



Kits and Pierik will share development directorship

Pierik and Kits appointed to head development dept.

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

In an unprecedented move, ICS's board of directors appointed two people to fill the position of director of development, which will be vacated by Aileen Van Ginkel at the end of May.

Adriana Pierik, 47, will head the development team as its new director, and will be assisted by Harry J. Kits, 27, who was named associate director.

Search committee chairman Aukje Masselink, who is also on the board of directors, explained that the board chose to hire two people for the position in an attempt to meet the recommendations of the Greystone Report, which aims to make ICS financially viable by 1990.

Two main focuses of that report are fundraising and student recruitment, both of which fall under the jurisdiction of the development department, Masselink said.

While both Pierik and Kits met the qualifications for the job, their skills are

complementary, she said. Pierik was hired for her excellent organizational skills and Kits for his inside knowledge of ICS and they share an ability to articulate what ICS is all about.

In an April 9 interview, Pierik and Kits explained why they applied for the position, and expressed their goals for ICS.

Pierik, a mother of four, and grandmother of two, said she applied for the job because she believes in ICS as the final link in the whole spectrum of Christian education.

She said she hopes to appeal to those who already support Christian elementary schools, high schools, and colleges.

ICS completes the chain

"It follows logically that they support ICS — a Christian graduate school," she said. "At ICS the foundations are

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In This Issue

In any given issue of *Perspective* you'll find plenty of coverage of events at ICS. But sometimes those events don't give a really clear picture of what ICS is all about – what it's here for.

In this issue, we provide you with some behind-the-scenes insight into ICS through the eyes of some of our students. President Pitt was allowed special privileges to more than double his usual column-length. He filled it not with his own words, however, but with those of Vaden House, David Woods and Carroll Goon. Nigel Douglas and Kuk-Won Shin also give their impressions of what it's like to study at a Christian graduate school.

As we continue to recognize ICS's 30th anniversary, we thought you'd like to read not only how ICS is seen in 1986 but also how it developed since 1956.

Of course, there are special events which are covered in this issue, a major one being the appointment of Adriana Pierik and Harry Kits to the development staff. And it's not every day that a Senior Member gets the opportunity to share his views on human rights with the Canadian Prime Minister. Reading through "Keeping Up with ICS Faculty," you'll discover that Paul Marshall's journey to Ottawa was one of the many trips made by our senior members who are "in demand" in a variety of places.

As you read this issue of *Perspective*, it's our hope that you'll sense throughout the excitement and joy that comes with serving the Lord through graduate-level education.

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From the President's Pen

By Clifford C. Pitt

I think the degree programs of "The Graduate School with a Difference" are terrific! But what do our students say?

Just a week ago, when junior and senior members and staff held our spring retreat, I listened, fascinated and profoundly encouraged, as junior members shared candid (!!) and very personal high points and low points of life at ICS, especially as I pressed them individually with, "What was good and bad about ICS? What has the Institute meant to you over this past year or so?" I thought my readers might like to listen in as I talked with them . . .

First the bad news! The criticisms had mostly to do with the following: too-rigorous academic demands by the senior members; the tensions created in the earlier internal hostilities between faculty; the looking down upon junior members who held certain views; the sometime failure of ICS to make clear the academic qualifications necessary for studies here; the personal stress of dealing with a *radical*, foundational, Christian perspective, especially difficult for those who come with no reformational background, but also difficult for those who do, because of the demanding depth of work at the graduate level.

Vaden House came to ICS with a B.A. in English and a Master of Christian Studies. He is presently completing his Ph.D. In September he goes to The King's College in Edmonton, Alta., as Assistant Professor of the Philosophy of Science.

"Intellectually, the Institute for Christian Studies has more than fulfilled my expectations. I don't think that I could have gotten a better education anywhere in North America. Obviously, my knowledge of the whole North American educational scene is far from exhaustive, but I'm satisfied that I couldn't have done better than studying at ICS. The ICS represents a unique combination of vigorous intellectual tradition in conversation with the best in recent scholarship. The emphasis on *communal* scholarship, exemplified in the senior member/junior member struc-

ture, is a definite improvement over the hierarchical professor/student approach where the professor is the expert and the student takes notes. I have enjoyed being an apprentice rather than simply a student.

"Another aspect of the Institute that, for me, has been particularly important, is its creative approach to religious and intellectual diversity. Having studied at a number of independent Christian colleges as well as several publically funded universities, I have often felt the constraints of the prescribed orthodoxy of a particular institution. This is true of secular as well as Christian ones. Most institutions endured my idiosyncracies and I survived; at ICS I have flourished. I have not only been tolerated, but, I believe, respected.

"I want to highlight the need to allow the possibility of diversity while maintaining the integrity of Christian commitment. I believe that sooner or later Christians are going to have to deal with the problem of how to cope with the fact that we don't always see eye to eye. What do we do when we can't convince our Christian neighbour? What do we do *after* that? That's the big question! We've got to discover ways which involve *neither* coerced consent *nor* walls of separation."

Vaden concludes . . . "Toronto is not my home in any sense, but it sure feels like I'm leaving home now!"

David Woods came with a B.A. in Economics from Cambridge and work experience in an Anglican Church Army hostel for homeless men, most of them mentally ill. Presently working on his M.Phil.F. in political theory at ICS, he hopes eventually to do a Ph.D. and then teach economics at the university level.

"For a long time I had wanted to come to ICS and I felt the excitement of the school on the very first day! Being a Christian in my academic work is very important to me and now I really feel that I'm being a Christian in what I'm studying.

"There are a lot of people at univer-
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sity who are Christians *but they can't relate their faith to what they're doing most of the time*, that is, they can't relate their faith to their university studies. I especially appreciated the philosophical approach of ICS, which enables me, as someone very interested in economics, to have a sense of what's *really* going on in economics. A lot of people sense that something is awry with the conventional economic system but don't see their way out. A lot of Christians in Britain can make a little critique here and there but don't have a way of getting the broader picture.

"The Christian philosophical approach of ICS, gives me a framework, a way of seeing life *as a whole*, and then I can see how economics fits into that. It gives you a way of looking at the world, a way which is philosophical and Christian. It doesn't give you all the answers but does give you a method for approaching matters, and a Christian openness and awareness in examining them."

Carroll Goon entered ICS with a B.A. in English literature from the University of Utah and a B.A. from a U.S. Bible college. Ultimately, she would like to teach at the college/university level or offer freelance services in the arts world of museums, galleries, etc. . . . She says,

"I'm having a marvellous time working with one of the senior members. He has the great *depth* necessary to deal critically with all of the new developments in contemporary philosophy from a Christian point of view, to distinguish between what is good and what isn't, to use this to help us develop our own Christian philosophical position. I would emphasize the word *depth*; it is certainly not a superficial experience.

"... The level of excitement in these classes is phenomenal! It makes me realize that you can read philosophy without getting swallowed up, without losing your faith It's the most exciting academic experience I've ever had. I never thought it could be that way!

"I am now much more aware of the deeper issues involved in whatever I do. The Institute makes you feel very good because you now have a beginning framework, a starting point, a general Christian philosophical orientation, that will help you examine critically almost *any* course of action or issue. For example, I can never again be content to look just at the symptoms of a problem; I am forced,

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laid; teachers will benefit and teach our children."

She acknowledged that working at ICS will be "an enormous challenge," but looks forward to promoting ICS in the larger Christian community and creating enough enthusiasm so that people will want to support it financially to a greater extent.

Last spring Pierik received her B.A. in sociology and religious studies from the University of Toronto, a degree she accomplished while working part-time as a cardiology technician at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto.

"I see all of life as under God's domain; in every part of life Christ makes a difference, especially in education," she said.

But while at U of T, Pierik said she was "appalled" at the lack of normativity and a sound philosophical basis.

"I became newly aware of ICS's contrast to secular universities, especially in taking courses in sociology where the perspectives they teach are Marxist, humanistic, and anormative.

"There is no integration of faith and life in the courses they teach. But faith is not an isolated part of life. It applies to every area and course.

Solid basis at ICS

"I'm enthusiastic about the work ICS does - which is to give a solid, biblical, Reformed basis, out of which courses are taught," she said.

Pierik is also pleased about the board's decision to hire two people for the job of director of development.

"I see the job of both of us as that much easier and more exciting. We can bounce our ideas off each other. Harry is very knowledgeable and knows so much about ICS. I see us working as a team in one job with different focuses."

Pierik and her husband, Rev. Derk Pierik, a campus minister with the CRC at the University of Toronto, are members of the First Christian Reformed Church in Toronto.

Kits, a father of two preschoolers, echoes Pierik's willingness to work with a partner in his capacity as associate director. He chose to apply for the position because he sees ICS as a key

organization in the Reformed community since it teaches those who will be leaders in schools, colleges, and other organizations

"The whole development department is strategic for the Institute because it includes both fundraising, which allows ICS to operate, and student recruitment, which is our whole reason for being," he said.

In his role as a fundraiser, Kits proposes to raise money from corporations and foundations, and through increasing the awareness of deferred giving programs. As a student recruiter, he plans to develop close working relationships with Christian colleges in Canada and the U.S.

Western ties

Kits, the son of the pastor of Duncan Christian Reformed Church, Rev. Jakob H. Kits, and Penny, was raised in southern B.C. and hopes to consolidate Western Canadian ties with ICS.

After graduating from Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, and a year of work in Edmonton, Alberta, Kits decided to continue exploring a Christian approach to political action by studying at ICS.

Currently, he is completing the final requirement for a Master of Philosophical Foundations degree in political theory at ICS - the writing of his thesis.

Kits's affinity for the Reformed community is reflected in the topic he chose to research for his thesis - the development of Christian organizations other than churches among post World War Two Dutch immigrants. His thesis will be an attempt to understand why this group set up organizations such as Christian schools, the Institute for Christian Studies, Christian Labour Association of Canada, Citizens for Public Justice, and Christian farmers' associations.

Kits and his wife, Marian Heinen Kits, are both members of First Christian Reformed Church in Toronto.

Both Pierik and Kits concur that their work in forging relationships with the broader Christian community will be much easier due to the trailblazing done by Aileen Van Ginkel over the past four years. [P]

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now, to look critically at the very roots. Now, I would have to think of a Christian political presence as being much more comprehensive than just taking stands on isolated issues such as abortion, prayer in the schools, etc. These issues are important, but they need to be integrated into a larger Christian context.

"This particular senior member has played a large part in helping me begin to understand what it means to be a *contributing* member of an exciting academic community: and this over a particularly crucial period in my life. He helped make ICS a marvellous place. It's No. 1!"

Every country in the Western World looks to its graduate students to produce its leading thinkers, those who will carve out tomorrow's solutions, and to develop the minds of those who will become the professors in tomorrow's universities.

That's the business ICS is in: producing professors! But with this difference! We are training Christian, repeat *Christian*, professors so that Christ will not be without a voice in tomorrow's university classrooms.

Graduate education is one area where Canada and the provinces invest heavily and consistently because they expect a rich future payoff for society. Can we Christians do less? The Institute for Christian Studies is, I believe, the only school in North America devoted 100% to Christian graduate studies. I earnestly bespeak your prayers, *and at this time your financial support*, for "The Graduate School with a Difference." [P]

British reformational leader visits ICS

Approximately 15 people attended an informal meeting with John Peck held at the home of ICS director of educational services, Dr. Robert Vander Vennen on April 25.

Peck spoke about reformational Christian developments in England, especially in relation to College House and Open Christian College, both of which employ ICS alumni.

Meet a new student: Nigel Douglas



Nigel Douglas

Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote that the world is charged with the grandeur of God – flaming out like shining from shook foil. It is a grand vision that should be the birthright of every Christian. But, growing up in a culture that has little time to wonder at the beauty of shook foil shining, how little we glimpse the grandeur of God! It seems, on reflection, that one key part of my development has been the progressive liberation of my experience from "the single vision" grounded in our scientific culture.

As a student at Manchester University, I studied some history and philosophy of science. I learned that the scientific ideal of detached, disinterested observation was pure rhetoric – and harmful rhetoric at that. I learned to see that in all knowing the knower is thoroughly involved. All knowing is theory,

value, faith-laden – to pretend otherwise is only to attempt to pull the wool over other people's eyes. I think one important consequence of this was a slow realization that the Christian story was not something to observe dispassionately, but something in which to belong: I came to realize that I participate in the death of Jesus and in his risen life.

I had read eagerly and with growing understanding the work of social and cultural critics like Herbert Marcuse and Theodore Roszak, and, in a different, older tradition, writers like Coleridge, Ruskin, and T. S. Eliot. I hardly needed them to point out to me the evils of scientism – I had experienced that – nor industrialism – six years in a northern industrial city (in England) taught me that. However, they did alert me to the social cost of the liberal pluralist society. But it was only when I worked for a time as an assistant to the chaplaincy team at the University of Sussex that I recognized this clearly. I came to see in the students on campus (what I myself had experienced) – people culturally conditioned to be almost incapable of showing and receiving love, torn from such natural roots as they had – the pain of insecure, isolated individuals in an uninterested and uncaring environment.

I had understood that philosophy was an attempt to see how things, in the widest sense, hang together. I came to ICS looking for a community in which I might seek to glimpse how things hang together in Christ: the grandeur of God, lost in a culture which has overlaid this with the smudge and smell of human greed; the free breath of the Spirit opening our eyes to lost beauty and wonder; the love of God directing us to seek new forms of community in a world where isolated individuals, belonging nowhere, bounce off one another, unloving and unloved. Neither our understanding of what is nor our hope of where God might be leading can be cast in a system – for that imposes a pattern and falsifies. Our attempts to understand and re-direct our broken world must be dependent on a continual search for glimpses of the diversity ever new grounded in the unchanging faithfulness of Christ.

Nigel Douglas is a student in systematic philosophy at ICS. [P]

Tracing a dream through 30 years

by Aileen Van Ginkel

Thirty years ago, on June 16, 1956, a dream was tested and endorsed by a group of 60 people. The dream, first developed by Rev. Francois Guillaume, Rev. Henry Venema, Peter Speelman and Casper Vanderiet, was to establish a university based on Calvinistic principles.

In the thirty years since that meeting the dream has been welcomed by some, challenged by others. In the process, it has been reshaped from time to time, and presently finds its home in ICS, a Christian graduate school.

It took people to give real shape to the dream, and make it a concrete idea. Professor Herman Dooyeweerd from the Free University and Professor H. Evan Runner from Calvin College were two people who made it clear that a university should be based on the Scriptures, not on a particular confessional tradition. Thus the dream for a Calvinistic university took a broader focus, and became the idea for a Christian university.

The first step was to gather more people around the idea and form an organization – the Association for Reformed Scientific Studies. Study conferences, lecture tours and publications sponsored by the Association introduced many people to scripturally directed learning for the first time. But conferences and books could provide only a foretaste of what learning at a Christian university could be like.

By 1964 the Association's various activities and growing membership made necessary the appointment of an Executive Director. Dr. Paul Schrottenboer took up this post until 1966, when Dr. Hendrik Hart filled it for a short while. John Olthuis replaced Hart in 1967 – in many ways a crucial year for the Christian university idea.

In 1967 the people who supported the idea reorganized themselves into the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship (AACS), and adopted an Educational Creed. The Creed provided the idea with a frame-



Leendert Kooy directs orchestra at the official opening of ICS in 1967.

work with which to express what scripturally directed learning was all about. A key to understanding the Creed, and the idea itself, was the phrase "life is religion."

1967 was also the year in which the idea began to take shape in the form of a school. That school was opened on October 7, and was named the Institute for Christian Studies. Hendrik Hart, the first professor, was joined soon after by Bernard Zylstra and James Olthuis, and bit later by Calvin Seerveld and C. T. McIntire.

It took a while for the Institute to sort out for itself what it wanted to be. In its early years "professor," "student," "curriculum," and "degree" were dirty words. The Institute had about it the flavour of an anti-establishment movement which liked to stir up controversy and challenge the "comfortable pew."

1974 – another crucial year. A new sound was emerging from the AACS, whose new Executive Director was Dr. Robert VanderVennen. The Christian university idea was beginning to take on new shape. Although its image as a controversial movement hung around for many years (and still does in some places), the AACS was characterized more by a tone of cooperation than of confrontation.

The purpose of the Institute was also coming into clearer focus. The staff and

boards realized that ICS could not do everything a full-fledged university could, and decided that ICS should concentrate on foundational studies, on getting at the roots of various academic fields and challenging the influence of secularism at that level.

In 1974 a curriculum committee was established to formulate programs and procedures for study at ICS, and efforts to get recognition from universities and government were under way. The first Master of Philosophy degrees were granted to six graduates in 1975.

The ingredients for a Christian graduate school were coming into place. ICS had the vision for Christian higher education, it had the creed, capable professors and students and a rigorous curriculum.

The ingredient still missing came when the Institute for Christian Studies Act was passed in October, 1983. On November 9, the Act received Royal Assent. Charter in hand, the Institute could now officially award the degree of Master of Philosophical Foundations, and could also offer its Certificate in Christian Studies and the Ph.D. in co-operation with the Free University.

With the passing of the Act, the AACS/ICS structure changed considerably, and the two merged into one

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organization – the Institute for Christian Studies. Under the leadership of Dr. Bernard Zylstra, ICS's first president, the Institute clearly identified itself as a Christian graduate school.

That's where thirty years and the leading of God's Spirit have taken the Christian university idea. But what we see at present is not the end-point in the development of that idea. Rather, it's one more step in the ongoing process of realizing the dream that was first publicly expressed in June, 1956. No one knows for certain where it will go from here, but what we do know is that the dream is alive and well and embodied, at least partially, in the Institute for Christian Studies.

Aileen Van Ginkel is Director of Development at ICS. Her article was written with the help of Bert Witvoet's writings in the special twenty-fifth anniversary issue of *Perspective*. [P]

The February issue of *Perspective* incorrectly named August Guillaume as a founding father of ICS. In fact, it was August's father, Rev. Francois Guillauden, who was a founder.

Shahinian passes comprehensive examination

Less than a year after receiving his Master of Philosophical Foundations degree in philosophical theology from ICS, Gary Shahinian passed his comprehensive examinations in the Ph.D. program here.

The comprehensive exam usually takes place midway through the four-year Ph.D. program, but Shahinian entered doctoral studies with a one-year advanced standing.

On March 14, Shahinian was examined in the subjects of epistemology and ontology by his mentor and chairman of Ph.D. studies at ICS, Dr. Hendrik Hart. ICS senior member, Dr. James Olthuis, examined him in philosophical theology, and outside examiner, Dr. Paul Gooch from the University of Toronto, examined him in Latin and Greek to fulfill the foreign language requirement.

Upon successful defense of his dissertation in one or two years, Shahinian will receive his doctoral degree from the Free University of Amsterdam. [P]



Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

Telling the Next Generation by Dr. Harro W. Van Brummelen has just come off the press as the fourth book in the Institute's co-publishing series with University Press of America. It is a history of the "Educational Development in North American Calvinist Christian Schools," as the subtitle puts it. The book is a revised version of Van Brummelen's doctoral dissertation.

This volume is an important contribution to the history of the Christian school movement in North America. It pictures the birth and growth of the schools affiliated with Christian Schools International, and in a sense is almost as much a history of CSI as it is of the schools themselves.

Van Brummelen tells the story of the start of Christian schools with the Awakening and Secession movements in The Netherlands in the early 1800's. When supporters of Dutch Christian schools immigrated to America starting in the mid-1800's, the schools became vehicles for religious and cultural isola-

tion. The history of these schools in the U.S. and Canada for the past 100 years is almost a case study of the tension between ethnic, cultural and religious distinctiveness and the desire to identify with the best aspects of one's surrounding culture.

The second half of the book deals especially with improvements in curriculum in the schools, the area of Van Brummelen's greatest interest and strength. It is in this area that the book made its strongest contribution.

This book will take its place alongside another acclaimed doctoral study, James Bratt's "Dutch Calvinism in Modern America." Such works are evidence of a maturing ability of a religious-cultural group to understand itself.

You can order your paperback copy of this book from ICS for \$20.95 in Canadian funds (\$14.75 US), plus \$1.50 for mailing. It is also being published in a hard cover edition. [P]



Present at Shahinian's exam March 14 were, left to right, Dr. Hendrik Hart, Shahinian, Dr. Paul Gooch, and Dr. James Olthuis.

Bernard Zylstra scholarship fund reaches \$25,000

Since October, 1985, when the Bernard Zylstra Scholarship Fund was launched at the tribute dinner for Dr. Zylstra, ICS has raised close to \$25,000 for scholarship awards.

The Board of Trustees appointed a committee to determine the best way to administer the fund. It approved the committee's suggestion that the scholarship fund be set up so that 75% of the monies in the fund will be awarded each September, while the other 25% will remain 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.

The scholarship will be awarded to full-time ICS students who "show promise of being able to perform the task of a serious student and be likely to profit from a Christian graduate education." Financial need will also be a major criterion in awarding the scholarships.

The Board hopes that the scholarship fund will be an ongoing tribute to Bernard Zylstra, who said in October that he was delighted by the establishment of the new fund, not because it was in his name but because it insures a "link to the future." [P]

Wolters, McIntire accept adjunct positions at ICS

Dr. Albert M. Wolters recently accepted his appointment to serve as an adjunct faculty member at ICS, and Dr. C. Thomas McIntire accepted his appointment to serve as an adjunct senior member in history and historiography at ICS.

Both men previously served as senior members at ICS. Wolters joined the faculty at Redeemer College in 1984 and McIntire began teaching at the University of Toronto that same year. [P]

Marshall meets Prime Minister

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp



Mulroney greets Marshall while Stiller, right, and B.C. M.P. Benno Friesen, left, look on.

ICS vice-president, Dr. Paul Marshall, met with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for 35 minutes on March 12 on behalf of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC).

The Prime Minister requested the meeting with the EFC's executive director Brian C. Stiller (who asked that Marshall accompany him) as a result of a 19-page brief written by Marshall and adopted by the EFC as their own.

The brief acted as the EFC's response to *Equality for All*, a report prepared by the Parliamentary Committee on Equality Rights, which deals with the legal ramifications of Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.

In an interview for *Perspective*, Marshall explained that Section 15 did not become an issue for the Prime Minister until the Justice Department countered *Equality for All* with *Towards Equality*.

Marshall sees Mulroney's interest in the EFC's opinion as a response to criticism raised by the Tory caucus in reaction to Justice Minister John Crosbie's report, and called the meeting a political fence mending rather than a signal of new policies.

The parliamentary committee's job was to focus on how the federal government should approach equality, and it concluded that federal laws should not discriminate on, amongst other things, the basis of religion, that all peoples, whether Christians, Jews, Sikhs, or

Muslims should receive equal treatment before the law — a statement Marshall agrees with.

What about Christian schools?

However, the report implies that organizations other than government should not discriminate on the basis of religion. While on the surface, this proposal sounds reasonable, further examination shows possible side-effects for organizations such as Christian schools, Marshall pointed out.

"My concern rests not with what the federal (or provincial) government is required to do, but with what may happen when and if this policy of non-discrimination is imposed upon non-government bodies," he said.

For example, if the government adopted the recommendations of the report, would Christian schools be able to discriminate in their hiring practices on the basis of religious beliefs or lifestyles, Marshall asked?

"My concern centered on the question of religious freedom. I wanted to affirm that religious organizations could have religion as a basis for hiring," he said.

While in Ottawa, Marshall and Stiller also met with the Department of Justice and with various Members of Parliament.

There are approximately 2 million evangelicals in Canada, with about 1 million affiliated with the EFC. [P]

Meet a new student: Kuk-Won Shin

In a class at Princeton Theological Seminary, I introduced myself as a fundamentalist. I meant that I was raised within a very conservative Presbyterian church in Korea, and having studied at the theological college of the denomination and at Westminster Theological Seminary, I thought that I was well qualified to say so (although it was meant to be taken as a joke).

What I most appreciate about my own background is the strong desire for true spirituality. I was taught that if I sincerely committed myself to the study of the Bible, prayer, and the effort of living out the faith under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I would be a sincere Christian. So I have tried and I continue to do so. However, what was most unsatisfactory with my background was its failure to teach me how I was to actually live out that spirituality.

Throughout my college years, I ex-

perienced many crises: the frequent student-government clashes, oil crisis, the bad economic situations, the tragic news from Indo-China, the increasing fear of invasion from the North, corruptions in society (both moral and spiritual), the rigid church structure and the insensitivity of the church on critical issues, the diminishing influence of the church in society, and more personally, losing my best friends to the so-called liberal church or even to the secular world.


I could not cope with these crises to my own satisfaction. I also felt the Korean church in general, and especially the conservative churches, were not coping with the situation very well. One of the consequences that I witnessed was the diminishing influence of the church on Korean society while the number of Christians was drastically increasing. The situation was especially puzzling because I had been taught that the most important watchword of Presbyter-

ianism (Calvinism) was "Soli Deo Gloria!" I deeply felt that there was an important element of Calvinism missing in Korean Presbyterianism (if not in word, then in action).

The more I thought about these things, the greater grew my desire to learn about Calvinism at its original and living contexts. That was my dream as a college student. God graciously answered my prayer and gave me the opportunity to study at Westminster, and at Princeton (briefly) seminaries.


But I wanted to continue my studies at the Free University of Amsterdam. When I heard that the Institute for Christian Studies had virtually the same program as the Free, I decided to come to ICS. I didn't mind moving to Toronto nor studying in English – a strong drawing card for Third World students whose second language is often English.

The past five years in the United States, and my year at ICS have been very helpful and worthwhile learning experiences. However, I look forward to learning more about the Reformational movement, which will always fascinate me. And unlike the lonely struggle in the United States, I am now struggling with the new learning situation with my wife, Dong-Won, and our daughter, Kara Hee-Won, who was born April 5.

Kuk-Won Shin is a student in philosophical theology at ICS. 

Seerveld's book inspires artist to name shop "Rainbow Studio"

Prize-winning St. Catharines, Ont., artist, George Langbroek, acknowledged receiving inspiration in his work from ICS senior member in aesthetics, Dr. Calvin Seerveld, by naming his art studio "Rainbow Studio" after the title of Seerveld's book, *Rainbows for the Fallen World*.

Langbroek won first prize at an art show in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and another first at the Grimsby Nelles Boulevard Art Show. His work was showcased in a recent article in *Channel*, a magazine published in St. Catharines. 



The Shins: Dong-Won, Kuk-Won, and Kara Hee-Won.

Keeping up with ICS Faculty

On February 21, teachers from high schools belonging to the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools (OACS) met in Woodbridge to consider the impact of new Ontario Ministry of Education guidelines on their school programs. ICS senior member in education, **Dr. Harry Fernhout**, presented the keynote address at this all-day gathering. His topic was "Christian High Schools: Deepening Our Vision to Meet New Challenges."

On March 14, Fernhout travelled to Sioux Center, Iowa with Director of Development, Aileen Van Ginkel, to recruit students at Dordt College. After a busy few days of meetings with Dordt students and faculty as well as various ICS supporters living in the Sioux Center area, Fernhout and Van Ginkel travelled to Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they were joined by ICS vice-president, Dr. Paul Marshall. March 18 and 19 were spent recruiting students and meeting with members of the Calvin faculty.

On April 8 and 10, Fernhout made a presentation on teaching Bible book studies at "program days" sponsored by the OACS. These events were specifically for teachers of grades seven and eight in member schools.

Senior member in philosophy, **Dr. Hendrik Hart**, is currently in Amsterdam lecturing on his book, *Understanding Our World* at the Free University. He will present a number of papers while in the Netherlands, as well as fulfill speaking engagements in England.

In May, Hart will return briefly to Canada to attend meetings of learned societies in Winnipeg where he will also chair a session of the Society of Christian Philosophers and participate in a symposium of the Canadian Philosophical Association with Kai Nielsen and Bela Szabados on Nielsen's new book, *Philosophy and Atheism*.

Before his April 1st departure for Amsterdam, Hart responded to several invitations by Christian teachers and church study groups to give his talk on Scripture entitled, "Setting Our Sights by the Morning Star." He continues to be eager to present that talk and is encouraged by the positive response.

From February 28 through March 2, senior member in political theory, **Dr. Paul Marshall**, gave three lectures at Lakehead University entitled, "The Modern Work Ethic," "A Christian View of Work," and "A Christian View of Rest."

While in Thunder Bay on March 3, Marshall also spoke at Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church, and made a case for government support of independent schools at an NDP forum on separate school funding.

From March 13 through 15, Marshall attended a consultation on human life, sponsored by the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, with other Christian leaders to draft an evangelical statement on human life.

From March 17 through 19, Marshall was the third member of the recruitment team at Calvin College. While there he met with Calvin's Master of Christian Studies students to discuss his book, *Thine Is The Kingdom*, which is one of the core course texts in the program.

At the University of Western Ontario Marshall lectured on "Christian Challenges to the Charter" for a Christian legal fellowship, and to a chaplaincy group on "A Christian View of Work and Rest" on April 2.

"Suffering That Empowers" was the theme of a Lenten seminar led by **Dr. James Olthuis**, senior member in philosophical theology, at Bloor Street United Church on March 16.

On April 5, Olthuis conducted a seminar on "Intimacy in Male-Female Relations" at an all-Ontario conference of United Church men.

At a noon luncheon held at Hendricks Chapel at the University of Syracuse on April 6, Olthuis spoke on "Staying in Love During the Five Stages of Marriage."

On the weekend of April 11 through 13, Olthuis led a retreat on the theme, "Ministry in Caring," with special emphasis on accepting and coping with our handicaps, for the Conquerors Fellowship of Mississauga and York Regional at the Ramada Hotel in Mississauga.

On two successive Sunday evenings

in April, Olthuis explored ways of deepening personal experience of the faith with the members of Fellowship of St. Matthews Christian Reformed Church.

In March, **Dr. Calvin Seerveld**, senior member in aesthetics, gave the Thomas F. Staley lectures at Trinity Christian College. He lectured on "Background and Examples of Black American Art" "Main Trends and Current Predicament in Modern Art - A Christian Evaluation," and held many class presentations over three days. Since his wife Ines was also invited to Trinity, the Seervelds spent a busy few days and weekend renewing bonds that had been fashioned earlier with community people, former students of Trinity, and the current faculty.

In April, Seerveld was invited to lead the monthly faculty colloquium at Redeemer College on the topic of "Scripturally Led Writing of History." Discussion on his "cartographic methodology for art historiography" - a modification of D. H. Th. Vollenhoven's method for the history of philosophy - and its implications for other fields, took place. Redeemer College art history professor, Mary Leigh Morbey, arranged the meeting, and Seerveld also led a class session for the art history students.

On April 3, **Dr. George VanderVelde**, senior member in systematic theology, spoke on "Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry and the Quest for the 'Common Expression of the Apostolic Faith'" at a Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry conference held in Chicago. [P]

Longenecker leads seminar on Romans

The author of *New Testament Social Ethics for Today* (Eerdmans, 1984), Richard N. Longenecker, spoke on the book of Romans at a March 24 Biblical Foundations class at the invitation of ICS senior member Dr. George VanderVelde, who leads the seminar.

A well-known evangelical New Testament scholar and professor at Wycliffe College and the Toronto School of Theology, Longenecker focused on Romans 7 and 8, and specifically on establishing the identity of the "I" in Romans 7, and coming to an understanding of the law in the Christian life, especially its normative use.

Longenecker is a former member of the Board of Curators of ICS. [P]

Development Notes



by Aileen
Van Ginkel

My "Swan Song"

By the time the May/June issue of *Perspective* reaches your home, I'll no longer be working as ICS's Director of Development, so I guess this will be my swan-song column.

What I want to express most of all is my gratitude for ICS's supporting community. Throughout the four years I've been at ICS I've been continually encouraged by the people I've met in the course of my work. I've often come back from a road-trip feeling greatly uplifted by the vision and the loyalty of our supporters.

I've learned to appreciate more each year the marvellous talents which God has bestowed on everyone associated with ICS, especially the Senior Members. They have shown me over and over again how much they truly give to their often-difficult task of teaching at a Christian graduate school.

The Board of Trustees (and especially its Executive Committee) and the office staff have also shown me what a blessing they are to the ongoing operation of ICS. Dr. Pitt's enthusiasm and leadership have been particularly helpful to me personally and to the entire Development program. The increases this year in the level of giving to ICS have a lot to do with him.

It's truly been a privilege to work at ICS. Although not always an easy task, I've been honoured to represent the Institute. ICS's place in God's Kingdom as a Christian graduate school is such an important one! Bernard Zylstra was the one who made that clearest to me. I know his vision for the Christian church and for ICS took hold of many people across the continent.

I'll soon be joining all those ICS supporters who from the "outside" pray that ICS and the vision it embodies will have an ever-increasing impact on our world, which so desperately needs to hear that Christ is Lord of all of life! I'm looking forward to being part of that illustrious company for many years to come. P



Holland Christian Homes residents, Adrian den Broeder, Niesje Van Gelderen, and Rinske Schenk help stuff and label 20,000 envelopes, which were part of a Canada-wide mailing to all members of the Christian Reformed Church. The trio were part of a much larger group of volunteers from the Brampton home.

House to the King's



Vaden House

ICS Ph.D. candidate Vaden House recently accepted an appointment as Assistant Professor of Philosophy of Science at The King's College where he expects to begin his teaching duties in September.

House came to ICS in 1980 to begin doctoral studies after receiving a B.A. in English from the University of Windsor and a Master of Christian Studies degree from Regent College. He and his wife Darlene have one child, Shalen, age 6.

Dr. Charles B. Thaxton seeks ICS input

The author of *The Mystery of Life's Origin: Reassessing Current Theories* spoke at a seminar held April 24 under the co-sponsorship of ICS and the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation (CSCA).

Dr. Charles B. Thaxton's book, which is a scholarly critique of "chemical evolution" as a step in the hypothetical evolution of living organisms from non-living matter, was published in 1984 by Philosophical Library.

In the seminar, Thaxton talked about the unique methodology needed to do research in "chemical evolution," an area which is historical and scientific, but in which the methodology of neither is adequate. He invited the ICS community to help him think about the philosophical and methodological issues involved.

Last April, a review discussion of Thaxton's book led by ICS's director of educational services, Dr. Robert Vander Vennen, was well attended by ICS students and members of CSCA. P

ICS bulletin board

Summer Conferences

Mouw is speaker

Dr. Richard Mouw of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, will be the keynote speaker at the upcoming ICS-sponsored Niagara conference to be held over the August civic holiday weekend.

This year's theme, the challenge of change in our lives, will be reflected in the workshops, which will deal with changes in family life, in worldview, in the workplace, in church, in the status of women, and others.

Special effort will be again made to involve family members of all ages in the conference through discussions, worship, recreation, and media presentations.

Schouls named speaker

Dr. Peter Schouls, professor of philosophy at the University of Alberta and ICS senator, will be the keynote speaker at the ICS-sponsored British Columbia conference to be held at Columbia Bible Camp near Cultus Lake over the Labour Day weekend. The theme of the conference will be announced at a later date.

Wolterstorff to speak

Dr. Nicholas Wolterstorff, author of *Until Justice and Peace Embrace*, will be the keynote speaker at the Alberta ICS conference to be held at Deer Valley Meadows near Alix, Alberta, August 1 through 4.

Conference coordinator Reta Haarsma said workshops at the conference will feature Paul Marshall, Diane Marshall, John Snee, Kathy VanderGrift, Gus Polman and Claire Wolterstorff.

Workshop topics will range from hunger in Alberta to Third World development, and special workshops for youth are also being planned, Haarsma said.

For more information, contact Haarsma at home at (403) 447-3615.

Medical conference scheduled June 6 and 7 at ICS

An ICS-sponsored conference on *Christian Faith, Healing, and Medical Practice* is drawing considerable interest from evangelical Christians who are in health care professions.

The June 6 and 7 conference will feature presentations by members of the research team from the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. Team members who will be speaking include Douglas Diekema on "Metaphors, Morals, and Medicine," Allen Verhey on "Technology and Tragedy: An Evangelical Theology of Care," Theodore Rottman on "End-care Decisions: The

Quest for a Christian Perspective," Hessel Bouma III on "Our Christian Obligations to the Health Care of the Poor," and Edward Langerak on "Abortion and the Good Samaritan."

ICS will provide a respondent, including a medical school professor, the director of a Salvation Army hospital, and a Roman Catholic ethicist, for each of the papers. An added bonus of the conference this year is that each of the Calvin papers presented will be given to those who register and pay the conference fee. P

Good Reading from ICS

Brand New!!! (see page XX)

Harro Van Brummelen - *Telling the Next Generation: Educational Development in North American Calvinist Christian Schools*

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