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Thank you

to the thousands of people who helped make our 25th anniversary drive such a big reason for thanksgiving! Out of a desired goal of \$500,000 a tidy \$330,000 was brought in.



"Whew!" Staff member Rita Vander Veen relaxes after the last pieces of mail are sorted and ready to go.

The financial drive began during the celebrations of our 25th anniversary in November of last year and ended on July 15. Bernard Zylstra, who spearheaded most of the publicity and activity surrounding the financial campaign, is thrilled with the response. Despite the worst economic year in decades, people gave willingly and cheerfully.

A mailing to all members of the Christian Reformed Church in Canada and telephone campaigns across the country to prospective donors helped to add almost 700 first-time givers to our organization. We sincerely hope that they will continue to stick with us.

And those who were not able to give this year gave many warm words of encouragement and love. The hearts of all the staff at AACCS/ICS are full of joy for the wonderful way in which our supporters have blessed the organization.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, ...who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy." (Psalm 103)

Trustees discuss task and responsibility at June

meeting

by Harry Groenewold

The Board of Trustees met under the very able leadership of president Joosse to work its way through a varied and lengthy agenda. Some issues generated lively but relaxed discussions while others involved the routine approval of actions taken earlier by staff and Directors. This report will highlight some of the more important and interesting issues discussed as well as the continuing concerns facing the AACCS/ICS.

The President opened the meeting, welcoming the trustees and several staff members. Graham Morbey, newly elected trustee, and Nick Loenen, field representative from British Columbia, were specially welcomed as was Aileen Van Ginkel who will be the new Director of Development.

The Board was very pleased with the report on the academic activities of the Institute. Some of the noteworthy achievements and events were:

- Professor Calvin Seerveld received the James L. Clifford Prize from the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies for the best article published during the year by one of the Society's members.
- Professor C.T. McIntire received the first cross-appointment between the University of Toronto and the Institute.
- Three Institute students, Robert Rogers, Vaden House and Donald Knudsen, have been accepted into the ICS Ph.D. program with the Free University.
- The Institute inherited the splendid library of the late Professor M.C. Smit of the Free University.

A subject of continuing concern to the Board is the matter of the Institute charter. The Ontario ministry of education remains firmly opposed to the granting of degrees by the Institute. The Board decided to appoint a committee to develop appropriate strategies for community education and contact with politicians.



The Board meetings were concluded with the AACCS Annual General Membership meeting. AACCS Western Representative Nick Loenen (r) chats with Mr. A. den Broeder.

The agenda also provided trustees the opportunity to discuss and evaluate the role and task of the Board. Trustee John W. Van Dyk presented a paper outlining combined meetings of staff, students and governing boards to discuss goals and policies of the AACCS. Possible themes suggested for these meetings were: What is reformational unity? How does the AACCS relate to other Christian colleges? What is unique about the AACCS/ICS? The Board agreed to set aside a two-hour period at each meeting to discuss these and similar themes in an informal setting.

A second discussion paper, presented by trustee Harry Groenewold, also emphasized the task of trustees in setting goals and formulating policies. The Board supervises the staff to see that these goals and objectives are accomplished. As part of its task the Board must also concern

itself with the needs of the supporting community. It must develop structures which make effective communication possible and help to build the trust of the community. Materials should be presented in such a way that supporters can respond meaningfully and effectively.

This concern with responsibility and structure was most appropriate because the trustees were presented with a report recommending a new structure for the AACCS/ICS. After a lengthy discussion, the Board adopted the recommendation to establish a unitary structure effective January 1, 1983. The Board appointed Dr. Bernard Zylstra as President and Dr. Robert VanderVennen as Director of Educational Services. The Board fully expects that this unitary structure will clarify lines of communication and authority in the AACCS/ICS, help to create a cleaner picture of the organization to outsiders, and encourage coherent planning in the AACCS/ICS.

A final major item on the agenda was the budget for the year 1982-1983. A wide-ranging discussion took place on the role of the budget in an educational enterprise. Some serious questions were raised by trustees about the projected deficit. Board members recognized the urgent need to broaden the base of support and to encourage present members to give regularly. The budget was adopted for ratification at the annual membership meeting which followed the board meetings.

Before ending the meeting, the trustees agreed to continue the discussion on their task and the structure of the AACCS/ICS at the spring meeting of 1983. At that time the final structure report will be available, also giving trustees the opportunity to assess the theoretical and practical implications of the new structure.

Dr. Harry J. Groenewold is one of the two trustees for Region 2, which includes Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and northwestern Ontario. He is a professor of history at The King's College, Edmonton, Alberta.

ICS co-sponsors two major conferences in Toronto

A Christian approach to behavioral sciences

by Rosanne Lopers Sweetman

On June 3 and 4 a group of people gathered at the Institute for Christian Studies--many of them for the first time. This group was made up of psychologists, psychology and sociology professors, social and community workers, social science students and many other persons interested in human nature and a Christian perspective in human sciences.

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The occasion for this event was a conference between the members of the Calvin College Center for Christian Scholarship and respondents invited by the ICS. Major research papers condensing the work of the Calvin Center team over the past year were presented and discussed by the group. This is the second time that a Calvin Center team has taken its work to the Institute for formal response and mutual learning.

The conference began with papers by Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen and Clifton Orlebeke on "reflexivity," that is, that objects studied in the human sciences are not things but subjects in their own right. Diane Marshall, counselling psychologist for the Institute for Family Living in Toronto, responded to Van Leeuwen's paper from a practitioner's point of view, and husband Paul Marshall, professor at the ICS, prepared a response from an academic standpoint. A sterling response by Dr. Paul Thompson, professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto, followed Orlebeke's presentation.



*Mary Vander Goot,
coordinator of the
Calvin Center for
1981-1982.*

David Lyon, the third Center Fellow to present a paper, dealt with the contention that values permeate every level of social scientific practice and ICS professor James Olthuis closed off the first day's program with his remarks and reactions to Lyon's presentation.

That evening the conferees had time to interact on a more informal level at a reception held in their honour at the Institute. They were joined by members of the AACCS Board of Trustees, who were also meeting June 3 and 4.

Friday morning began with a major address from Mary Vander Goot, the Fellow designated as coordinator of the Calvin Center for the year, on the basic definitions and methods in the field of psychology. Because the conference group was made up of both practitioners and academics, discussion groups were formed so that questions relating to both aspects of the fields could be handled.

The main elements of sociology and an inquiry into the scientific and societal responsibility of the sociologist were outlined by Hendrik Woldring, a Center Fellow visiting from the Netherlands, in the afternoon session. Fortunately, an injury to his eye did not prevent him from attending the conference and presenting his paper. ICS professor Hendrik Hart closed the program with his remarks about Woldring's research and his response taken from the vantage point of his studies in the philosophy of science.

While such a conference gives the Calvin Center team opportunity for both formal and informal feedback on their work, it allows the ICS to sponsor events in fields not taught in the regular Institute curriculum. It also acts as a catalyst to get groups of people together to share foundational insights and research in various fields.

A problem at this conference was the split between academic issues and applied practical implications. Greater attempts will have to be made to integrate theoretical details, biblical-foundational insights, and applied concerns in the field at future events. All in all, it was a very worthwhile conference.

For those interested in listening to tapes of the sessions, please contact the AACCS.

Rosanne Lopers Sweetman is Educational Services Coordinator for the AACCS.

Conference on Liturgy and Music

by Aileen Van Ginkel

Over 100 people participated in the Conference on Liturgy and Music, held July 6-8 at Ontario Bible College in Toronto. The conference was co-sponsored by Calvin Theological Seminary, Redeemer College and the Institute for Christian Studies, and was coordinated by Rosanne Sweetman, who is Educational Services Coordinator for the AACS.

The program schedule began on a Tuesday evening with devotions led by Rev. Henry De Bolster, President of Redeemer College. Rev. Morris Greidanus, pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church of London, Ontario, presented the keynote address, titled "The Priority of Praise," and stressed the communal and participatory nature of liturgy.

Dr. Bert Polman, who chairs the Music Department at Ontario Bible College and who acted as the conference chairman, opened Wednesday's program with his address, "Seasonal Variants in Our Worship." His speech, outlining the adaptability of liturgy to the Church Year, was followed by a number of workshops focussing on various liturgical aspects. These were led by Dr. Harry Boonstra, chairman of the Liturgy Committee of the Christian Reformed Church, Dr. Emily Brink, who teaches music at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Henry Hageman, organist at the Grace Christian Reformed Church in Scarborough, Ontario, Morris Greidanus and Bert Polman.



Panel members (l-r) Morris Greidanus, Emily Brink and Harry Boonstra

On Wednesday evening Emily Brink and Bert Polman gave a progress report on the work of the Psalter Hymnal Revision Committee of the Christian Reformed Church, of which both are members. Harry Fernhout, a graduate student at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, ended the busy day's schedule with an address entitled "The Journey of Faith and Christian Worship."

A public hymn festival, held in the Grace Christian Reformed Church in Scarborough, was the final event of the conference. Conference leaders played a part in the evening's program, and were joined by Jan Overduin, a music professor at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario, as organist, Calvin Seerveld, Senior Member in Aesthetics at the ICS, who presented two brief meditations, and by Gioia Seerveld and James Gehrels, who choreographed and danced a liturgical dance as part of the program. The choir which also participated in the program was made up of conferees after only one and a half hours of practice.

The hymn festival was an appropriate way for the Conference on Liturgy and Music to end, bringing together as it did many of the things learned from the conference lectures and workshops. As it was, however, the two and a half busy days spent at Ontario Bible College were all too short from the viewpoint of many of the conferees.

Aileen Van Ginkel is Director of Development for the AACS.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S POINT OF VIEW

Assessing our campaign

by Bernard Zylstra

We aimed for \$500,000. We received \$330,000.

What does this mean?

It means that during the worst year of the economy in recent decades we managed to balance our budget of \$650,000. It means that the \$225,000 mortgage on our building will be reduced to \$175,000. And that's great!

We had hoped for more when the campaign was launched in November 1981. The real reason for the campaign was to put the AACS on a solid financial base. And we thought--rightly, I think--that the best way of doing that was by getting rid of as much as possible of our capital debt, especially our mortgage which was up for renewal on June 30, 1982. We knew then that the 9% interest we paid on that during the last ten years would likely double.

Our hope was not realized. Why not? Well, we made a few planning mistakes, but these had little to do with the final outcome. We faced major obstacles. We had no Development Director to take charge of the campaign. The needs of The King's College in Edmonton and of Redeemer College in Hamilton, as well as the income tax reassessment of Christian school supporters in Canada, placed unusual financial burdens on the Canadian segment of the AACS constituency. But even these obstacles were secondary factors.

The main problem we faced was the rapid deterioration of the economy. This meant that many of our major supporters in the manufacturing, construction, sales and farming sectors of the economy were not able to contribute to the campaign. Several who still managed to maintain their normal level of support in 1981 had to cut back by 50%, or 75%, and even by 100% in 1982. The economic recession cost the campaign between \$100,000 and \$150,000, in my estimation.

In view of this we are immensely thankful for the support we did receive. Not just financially. During the closing weeks of the campaign I contacted hundreds of our supporters--from coast to coast--by telephone. Many spoke openly with me about the economic pressures their families face this year. Several businessmen admitted fearfully that if this recession continues much longer they may not be in business a year from now. But, except for two or three persons, the enthusiasm and warmth for the work of the AACS and its Institute were simply overwhelming.

And there's more. The campaign effort brought in close to 700 new donors. We extend to them a special word of appreciation for their support of our mission in Christ's Kingdom.

What are we up to now? Shall we plan a new mortgage reduction drive in 1983? No! Our remaining mortgage was renewed at a "reasonable" 17% for a one-year term. We'll just have to live with that for the time being.

Our financial goals for the 1982-1983 fiscal year are crystal clear. At

the AACS annual meeting on June 5 our current budget was accepted. These are the projected figures:

Expenses	\$774,200
Income	695,500
Deficit	<u>78,700</u>

This is the first time in the history of the AACS that we have accepted a deficit budget. Why? Because the Board of Trustees, aware of economic realities, did not simply want to solve the problem by unrealistically adding the deficit amount to the donations we hope to receive.

What should our response to this deficit budget be? Let us all together stretch a bit and make sure that by December 31 of this year and June 30 of next year we're in the black.

Judging by the degree of commitment made plain during the campaign, we can do it. Not alone or on our own, but because

*God gives His people strength,
God gives His people faith,
God gives His people hope,
God gives His people love.*

Déjà vu: Bill 4 becomes Bill 137

by Kathy Vanderkloet

As if we didn't have enough problems with bills.

Just when the financial campaign was at its height, and visions of balanced budgets and no unpaid bills danced through our heads, we were hit with the biggest bill of them all by the biggest Bill of them all. Premier William (Bill) Davis' government introduced Bill 137, alias Bill 4, into the Ontario Legislature on June 4.



Principal Bernard
Zylstra: "We will
fight!"

It's an innocuous enough little bit of legislation with the admirable and stated intention of preventing the operation of "degree mills" in Ontario by making it illegal for any institution other than those chartered by the Government of Ontario to grant university degrees. Degree mills should not be allowed to exist; the presence of counterfeit articles of any sort makes the genuine articles suspect as well.

But since the Institute does not have a Charter from the Ontario government, passage of Bill 137 would automatically take away its right to grant degrees as well. And, although the Minister of Colleges and Universities likes to deny it, we do have that right. As things stand at the moment (and until Bill 137 is passed), a Charter from the Ontario government is not needed in order to legally grant degrees. The Institute has letters

patent from the federal government giving it this right. Bill 137 would take that legal right away.

All the signs tell us that Bill 137 will eventually be passed. Political pressure in the form of letters and phone calls from numerous members in Ontario, and from academic friends from around the world (including many from the University of Toronto, right next door), as well as urgent meetings between ICS delegations and members of government from all three parties was strong enough to prevent the government from forcing the Bill through before summer recess. But we know that both opposition parties support the Bill in principle, although both agree that the Institute deserves to be protected somehow. We have been able to convince them that the Bill should go to a government committee for public hearings before it is passed, so that we will have a chance to argue our case. If we make a strong enough case at these hearings, we may be able to get the bill amended in our favour, or get enough support for some special arrangement for the Institute.

Vacation schedules both in government circles and among our staff members mean that there's not too much activity at the moment. However, C.T. McIntire, Registrar of the Institute, prepared a lengthy memorandum which was sent to government members to prepare them for further meetings this fall. A summary of the memorandum was also prepared, which clearly and concisely points out our predicament as follows:

The Ministry of Colleges and Universities has stated that ICS may pursue three alternative courses to obtain degree-granting rights under the new legislation. All three turn out to be dead-ends for ICS.

- (a) *Charter for Theological Degrees*: ICS is not a theological college and is ineligible to have theological degrees accredited by the Association of Theological Schools because it is not a clergy training institution.
- (b) *Cooperate with the Free University of Amsterdam*: That university has no Master's degrees; we need a Canadian solution in any case.
- (c) *Affiliation with an Ontario University*: We earnestly desire affiliation, and diligently tried this route without success since 1974. Each university has its own particular reasons for not undertaking affiliation, even though our academic standing and reputation are beyond question. There is no mechanism which requires some university to arrange affiliation when academic criteria are met.

We follow that by suggesting that the practical way out of this dilemma is to give the Institute a charter "to grant Master's degrees appropriate to its character, purpose, and curriculum," namely, the M.A. and M.Phil. degrees. We also suggest an amendment to Bill 137 "which provides for independent institutions of higher education (such as ICS) ... to receive degree-granting charters on the basis of academic competence."

It seems like such a short time ago that we went through all this when Bill 4 was before the Legislature. At that time, the government was facing an election and was in a minority position in the Legislature. Those factors worked to our advantage in beating back Bill 4. We are not in the same position now: the Conservatives hold a solid majority and have at least two years before the next election. Nevertheless, we remain confident that no matter what happens, our Lord will remain faithful to us, and that all things will work out for our good.

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1981-82 AACCS/ICS Annual Report

July, 1982

by Robert VanderVennen,
Executive Director

Overview

The year 1981-82 has been very special for the AACCS and the Institute. For one thing, we have celebrated the 25th anniversary of the AACCS. How good it has been to recall the vision and sacrifice required of people to get this work started, and to keep it going in difficult times! With a sense of your own history will always come a sense of maturity and of stability. This sense of stability is especially important to us because the AACCS is quite fragile in many ways. We are financially dependent on good will from year to year, and at the present time the Ontario legislature is trying to enact legislation which threatens us a great deal. So it was good to see ourselves in the sweep of our 25-year history.

The year also was the occasion to look ahead with plans for the coming years. In early 1981 the Board of Trustees adopted a Master Plan as a guideline for the next five years. In 1982 they adopted a plan for structural reorganization and staff realignment which will provide better unity of organization and coherent planning. There have always been, or seem to be, two organizations, the AACCS and the Institute. Really they are like two sides of one coin. We are now at the point where we feel the need to act like the one organization we really are, rather than have one organization inside of a slightly larger organization. We feel the need to have one administrative head rather than two. Eventually we may even wish to have one name rather than two. But that is a question for the future.

When this new structural organization takes effect in January, 1983, Bernard Zylstra will become the first President of the AACCS/ICS. He will have the central executive responsibility for the entire organization, both academic and administrative. Robert VanderVennen, who has been Executive Director of the AACCS since 1974, will become Director of Educational Services, responsible for the educational work that reaches beyond the Institute proper, beyond the Institute classes and offices. At the same time we



Graham Birtwhistle

have filled the major staff position in Development with Aileen Van Ginkel, and have added Nick Terpstra as a part-time Ontario Representative.

A highlight of the past year, of course, has been the financial drive we launched as part of our anniversary activities. Our goal was ambitious—\$500,000—but we felt strongly enough about the possibility of reaching that goal to give it a good try. Under the capable and energetic leadership of Bernard Zylstra, \$330,000 was brought in. What cause for thankfulness and joy!

We will need to give special attention again this coming year to the urgent problem of finances. The combination of high inflation and depressed worldwide economy have brought the AACCS/ICS to a serious financial position. You will see that the 1982-83 budget projects a major deficit and a boost in the finances is sorely needed.

More precisely, what were the achievements and problems of the past year? Read on to see where we are and where we are headed.

Institute for Christian Studies

Students

The students are probably the most interesting and exciting part of the Institute. Last year we had a record enrollment with about 50 students, 40 of whom were regularly taking courses part-time or full-time at the Institute. Some are completing the final writing portion of their program elsewhere where they have positions in teaching, in further graduate study, or in other occupations. The students have a very wide variety of backgrounds in almost every respect. What they have in common is at least one degree in hand from a college or university, together with a strong desire to have a Christian foundation for their thinking and a Christian philosophical base from which to work. About half of the students come from the United States, and they come from all parts of that large country.

Canadian students come from the West, from Ontario, and also from such places as Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland. They have a wide variety of church backgrounds and affiliations and an equally wide variety of academic backgrounds. From that diversity they come to share in the search for biblical, Christian direction and structure to their thinking and their lives. There's much excitement as they pursue that quest together and in interaction with the Institute faculty. They are mature, academically keen, and highly motivated. It is a great blessing to be able to work with these students and to prepare them for positions of leadership both in North America and abroad. Our students from abroad—currently from England, Holland, Jamaica, and Indonesia—will soon join a significant number of other former Institute students placed in centers of Christian renewal in countries throughout the world.

Three students have newly entered the Ph.D. program the Institute offers in cooperation with the Free University of

Amsterdam. They are Robert Rogers in the field of history of philosophy, Vaden House in philosophical theology, and Donald Knudsen in philosophical aesthetics. They are following the path of Lambert Zuidervaat who received his Ph.D. in this program in 1981. (Lambert is now on the faculty of The King's College in Edmonton, Alberta.) We expect to see an increasing number of students plan to work for their Ph.D. degree in this way.

The most recent person to complete the degree of Master of Philosophy is David Koyzis, who worked in the area of political theory with Bernard Zylstra as his mentor. Koyzis is now studying in a doctoral program at Notre Dame University in Indiana, where his Master's degree from the Institute was accepted without difficulty. It is generally our experience that the Catholic universities in the United States are most open to accepting the work of students from the Institute. The practice at secular universities varies, on the other hand. It is often difficult for an Institute student to have his or her degree accepted for significant credit because other universities do not usually have instructional programs which deal with the kind of academic issues we offer at the Institute. However, Brian Walsh has been accepted for the coming year at McGill University in Montreal, and has received a substantial scholarship as well as good credit acceptance.

Degree Charter and Bill 137

The legality of the Institute's authority to grant degrees is hanging in the balance at the moment. By tradition in Ontario the right to grant degrees must be given by the government, usually through a special act of the legislature. However, since the '60s the government of Ontario has had a policy not to grant that authority to anyone outside the fifteen provincial universities already in existence. The result has been that since then several schools, like the Institute, began granting university-level degrees without government authority to do so. Now the Ontario government wants to stop that by introducing Bill 137, an Act to Regulate the Granting of Degrees. The adoption of this bill would mean that no higher education would be permitted in Ontario except for Bible colleges and seminaries—which can get charters from the government to grant degrees with religious titles—and the fifteen existing universities. (In 1980 the Ontario government introduced Bill 4, identical to Bill 137, but after a great deal of political pressure, was forced to retire it.)

The Institute has wanted to have its own charter for many years, and has been trying hard to obtain one. With the pressure of this new bill, not yet enacted into law, it looks like we will either a) get a charter of some kind, b) come under the supervision of a university, or c) be in an illegal position subject to fine and im-

prisonment. This act of the government places us in jeopardy and we feel threatened by it. We are asking people near and far to join us in our prayers and efforts to turn this adversity into a long-term gain for the Institute.

Teaching and Research

The heart of the work of the Institute goes on day after day in the classroom, in the library, in coffee room discussions and in academic consultations. This is not very dramatic work nor is it newsworthy. For these reasons this report does not give the prominence to that kind of work that it deserves. Yet it underlies and provides the spirit for everything else that can be said about the Institute.

One of the courses of the past year that can be highlighted is the Interdisciplinary Seminar on Anthropology. Most of the faculty members and all of the second year students participate and make contributions from their own fields. This seminar has been dealing with fundamental questions about the nature of the human person and the ways in which we understand human nature, trying to come to a more soundly biblical understanding. The subject is vitally important because it underlies so much academic work, especially that which deals in one way or another with people. The way we understand the human personality is a key to what we will do in studies of education, psychology, sociology, political science and a great many other subject areas. It is surprising how little systematic work has been done in this area from a scholarly and biblical point of view. The Institute is trying to make a major contribution to Christian thinking through this seminar, and we look forward to the publications which are to result from this communal study.

Dr. Paul Marshall has been appointed to the area of political theory at the Institute and will teach on a full-time basis starting in the school year 1982-83, although he is employed for only eighty percent of his time. Paul holds three Master's degrees—one of them from the Institute—and the Ph.D. from York

University in Toronto. His appointment recognizes the fact that Bernard Zylstra continues to move from academic work at the Institute to administrative leadership.

We are sorry to note that the Institute has no one working at the present time in the fields of economics or psychology which formerly were staffed with a full-time person in each field. We have not been able to identify prospective staff members who might be available, but we are also concerned that we may not have the financial strength to support such appointments.

One of the ways in which the day-to-day work of the Institute became news this year is through an award that Calvin Seerveld received, the James L. Clifford Prize, awarded to the best article published during the year by a member of the Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. Seerveld's article was in the area of art history and was published in a leading scholarly journal.

Sabbatical leaves of absence are given by the Institute so that a professor can work for a year with special concentration on his writings and research. During 1981 C.T. McIntire returned from a sabbatical which he spent in India and England gathering material and writing a book on alternative views of history. During 1981-82 Al Wolters was on sabbatical leave doing research and writing on the historical development of Christian philosophy in the Netherlands, particularly on D.Th. Vollenhoven. Bernard Zylstra has a six-month sabbatical leave during 1982 to work on a book about the decline of liberalism and the renewal of Christianity in Western culture. Hendrik Hart has been granted a sabbatical leave from January to December, 1983, to work on his second volume of systematic philosophy.

During the first half of 1982 George Vandervelde was granted a leave of absence to teach in the theology department of the Free University of Amsterdam, taking the place of Professor Jan Veenhof, under whom he received his doctoral degree. This was a distinct honor for George and we are happy that he was able to make a contribution to





Junior member Steve Prediger

the work of their theology department. During Vandervelde's absence his basic course in theology was taught by Terry Donaldson, a doctoral student at the University of Toronto who worked under the supervision of one of our curators, Dr. Richard Longenecker. Donaldson's teaching was very well received by the students and it gave the Institute the experience of working with a person on a short-time and part-time basis. Because this was a healthy development for the Institute, it is probable that other short-term arrangements for teaching may be made in the future.

During January Calvin Seerveld organized a three-week course with Graham Birtwhistle, English art historian who teaches at the Free University of Amsterdam. It was an excellent opportunity for an aesthetician and an art historian to interact with each other and their students and come to a clearer Christian understanding of paintings and of the history of art.

Publications

A number of book publications are actively on stream. C.T. McIntire's book on the interaction between England and the Papal States in mid-nineteenth century Italy will be released this winter by Cambridge University Press. McIntire has also compiled a collection of papers by Christian historians on their views of history which is being considered for publication by Oxford University Press. Hendrik Hart's first major book on systematic philosophy is being considered for publication and Al Wolters' book on Christian worldview is in the final stages of editing. Former Institute students Brian Walsh and Richard Middleton are nearly finished writing a book on a Christian perspective for university students which arises out of their campus teaching experience. Also being considered by a publisher are the conference papers from our 1981 international conference on Rationality in the Calvinian Tradition.

Library Donations

Two beautiful donations to the Institute Library in 1982 are legacies of the work of deceased Dutch professors whose Christian scholarship has been an inspiration and source of strength in the life of the Institute. The collected works of Dr. Hans Rookmaaker, professor of art history at the Free University of Amsterdam, have been compiled and donated to the Institute by Wendy Morrison Sereda and Marleen Rookmaaker. The collection includes published books, articles and tapes of lectures. This is a splendid resource for all students interested in Christian perspective in the arts.

The other library donation is the personal library of the late Dr. M.C. Smit, professor of history at the Free University. His library is very large and contains many items of special value to the Institute, particularly in medieval history, philosophy of history and reformational philosophy. We are deeply thankful to the heirs of Prof. Smit for the donation of this outstanding resource. This collection will double the holdings in the Institute library and be of invaluable assistance to our faculty and students in years to come.

Conferences

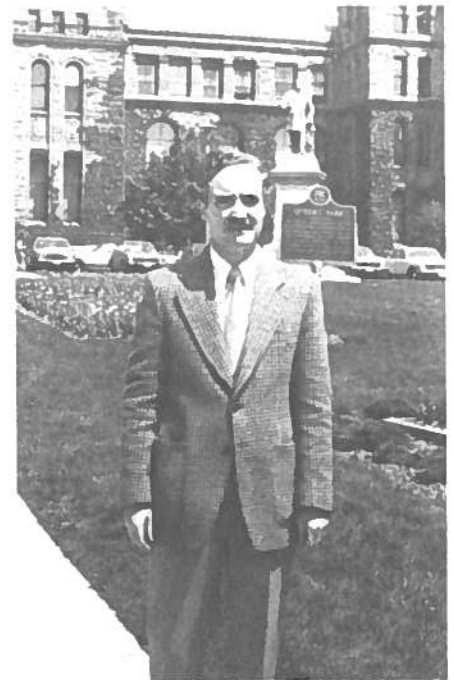
The Christianity and Learning Lectures Series brings academic excitement to the Institute each spring. We have instituted this lecture series to bring noted Christian scholars from traditions outside our own. In 1981 the philosopher of science Dr. Stanley Jaki gave three lectures on the nature of science and the nature of the human person which are now being published in book form by Regnery Press. In 1982 Dr. Langdon Gilkey of the University of Chicago lectured on "Christianity and the Meaning of History." Both lecture series generated considerable interest at the ICS and on nearby university campuses, and brought university professors and students to the Institute to share Christian scholarship in this way.

For each of the past two years Calvin College has shared with us the research of its team members at the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. The format has been a two-day conference in which the people who have worked on a special research project present the results of their work, and the Institute arranges for qualified people to give a response to each presentation. In 1981 the topic was on a Christian perspective in the area of economics, and in 1982 the presentations were on a Christian approach to the behavioral sciences. We have found these very stimulating and attractive to a range of people outside of the Institute staff. They have also been appreciated by Institute students as a means of enriching their studies through resources not directly available at the Institute.

Relations with Colleges and Universities

A splendid breakthrough achieved this year is the cross-appointment of C.T. McIntire to Trinity College of the University of Toronto. This means that during the coming year McIntire will be teaching one of his courses at Trinity College in the program of the university's Toronto School of Theology. This course will be offered both for university students and for Institute students. It is a good form of recognition of the Institute's work by a unit of the university and it opens up our services to the university community.

After many years of being the only Reformational college or university in Canada, we now find ourselves in the company of two sister undergraduate colleges, The King's College in Edmonton, Alberta, and Redeemer College in Hamilton, Ontario. We are delighted with the arrival of these two colleges and are working constructively with them to make the most of the academic support that each of us can give to the others and receive from the others. We find administrative and academic officials at both in-



Dr. Robert VanderVennen before Queen's Park

stitutions very open and cordial in relation with us. In the coming months we will be working in direct ways to cooperate academically.

The Institute is an active supporting member of an international organization of Reformed Christian scholars called the International Council for the Promotion of Christian Higher Education. A major international conference was held in August, 1981, at Dordt College at which members of the Institute participated. It is important that we participate in this kind of worldwide cooperation among Chris-

tian scholars, partly because the connections and support of the Institute have a wide international scope.

The Institute has a long-term program of reviews and examinations of its work by scholars from other universities. In 1981 Professor Oliver O'Donovan reviewed the theology program and prepared a written report. Reviews of other academic departments are scheduled for the coming year. These follow overall reviews of the Institute's academic program by Professors Abraham Rotstein, Nicholas Wolterstorff and J. William Kamphuis which took place in 1980.

Because it is not a strictly academic matter, the contributions of our staff members to church work are not widely known nor appreciated as they should be. The majority of our staff members are members of Christian Reformed Churches and are active in that denominational setting. Hart, Seerveld, Vandervelde and Wolters preach regularly at Sunday worship services. Hart, Vandervelde, VanderVennen, Zylstra and Wolters are or have recently served as elder in their congregations. Vandervelde was delegated to the Christian Reformed Synod in 1981, and Wolters has twice previously been a delegate. Several staff members serve on denominational committees or boards: Hart, Seerveld, Vandervelde, VanderVennen, Van Ginkel, and Wolters. Staff members at all levels are active in the life of their local congregation, including Marshall and McIntire who are members of the Anglican Church and Olthuis who is a member of the United Church of Canada.

The research and teaching at the Institute are the heart of AACs/ICS service. All our work draws from the people and ideas that interact day by day. Books, speeches and articles must continually draw from a spring of fresh water or they will fail to give life. The reformation of scholarship is vital to Christian life and witness because secular scholarship affects all of us in ways we scarcely feel. The struggle of life is the struggle of Christ's spirit against the spirit which denies him, and that alien spirit in our times is called secularism. The aim of the Institute is to combat academic secularism with the reforming and transforming power of the Gospel, so that schools can contribute to bringing the blessed gift of peace in the land.

Educational Services

We tend to think of the Institute as a place where teachers and students think and talk and write together. A school is always more than this. The whole purpose of our work is that ideas will radiate out from that academic core to other academic and professional people and to the public. The means by which this radiation takes place we call "Educational Services."



Long-time members E. Kok, C. Vanderiet

The chief vehicles of our Educational Service Program are conferences, publications, lectures outside the Institute, short courses, and campus outreach. The following is a summary of these activities for the past year.

Academic and Popular Conferences

Academic conferences are a growing edge of our work at AACs/ICS. In the summer of 1981 we organized and hosted two major international conferences, one in theology and one in philosophy, co-sponsored with major educational institutions. These were exciting conferences which were widely publicized and discussed, from which publications are in process. Two conferences at the Institute with Calvin College speakers were discussed in the previous section. In July, 1982, we co-sponsored a Conference on Liturgy and Music with Redeemer College and Calvin Seminary. We are trying increasingly to use academic conferences, whether small or large, to bring Christian scholars together for the advancement of the reformation of scholarship. Rosanne Sweetman does excellent work in organizing all our conferences and special lectures.

Summer week-end conferences for the entire family continue to be a special and unusual service of the AACs. Each year three conferences of this sort are held in Western Canada and one very large conference is held in Ontario. In these conferences we attempt to bring recent Christian thinking to bear on issues that people deal with in their lives on a regular basis. Recent conference themes include the arts, media, community, and the family.



Anniversary banquet in Toronto

Each fall AACS members in Vancouver sponsor a lecture series for the general public. In Toronto we try to have a six week course offered one evening a week in the winter. This year Donald Sinnema gave a course arising from his research on the Synod of Dort. Next year we are looking forward to a series of lectures by Nicholas Wolterstorff to be co-sponsored with Redeemer College.

The AACS is very active in helping to arrange the publication of many books and papers, especially those generated by members of our staff or presented in conferences or outside lectures at the Institute. As it is increasingly difficult to get academic books published on the commercial market, we are hopeful that we will be able to make an arrangement with University Press of America to help us with book publication.

Recruitment and Campus Outreach

Our student recruitment work depends very largely on our providing resources and services to students who might wish

to come to study at the Institute. Malcolm MacRury, a recent student at the Institute, is currently engaged in that work for us. He also makes visits to various college and university campuses, places advertisements in college and church papers, and carries out extensive correspondence with inquiring students.

The work of Campus Outreach has become a major program in recent years. Brian Walsh has built this up in a significant way to the point where we are now offering courses on Christian perspective at six colleges and universities in the Toronto area: University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Erindale College, McMaster University and University of Guelph. We offer these courses through student ministries which already exist on these campuses, chiefly Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. We have also been working in close cooperation with the campus ministries of the Christian Reformed Church, and recently have made some good contact with Campus Crusade.

We do not attempt to have an in-

dependent presence on any campus but work through these existing organizations, offering academic services which support and supplement the evangelistic and pastoral work of these other groups. We receive very beautiful responses from the students who take these courses indicating that their lives have been deeply touched by the power of the Gospel as it comes through in academic terms. We find that many students are looking for help as they sense intuitively that their Christianity must have much to do with their academic pursuits. Susan Bower has taken over supervision of this program from Brian Walsh.

The people engaged in this campus ministry are current or former students of the Institute. Because of the nature of this work, they are forced to develop communication skills both in speaking and writing. We are finding that these skills are extremely useful in a variety of settings that reach beyond the particular courses that these students teach. We are making increasing use of these campus workers as speakers at various other occasions. They are developing programs that are available for conferences and week-end retreats, both for students and for local churches. Currently, Brian Walsh and Richard Middleton are writing a book on Christian worldview which uses material they have developed in their teaching. We are now preparing a special brochure to promote the availability of these new services.

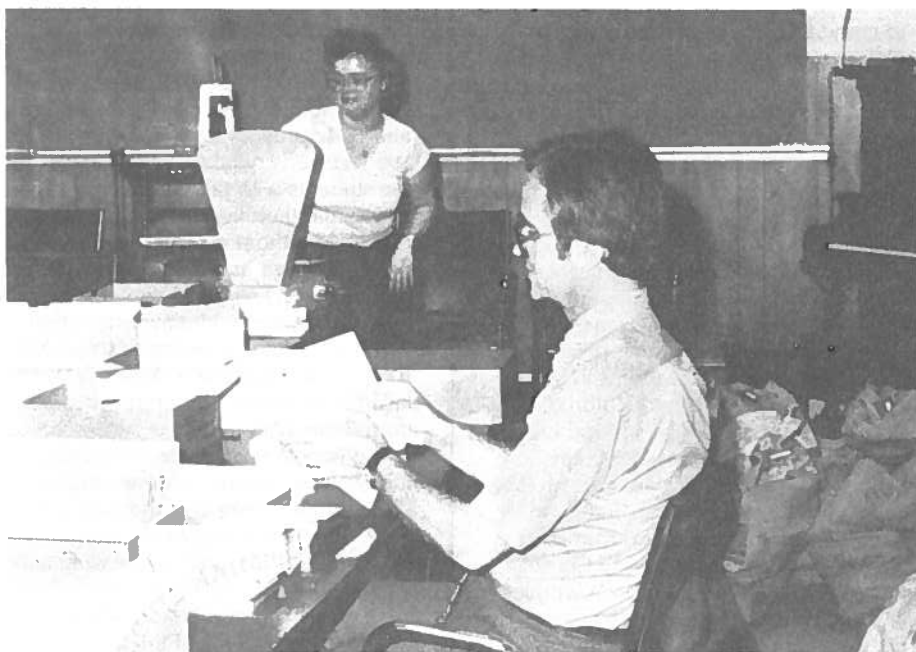
We try to serve both students and those who work with students, such as professors and campus workers, with resources which include essays showing Christian perspective. We generate these essays as separate papers at the rate of ten or twelve a year, sometimes reprinted from academic journals and sometimes formerly unpublished work which arises from the Institute. We regularly mail these to a number of Christian professors who are supportive of the Institute and help us with student recruitment, and also to campus pastors and other student workers. These papers are offered both on an individual basis and as a subscription series to anyone interested.

International Connections

Members and friends may not be aware of the wide range of international contacts we have through our educational services and other forms of communication. We are regularly in contact with people in a total of 44 countries worldwide. This is reflected in the fact that in our student body in any given year we will have students from at least six to eight different countries. In addition to extensive contacts in Europe and Asia, we have very active relations with people in such places as Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Recently our contacts with people in England have become



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Rita Vander Veen, Bernard Zylstra sending appeal

more extensive. It is beautiful to experience mutual support and encouragement from people throughout the world who are also working toward the reformation of scholarship.

Development Program

Development work refers to all the means of two-way communication between the AACS and its supporters. It includes informing people about our work, listening to advice and comments from outside our staff, and asking people to respond with their support.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The year 1981-82 was one of the biggest years in Development in the history of the AACS. We worked hard to project the visibility of the AACS/ICS at a very high level throughout the year. This began by calling attention to the 25th anniversary year of the AACS celebrated in a number of ways. In Toronto we had a worship service, an afternoon for historical reflections, and a celebrative banquet.

Typical of the history of outreach of AACS, we invited our members and friends throughout North America to organize local suppers at which one or another member of our faculty would speak and at which there would be a recognition of the Anniversary. Twenty-five such suppers were held throughout Canada and the U.S. We prepared a special anniversary issue of *Perspective* newsletter, which displayed the history and identified the current activities of AACS/ICS. Extra copies of this issue were printed and free copies are still available upon request.

Financial Drive

The Anniversary celebration also called for a financial response whose intention was to cover operating expenses but also to attempt to pay off the mortgage on our building, purchased ten years ago. The drive began in November and continued through July 15, 1982. At the time of this writing the drive has just concluded and we do not have a complete assessment of the results. It appears that the drive generated \$330,000 in gifts and pledges. This will evidently cover our operating expenses and will enable us to pay off part of our mortgage, though less than we had hoped.

A major problem during our financial drive was that the international economy was at its lowest point in the past fifty years. Nevertheless, a great many people came through with truly beautiful donations showing their love and commitment for this part of the Lord's work. One very happy result of the drive is that about 700 persons and families contributed to our work for the first time. This was a good step toward one of the goals of our drive, namely, to enlarge our support base. We give warm thanks to a great many volunteers who helped in this financial drive.

For the second phase of the financial drive, from January into July, Bernard Zylstra set aside most of his academic work in the Institute to serve as the campaign director. The focus of that phase of the drive was on advertising, mailing and on personal contact largely by telephone. His energetic and innovative work contributed very substantially to the achievements of the drive.

Director of Development

All of this Development work took place in spite of the fact that we did not have a

full-time Director of Development. Marcia Hollingsworth had left in June, 1981, in order to return to university for advanced study in the area of adult education. We are happy that she continued to work with us on a part-time basis throughout the year, giving us the advantage of her knowledge gained during ten years of work with AACS. Marcia's work has been deeply appreciated by all members of the staff and by all of the members and friends of the AACS. She has a special gift for relating with people in ways that affirm and build.

Rita Vanderveen helped to cover the vacancy in Development during the past year from her position as Development Assistant. The entire AACS staff and Kathy Vanderkloet in particular worked diligently and for long hours on the many projects this past year brought our way, especially with regard to the anniversary celebrations and the financial campaign.

After a difficult year without a Director of Development, we are very happy indeed to report that Aileen Van Ginkel has accepted our appointment and is now serving in this position. She is a young woman who is a graduate of Calvin College and is completing a Master's Degree in Canadian history from the University of Toronto. She acquired Development work experience while a student recruiter and later a Dean's research assistant at Calvin College. We have found that she has very considerable abilities and natural gifts in areas which are essential to work in Development. She is quick in learning our procedures and the standard practices in the field, and has the advantage of a wide knowledge of the people who comprise our supporting constituency.

Regional Representatives

Nick Loenen continues to serve effectively as AACS Western representative, based in Vancouver, B.C. With gentleness and persistence he has been building support for the AACS, especially in British Columbia but also in Alberta and Washington. He did especially effective work in the last months of 1981, organizing an extensive canvass for the AACS Anniversary drive. In the spring we did a very thorough analysis of Nick's work and its effects, which included a questionnaire to a number of our supporters and community leaders in British Columbia. This resulted in a reappointment to him with strong reaffirmation of the value of his work.

After several years of fruitless searching for an Ontario Representative for AACS, we are very happy that Nicholas Terpstra has accepted our appointment to serve on a two-thirds basis. Nick is receiving a Master's Degree from McMaster University, and while a student there, was very active in development work for AACS on the university campus. He is living currently in Lindsay, Ontario. His special

assignment is to work among evangelical Christians as well as Christian Reformed church members in the area east of Toronto.

Administration

Unitary Structure

A major administrative change will be the shift to a unitary structure and a change in staffing. At the start of 1983 Bernard Zylstra will become President of the AACS/ICS. He will have the overall administrative responsibility for the entire organization, the AACS administration as well as the work of the Institute. Working with him will be two full-time administrative assistants, Kathy Vanderkloet in administration area and Dorothe Rogers in academic matters. There are four areas of service or departments which will be under the office of the President. One of them is the Institute, of which Zylstra will continue to serve as head. Another is the area of Development of which Aileen Van Ginkel is Director. A third is Education Services, of which Robert Vander-Vennen will become Director. The fourth area is business and financial management which has one full-time staff member, Belinda Vaartjes, who has the title Business Administrator.

There exists the possibility that AACS and the Institute will take on a single name, which would be that of the Institute for Christian Studies. This single name will be required if the Institute receives a charter of some sort from the Ontario Government. The Government sees us as a single entity, essentially as a school which has a number of functions and educational services in addition to the study and research program which take place within the walls at 229 College Street. This potential change of name had been agreed upon by the Board and the AACS membership when it approved the draft charter for the Institute which was discussed and accepted in June, 1981. The change of name would not bring about any change in the services or functions which are being carried by the AACS and the Institute.

Financial Concerns

In the coming year the staff and boards will need to take a very serious and hard look at the financial circumstances of the AACS. A budget has been adopted for the year which shows a deficit of more than \$75,000. It remains to be seen whether the support base and the amount of income can be substantially increased during the coming year and whether a substantially higher level of income can honestly be projected beyond 1983. One of the factors at issue is the capability of people to support us in poor economic times, together with the question of how long we expect to have a

tight international economy. The 1982-83 budget shows program and support significantly out of balance. The issue is whether that balance can reasonably be restored. If it cannot, some major rethinking and change may need to take place.

Before the results of the financial drive were complete, we needed to make a commitment on the renewal of our \$200,000 mortgage with the organization from which we purchased the building in 1972. We have done this at the relatively favorable interest rate of 17%. However, the arrangement includes the provision that we pay off the rest of the mortgage to the mortgage holder not later than June 30, 1983.

The major tenant of our building, Cosmopolitan College, has told us that they plan to move to new facilities in 1983 or 1984. They rent three stories of our five and a half storey building, so this would represent a major vacancy. However, the office rental situation in downtown Toronto is much more favorable to owners than it was a few years ago when the Toronto Public Library moved out of our building, and we expect that we would be able to re-rent this space without major difficulty. We note also that office rental rates in Toronto are increasing at a fairly rapid rate.

Trustees-At-Large

Two years ago our operating structure was changed, and one of the new provisions is that up to one-third of the Board of Trustees can be elected by the AACS membership at large rather than only from regional districts. The purpose of

this change was to strengthen the Board of Trustees in ways which are not always possible through the limitations of regional election. This year the Board decided to open two new positions which would be for people who would serve on its Executive Committee, the Board of Directors. This will increase the membership of the Board of Trustees to fourteen and the Executive Committee to eight. The names of the current Board members are given over the page. It is important to have Boards of the highest capability, since it is difficult for an organization to rise above the quality of its Board. The Board of Trustees meets for a two day period twice a year, and the Executive Committee meets approximately ten times a year.

Conclusion

There are three issues which stand out as tangibly important ones in the coming year: the possibility of a charter for the Institute, the change to a new structural organization, and the issue of financial viability. These are the visible issues, though it would not be appropriate to say that they are more important than the work of teaching and research and publication and educational service.

These are times of important and rapid change in our society, and it should not surprise us that our institutions, too, must be flexible enough to make important changes while effective work on their mandates continues. We ask for the open-hearted support of all our members and of all who share our goals so that the Lord may use us, too, as a leaven in this world.

AACS/ICS Comparative Budgets

Income	Budget 1982/83	Budget 1981/82	Budget 1980	Actual 1980
General Donations	\$288,000	\$338,790	\$322,300	\$226,738
Church Contributions	40,000	30,000	22,000	39,649
Membership dues	75,000	50,000	45,000	46,883
ICS Tuition	40,000	40,000	27,000	22,584
Educational Services Fees	45,000	34,000	32,000	44,110
Rental Income	195,500	147,000	130,000	132,951
Other Income	12,000	8,000	6,000	12,293
Total Income	\$695,500	\$647,790	\$584,300	\$525,208
Expenditures				
Institute for Christian Studies	\$266,900	\$210,920	\$201,100	\$193,222
Educational Services	108,800	89,980	72,900	78,782
Student Financial Aid	35,000	30,000	20,000	18,164
Curriculum Development Centre	2,000	7,000	14,500	14,500
Administration and Development	209,300	187,790	169,900	133,023
Building	154,200	122,100	105,900	107,871
Total Operating Expenditures	\$774,200	\$647,790	\$584,300	\$545,562
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$78,700)	0	0	(\$20,354)

Note: In 1981 the AACS changed the fiscal year from January-December to July-June. The figures for the 6-month period January 1981 - June 1981 are not shown here.

Minutes of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Christian Scholarship held June 5, 1982, on the premises of the Association at 229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario.

1. The meeting is convened at 1:30 PM by Rev. James Joosse, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Approximately 80 members are in attendance.
2. The members sing two songs of praise, accompanied at the piano by ICS alumnus Rick Kleer.
3. Rev. Joosse reads from Scripture and leads in prayer.
4. Dr. Bernard Zylstra is given the floor to report on the activities of the Institute for the past year. He notes that three new students are being admitted to the Ph.D. program and that faculty and students worked together in an especially effective way in the past year. He calls attention to the significant number of conferences which the Institute has co-sponsored with other educational institutions, and in which members of our faculty have participated. He concludes by calling attention to the fact that just the day before this meeting the Ontario Minister of Colleges and Universities has re-introduced to the Legislature a bill to restrict the granting of degrees in the province, which will again require that we press vigorous action to safeguard our right to grant university degrees.
5. Dr. Robert VanderVennen reports on the other activities of the AACCS, reviewing the events in which we celebrated our 25th anniversary, and reports on the long search for a new Director of Development and its successful culmination in the appointment of Aileen Van Ginkel, who is introduced. He also reports on the Campus Outreach Program with its teaching ministry on university campuses and its plans to utilize more broadly the developing communications skills of the ICS students and recent alumni who staff that program.
6. The financial report for the latest fiscal period, which is the first six months of 1981, is presented, discussed and approved by motion. The budget for the coming year, 1982-83, is presented and discussed, and, upon motion made and seconded, the budget is approved by the members.
7. At the recommendation of the Board of Trustees, motion is made and carried to appoint C.J. Gruner, C.A., as auditor for 1981-82. Mr. Eugene Krusysse, who conducts the audit as a member of Mr. Gruner's firm, is present at the meeting and is warmly thanked for his services as our auditor for many years.
8. By motion made and carried the members confirm the election of trustees during the past year as balloted by members of various Regions, namely Trustees Harry Groenewold, James Joosse, Graham Morbey, Dick Pierik, John Vander Stelt, and Bert Witvoet.
9. After a coffee break, Senior Member C.T. McIntire presents an illustrated report on his sabbatical study leave of last year, 1980-81, part of which was spent in India, under the title, "Does history repeat itself?"
10. After a final song, the chairman closes in prayer. The meeting is adjourned and the members linger for a reception celebrating God's rich gifts to us by providing quarters for the Association and the Institute at 229 College Street for the past ten years.

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The Elderly and the AACS

by Robert VanderVennen

From time to time we receive a note from an AACS member who says that they are now retired, sometimes adding that they are moving or have moved into a retirement home, but in any case no longer wish to keep up membership in the AACS.

We respond to letters of this kind by recognizing and accepting the fact that retirement, and perhaps living on a limited income, may make it difficult to continue the responsibilities of active membership, including the regular payment of dues and response to our requests for donations. We ask these people to accept an informal status as "retired members," and we then stop sending them membership dues notices and requests for donations. We tell them that we still ask for their prayers for our work in Christian higher education, and for their good will for our work which may well include our help for their grandchildren studying at secular universities. For this, and to help them stay informed rather than to withdraw too quickly from interest in the world outside their immediate needs, we wish to keep them informed about what we are doing.

I have been thinking about this again as I have been re-reading a very helpful paper written by Barbara Eves while she was a student at the Institute. Barbara is a university graduate who works in a retirement home in Pennsylvania. She took an academic year's leave of absence to spend time at the Institute to think through some aspects of a Christian approach to aging and the elderly. She worked out her thinking in the form of three papers written for Dr. Hendrik Hart in the Worldview course. I am preparing one of the papers for publication in our Academic Papers series.

Barbara concluded that the elderly should keep as much active contact as they can with the Christian community. This first of all includes their families and churches, of course. But they should also keep in touch with community life which includes a range of communal Christian activity. This helps the elderly find meaning and affirmation in the activities of their earlier years, helps in the "summing up" of life. But further, the accumulated experience and wisdom of their years is still needed in an advisory and corrective way by those actively carrying forward communal Christian work. As we hear the apostle Paul speak of our needing every member of the body of Christ (Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12), we must hear him including the elderly also. Barbara says that the elderly have a special "teaching" function which needs to be heard.

Copies of Barbara Eves' paper are available from the AACS.

Robert VanderVennen is Executive Director of the AACS.

NOTE: Tape cassettes of lectures held at the ICS during the 1981-82 academic year are still available: Kathleen Storrie, two cassettes for \$6.00, on "The Ideology of Female Submission"; John Simpson, one cassette for \$3.00 on "The Sociology of the Moral Majority"; Langdon Gilkey, five cassettes for \$15.00, on "Christianity and the Meaning of History"; Bob Goudzwaard, three cassettes for \$9.00, on "Ideology and Idolatry Today." Please contact the AACS if you wish to order any of these tapes.



Development Notes

by Aileen Van Ginkel

This pen-and-paper introduction of myself to *Perspective* readers will, I hope, be followed by many personal introductions. I look forward to meeting many of the friends and supporters of the AACCS and the Institute for Christian Studies.

I'm discovering that development work, like all tasks related to the AACCS/ICS, is not easy. Yet the prospect of working at development is not overwhelming as long as I am aware of the support for our programs which comes from other staff members and from faithful members and friends. Your concern for the well-being of this organization goes beyond signing cheques for dues and donations. It includes your prayers and your responsibility of working along with the staff members to maintain the purpose of the AACCS/ICS--the promotion of Christian education and leadership that is faithful to God's Word in all areas of life.

I plan to keep you informed through this column in *Perspective* about the programs in which the development staff are involved and which often require your participation. I hope that you'll feel free to offer your suggestions and ideas to any one of us. Nick Terpstra and I have joined Nick Loenen and Rita VanderVeen to make up a full development department, but we'll continue to look for your assistance.

Promotion of Christian higher education is beneficial not only to the AACCS/ICS but also to those who support it. It's my hope that all of us will work to strengthen the benefits we receive from each other.

Aileen Van Ginkel is Director of Development for the AACCS.

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Membership is open to all who agree with the purpose and religious position of the Association.

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AACS appoints Ontario Field Representative

by Kathy Vanderkloet

For a number of years now provision has been made in the AACS annual budget for an Ontario Field Representative, a position which for a variety of reasons has remained vacant.

Not so any longer. We are proud and happy to welcome Nick Terpstra to the AACS staff to fill this position on a part-time (two-thirds time) basis.

Nick comes to the job brimming over with enough ideas to keep two or three people occupied full-time if they were all carried out. For the time being, however, he'll concentrate on two major areas. These include strengthening our presence in the Reformed community in eastern Ontario, and establishing and expanding contact with the general evangelical community.

Nick was born in eastern Ontario in the town of Brockville, so in a sense working there will be a homecoming for him (although most of his life was spent in Edmonton, Alberta and Hamilton, Ontario, "following a peripatetic insurance agent father"). Nick hopes to be able to work closely with various groups within the general Reformed community--for example, with Christian school teachers' associations. He will be available to speak to various church groups, at congregational meetings, with consistories, and at school board meetings.



Nick Terpstra

Venturing outside of Reformed circles will require some different tactics. Nick plans to broaden the AACS outreach in the evangelical world through an active use of church papers and magazines as well as through contact with individual pastors and church group meetings. He hopes to receive a great deal of support from our present membership in this, particularly in pointing him to people or groups who should be informed about AACS and the Institute. "Take our alumni, for example," says Nick. "So many of them are not from a Christian Reformed background; they can best help us to expand, to increase our outreach. I'd like to get their help in identifying potential students and supporters, as well as their advice on what they perceive to be the needs which we should be addressing among evangelicals."

Nick stresses that he wants to establish these contacts for mutual benefit. AACS and the Institute have a lot to offer to the evangelical world, but can also learn much from it. He envisions a two-way street in which the exchange of ideas will work both to strengthen the bonds between the Reformed community and the evangelical world and to strengthen these communities themselves.

Nick is married to Angela Mills, a native of Northern Ireland who came to Canada with her family in 1970. Angela is a graduate of McMaster University in Hamilton (as is Nick himself), and now teaches English literature to highschool students in Fenelon Falls Secondary School. They live in Lindsay, Ontario.

Nick will also be completing his thesis for his Master's degree from McMaster University. He is researching the life and thought of the little-known Canadian philosopher John Clark Murray. Between Angela and AACS, Murray doesn't stand much of a chance, but Nick's optimism is boundless. That's what we like about him.

Kathy Vanderkloet is secretary for the AACS.

Van Riessen to tour North America in fall, 1982

Professor Hendrik Van Riessen, recently retired professor of philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam, will visit seven provinces and states in North America between October 15 and November 15 to present lectures and meet with people. This tour is being sponsored by the AACS in cooperation with Dordt College, Trinity Christian College, Calvin College and many AACS friends in communities from Pittsburgh to Vancouver.

Van Riessen, whose specialization as a professor and writer was in philosophy of culture and systematic philosophy, will address the communities he visits on various topics, on both academic and popular levels. Communities he will visit include Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, Sioux Center, Chicago, Grand Rapids, Pittsburgh, St. Catharines and Toronto.



*Dr. Hendrik Van
Riessen*

He will participate in the Fall Lecture Series in southwestern British Columbia along with Dr. Paul Marshall, Institute professor in political theory, and Dr. Terry Anderson, professor in social ethics at Vancouver School of Theology. While he is at Dordt College, plans are that he will take part in the celebrations for the 200th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the USA and the Netherlands.

Van Riessen, 70, still enjoys good health and leads an active life in his community. We are happy that he has consented to come to North America again and share his insights and reflections with us. Watch your local bulletins and papers for more news about his visit to your area.

Dutch language classes to be held at ICS

Adrienne Dengerink, a second-year student in aesthetics at the Institute, will conduct Dutch language classes during the 1982-83 academic year at the ICS. The courses have been designed to develop Dutch reading and speaking abilities, and will be offered on two levels. The introductory level will be an introduction to the grammar and vocabulary of the language with readings from popular Dutch authors and Dutch newspapers. The advanced level is for those with a basic knowledge of the language and an interest in literature of the Reformed tradition. This course is designed to equip its students to read and understand the writings of Reformed scholars.

Dengerink, a native-speaking Dutch woman, will conduct both classes on the same evening of the week. Enrollment in both courses is possible. Fees

are \$60 per twelve-week semester or \$30 for students paying full-time tuition elsewhere. Please note that this is a non-credit course. For more information, please contact the ICS.

AACS/ICS News

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES

ICS Principal BERNARD ZYLSTRA addressed the Christian Legal Fellowship in Toronto on June 8 on the topic, "Religion, Rights, and the New Canadian Constitution." The Fellowship brings together Christian lawyers interested in the relationship between law and religion.

From July 15, 1982 to January, 1983, BERNARD ZYLSTRA will be on sabbatical leave. He hopes to complete a manuscript for a book on the decline of liberalism and the renewal of Christianity in Western culture.

Senior Member C.T. MCINTIRE spent much of July working with AACS Executive Director ROBERT VANDERVENNEN on Bill 137. They met with a number of officials at Queen's Park in an attempt to clarify the ICS' position on Bill 137. VanderVennen prepared a draft of a charter for the ICS for possible adoption by the Ontario Legislature, while McIntire wrote a fourteen-page memorandum which was sent to Premier Davis, Bette Stephenson and other influential members of the Conservative government. McIntire's memorandum is perhaps the clearest statement drafted thus far concerning the importance of Bill 137 in the life of the Institute.

Senior Member AL WOLTERS returned in July from a sabbatical leave spent with a group researching the history of Calvinistic Philosophy at the Free University in Amsterdam. More details on Wolters' studies this past year will follow in a future issue of *Perspective*.

Senior Member GEORGE VANDERVELDE also returned from the Netherlands in July, having completed a six-month teaching appointment in the Theology Department at the Free University. He replaced Dr. Jan Veenhof who was on leave of absence (see the January/February, 1982, issue of *Perspective*).

The keynote speaker at the British Columbia (Lower Mainland) Conference on the Labour Day weekend will be Senior Member HENDRIK HART. He will speak on the topic, "From Communion to Community."

ICS staff member PAUL MARSHALL (who will be inaugurated as a Senior Member in November) lectured on "Is Technology Out of Control?" at the "Christian Festival"--an interdenominational conference held in Ottawa on May 24-27 which drew some 20,000 people.

In early June, PAUL MARSHALL responded to a paper by J. Philip Wogaman on "Dimensions of North-South Relations" at a conference on "North-South Relations" sponsored by the American Studies Program of the Christian College Consortium in Washington, DC.

PAUL MARSHALL attended meetings of the Canadian Political Science Association at the University of Ottawa, June 7-9. He chaired a session on "Thomas Hobbes."

On June 21, PAUL MARSHALL attended a meeting of the Reformed Ecumenical Synod Study Committee on Human Rights in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Marshall was appointed a member of that committee.

In August, Senior Member CALVIN SEERVELD will attend the "Greenbelt Festival" in England. He will give lectures and lead workshops in aesthetics. PAUL MARSHALL will also be present there, lecturing and leading workshops in political theory. ROBERT VANDERVENNEN hopes to attend the festival with his wife, MARY, as part of their vacation. The Greenbelt Festival will be held at Knebworth Park north of London, and is expected to attract about 22,000 people. Much of the direction of the festival comes from College House, in which Junior Member STEVE SHAW and his wife RUTH are involved. A more extensive report of the festival will be included in a future issue of *Perspective*.

PUBLICATIONS

An article by PAUL MARSHALL on "Values" was published in the United Church *Observer* in June, 1982.

The Association for Public Justice has made available a book entitled *Confessing Christ and Doing Politics*. It is edited by JAMES W. SKILLEN, a former member of the AACS Board of Trustees, and includes essays by BERNARD ZYLSTRA, GORDON SPYKMAN, a current member of the Board of Curators of the Institute, Skillen and others. APJ's address is: Box 56348, Washington, DC 20011. The price of the book is: US\$3.95 (if ordered in quantities of 5 or more, the price is US\$2.00 per copy).



Letters to AACS/ICS

If I was a rich man!!! But I am not. Nevertheless, here is our token of love for the work you are doing. God bless you.

Ontario

I would love to send a hundred dollars to the AACS because I wholeheartedly support the work you are accomplishing. I'm grateful such an organization exists. ...it makes me happy to know that the opportunity exists for post-graduates to study at an institute of higher learning which is so firmly founded on God's Word. Thank you for the hard work you have done to help the Christian community probe deeper into the meaning of Christ's Lordship in all areas of life.

Alberta

In gratitude for the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon me during the past year, I'm enclosing a gift. This gift is one of the best investments I can make in God's kingdom. The dividend hopefully will be an ever-increasing Christian influence on our secularized society by the graduates of the Institute. May you remain true to His Word as you endeavour to make that Word relevant to all academic disciplines.

Alberta

I'm afraid that the article "From the Principal's Point of View" (Businessmen and the AACS, March/April, 1982) did not make me as a businessman feel more comfortable with what the AACS is doing.

I agree with the principle of sphere sovereignty as you seem to, but in the next paragraph you appear to destroy it by allowing the state to "prevent the undermining of one sphere in society by another."

As you know, we live in a fallen world and sin results in "broken situations" in every sphere and since each sphere, though sovereign, intertwines in reality with other spheres, what happens in one will affect the next. For example, the breakdown of the family has changed the nature and task of the educational sphere.

So by allowing the state that much you are giving it "free" rein. I live and work with it everyday in a "sick" health care system made sicker by government's interference. If government was perfect your idea might be all right but when government is as broken as the rest its interference is harmful.

It really worries me when I hear AACS, CJL, CLAC suggesting more government involvement or control. It doesn't work.

Alberta

REPLY: I agree with your concern. What you say about the government's involvement in the "health care system" is what I tried to say about the government's involvement in business. The principle of sphere sovereignty offers a guideline for the maintenance and restoration of responsibility *within each sector of society*.

Bernard Zylstra

The Lord richly bless you as we celebrate together His faithfulness over 25 years. I believe He will continue to show His people His way. Thank you for being there, even if Toronto is so far away. I may have met only a few of you, but I feel a strong tie to all of you. Remember that many prayers from many places surround you as you look ahead. (P.S. Nick Loenen is a gem. He serves the AACS well.)

British Columbia

Herewith our gift to share with you in celebration of God's blessings. May He continue to be with you in the years coming.

May I also express my support for your efforts of recent years to reach out to the wider Christian community in North America and elsewhere. To those who bemoan the dangers of coming adrift from the Reformed or more particularly the Dutch Reformed tradition I would say: "True, but a light hidden under a bushel for safekeeping may go out for lack of fresh air. And every light that wants to shine in the world must risk the danger of gusts of wind." I would urge the AACS, and more particularly, the senior members, to keep up and increase their efforts to be heard, and to listen, in the wider world.

May our Lord guide and bless you.

Ontario

I just wanted to include a note of explanation. I am cutting back my donation to you and you might find this strange. Over the past couple of years I have become very closely involved in certain other areas of Christian service, and felt that I should re-evaluate my gift-giving. I don't want to underestimate your work in any way, but it is also true that my own close involvement in these other areas makes me want to support them more. I hope you will be sensitive to these considerations. May God bless you richly in the year ahead!

Ontario

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Advance Notice

ICS Inaugural address of Dr. Paul Marshall

Saturday, November 13, 1982, is the date set for the inaugural address to be given by Dr. Paul Marshall, recently appointed as Senior Member in Political Theory at the Institute for Christian Studies. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please keep this date open and join us on this happy occasion. Details of time, place and topic will follow in the next issue of *Perspective*.

Economic seminar for summer 1983

Dr. Anthony B. Cramp, professor of economics at Emmanuel College, Cambridge University, England, will conduct a one-week seminar on "Economics in Christian Perspective: A Sketch Map" from June 27 to July 2, 1983. Cramp has recently completed a manuscript by this title and the seminar will follow this manuscript. The seminar should appeal especially to undergraduate and graduate students in economics who have not previously struggled with issues in their field from a Christian perspective. Write the ICS for more information, or watch for further details in subsequent issues of *Perspective*.

Christianity and Learning Lectureship 1983

Dr. Rosemary Ruether, Georgia Harkness Professor of Theology at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, will deliver the fifth annual Christianity and Learning Lecture series February 9-11, 1983. Her theme will be "Women's Experience and Christian Thought" and she will draw from her recent work on a feminist critique and reconstruction of systematic theology. Ruether is a popular speaker on feminist issues and a prolific writer. More details will follow in *Perspective*.

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