is still trying to discover itself as a cultural entity, he said.

Also, music written by Canadians will be different from that of American songwriters because it rises out of one's experience, he said. Canadians in general are more objective and less nationalistic than Americans in their world view because they don't grow up saluting the flag or being accused of being "un-Canadian," he observed.

If he sells 30,000 albums here, Cockburn would be thought of as doing well since that represents a significant part of the Canadian population, but in the US, the sales would be considered a "write-off" he said.

At the end of the session, Cockburn thanked the students for forcing him to focus his thoughts by asking him questions he said he probably should be asking himself.

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*Bruce Cockburn discusses his approach to music as a Christian artist with Calvin College students Paul de Jong, David Smilde, and Rachel Verburg.*

Photos by Carol-Ann Veenkamp



# Alumni Action

**Justin Cooper** has been appointed academic vice-president of Redeemer College in Ancaster, Ont. In this position, he supervises the college's curriculum and academic program development.

Cooper studied political theory at ICS from 1972 through 1974. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1986 and teaches one course in political theory at Redeemer in addition to his other duties.

**Robert Malarkey** is also on the faculty of Redeemer College where he teaches sociology. After receiving his degree from ICS in 1981, he went on to Ph.D. studies at the University of Toronto. Malarkey successfully defended his dissertation in January and will be awarded the degree in a June ceremony.

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## Article published

ICS aesthetics student Priscilla Reimer recently saw publication of her article, "Artist draws the sign of the prophet" in the January 23 issue of *Calvinist Contact*. Reimer based the piece on a showcase of Dordt College alumnus Gerald Folkert's one-person show, "The Jonah Story and Other Works", which was held at the Fleet Gallery in Winnipeg, Manitoba in December.

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## Oops! We goofed

When we mailed out the Canadian membership renewal letter last month, through human error, we forgot to include the membership form for you to sign as well as the form specifying the fees. For your information, membership is \$60 (\$10 for students). We also gave you the option of donating \$12.50 to help cover the costs of *Perspective* if you wish to continue receiving the newsletter as a non-member.

If you send in the membership fee, we'll forward a membership form for you to sign. To those who have already renewed their membership in response to our mailing – thank you! And we'll be sending you the membership form soon.

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*Tripartite participants: From left to right, Drs. Anthony Diekema, Paul Marshall, Clifford Pitt, Gordon Van Harn, Kees Datema, and Pieter Drenth.*

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

## ICS hosts tripartite meeting

Approximately every two years the heads of the Free University of Amsterdam, Calvin College, and ICS meet together to discuss mutual concerns and to coordinate cooperative activities. On January 27 ICS hosted Calvin and the Free University in Toronto.

Present for the meeting were the Free's Rector Magnificus Pieter Drenth and his successor Kees Datema, Calvin College President Anthony Diekema and Provost Gordon Van Harn, and ICS President Clifford Pitt and Vice-President Paul Marshall.

According to Marshall, the meeting was "by mutual consent extremely good and productive." A concrete item to arise from it was approval of a joint conference to be held in August in Amsterdam on the social sciences entitled, "Normativity and Contextuality in the Human Sciences."

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*During January, ICS hosted a Calvin College interim course taught by Dr. Lambert Zuidervaart. Class members, left to right, front row, Gary De Lang, Jeanne Ridders, Zuidervaart, Sarita Baker, and Dennis Epplert; back row, Rachel Verburg, Fran Wong, Henry Luttikhuisen, Priscilla Reimer, David Smilde, Phil Stapert, Judy Rhebergen, and Paul de Jong pose for a farewell photo.*

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

# From Norway to ICS

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

Dr. Stan Skarsten's journey to the Institute for Christian Studies began in Norway – the land of his birth.

At age 19 Skarsten and a friend, eager to travel beyond the borders of Norway decided to book passage to Australia. They soon discovered, however, that their pooled resources wouldn't take them that far. But their adventurous spirits weren't dampened and they asked their travel agent how far their money could take them. The answer was Canada.

Seeking further adventure, Skarsten and his friend attempted to join the Canadian Air Force once they were on Canadian soil, but were rejected because of their nationality. Ironically, the Canadian Armed Forces didn't hesitate to accept them and Skarsten found himself stationed in Winnipeg, Manitoba for the next three years.

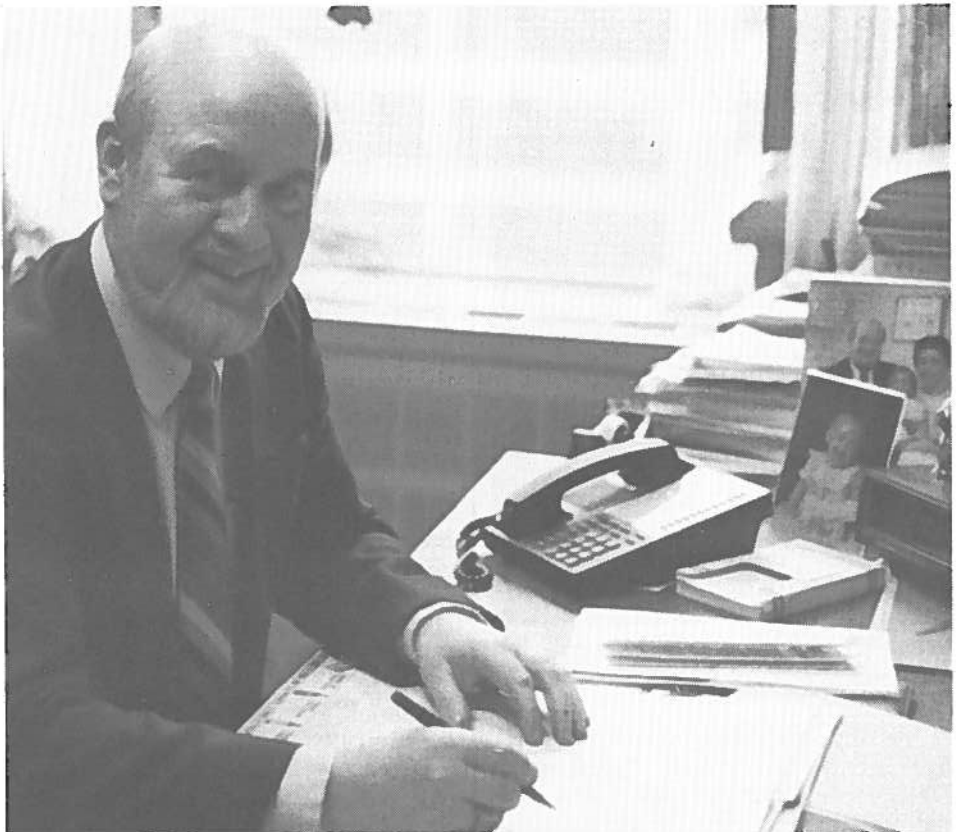
An army buddy got him interested in Bible studies "through deceit," Skarsten recalled in a recent interview. Lured by the prospect of meeting women, he found himself at a Bible study at the YWCA with a "bunch of nice wierdos". But to his own surprise, Skarsten joined and became an active member of the group.

## *Guard duty and C. S. Lewis*

Then one night, while he was on guard duty and supposed to be keeping the imaginary enemy at bay, Skarsten curled up with C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*. That same night he prayed for forgiveness and accepted Christ.

After deciding that he didn't want the army to be his career, Skarsten enrolled at the University of Manitoba in the engineering program. But his conversion had shown him that he wanted to work with people rather than instruments and he transferred to the social science department at Victoria College at the University of Toronto.

With his B.A. in hand, Skarsten landed a job with the provincial ministry of community and social services. His supervisors, impressed with his rapport with the people the ministry served, offered to send him to graduate school for two years on full salary provided he returned to the ministry with his Master of Social Work. Skarsten gladly accepted



*Dr. Stan Skarsten has always wanted to teach and practice therapy. His position as adjunct faculty member at ICS allows him to do both.*

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

the offer and returned to the ministry after obtaining an MSW.

Eventually his interest in pursuing clinical work led him to take a position at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry as chief social worker for four years. During the same period, Skarsten founded Christian Counselling Service (CCS).

In the early '70s, graduate school beckoned once more, and he left both the Clarke and CCS to study towards his doctoral degree, which he received in 1976.

## *Sets up Institute of Family Living*

However, during his Ph.D. studies, Skarsten did find time to set up the Institute of Family Living, a private practice of which he is currently clinical director and shares with associates in Toronto, Brampton, and Markham. This time, Skarsten refrained from using the adjective Christian in naming his practice because he didn't want to limit the clientele to professing Christians. Those familiar with the Institute of Family Living soon learn that its therapists are Christian and that the practice has a Christian philosophical basis, he pointed out.

But while he is satisfied with his career choice, Skarsten admitted that he

has always wanted to teach as well as practice therapy. His desire to teach almost led him to accept an appointment to the faculty of Wheaton College. So when ICS opened its new one-year program in Christian studies in the area of psychology/counselling and invited Skarsten to teach a course, he was, in his own words, "delighted."

"I thought I had to choose between being a professor or doing counselling. This is a happy compromise for me," he said.

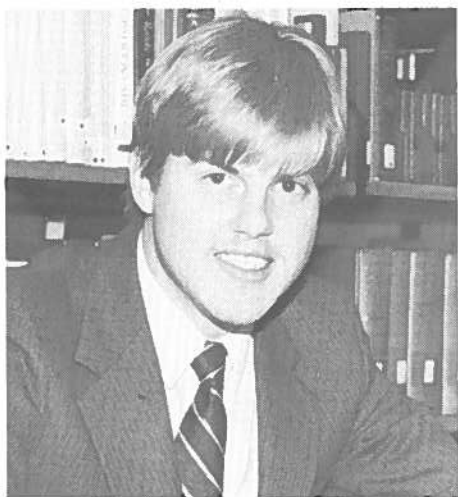
His association with ICS goes back to the late '60s when the fledgling Institute was located in a house in Toronto and he was a student in Dr. Hendrik Hart's philosophy class, little knowing that one day he would also be teaching at ICS.

Skarsten's course, "Marriage and Marital Therapy" has attracted a dozen students, including his wife Mary.

"I have to be on my toes," he said referring to having his wife in class. Mary is a high school teacher and doesn't hesitate to critique her husband's pedagogical methods.

Skarsten and Mary have been married for three years and have a daughter, Rachel, who is 22 months old. [P]

## Meet a new student: Henry Luttikhuizen



*Henry Luttikhuizen is majoring in aesthetics.*

Photo by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

As my last name implies, I come from a Dutch background. I grew up in Hudsonville, Michigan where I attended the Reformed Church of America. I received my B.A. degree from Calvin College last spring with a double major in political science and art history.

During my senior year at Calvin, I started looking at graduate schools. In my search I asked many of my professors for guidance. Dr. Sander Griffioen recommended that I investigate the Institute for Christian Studies. Professor Kerry Hollingsworth and Dr. Charles Young also persuaded me to consider "the graduate school with a difference" as an option.

Last summer, a few weeks before our wedding, my wife Shari and I came to Toronto to visit ICS. We were both impressed by the strong sense of community we felt in the faculty and staff of the Institute. We realized the difficulties of our decision, of adjusting to a big city and obtaining a work visa for Shari, but we decided to give ICS a try.

We are now getting used to Toronto and married life, and I cannot think of a better place for the two of us to be at this point in our lives. Academically, ICS offers me a more holistic approach to art and aesthetic life from a Christian perspective.

In the next couple of years, I hope to enrich my methodological approach to art history in preparation for doctoral studies. Some day, I hope to educate others in the importance of the aesthetic in Christian life. [P]

## Keeping up with ICS Faculty

The Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines, Ont. sponsored two "parenting evenings" led by ICS Senior Member in Philosophy of Education **Dr. Harry Fernhout** on January 22 and 29. Fernhout gave a presentation on "The Faith Development of the Young Child" and guided the discussion afterwards.

Two essays written by Fernhout have recently been accepted for publication. "Moral Education as a Matter of Faith" is derived from his doctoral thesis and will appear in a book based on the 1985 conference of the Association for Moral Education. The second essay, "A Person as Responsible Being" was selected for inclusion in a book of conference papers to be published by Trinity Christian College and the University Press of America. Fernhout presented the paper at a 1985 conference on Christian Approaches to Learning Theory held at Trinity in Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. Paul Marshall**, Senior Member in Political Theory, was recently appointed to the Advanced Degree Council of the Toronto School of Theology to direct a student's Doctor of Ministry program on the topic of work.

Marshall is also continuing his work as a consultant to the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC). On November 14 he met with EFC's Executive Director Brian C. Stiller to discuss federal human rights legislation. Six days later, Marshall represented ICS at a reception held for Order of Canada recipient Bill Newell, head of World Vision Canada.

On January 12 Marshall traveled to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he met with the Deans of Education and Social Science regarding ICS and Calvin programs. He also spoke to a political science class there on "Religion and Politics in Canada".

On January 27, Marshall, in his capacity as Vice-President, along with ICS President Clifford Pitt hosted the Free University of Amsterdam's Rector Magnificus Pieter Drenth and his successor Kees Datema as well as Calvin College's President Anthony Diekema and Provost Gordon Van Harn at a tripartite meeting to discuss means of cooperation and matters of mutual concern.

Senior Member in Philosophical Theology, **Dr. James Olthuis**, along

with his wife Jean led four seminars on "Growing Together in Intimacy" at Bloor Street United Church on January 11, 18, 25 and February 1. He also served as keynote speaker on "The Family: The School of Compassion" at Special Emphasis Week at Durham Christian High School January 19 through 23.

On Valentine's Day, Olthuis spoke at a breakfast meeting for married couples at Brampton Christian Reformed Church in Brampton, Ont. on the topic, "Be My Valentine!"

From December 27 through 30, **Dr. William Rowe**, Senior Member in History of Philosophy, attended the annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association held in Boston, Massachusetts.

At the end of November, **Dr. Calvin Seerveld**, Senior Member in Aesthetics, visited with the free faculty of *Théologie Réformée* in Aix-en-Provence in France. He assisted with a conference on the history of philosophy and talked with many professors and students. Seerveld also presented a conference entitled, "Roman Catholic Art and Reformed Art: What is the difference?"

Seerveld met with Pierre Marcel and P. Courthial, who have introduced Dooyeweerd's theories to France. A group of Christian artists from Marseilles who founded the *Centre: Art et Vie* came to meet with Seerveld during his visit to Aix. Seerveld is on sabbatical until September of 1987.

A 1980 versification of Psalm 121, written by Seerveld to be sung with the melody of Genevan 121, was selected for inclusion in *A Psalm Sampler* (22 different psalms) recently published by the Presbyterian Church in the USA to encourage the singing of psalms at retreats and in small group settings.

In January **Dr. George VanderVelde**, Senior Member in Systematic Theology, taught an ethics course on "Church and World in Contemporary Theology" at Ontario Theological Seminary in Toronto.

Adjunct faculty member **Dr. Albert M. Wolters** recently saw the publication of a paper he wrote while he was a Senior Member at ICS. *The First Draft of Ficino's Translation of Plotinus* was published in Florence, Italy by Leo S. Olschki. [P]

## Meet an ICS senator: James Skillen



*James Skillen*

James W. Skillen, 42, has been a member of ICS's senate since 1978. A member of the Christian Reformed Church, Skillen is executive director of the Association for Public Justice (APJ) based in Washington, D.C.

He agreed to his appointment to the senate at the urging of former ICS president, Dr. Bernard Zylstra, and current vice-president, Dr. Paul Marshall.

Skillen hopes that, through mining the riches of the Kuyper/Dooyeweerd tradition, ICS matures as a center for creative thinking, particularly in the areas of the social sciences and social philosophy.

He would like ICS's members to support and encourage the Institute to make the most of the Kuyper/Dooyeweerd tradition in service especially to undergraduate institutions of a Christian nature.

Skillen received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Wheaton College, a Bachelor of Divinity from Westminster Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Duke University.

Skillen, his wife Doreen, and their children reside in Annapolis, Maryland.

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## Meet an ICS trustee: Jack VandenBorn *Region 2, Alberta*

Jack VandenBorn, 43, was elected to ICS's board of trustees in the fall of 1983. A resident of Calgary, Alberta, he is a member of Emmanuel Christian Reformed Church and the principal of Calgary Christian School.

He initially agreed to allow his name to stand among the nominees for trustee in order to help build an ICS connection to Christian elementary and high schools, and because he strongly supports the idea of Christian participation in scholarship.

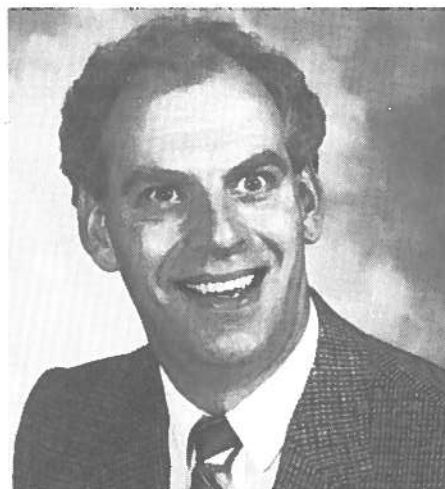
VandenBorn said his hopes for ICS include further development and effective implementation of the vision represented by the graduate school.

When asked what he would like to impress upon ICS's membership, VandenBorn responded, "I would very much like to see ICS become a regular part of the agenda of all Reformed Christians, and in fact, of Christians from all kinds of historical backgrounds."

VandenBorn received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta in 1964, a Master's from the University of Connecticut in 1976, a Master of Arts in Christian Studies from Calvin College in 1981, and is currently a candidate for a doctorate in education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

He and his wife Avlyn have two children.

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*Jack VandenBorn*

## Afterwords *ICS alumni share their reflections about ICS*

From **Carolyn Sturtevant**, Erie, PA

"Our Advent lessons have been rich with readings from Isaiah. Even though there's only one person reading Scripture from the lecturn, I hear many voices and see many faces from ICS. Thanks for teaching me more about God's promises and faithfulness to his people. . . . I'm hoping to encourage some college age members of my church to attend Jubilee. Then I'll start recruiting for ICS."

From **Steve Bouma Prediger**, Pasadena, CA

"Greetings from Pasadena and from an ICS alumnus! I just received the 1986-88 academic calendar and it is *marvelous*. It makes me want to study at ICS again! It is exciting to see new faculty in place, especially ICS graduates, and new programs being developed. God's blessing to you all as you continue the Lord's work in Toronto. Speaking as someone now studying at another graduate institution (Fuller Seminary), I am ever grateful to God and to ICS for the *excellent* education I received while at ICS 1981-83. It was and is still a great blessing to me."

From **Pearl den Haan (Luymes)**, New Westminster, B.C.

"You people taught me that people operate out of world views or commitments or assumptions of some sort. Now to me scientific theory always seemed impossibly neutral and so I've been digging into all sorts of high school scientific "facts" and have been discovering the immense number of assumptions these facts rest on. . . . The challenge for me is to chew this stuff down to high school size. This past week I had an excellent class discussion about Isaac Newton, determinism, mechanism, deism, and theism. Believe me, none of this would have happened had I not gone to ICS. This is not just a pat on the back for you guys. I appreciate the hard work the senior members made me do and I also appreciate the openness that ICS had when I was there. I always felt the freedom to ask my questions and was always encouraged to pursue at length possible answers. And although I'm not the professor so many of your graduates become, I too reach about 100 young minds a day. So thanks for helping me to become equipped for my job."

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*Bernard Zylstra*



*Robert Lee Carvill*



*Peter J. Steen*

# ICS awards annual scholarships

## Bernard Zylstra scholarship

Since the Bernard Zylstra Scholarship Fund was launched at a tribute dinner held for Zylstra in October of 1985, the Financial Aid Committee has awarded \$17,350 of the \$25,000 to five students who have financial need and show promise of being able to perform the task of a serious student and are likely to profit from a Christian graduate education.

The scholarship was set up as an ongoing tribute to Zylstra who served as the first president of ICS and as a Senior Member in Political Theory.

Each September 75 percent of the monies is awarded while 25 percent remains in an endowment fund invested with Christian Stewardship Services. All new donations to the fund will be allocated on the same 75/25 basis unless specified otherwise by the donor.

Dr. Zylstra died of cancer in March of 1986.

## Carvill award to Olthuis book

The honor of being named the first Robert Lee Carvill Memorial Book has gone to *Keeping Our Troth* by ICS Senior Member in Philosophical Theology Dr. James Olthuis.

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.

During his lifetime, Carvill's chief concern was for the reformation of literature and journalism. He also wanted books coming out of ICS to be written on a popular level so that more people could benefit from them. Olthuis's book was selected by the board of trustees on the recommendation of the director of educational services and the president since it meets this criteria.

Carvill died from leukemia in 1974.

## Steen Scholarship to Rogers

Robert Rogers is the first ICS student to receive the Peter J. Steen Memorial Scholarship. Rogers came to ICS from Kent State University as a result of Steen's influence, and has since completed a Master of Philosophical Foundations degree in history of philosophy. He is currently working on his Ph.D. as part of the cooperative program between ICS and the Free University of Amsterdam.

The Steen scholarship was established in 1984 in appreciation of the promotional work Steen did for ICS and in the hope of keeping alive his ministry to develop within students 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.

Steen died from Hodgkin's Disease in 1984.

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***All donations made to ICS scholarship funds are tax deductible. A gift designated for any of these funds would be used by ICS in grateful recognition of the opportunities for Christian service into which the Lord led Robert Lee Carvill, Peter J. Steen, and Bernard Zylstra. Canadian contributions should be sent to ICS at 229 College St., Toronto, Ont. M5T 1R4. American gifts should be mailed to the AACCS Foundation at 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.***





# Development Notes

by Adriana Pierik

Since this is the first issue of *Perspective* in 1987, it is still not too late to wish all of you a happy new year. May you have a great year, filled with joy and happiness and the blessings of the Lord. Also, many thanks to every one of you who gave so generously to our year-end appeal and throughout the past year. As most of you know our thirtieth year was not our easiest year. But I am delighted to report that we ended the year better than we had anticipated. Your letters and cards also were an encouragement to us.

For ICS three decades have passed into history. Compared to the vast span of world history, 30 years may seem insignificant and in terms of God's time 30 years is but an infinitesimal moment. But for us here living out each day 30 years is a significant portion of time offering us an opportunity to make our mark on history in the area of Christian graduate education.

As we enter the fourth decade of ICS history many things are uncertain. But God's promises are sure. We are challenged to own for ourselves the promise of Hebrews 11, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see". (NIV) Therefore, we may be certain of the future of ICS. So we dare plan, set new goals, have great hopes. Yet, in all our planning we are keenly aware of our total dependence on God to bless our work, but then also confident of the outcome.

Allow me to outline some of our

plans for 1987. Our main aim this year is to have many more people get to know about us and to broaden our support base beyond our present constituency. Likewise, we are aiming to increase our student enrolment.

How can this be accomplished? This depends on much hard work by our staff, the generosity of our supporters, the advice of committees and boards, and the help of volunteers. Above all it depends on the Lord's blessing.

We received a large donation earmarked to help us realize our new promotional goals. The donation will be used to cover initial costs of increased advertising, the development of a video program, and the production of a new package of promotional brochures. The actual completion of all these projects will require large additional amounts of money, which we hope to raise outside of our present budget.

We are also planning to host a series of suppers or coffee and dessert parties in March, April and May in various locations in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. At these we hope to have a Senior Member speak. To organize these we would like to enlist the help of volunteers in these various communities.

I hope this gives you some idea of our plans for 1987. Also, here lies a challenge in which you can join us in reaching our goals. We depend on your support, your encouragement, and your prayers to help us promote ICS far and wide. May we count on you? P

## Voluntary Income Statistics

Total needed by June 30, 1987	\$515,000
Total received by January 31, 1987	\$232,300
Total needed by June 30, 1987	\$282,700
* June 30, 1987 is ICS's fiscal year-end.	

## Attention all members!

The Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet on Friday, May 8. If there are any matters which you would like to have brought to the attention of the trustees at this meeting, please contact your local trustee (see following list).

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# Board cuts Educational Services

Although voluntary income for ICS continues to rise, the gap between ICS's income and expenditures forced the board of directors to decide to end Educational Services as a separate division of ICS at a marathon meeting in December.

Educational Services includes ICS work such as book publishing, book sales, production of academic papers and *Anakainosis* – a scholarly newsletter, and supervision of off-campus outreach courses taught by ICS students.

The decision was especially painful because it entailed the termination of the position of 12-year ICS veteran staff member Dr. Robert VanderVennen who currently serves as Director of Educational Services.

Prior to the move, a review of Educational Services requested by the board showed that its services were for the most part consonant with ICS's goals as a graduate school and an important part of the outreach program. However, when the Finance Committee strongly urged that expenditures be reduced, it was clear that the only way to cut expenses was to delete a program. The directors decided that while cutting Educational Services would be painful, it would not be suicidal for the Institute.

ICS hopes to continue as many of the services formerly performed by Educational Services as possible by either having other staff take over some aspects or contracting out various jobs. Additional developments will be reported in *Perspective*. Meanwhile, VanderVennen will continue working two days per week with ICS for up to one year. P

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# Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

One of the most important – though least visible – services of the Institute is producing and distributing “academic papers” and the thesis studies of our master’s degree graduates.

We produce about 10 new academic papers each year. Most of them are written by our faculty members and graduate students, though a few are written by people at other places. Each of these papers clearly points the pathway to distinctive Christian thinking in a certain subject area.

These papers communicate to interested people the latest research at ICS. We want to have an open academic community where we have considerable discussion of ideas with people who wish to think along with us and help guide the course of our research. Some of the papers written by our faculty are distributed by us before they are published in professional journals, and some of our papers are reprints of published articles. A few of the best papers written by our graduate students for their courses, if they are on topics of general interest, are among the papers we are willing to share outside of ICS. Examples of these are one by Priscilla Reimer, a student of Calvin Seerveld, on the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, and one by Henry Venema on “Aristotle and Imagination.” Recent papers by people not working at ICS are “Faith and Scientific Inquiry” by Prof. T. H. Leith of York University (Toronto), and “Law and Worldview: Problems in the Creation-Science Controversy” by lawyer David Caudill.

Anyone is able to buy these papers at the modest price of about \$1 each, plus

postage. You can write us to get our free list of 100 papers we now have on hand. You can also enter a “subscription” to the papers for \$15, which gives you a quarterly newsletter describing the new papers and the opportunity to select any 10 new papers that interest you, which you can spread over several years.

*Master's Degree Theses* of about 125 pages are another way to keep up with ICS research. These small books are written by graduating students under the supervision of one of our faculty members on a single topic or on the work of a single important scholar. They each cost about \$8, with the exact price depending on the length of the paper. You can ask us for our list of the 18 theses we now have available.

We have two new theses to offer this month! Bruce Clemenger wrote “Human Action and Economics in the Liberal Thought of Ludwig Von Mises” under the supervision of Bernard Zylstra. Clemenger analyzes the thought of Von Mises, discusses the operation of the market and the political and religious implications of economics. Clemenger is now the Canadian director of the Christian service agency *Samaritan's Purse*.

Our other new master's degree thesis was written by Henry Venema under the supervision of James Olthuis. Its title is “Philosophical Anthropology: An Interpretive Analysis of Paul Ricoeur's Philosophy of Will.” In his thesis Venema examines how Ricoeur's anthropology provides the theoretical foundation for his dealing with the problem of evil. Venema is now a doctoral student in Religious Studies at McGill University. P

## 21 part-time students enrol this winter

ICS's evening courses attracted 21 students this semester in addition to the full-time students normally taking the courses.

Part-timers taking the Biblical Foundations class on the New Testament with Dr. George Vandervelde include Mary Jane Buchanan, Valerie Cairney, Raymond Watts, Diane Marshall, Mark Broadus, Suzanne Stevens, Carol-Ann Veenkamp, Alice Verbaas, and Fern Waterman.

Registrants for the evening psychology

course on marriage and marital therapy with Dr. Stan Skarsten include Rosalind Deck, Ernie Eason, Aren Geisterfer, John Okano, Judy Rois, Mary Skarsten, Peggy Smith, Lammert Tenyenhuus, and Raymond Watts.

Part-time participants in Dr. Harry Fernhout's “Central Issues in Christian Philosophy of Education” include Ike Witteveen, Bill Barneveld, Ben Haarsevoort, Raymond Watts, and Karen Kemp. P

# Call for nominations for trustees

Members from Region 2 (Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Northern Ontario), Region 3 (Western USA), Region 6 (Niagara Peninsula and Kitchener/Waterloo area) and Region 7 (Central Ontario) are invited to submit nominations of members to serve on the ICS Board of Trustees. The terms of office of Harry Groenewold and Jack VandenBorn (Region 2), Charles Adams (Region 3), Clarence Joldersma (Region 6) and John Jeronimus (completing Derk Pierik's term in Region 7) expire this summer. All but Groenewold are eligible for re-election. Ballots will be sent out early in the summer.

Nominees should be members in good standing of ICS, must be Canadian citizens (except for the representative for Region 3, who may be an American citizen), and must reside in your region. If you are not sure whether someone is a member, or whether he or she lives within the boundaries of your region, suggest his or her name anyway and we'll check to make sure the nomination is valid.

Nominations must be received by April 30, 1987. Send all nominations to ICS, 229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4.

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## Annual meeting set for May 9

The date for the ICS general membership meeting has been set for Saturday, May 9. Please reserve this date! Details of time, place and program will be announced in the next issue of *Perspective*.

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### "Words" continued from page 11

From Takariki Koichiro, Japan

"I'm still proud of being a first recipient of the scholarship for the foreign student. It was in 1970. Since 1974 I have been struggling with anti-Reformational thought in Japan. Now I am ordering good books from ICS".

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*Van Dyk is a professor of philosophy and director of the Center for Educational Services at Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa.*

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*Stewart Van Leeuwen is a professor of interdisciplinary studies at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She is also the author of **The Sorcerer's Apprentice: A Christian Looks at the Changing Face of Psychology** and **The Person in Psychology: A Contemporary Christian Appraisal**.*



If you're interested in taking one of these courses, call or write  
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