

# Perspective

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## ICS inaugurates second president

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

Growing recognition of the Institute for Christian Studies and its new president was evident at the inauguration of Dr. Clifford C. Pitt held November 2.

Over 20 robed representatives of various colleges and universities in Canada and the United States turned out to show their support at the afternoon ceremony.

Greetings were voiced from the University of Toronto by its president, Dr. George Connell, from the Canadian Christian colleges by Rev. Henry de Bolster, president of Redeemer College, from the American Christian colleges by Dr. Anthony J. Diekema, president of Calvin College, and from the Ontario Alliance of Christian Schools by its executive director, Adrian Guldemon.

Rev. Derk Pierik, chairman of ICS' board of trustees, invested Dr. Pitt "with the calling to be president of the Institute for Christian Studies, with all its burdens, joys, and responsibilities."

The assembly responded, "May the Spirit of our God enable you to fulfill the task of president with humility and wisdom. May the merciful rule of Jesus Christ be promoted in the world of scholarship through the work in which you and the staff serve God."



*Pitt delivers inaugural address*

### A "Christian alchemy"

In his inaugural address, Pitt confided that "a certain Christian alchemy was at work between us right from the earliest beginnings of the search committee meetings. That continues."

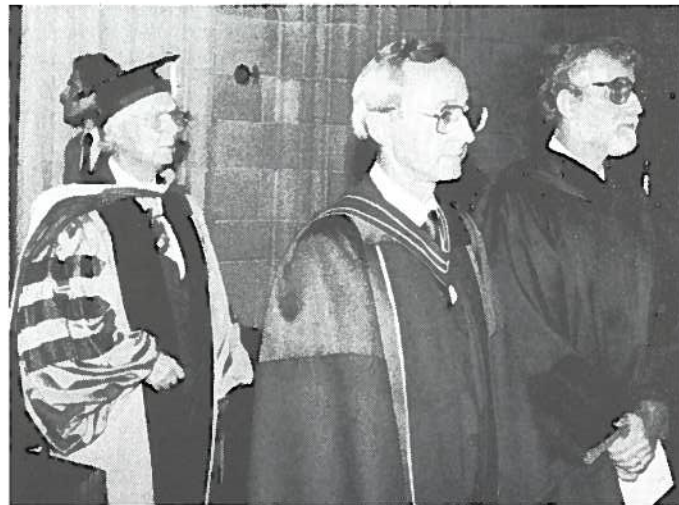
Both the "Christ-likeness" of the members of the ICS community and their sense of vision attracted Pitt to the presidency, he said.

He explained that the purpose of ICS is to develop a Christian mind in future professors in particular, but in others as well - "a mind which starts with biblical principles as its sole authority and habitually, comprehensively, and systematically thinks Christianly."

ICS' role is to develop Christian perspective in each field of higher learning and to influence the practical problems of North American society and culture, Pitt said.

ICS represents pre-eminently a reformational Christian challenge to secularization - the "great divisive force in our society which separates religion from all the rest of life," he said. Pitt defined a reformational view as one which sees all of life as religion.

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*Pitt, Schouls and Pierik in processional*

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## From the President's Pen

By Clifford C. Pitt

Well, it's all true! The legendary Western hospitality is everything it's said to be! My wife Dorothy and I had a wonderful time with the Institute community during a nine-day tour of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Aileen Van Ginkel accompanied us, in fact, preceded us with her own tour of British Columbia. Though I would have liked to have been in B.C., that proved impossible since I had several days in Grand Rapids on the Christian Schools International task force, in discussions with the presidents of seven Christian colleges about the possibility of a Reformed Christian University in North America, and in talks with Calvin College graduate studies and education departments about the Master in Education degree we hope to establish, the Lord willing, in a year's time.

But, back to Alberta and Saskatchewan where Dorothy and I have many happy memories of the wonderfully dedicated Christian friends we met. *We were made to feel at home immediately wherever we went.*

Some of our memories? . . . . The Dr. Bernard Zylstra Scholarship dinner in Edmonton attended by 125 ICS members and chaired by Rev. Charles Fennema . . . . the annual small group discussions of change and how we adjust to it following Aileen's lecture . . . . being struck, personally, by the number of Christians who have doctorates in psychology, my own field . . . . being much impressed with the fine facilities for the 250 students of The King's College, and with its leadership in President Van Andel . . . . an excellent meeting with University of Saskatchewan professors, some of them old friends from way back . . . . the meetings in homes following the public meetings - with Edmonton's Gary and Reta Haarsma, Calgary's Dena and Rev. Jim Joosse, Neerlandia's Clifford and Angela Tuininga . . . . a lovely visit with Rev. and Mrs. Bennema of Nobleford . . . . the very supportive time with the pastors of the Calgary area . . . . the gorgeous Alberta sunshine . . . . the big problem in the discussions on change: how to retain what is biblical and how to recognize what is merely traditional or cultural . . . . the big problem for the Church: how to retain the unity of belonging to Christ in the face of sincerely held but differing views . . . . Dorothy enjoying so much the women we met . . . . being particularly impressed by the openness to change (but carefully, carefully) of all we met, whether farmers or professors . . . . the CRC penchant for putting its money where its mouth is as exemplified by John VanderMeulen's concern to establish a Christian counselling service in Red Deer, and others interested in adopting disadvantaged youngsters from terrible home situations . . . . Clarence Visser's impassioned plea (after his trip to Haiti where the common people are so poor but so happy) to us to get our priorities straight . . . . a packed worship service in Rev. Van Nijenhuis's church in Saskatoon . . . . Aileen's insistence on carrying the suitcases since I am now an old man . . . . the Dr. Bernard Zylstra scholarship dinner for about 40 in Calgary's Christian School with ICS Trustee

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## In This Issue . . .

In this issue of *Perspective* we offer you a time of reading packed full with the riches of discovering "what's new at ICS." What follows is a map for your treasure hunt, intended to help you make those discoveries.

The two highlights of the past few months were the tribute dinner for Dr. Bernard Zylstra and the inauguration of Dr. Clifford Pitt - two events which brought out the best in ICS and its supporting community.

A new school year brings with it the opportunity to meet new students. In this issue we introduce you to Sung Hagch Choe, who comes to ICS from Korea. Brian Walsh, an ICS alumnus, is by no means new to ICS, but our interview with him makes clear the increasingly important contribution he makes to ICS.

The ICS Senate and Board of Trustees had fruitful meetings at the end of October. Trustee Charles Adams reports on those meetings. Of special interest, we hope, are the new and exciting programs approved by those bodies for the fall of 1986.

There's an obvious new addition to this issue: an envelope inserted for donation purposes. We think the envelope will make more sense to you when you've read the fascinating story of the road which led Paul Marshall to ICS.

Our hope is to get *Perspective* into your mailbox along with your Christmas cards and letters. To them we add a wish from all of us at ICS: May you have a Christmas filled with the blessings of remembering that Jesus Christ came into the world to be your Saviour and Lord, and a New Year dedicated to his service!

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### Nothing is excluded

"Nothing is excluded from the claims of Christ," he said. "To adopt a reformational Christian perspective is something at once fundamentally and totally different. It is an approach which issues from the profound belief, first and foremost, that God is our Sovereign Lord, that we are his creatures: that we are made in his image and that we are now broken and marred by sin."

"To think Christianly is, with Paul, to look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, and the things not seen are eternal," Pitt said.

ICS is "seeking to introduce a Christian intellectual presence into the academic disciplines of the university world and beyond," he pointed out.

Pitt said he is excited about ICS because the hallmark of its work is its cohering, interdisciplinary nature as demonstrated by the fact that students spend one-quarter of their first year in interdisciplinary seminars.

He also said he is excited about the quality of academic

work performed at the Institute, and the quality of its students who frequently have papers published before graduation; 60 percent of them have gone on to do doctoral studies.

### Influencing hundreds

As a graduate school, ICS works at the most influential point in education, he stated. And since approximately 40 graduates are now professors at other institutions, the ICS influence is reaching hundreds of undergraduates.

Pitt also announced that two new degree programs, a Master in Christian studies and a Master in education, had been approved by the ICS Senate, and may be in place as soon as the fall of 1986.

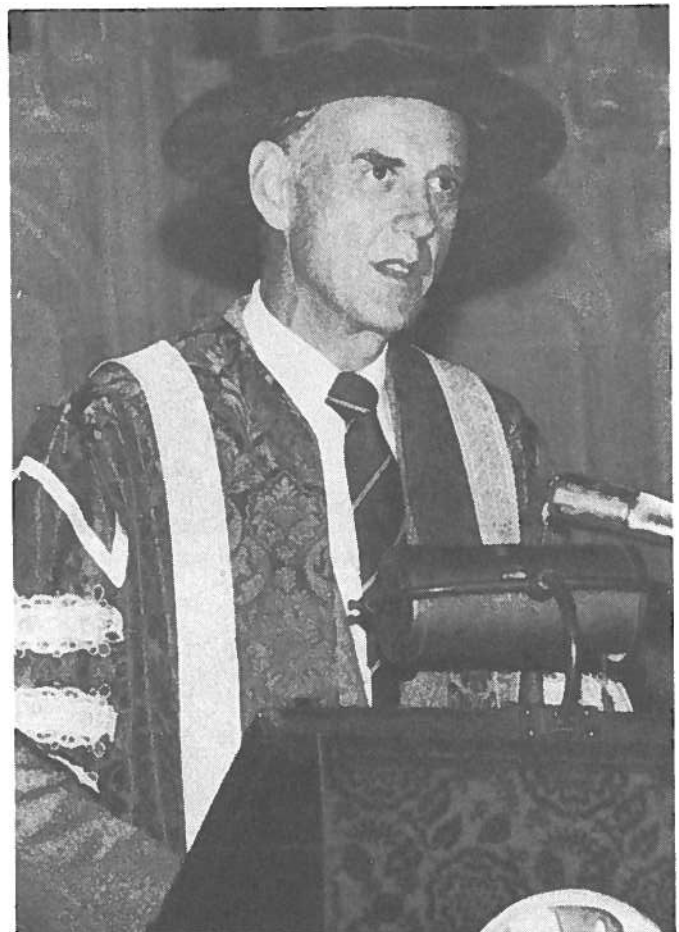
At the ceremony, Chancellor Peter Schouls and Vice-president Paul Marshall conferred Master of Philosophical Foundations degrees upon Gordon Wilson, John Chapko, and James Prall. Steven Shaw was awarded the M. Phil. F. degree in absentia. Agnes Vandergang received a Certificate in Christian Studies.

Organist Peter Merrick and trumpeter Valerie Cowie provided music for both the processional, the hymns, and the recessional.

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Jack VandenBorn's enthusiastic return to the buffet tables for the nth time . . . . the beautiful little blond children whom we would have loved to have taken home with us . . . . . the gracious hospitality of Lethbridge's Rev. and Mrs. Bomhof . . . . . Joel Tuininga who went late to school because he wanted to say "Good-bye!" to the three strange characters from the East . . . . . being met by an honor guard of air cadets and pipe and drum band at Saskatoon airport (Oops! Sorry! Turned out this was for the president of the Canadian Legion, not for us after all) . . . . . being impressed by the emphasis on education, by the intellectual tradition of our supporters, with farmers and oilmen and meat packers supportive of the Christian graduate school . . . . . meeting several brothers and wives of various clans like the Vissers and the Tuiningas . . . . . being greatly encouraged by our supporters telling us they felt ICS had turned the corner, that they were excited afresh by the vision of the Institute as a Christian graduate school training professors for the Christian undergraduate colleges . . . . . the interest in the two new degrees we hope to mount in a year or so . . . . . exploding the Western myth about "It's so dry out here you never feel cold!" Malarkey! It rained for days!

Just thinking about the Western tour brings back a wonderful grab-bag of happy memories, a great and wonderfully satisfying feeling about the Christ-likeness of so many ICS supporters we met. As we settled down into our seats for the flight home, out came the briefcase and work began on my inaugural address. Would you like a copy? Drop me a line.



*University of Toronto president Dr. George Connell congratulates Dr. Pitt at his inauguration.*

# A time to pay tribute

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

The third chapter of Ecclesiastes speaks of a time for every matter under heaven, and its reading by Institute for Christian Studies (ICS) senior member Dr. Calvin Seerveld was a fitting way to open the evening held to pay tribute on October 4 to Dr. Bernard Zylstra, the first principal and president of the Institute.

The event's coordinator, Aukje Masselink, told 290 people gathered at the Prince Hotel for the occasion that this was the time to celebrate Zylstra's contribution to Christian higher education. She also introduced the Bernard Zylstra Scholarship Fund, set up to help his vision reach out to new students and generations.

One of Zylstra's colleagues, who dates back to their undergraduate years at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Rev. Louis M. Tamminga, gave the keynote address.

Tamminga noted that Zylstra's years at the Institute as principal, president, and teacher were not always easy ones, and observed that "perhaps the next generation will take note of the writings of Bernie . . . to use as the building bricks of an ongoing vision."



*Zylstra listens to Tamminga*

## Not enough time

Tamminga said that soon after Zylstra had been diagnosed as having cancer in June, he dropped in on him in the hospital. He related how at that time Zylstra expressed concern that in his own life he had done so much doing, that there hadn't been enough time for being.

After reflecting upon that conversation, Tamminga said that the life of Christ had also been filled with doing, and through his actions, the disciples had come to know him as the Son of God.

To illustrate his point, Tamminga read from the final verses of Mark 4 where Christ, weary after a day of teaching, went with his disciples into a boat to escape the crowds. While he was asleep in the stern, a storm arose and the boat began to fill with water. Afraid for their lives, the disciples awoke Jesus who then rebuked the wind and calmed the sea.



*Tamminga delivers keynote address*

Upon witnessing this action, the disciples were filled with awe and said to each other, "Who is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

In conclusion, Tamminga said the Institute can be compared to a ship which must sail and grow into a fleet of ships to tell of the coming Kingdom, even though the storms may at times make us weary.

"The Saviour will come to give us peace, not only for Bernie, but for all of us, one body of believers in Jesus Christ," he said.

Representing the board of trustees, Rev. Derk Pierik noted that Zylstra made a choice at Calvin Seminary not to go the traditional pastoral route, but to work towards establishing the Institute – a decision which required some sacrifice. Pierik also praised Zylstra's "moral courage" to maintain his convictions and his "visionary leadership" which brought ICS through many storms.

Redeemer College professor and former ICS student, Justin Cooper, paid tribute to Zylstra on behalf of all his students. Cooper related how he decided to study under Zylstra after hearing him speak at Trinity College in 1968. He praised his former teacher's sense of vocation and urgency in the work of the Institute, his insistence that Christian scholarship demand academic rigor, and his humility, his willingness to change his mind and to learn from others.



*Pierik praises Zylstra's "moral courage"*



## Projects the vision

Fellow Senior Member George Vandervelde told the audience that a strong confession rooted in a broad vision of the Kingdom along with the dynamic personality of Zylstra enabled him to project the vision of ICS as few others could.

He pointed out that Zylstra's task of coaching the team of senior members of which he had once been a player had not been an easy one.

He called Zylstra's and his wife Josina's investment of themselves a "splendid gift."

"You yourself are a splendid gift to your students, to us, and to God," Vandervelde declared.



*Vandervelde calls Zylstra "a splendid gift"*

Calvin College President Anthony J. Diekema, a fellow Calvin graduate of Zylstra's, pointed out that upon graduation neither of them would have dreamed they would meet together 30 years later as presidents of their respective institutions.

He described the relationship between Calvin College, the Free University of Amsterdam, and the Institute for Christian Studies as a triangle, and paid tribute to Dr. Zylstra on behalf of the growing network of Christian colleges in North America.



*Diekema graduated with Zylstra*

Taking a lighter approach than his predecessors, Rev. Carl D. Tuyl spoke about the community which supports ICS, and described, tongue-in-cheek, different types of supporters, ranging from the fanatical "true believer" to the shoulder-shruger" to the "loyal supporter."

## "Out of the woodwork"

A weakness of the loyal supporter group, Tuyl pointed



*Tuyl describes ICS community*

out, is that they often assume you know they think you're doing a good job, and it takes an evening such as the tribute dinner to make them "come out of the woodwork" to express their appreciation.

Current ICS President Clifford C. Pitt urged the audience to use the scholarship fund to express their gratitude for Zylstra's work for the Institute.

Zylstra himself had the last word as he responded to the tributes paid to him throughout the evening.

His opening words were, "I'm embarrassed. I don't really think I deserve all this."

He thanked those who set up the scholarship fund for



*Cooper pays tribute on behalf of students*

creating a channel through which the vision of a Christian life can be passed on to the next generation.

"I am profoundly grateful for the establishment of that channel, and my name associated with it," he said, and added that he hopes many will make use of it, both as givers and as students.

Zylstra also thanked everyone for the caring he and Josina have received ever since he discovered he has cancer.

"And now together we look to the future, ultimately of Christ Jesus . . . Josina and I rejoice in the future, in each new day," he said, and asked for continued prayer support for that future.

In closing, Zylstra declared that his strength comes from the Lord, and read the first verse of his mother's favorite psalm.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27).

# ICS graduate teaches "boot camp"

by Carol-Ann Veenkamp

Although Brian Walsh graduated from the Institute for Christian Studies six years ago, he remains actively involved with ICS.

In September, Walsh led ICS' first-year students through what's called "boot camp," a euphemism for an intensive two-week introduction to the Philosophical Foundations course.

Boot camp is designed to provide new students with a basic worldview orientation and a fundamental theoretical outlook with which to begin a "fruitful" year of study at the Institute, Walsh explained in a recent interview.

Walsh used the text of *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview*, a book he co-authored with fellow ICS graduate Richard Middleton, for the course.

*The Transforming Vision* entered its first printing in October of 1984 and went into a second printing last March. To date, 6,500 copies have been sold, and the book is being used as a textbook at numerous colleges and seminaries.

Walsh's journey to the transforming vision began when he accepted Christ at the Yonge Street Mission at age 15.

"Fairly soon afterwards, it became clear to me that I wanted to reflect on the meaning of faith and faith in relation to my life and my peers," he said. "This led me to a comprehensive study of Francis Schaeffer while I was a teenager."

## "Natural step"

At the University of Toronto, Walsh studied theology and came into contact with people from the Institute. He began to use the Institute as a resource in his studies, and it became what he calls a "natural step" to continue his education at ICS after receiving his Bachelor's degree in philosophy of religious studies.

Currently a Ph.D. candidate at McGill University, Walsh is writing a dissertation on modernity and theology in the thought of Langdon Gilkey, a major American theologian at the University of Chicago.

According to Walsh, Gilkey is one of the best examples of the combined contributions of Paul Tillich and Reinhold Niebuhr on American theology. In his dissertation, he plans to evaluate Gilkey's understanding of culture and how it is based on Gilkey's own Christian philosophy and understanding of philosophy.

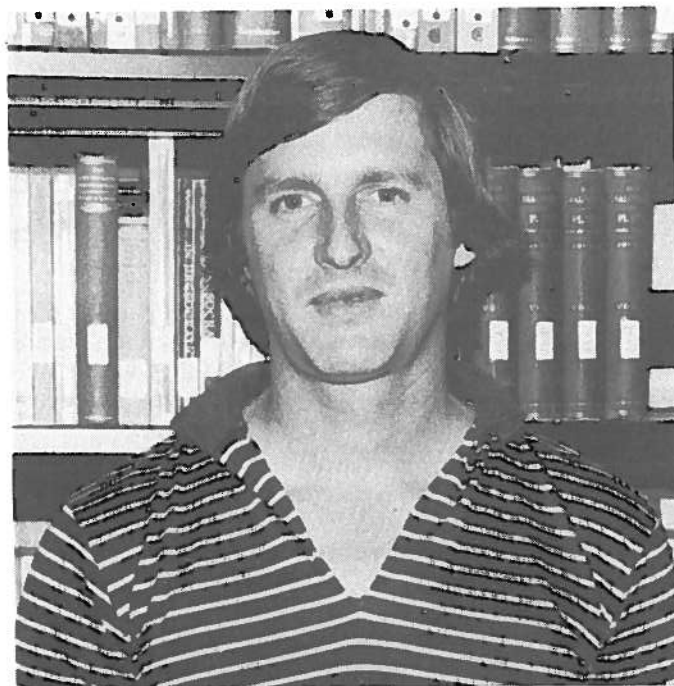
For his Master of Philosophy degree at ICS, Walsh wrote a thesis entitled, "Futurity and Creation: Explorations in the Eschatological Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg," which was published by ICS and out of which grew an article printed in *Christian Scholars Review*.

For three years Walsh directed a campus outreach program from ICS, which blossomed into the Hearing and Doing program now taught by Institute students at secular universities.

On the weekend of November 8, 9, and 10 Walsh returned to Toronto to serve as plenary speaker at the Discovery '85/86 conference, "Discerning the Spirits." His presentation was entitled, "The university and its discontents."

## "Excellent job"

The Institute must continue to perform its "excellent job" of training Christian scholars, Walsh said, and agreed with President Pitt's campaign to broaden the scope of programs offered in an effort to attract more students – a move which gained approval from the Board of Trustees in early November.



Walsh is currently at McGill

"It's absolutely essential" for the Institute to "help people take insights developed here over the years and to run with them," he stated.

Walsh is excited about the recent appointments to the ICS faculty of Harry Fernhout and Bill Rowe, both ICS graduates who went on to obtain doctorate degrees at other institutions.

"Both are already, at this young stage, well-proven scholars and excellent teachers," he said.

He also claimed that ICS' academic standards equal those of any secular university.

"Any ICS M.Phil.F. graduate could do a Ph.D. anywhere in the world," he said.

Walsh expects to pursue a teaching career upon graduation. He is married to Wendy Bartley, a composer, and they have one son, Jubal, who is four years old.

# Discovery '85: Discerning the spirits

By Mark-Philip Venema

With the help of ghettoblasters playing Bruce Cockburn's prophetic folk-rock songs, both Richard Middleton and Brian Walsh on November 8 and 9 led Discovery 85/86 with strong and to-the-point keynote speeches. Sharp criticism of contemporary spirits – Marx and feminism to science and rationalism – was followed by the vision of hope that Middleton and Walsh mutually express in their book, *The Transforming Vision: Shaping a Christian Worldview*.

Christening the annual ICS conference with his speech "The Candy Man's Gone," Middleton, reaping insights from Cockburn's song by that name, insisted that the candy man, bearing the goodies of secular culture, has left us. We can no longer expect to receive answers for shaping society from a decaying and vanishing secular vision. We must, says Middleton, instead seek a restored and transformed culture through the works of Christ's redemption.

Because Walsh could not give his speech scheduled for Saturday morning, Middleton took his place. First playing Cockburn's "Civilization and its Discontents", he struggled in an attempt to use Walsh's speech notes. Middleton quickly realized that a lively audience discussion about who and what are the discontents in the university was more fruitful than deciphering Walsh's writing.

## Variety of Workshops

A variety of intense afternoon workshops gave conference attendants a chance to hear something focussed in their field of interest. A brief listing of the workshops will give an idea of their breadth: History – Interpreting past, present and future with Thomas McIntire; Natural Science – World-view for the natural sciences with Robert VanderVennen; Arts – Doing and hearing: so you want to be involved in the arts, with Wilber Sutherland and Meg Jordon; Education – A survey of educational perspectives – from B.F. Skinner to Ghandhi with John Hull; Theology – Liberation redemption and the church with George VanderVelde; Law – Ministry or profession? with Marty Klein; Counselling – A ministry of inner healing, with Diane Marshall; History of Philosophy – What good is it anyway? with Bob Rogers; Science – Windows in the house of science: openings for faith, with Tim DeJager-Seerveld; Business – Doing business Christianly: how and is it viable? with Hank VanderLaan; Ethics/Aesthetics – The meaning of our nakedness, with Calvin Seerveld. Despite the diversity of ideas, the undaunted conferees enjoyed coffee over invigorating post-workshop conversation.

## Romanowski is refreshing

In a performance Saturday evening at Danforth Baptist Church, musician Bill Romanowski was refreshing. He continued discerning the spirits with his presentation: "Let 'em build their kingdom. A penetrating analysis of popular culture." Romanowski surveyed the history of rock'n'roll with renditions and medleys on guitar and piano. Using slides, music and commentary he put popular music in light of the youth culture. He demonstrated a history rooted in the dreams and anxieties of the Kennedy era, the '60's human rights marches, and Martin Luther King Jr.; a history followed by the ambivalence of the peace movement and its



*Romanowski as a punk rocker during concert*

rejection of conservative American values.

Danforth Baptist Church invited the Discovery conference attendants to worship with them Sunday morning. Mark Roques, an ICS junior member, gave a dramatic and historical "sermon" on the prophet Hosea.

## Discern the spirits

Fortunately Brian Walsh could reschedule his speech, "The University and its Discontents" for Sunday afternoon when he delivered an excellent call to university students to pay attention to the half-truths of the discontents – Marxists, feminists, punkers and professors – but to prayerfully discern the spirits and integrate one's faith with one's academics rather than continue to live a fragmented life.

To bring the weekend to completion Simon Wolfert, a Christian Reformed pastor, took the floor. God's people on the move, he said, must think globally with a vision for all humankind and act locally in our day to day lives. Wolfert's earnest call comes from years of experience with mission work in Brazil.

The weekend loaded with ideas, from lectures, speeches, workshops, and books to be bought, was chaired by Anne Burghgraef-Roques. Discontent many may be, but conferees were certainly not.

# Keeping up with ICS Staff and Students

On November 1, **Harry Fernhout** presented a paper on "The Person as Responsible Being" at the third annual conference on Christian Approaches to Learning Theory held at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill.

A paper which Fernhout presented a year ago at the same conference entitled "Moral Autonomy: The Philosophical/Anthropological Foundations of Kohlberg's Theory" has been published as a chapter in the book *The Nature of the Learner*, a collection of selected papers.

On November 8, Fernhout presented his paper, "Moral Education as a Matter of Faith" in a general session at the international conference of the Association for Moral Education held in Toronto.

The theme of the general session was "The Grounding of Moral Education in a Pluralistic Society." The other two participants were Dr. B. Shapiro, director of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and Dr. Lawrence Kohlberg from Harvard University.

**Hendrik Hart** recently returned from his trip to Western Canada where he presented a lecture entitled, "Setting our Sights by the Morning Star" as part of the Maps and Compasses series. He reports reactions ranged from "genuine willingness to consider the position offered, all the way to enthusiastic endorsement of a talk people perceived as helpful, clarifying, and liberating."

On November 14, Hart spoke to philosophy students at McMaster University on the Epistemological Foundations of Christianity.

He reports that his book, *Understanding Our World*, first printed in 1984, is into its second printing, as is *Rationality in the Calvinian Tradition*, which he co-authored with J. Van der Hoeven, and N. Wolterstorff.

After being introduced by US State Supreme Court Judge Feikens, Hart delivered an address on Public Justice and Race Relations at the University of Michigan campus CRC chapel.

During the spring trimester, Hart will serve as visiting professor at the Free University of Amsterdam to teach systematic philosophy, and from *Understanding Our World*.

ICS Senior Member and Vice-president **Paul Marshall** appeared before the House of Commons hearings on Section 15 (the equality clause of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms) in Ottawa on September 9.

On September 26, he appeared before the Standing Committee on Social Development at the Ontario Legislature to present a brief on behalf of the Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) concerning the extension of funding to separate schools.

The October - November issue of *Catalyst*, the newspaper published by CPJ, dedicated an entire page to Marshall, acknowledging his work for the organization over the last decade, and his departure from CPJ as a result of financial constraints.

*Catalyst* attributed many important CPJ briefs as owing

"a great deal to Paul's research skills and sense of Christian commitment."

From October 18 through 20, Marshall attended a meeting of the Jurisprudence Study Group of the Christian Legal Society at Colorado Springs in Colorado.

His reviews of books on nuclear war by Francis Shaeffer (et al) and Michael Novak were recently published in *Christian Scholars Review*, Vol. 14, No. 3.

Marshall's review of *Reformed Faith and Politics* and *Marxism and Christian Scholarship* were published in the spring 1985 issue of the *Calvin Theological Journal*.

**Dr. James Olthuis**, on sabbatical from ICS this year, reports that there was "an excellent time of fellowship and caring" generated at a weekend retreat which he led for Bethlehem Christian Reformed Church at Thunder Bay from September 6 through 8.

Olthuis returned from a tour of Western Canada on November 17, and reports finding "a very appreciative and responsive audience" at his Maps and Compasses lectures. An added treat was visiting Trinity Western University, Regent College, and The King's College. Jim thanks all those who received him and shared with him in special ways.

Senior member **George Vandervelde** participated in a consultation on the Holy Spirit held at Holy Cross (Greek Orthodox) Seminary near Boston on October 10 and 11.

On November 9, Vandervelde participated in the Discovery conference, "Discerning the Spirits" by holding a workshop on "Liberation, Redemption, and the Church."

"Herder's revolutionary hermeneutic and aesthetic theory" was the subject of a lecture presented to the Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies this year at Guelph University in October by ICS senior member **Calvin Seerveld**.

In his lecture, Seerveld claimed that Herder, for the limited period of 1772 - 82, was critical of his Enlightenment age, and that Herder used extensive study of Old Testament poetry to develop his "Sturm und Drang" hermeneutics.

Because Herder's two translations of the Old Testament Song of Songs left it as "pearls on a string," Dr. Seerveld was allowed to complete his critique of Herder and argue for the unity of The Greatest Song and its critique of Solomon, which Herder missed, by a live "oratorio" performance of the book. The presentation by the Toronto Trinity Players, which Seerveld introduced, gave the professors from Canada, the United States, and Europe who were in attendance, something different than the eighteenth century to think about.

Seerveld also introduced a presentation of the Old Testament Song of Songs to the Christian community at London, Ont. in October and at Redeemer College in Hamilton in November.

Seerveld brought the message from the book of Galatians at a combined Reformed worship service held in Barrie on November 3.



# New faces at ICS

Joining the ICS administrative staff as business administrator is Rosalind Deck. Rosalind's experience in business management is matched by her general enthusiasm in being at ICS. Her participation in Dr. Cal Seerveld's Biblical Foundations course helps to feed her interest in getting involved in the various aspects of life at ICS (including a baseball game at the fall student/staff retreat which led to stretched ligaments and a six-week cast).

Returning to ICS after a year's sojourn in Europe is Rita VanderVeen. As development secretary, Rita takes up many of the same responsibilities she had in her previous five years at ICS. Her expertise in handling the secretarial-clerical components of development work will be invaluable to getting ICS's fundraising and student recruitment efforts off the ground.

In welcoming Rosalind and Rita to the ICS staff, we also acknowledge the contributions of those leaving staff positions. Phil Travis, whom Rosalind replaces, worked for two-and-a-half years as ICS's business administrator. His ability to handle the oftentimes difficult financial situations went hand-in-hand with his unique sense of humour, which helped to brighten up the office.

Anne Burghgraef-Roque's commitment, as admissions counsellor and Hearing and Doing coordinator, to helping students orient themselves to ICS and its services came out in various ways, including her determination to finish the task she'd begun of organizing the latest Discovery Conference well beyond the date her employment officially ended. Anne's work in student recruitment will be carried out in future through the combined efforts of the "development team" – Rita VanderVeen, Carol-Ann Veenkamp, and Aileen Van Ginkel – while Robert VanderVennen will take the lead in the Hearing and Doing program.



*Rita VanderVeen*

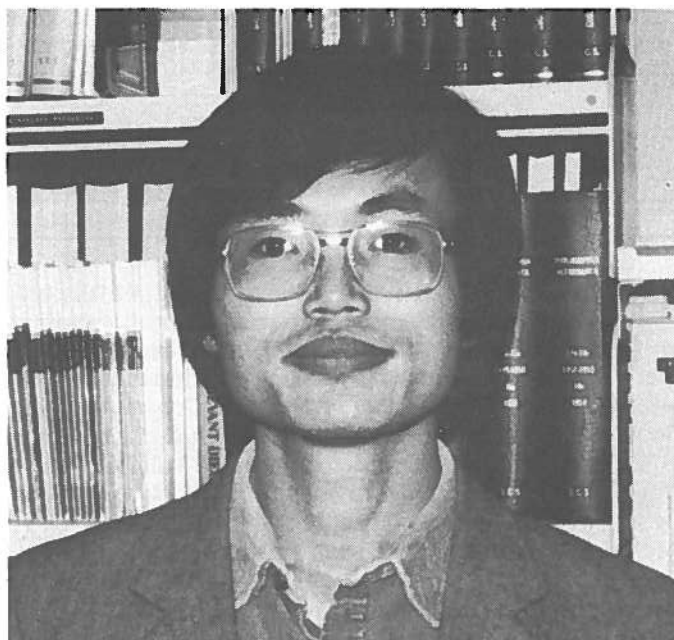


*Rosalind Deck*



*Anne Burghgraef-Roque*

## Meet a new student



### Walking along the philosopher's road by Sung Hagch Choe

I am Sung Hagch Choe from Korea. I do not know exactly when I became a Christian. All I know is that I became a Christian without any consciousness about when it happened.

But I can remember something like a Copernican turning point in my life when I was a school boy. He opened my ear as I heard the chiming of a bell of a small local church one day early in the morning. Also, he opened my heart to persuade me that I am nothingness without Him. It was a strange experience. At the time I was writing some letters or a diary at my desk. All these are my cherished reminiscences.

I graduated from Chong Shin, which is a Christian college with a reformed perspective located in Seoul where I struggled with many life problems.

After college, I worked, doing my best to support my mother and sister, at the Hats and Caps company. Those 16 months were very hard, but I discovered there that men's head size does not decide who they are – I mean whether they are clever or not. I discovered that the head size of De Gaulle, the famous French politician, was very small, but he made it. But I cannot deny that Winston Churchill's dress hat was very big. He had a big head. So, I concluded that excellency does not depend on the size of the head, but much rather, it depends on the density of convolutions in men's brains. That is my "philosophy of hat" which I found at the Hat company.

As golden October declined into somber November, here and there, I saw squirrels discussing the problem of carrying the fallen chestnuts. I also saw homeless old men sitting on the bench, gazing upon the sky while sunshine fell on their pale faces.

Fallen leaves are so beautiful that I cannot tread on them, walking on the tip of my toes. And I think of ICS, the future of my life, the illness of Bernard Zylstra, and Groen van Prinsterer saying, "In our isolation lies our strength."



## Serving Through Public Education

by Robert E. VanderVennen

### ICS book on Dooyeweerd in print

We are celebrating the arrival of our new book assessing the Christian philosophical thinking of Herman Dooyeweerd. Entitled *The Legacy of Herman Dooyeweerd*, the book was timed for release on the 50th anniversary of the publication of Dooyeweerd's monumental 4-volume work, *A New Critique of Theoretical Thought*. The book was written by six members of the faculty of ICS, and edited by Dr. C. T. McIntire. We hope our book will be a major contribution to the study and the use of Dooyeweerd's stimulating and deeply Christian scholarship.

The back cover of the book includes this statement: "Herman Dooyeweerd (1894 - 1977), renowned Dutch philosopher and legal theorist, produced a comprehensive philosophy which since 1935 has stimulated thought in many fields. His magnum opus, *A New Critique of Theoretical Thought*, made a monumental contribution to critical philosophy in the Christian tradition, comparable in its scope to the work of thinkers like Jacques Maritain and William Temple. In *The Legacy of Herman Dooyeweerd* six scholars associated with ICS present and assess Dooyeweerd's contribution to several fields - philosophy, religious studies and theology, history, aesthetics, and political and social theory."

The introduction by Editor McIntire states that the opening chapter by Al Wolters sets the context for the others by identifying the two major worlds of influence on Dooyeweerd, which were the religious worldview of Abraham Kuyper and the German neo-Kantian and phenomenological philosophy of Dooyeweerd's day.

James Olthuis examines the views of religion and faith which were identifying features of Dooyeweerd's philosophy. Calvin Seerveld shows how modal theory was Dooyeweerd's way of explaining the distinctiveness and yet the interconnectedness of everything there is. McIntire's essay explores Dooyeweerd's complicated and extraordinary philosophy of history, the invisible dynamic of his system. Paul Marshall introduces Dooyeweerd's theory of rights in the light of sphere sovereignty, the law-subject relation, and the subject-object relation in Dooyeweerd's system. Hendrik Hart looks at Dooyeweerd's theory of theory and explains his views concerning the difference between theoretical thought and everyday thought. The 180-page book also includes a glossary of terms prepared by Al Wolters.

In short, the book is an appraisal of Dooyeweerd from the faculty of the Institute. That alone makes it a landmark book, one which is sure to generate a good deal of interest. It is a major fruit of ICS work, the kind of contribution the Institute is designed to accomplish.

The book is published by University Press of America. You can order your paperback copy from ICS for \$16.95 in

Canadian funds or \$12.00 U.S., plus \$1.50 for mailing in either case.

### Roques and Woods edit *Anakainosis*

ICS graduate students will be the new editors of our quarterly academic paper *Anakainosis*. A small team of students will solicit articles, edit them and bring them for final approval to Bob VanderVennen, who is the new managing editor of the paper. For the current year students Mark Roques and David Woods will serve as editors.

Al Wolters founded the paper in 1978 and served as editor until he left the ICS staff. Last year ICS graduate student Chris Gousmett edited the paper by himself. *Anakainosis* (which is the Greek word for *renewal* used in Romans 12:2) is aimed to communicate with the academically-oriented members and friends of ICS alongside of *Perspective*, which is aimed at the general reader.

The quarterly paper is being revitalized with a more attractive format and freshness of content. Published papers will be shorter, with emphasis on new ideas not yet formulated into full papers for publication in the academic journals. *Anakainosis* will be more open to the research work of Christian graduate students, including summaries of thesis, dissertations and exceptional course papers. We want to have a stimulating paper on the cutting edge of fresh scholarship that is interdisciplinary and has a rather explicit reformational Christian thrust.

### Invite academic contributions

We also want the paper to carry news and reviews of new publications such as books and seminal journal articles. We will include more information about work in progress in the publication and classwork of ICS.

*Anakainosis* will be a place Christian scholars will turn to find out where there is action in reformational scholarship in the English-speaking world. And we mean "world" literally - a feature of the paper is that it has been read especially in overseas countries, and we will try to keep readers informed of research in many parts of the world, including England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and the Netherlands, as well as in North America. We invite readers of *Perspective* to send us concise academic articles, news and ideas.

You can subscribe (for yourself or as a gift for someone else) for \$15 per year, or three years for \$45.

### Kits publishes review, article

A book review written by ICS student Harry Kits was published in the August-September issue of *Public Justice Report*, a periodical of Citizens for Public Justice. Kits reviewed *Creeds, Society and Human Rights* by Max C. Stackhouse.

Kits also wrote an article exploring the task of the Canadian Christian Reformed Church which was published in the November 8 issue of *Calvinist Contact*.

# ICS trustees approve new degree programs

by Charles Adams, ICS Trustee

During the first week of November, the Board of Trustees for the Institute for Christian Studies held its fall meeting – scheduled to begin Monday November 4 at 9 a.m. and to end Tuesday at 5 p.m. Unlike recent board meetings, which have utilized every minute, our fall meeting ended *early*. We complete our work by 8:30 p.m. Monday.

Such early completion was not attributable to a lack of important matters to discuss and decide upon, but first and foremost to the excellent work of planning on the part of ICS' president and vice-president, Dr. Clifford C. Pitt and Dr. Paul Marshall.

At the spring trustees meeting, Dr. Pitt was appointed president of ICS and Dr. Marshall was appointed vice-president. At that same meeting, the president was given the mandate to develop a five-year plan for ICS, encompassing such areas as program development, finances, and student recruitment. During the fall meeting the trustees were occupied primarily with examining, discussing and giving approval to the various parts of that plan.

For many of the trustees, this was their first opportunity to work with Dr. Pitt since his appointment. In a sense, it was a test to see whether their first positive impression, developed at the spring meeting, would hold up under the fire of back-to-back senate and trustee meetings dealing with many of the challenges which ICS faces as it looks to the future.

## Pitt earns "A"

To say that Dr. Pitt passed the test would be an understatement. Evidence of his leadership, organizational skills, and ability to work out of a biblical, wholistic perspective have earned him an "A" as well as the admiration and appreciation of the trustees.

The trustees' first concern, before program or finances, is the *heart-direction* of the Institute. We are well aware that a number of institutions have started on the foundation of the Word of God, but have maintained themselves at the expense of that foundation, and except for lip service to their origins, have been led astray by the secular spirits of modernity.

In the section of the five-year plan on goals, the president made it clear that the prime specific goal for ICS is "to be a Christian graduate school devoted to developing and propagating biblically based philosophically informed Christian reformational perspective for all areas of life." He also made it clear that this prime specific goal is always to be seen in the light of our prime general goal, which is "to assist Christians to glorify and become more obedient to the Lord God in every aspect of life."

These goals so well articulated at the beginning of the five-year plan and so obviously permeating the whole of the plan, helped convince the trustees that the recovery of ICS from the financial and identity problems of only a few months ago is accompanied by a reaffirmation of our basic reformational faith commitment.

## New degrees

Perhaps the most important decision made by the board during the fall meetings had to do with the development of new programs. The board approved a proposal by the Senate to develop a one-year Master degree program in the area of Christian Studies. This program will be aimed at people who have Bachelor's degrees, and are not aspiring to become college professors, but want a Christian orientation in their profession or vocation.

The Christian Studies program will overlap with the current Master of Philosophical Foundation program in some areas, but will be distinct both in terms of whom it intends to serve and in time and level of academic depth required to complete it.

The board also approved a proposal by the Senate to develop a Master in education program, which is to be specifically geared to serve the academic and professional development of classroom teachers. This will be a program comparable to a "regular" M.Ed. obtainable at many universities, but it will be characterized by the Christian distinctiveness of ICS and will be aimed at serving Christian school teachers.

## Adjunct faculty

In addition to the programs mentioned, the board approved the establishment of positions of adjunct faculty and part-time instructors. The rationale behind these positions is that the new programs will require additional teaching expertise as well as teaching loads. This can be achieved by engaging, on a part-time basis, people who meet the same confessional criteria as our current faculty, who have an ability to integrate faith and learning, and who have the necessary professional qualifications to teach our students.

The board spent a good deal of time discussing issues related to finances and student recruitment. We were very grateful and thankful to the Lord to learn that while ICS is still struggling financially, we have made significant progress in the last four months. It seems like the tide has turned and we are on our way to fiscal stability.

## Zylstra visits

The members of the board were especially pleased that Dr. Bernard Zylstra was able to join them for a short visit on Monday afternoon. While weakened both by the cancer diagnosed in June, and by chemotherapy treatments he's endured since then, his presence was a testimony to the Lord's faithfulness in hearing the prayers of His people.

On another staff note, the board heard with regret that the director of development, Aileen Van Ginkel, would be leaving her position at ICS next summer. That regret was tempered, however, when we learned the reason for her leaving us. We were able to share the joy of Aileen and her husband as they anticipate together the arrival of another Kingdom-citizen in June.

There were many other items which occupied the attention of the board during the meeting, and all of them contributed to a sense that ICS is in the processing of overcoming those forces which have impaired its progress in recent times. We give thanks to God for upholding us and look to his people during the next five years for their support as we seek to gain the strength necessary to be the expression of Christ's body that ICS has been called to be: a light in the darkness of modern graduate education.

# Alberta and B.C. host ICS conferences

## Ecumenism tackled at Alberta Conference

by Paul DeGroot, Edmonton

It was a small Presbyterian church in a remote Mexican village, and *Banner* editor Rev. Andrew Kuyvenhoven figured he could speak loud enough without a public address system.

But the congregation wanted to use the P.A. despite the fact that a message from the Pentecostals, who wanted to start their own church in town, was already blaring across the village.

So Kuyvenhoven waited patiently for 45 minutes until the P.A. system was repaired and then began to preach, through an equally powerful sound system.

The net effect was an unintelligible din throughout the village which probably did the Protestant cause more harm than good, he recalled.

"I felt so rotten," Kuyvenhoven said. He remembers thinking, "What are we doing here? Let them stay Roman Catholic."

Kuyvenhoven made the comments at a conference on ecumenism sponsored by the Institute for Christian Studies and held near Red Deer, Alberta, from August 2 through 5.

Kuyvenhoven praised the conference's organizers for tackling the subject of ecumenism, but warned, "You cannot go back anymore."

"You are out of the cocoon" since the ecumenical perspective has a lasting impact on one's faith, Kuyvenhoven said.

### Sin of division

The sin of division of the church can "get into your system," he said, recalling a small Ontario congregation which faced the choice of continuing to exist, with denominational subsidies; or of disbanding, with its members joining other churches. While such a church might be important to early Dutch immigrants, its usefulness declined as they were integrated into Canadian society. In such circumstances, insisting on a church of one's own can become "ethnic idolatry," Kuyvenhoven stated.

"The Bible only knows the church of Jesus Christ," he said. That church consists of a "new people," one of whose marks is their unity.

Paul places great emphasis on church unity, at one point asking "is Christ divided?" Calvin insists that unity is essential to the Christian church and Luther, who sparked the Reformation, strongly opposed the creation of a non-Roman Catholic church, Kuyvenhoven noted.

Over the past centuries, however, churches have ignored the fact that "*what we have together far outweighs what we hold separately*," he stated.

Practical ecumenism is not without its problems, though, not the least of which is membership in various confessional bodies, Kuyvenhoven pointed out.

### A "catholic" church

But God clearly desires a "catholic" church which is not only worldwide, but which encompasses all the riches and fullness of faith, he said.

Other speakers at the conference included the president of a Lutheran college in Edmonton, Rev. Adrian Leske, and a Catholic priest and theologian, Rev. Martin Moser.

Leske said that "instead of the church, we should be talking about the kingdom of God."

"We have been caught up in stating what we believe instead of who we are, God's people responding to his call to reach out in love," he said.

In his sermon preached Sunday morning, Leske said the churches have found it easier to maintain their individual identities when they are isolated from each other.

But the practice of setting up different, separate denominations is "incomprehensible to the New Testament," Leske said.

### "By pure grace"

"The New Testament makes clear that we have become one family, not on the basis of our discipline or preaching, but because of God's grace to us. *It is by the pure grace of God that people become God's people*," Leske said. It is not possible for human beings to divide a family which God has called together, he added.

Moser emphasized the importance of local ecumenism, of churches getting to know other churches and other Christians in their own neighbourhoods.

Churches which concentrate on their differences can miss the much larger challenge of Christianity which all churches face, Moser said.

"*The real problem for most of us is practical atheism*, where the values of the secular world are much more important than the Gospel. This is the real challenge we are faced with," he concluded.



Singers at Bulkley Valley-Skeena weekend



# Three days of fellowship at Bulkley Valley-Skeena

by Hank Hoornenborg



*DeRooy speaks about spiritual gifts*

The Bulkley Valley-Skeena Family Conference 1985, sponsored by ICS, provided B.C. members with three wonderful days of fellowship, instruction, singing and sharing August 3, 4, and 5.

Keynote speaker, Rev. Henry DeRooy, who is currently serving as director of Home Missions of the Christian Reformed Church on the North American West Coast, presented three lectures on the theme "An Expo(sition) of Spiritual Gifts."

He urged the church to become more aware of the spiritual gifts within it. "We are an EXPO of the Holy Spirit," he said.

DeRooy's three lectures were entitled, "God displayed in His people," "Christians deployed in the world," and "Witness designed to win."

In an age where there is much confusion, even within the church, DeRooy urged those attending to display the gifts of instruction as illustrated in Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

On Sunday morning, former Smithers' pastor, Rev. Peter Vosteen, now of Boise, Idaho, arrived on the conference grounds, emerging from a motorcycle gang of six, to lead the worship service.

## Emphasizes gifts of God's people

Vosteen's sermon also emphasized the gifts which are to be evident amongst God's people.

After the service, Vosteen and the other cyclists left to continue their cross-continent tour to another preaching assignment 200 kilometers down the road on their way to the sea.

A large group of smaller children were kept busy throughout the weekend with special activities, games and shows designed for them.

ICS Western Representative Nick Loenen, along with his oldest daughter, were welcomed. Nick and his travelling bookstore also serves as our link with the larger North American ICS commitment. He brought word on the condition of Dr. Bernard Zylstra, who through his visits and writings has a very special place in the hearts and minds of many people here in B.C.'s Northwest.

The many gifts incorporated in the church were evident throughout the weekend, especially those of teaching, organizing, listening, and providing music and hospitality.

This year the conference took place on an old Indian ground on beautiful Tyhee Lake. The location was loaned to us by the Canadian Reformed Church Indian Mission of Smithers-Telkwa.

# Southern B.C. conference attracts 300 registrants

With 300 full-time and many part-time registrants, the Southern B.C. Conference held amidst the scenic coastal mountains was a joyful and stimulating experience.

Derk Pierik led the main sessions with a fine exposition and a challenging application of the Sermon on the Mount. The Conference theme, "SEASONING . . . in and out of season," was further highlighted by eight different workshops. Each workshop explored some aspect of letting our light shine in a broken world. This was graphically illustrated when some 150 candles, held mostly by children, lighted the darkened gym during the Sunday evening vesper service.

The weekend's theme was particularly strong in the excellent play by Kim Chi Ha, entitled, *The Gold Crowned Jesus*. Directed by Dennis de Groot, a local amateur acting group performed this challenging play flawlessly. By common consent this was one of the best conferences of recent years.



*Flap-jack cooks Jim Brinkman and Teresa Reitsma at conference*

# From pegmatites to political theory: Paul Marshall's journey to ICS

If it hadn't been for the Lord's calling him through a Billy Graham crusade when he was in Grade 12, the most significant event in Paul Marshall's life may have been that he made his debut on stage as a solo dancer at age five or that he was a contemporary of Beatles' George Harrison and Paul McCartney at the same Liverpool high school.

Now vice-president of the Institute for Christian Studies, Marshall's personal pilgrimage took him across the Atlantic from England to Canada, and eventually from pegmatites to political theory.

In a recent interview, Marshall said that although he was not raised in a Christian family, various members of his family have come to know Christ as a result of his conversion.

## Meets Pinnoch and Gasque

At the University of Manchester, Marshall joined the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship where Clark Pinnoch, now on the faculty of McMaster Divinity School, and Ward Gasque, now vice-president of Regent College, were part of the high-powered Christian organization.

As a new Christian, Marshall found himself reading Christian writings voraciously, but it wasn't until his second year at Manchester that he encountered the writings and the person of Francis Schaeffer, and his stress on the importance of the life of the mind for a Christian as well as a Christian's influence on culture.

After spending a month at Schaeffer's L'Abri Fellowship in Switzerland, Marshall began to ask more questions about the relation of Christianity to his studies in geology.

"At this point I found that a lot of Christian writings were not very deep – they seemed to skirt around some of the harder question," he said.

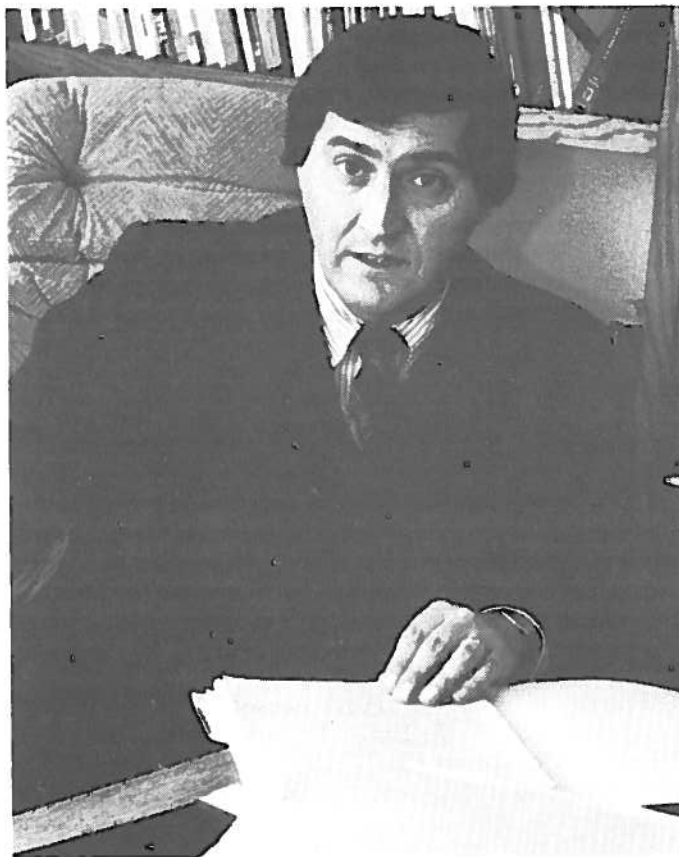
## Discovers ARSS

Then, that fall, Marshall discovered the writings of some people who belonged to the Association for Reformed Scientific Scholarship (ARSS), the predecessor of the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship (AACS) and ICS.

He read papers by Harry Antonides, Gerald Vande Zande, and Dr. H. Evan Runner. He even managed to plow through a copy of Herman Dooyeweerd's *A New Critique of Theoretical Thought*, and *The Coming Kingdom* by Herman Ridderbos.

The "systematic character" of these writings attracted Marshall, and the fact that they were rooted in a Reformed philosophy and theology made many things which had been a problem for him seem more simple. Suddenly he realized that *all of life belonged to Christ*.

In 1969, an opportunity to work on a research project in pegmatites in Eastern Manitoba mines through the University of Western Ontario brought Marshall to Canada. Soon afterwards, he decided to work towards a Master's degree in



*"Suddenly I realized all of life is Christ's!"*

geology at Western where he came into contact with both the local InterVarsity chapter and the Federation of Christian University Students (FOCUS), which consisted mainly of students from Dutch, Christian Reformed backgrounds.

## Meets Olthuis and Hart

It was a FOCUS conference which brought Marshall into direct contact with Jim and John Olthuis, and Hendrik Hart, all associated with ARSS.

During this time Marshall became convinced that although he'd done both undergraduate and graduate work in geology, this was not his "calling."

His adoption of Reformed thought opened up a whole new world of options to him, and even the range of things he photographed became wider and began to include people, he recalled.

In the fall of 1971, Marshall came to the Institute in an effort to clarify his thinking by concentrating on studying the philosophy of science. But on the first day of classes, a talk with senior member Bernard Zylstra helped him decide that his interest was in political history.

During the next two years he studied at ICS and worked as Zylstra's research assistant. But he still spent the summers working for mining companies in the Yukon and British Columbia.

Since the Institute was not yet able to grant degrees recognized by the government, Zylstra encouraged Marshall to continue his studies at a recognized university, and over the next six years he obtained both an M.A. and Ph.D. in political theory from York University in Toronto.

### Third M.A. Degree

By this time ICS was able to grant degrees, and Marshall wrote a paper entitled, "Quantifications in the Social Sciences" to receive this third M.A., this time from ICS.

By 1979, he was a full-time staff member with Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ), working as a researcher and writing briefs on topics ranging from poverty to native rights.

In 1982, Marshall joined the ICS faculty as a senior member in political theory, and in July of this year joined the staff full-time to take up his duties as vice-president in addition to his teaching load.

Marshall is an active member of Little Trinity Anglican Church, and is married to Diane who is a counselling psychologist at the Institute for Family Living. They have three teenage children.

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## Boards grant green light

Out of the recent Senate and Trustee meetings have come green lights for the development of two new programs to be offered by ICS beginning in 1986.

The addition of Harry Fernhout, sessional lecturer in education to the ICS faculty is the start of the development of a program leading to a possible Masters degree in education. This program is being designed to help Christian educators deal with issues in the areas of educational psychology, curriculum theory and practice, educational philosophy, and administration. Courses in biblical and philosophical foundations would be integral elements of the new program.

The other new program being developed by ICS would lead to a Masters degree in Christian Studies. This program is meant to appeal especially to persons who want a Christian orientation in a particular profession or vocation, such as medicine, law, business, farming, or counselling. As with the education program, courses would be offered in the evening and in summers to make part-time study more feasible. The program would consist of courses in biblical and philosophical foundations, as well as seminars in particular fields. In both programs, ICS hopes to make use of adjunct faculty in order to widen the scope of field seminars it can offer.

The addition of these Masters programs will round out the present curriculum, allowing ICS to serve a broader range of people than those presently served by the Master of Philosophical Foundations (M.Phil.F.) program. The M.Phil.F. will continue and through its emphasis on the inner reformation of academic work, will form the basis of other attempts to help people integrate their faith and learning.

Persons who wish to enquire about ICS programs for themselves or for others whom they think may be interested, should write to ICS Admissions, 229 College St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5T 1R4.

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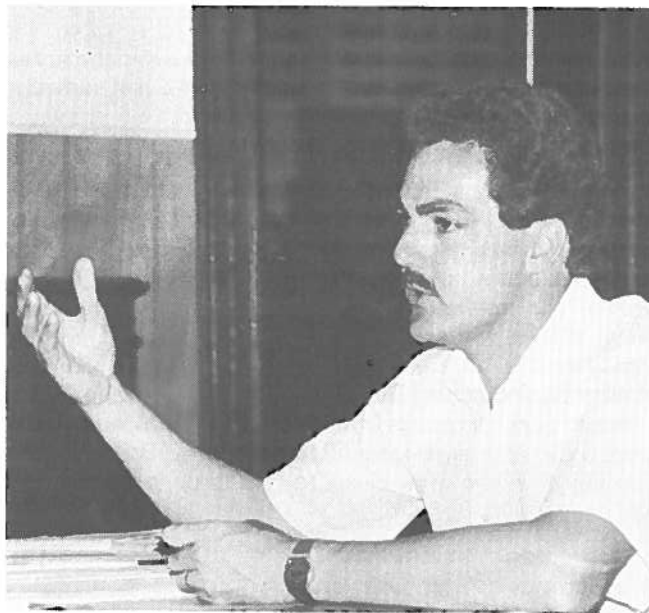
## Rowe accepts position

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Dr. William Rowe has accepted his appointment as a senior member at the Institute for Christian Studies and will take up his duties in time for the fall semester.

Rowe's appointment was a unanimous decision by the board of trustees and senate.

Since July of 1984, Rowe has been an assistant professor of philosophy at The King's College in Edmonton. He and his wife Amy have two children.



*Fernhout is sessional lecturer*

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## Winter education course to begin January 9

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ICS sessional lecturer Harry Fernhout will teach a course entitled, "Contemporary Christian Philosophy of Education" on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. starting January 9 and running through to April 17.

During the semester, recent contributions to the philosophy of education by thinkers representing a variety of Christian traditions will be critically analyzed. Works which address issues relevant to general schooling, church education or "religious education" will be considered. A framework for organizing and examining various philosophical models will be introduced and employed.

The course has a dual purpose: first, it is to help participants clarify and situate their own philosophy of education, in dialogue with contemporary Christian thinkers, and second, to identify and begin to deal with philosophical issues that have (or should have) a prominent place on the agenda of Christian philosophizing about education.

Course requirements will vary according to the participant's academic program. The prerequisite is a Bachelor of Arts degree. Applications for the course are now being received.



# Development Notes

by Aileen Van Ginkel

## 82% increase in first quarter

The first quarter of the ICS fiscal year rarely gives us cause for rejoicing. Our financial picture is often grim because donations income is usually at its lowest ebb in July, August and September. But this summer we had something to sing about: donations income in those three months was up by 82% over the same three months last year!

Pronouncing a cause for this increase is risky business, but there are at least three factors to which I could point to explain the increase. First, the appointment of Dr. Pitt as ICS president – his enthusiasm for the mission of ICS has been a “shot-in-the-arm” especially for those who heard him communicate his excitement first-hand. Second, the four family conferences held this summer in British Columbia (Lower Mainland and Bulkley Valley), Alberta and Ontario – we had glowing reports from all of them. Third, and perhaps most difficult to assess, the illness of Dr. Zylstra – it seems that many people drew closer to ICS through their concern and prayers for Bernard.

I wouldn't want this report on the summer's good financial news to be misleading, however. The increase in donations over past years was very encouraging, but was not enough to keep our financial books in black ink. We depend on our special fundraising drives to do the job; our 1985 year-end appeal is no exception.

We've introduced in *Perspective* for the first time an envelope for fundraising purposes. For those who have already received our recent appeal letter, this envelope may be a helpful reminder. For those who haven't seen the letter, the envelope provides an opportunity otherwise missed.

Remember, your financial support goes a long way to helping ICS widen the horizons of more Christian students, like Paul Marshall was, for many years to come!

**The Institute for Christian Studies  
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to begin May 15, 1986**

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Hart receives “bat” advice at fall retreat

## ICS at tripartite conferences

The Institute for Christian Studies co-sponsored two summer conferences with Calvin College and the Free University. The first, on “Worldview and Social Sciences,” was held at Calvin College, while the second, “Reformational Thought and Action in Society,” was hosted by the Free University. Both conferences were the fruits born of discussions held annually among the heads of the three institutions.

The purpose of the “Worldview and Social Sciences” conference was to clarify what a worldview is, what the components of a worldview are, and how a worldview shapes the social sciences. Senior Member Paul Marshall, who represented ICS on the organizing committee, reported that, “The discussions were critical, focussed and led to genuine dialogue and the ongoing development of positions. We felt a cohesion as a working group.”

The “Reformational Thought and Action in Society” conference was also greatly appreciated by the participants, according to Aileen Van Ginkel, the ICS representative on the conference committee. “Of special interest,” she said, “were the discussions about the different ways in which Reformed groups in Canada, the Netherlands and the United States have understood and expressed concretely the relationship between Christianity and culture in their varying situations. The historical-sociological approach adopted in most of the papers helped to sharpen those discussions.”

The three institutions are working on arrangements for publishing the conference papers. Plans are also being developed for future conferences with similar compositions so as to encourage further interreaction amongst reformational philosophers and social scientists.



# Evening courses boost enrolment

Two evening courses offered at ICS this year have significantly boosted enrolment figures to a total of 59, including 29 full-time and 30 part-time students.

The first semester of Biblical Foundations: The Old Testament, taught by senior member Calvin Seerveld, has attracted 22 students with four taking the course for credit while the remainder are auditing.

Four students are taking sessional lecturer Harry Fernhout's Philosophy of Education: "Moral/Values" education: a Christian critique, including one for credit.

New students this year include three who are enrolled in the Ph.D. program: Kanji Fuki of Japan, philosophical theology, Carroll Ann Goon from Utah, aesthetics, and Gary Shahinian from the USA, philosophical theology.

New students in the M.Phil.F. program are systematic philosophy students Nigel Douglas from England and Sung-Hagch Choe from Korea. Nova Scotian Thomas Corbett is studying systematic theology, and both Jeff Martin from Ontario and Priscilla Reimer from Manitoba are enrolled in the aesthetics program.

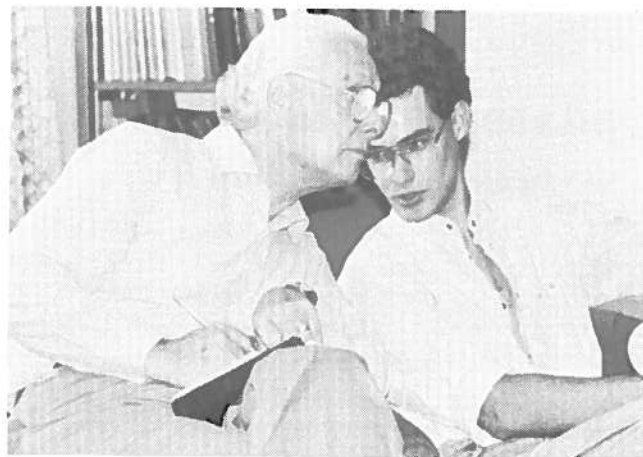
## In special studies

In special studies are John Chapko from Pennsylvania, philosophical theology, Hans Groen from the Netherlands, economics, and Kuk-Won Shin from Korea, philosophical theology.

Part-time students taking the Biblical Foundations course include David Clark, Wynne de Jong, Douglas Gander, Brian Johnson, Marianne Karsh, Suzanne Duiker Kroon, Pauline Lowry, Dianne Marshall, Bill McKellin, Karen McKellin, Christopher Newton, Richard Randall, Keith Regher, Betty Richards, Hilda Roukema, Pauline Schuringa, Henk Tiesma, Betty Top, Belinds Vaartjes, Rika Vanderlaan, Mark-Philip Venema, and Cynthia Verwoerd, all from Ontario.

Part-time education students are Gloria Delisi, Marabelle McTavish, Claire Tiesma, and Agnes Vandergang.

Other part-time students include Ven Evans in aesthetics/



*Part-time student Mark Venema talks to Dr. Pitt at retreat*



*Seerveld teaches Biblical Foundations Monday evenings*

philosophical foundations, and Michael Goheen, Gordon Pols, and Ross Rains, all in systematic theology.

## Returning Students

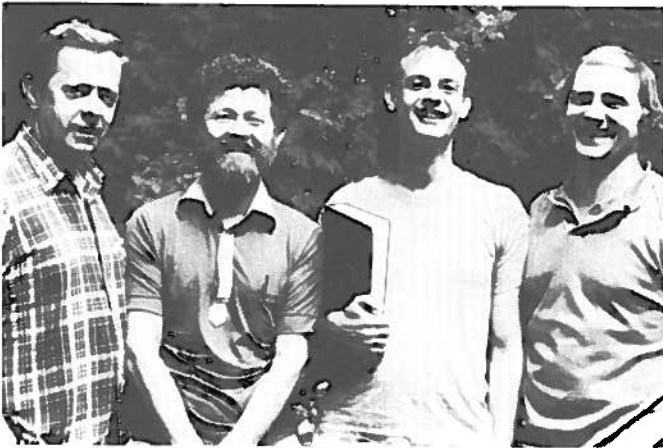
Returning students in the Ph.D. program include Vaden House, systematic philosophy, and Robert Rogers, history of philosophy. Both are from Ontario.

Students who are continuing their studies towards an M.Phil.F. include Lloyd Davies of North Carolina, and Donald Knudsen of Massachusetts, aesthetics, Cliff de Groot, of Alberta, Gary Duim of Washington, Harry Kits of Alberta, VeraLynne Pavlischek of Pennsylvania, and David Woods of England, all in political theory, Jeff Dudiak of Ontario, Glenda Hildebrand of Ontario, Phaeton Kaloterakis of Greece, David Pascuzzi of the USA, Rick Pearcey of Missouri, Henry Venema of Ontario, and Jeff Wells of Ontario, all in the philosophical theology program, Jeannette Z. Knudsen of Massachusetts in the history program, and Mark Roques of England in systematic philosophy.



*Attentive Discovery '85 audience*

## Four students receive Master of Philosophical Foundations degrees : Shaw, Wilson, Chapko, Prall



*Stephen Shaw received his M.Phil.F. in August. He was examined by Seerveld, Hart and Olthuis as well as outside examiner Colin Gunton (not pictured). Shaw has since returned to England.*



*Gordon Wilson received his M.Phil.F. this Fall. He was examined by Olthuis, Hart and outside examiner James Farris.*



*John Chapko received his M.Phil.F. in October after being examined by Hart, Olthuis and outside examiner Cyril Chiasson.*



*Jim Prall received his M.Phil.F. in October after being examined by Marshall, Hart and outside examiners Peter Turk and T. H. Leith.*

### Foursome bring M.Phil.F.s to 36

The conferment of the Master of Philosophical Foundations degrees upon Steven Shaw, Gordon Wilson, John Chapko, and Jim Praal on November 2 brought the number of M.Phil.F. degrees conferred by ICS in its 18-year history to 36.

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### Update on Zylstra's health

Since the time Dr. Bernard Zylstra was guest-of-honour at the dinner held for him and Josina on October 4, he has continued to stay at home, going to the hospital only for chemotherapy treatments every other week. Dr. Zylstra has just one more treatment before Christmas, which will be followed by extensive testing to determine the feasibility of major surgery to remove his abdominal tumour.

Although he tires quickly, Dr. Zylstra is able to work for a couple of hours almost every day, reading and writing and enjoying his sabbatical. His ongoing trust in the Lord is a continuous witness to us all.

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David Woods: "Nature" in Adam Smith's *WEALTH OF NATIONS* \$1.00  
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ICS staff and students gather for group photo at annual fall retreat.

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