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Two Scientists Lead ICS Seminar in Philosophy of Physical Sciences

The fifth Summer Institute Program, held July 28-August 8, was a highly technical seminar focussing on the Philosophy of the Physical Sciences. Dr. M.D. Stafleu, a physicist from The Netherlands, and Dr. Arie Leegwater, a chemistry professor from Trinity Christian College, Chicago, were the seminar leaders. The fourteen participants included physicists, mathematicians, chemists and others in the natural sciences.

This report by Cal Jongsma gives us a glimpse of the type of seminar it was and the difficult questions they dealt with. Cal is a doctoral student in the history of mathematics at the University of Toronto. He also works part-time on mathematics curriculum for the Curriculum Development Centre.

It wasn't the type of seminar the average reader of these pages could drop in on and catch the drift of what was being discussed. There were two weeks of picky philosophizing (without a philosopher, mind you!) and high-level shop talk among a dozen or so college professors, graduate students, and high school teachers with advanced degrees in science.



Dr. A. Leegwater and Dr. M.D. Stafleu

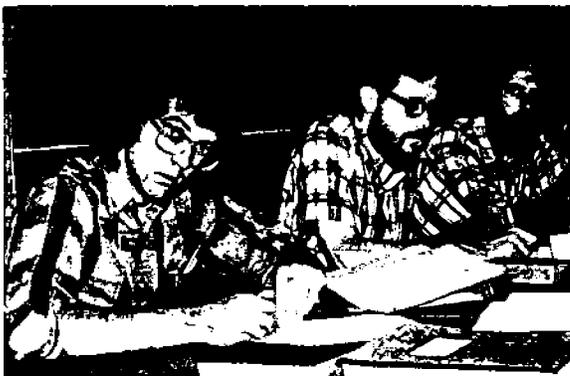
The stimulus for the seminar came from a lengthy manuscript written by Dr. Stafleu on the systematic analysis of the foundations of physics. The way the story comes to me, none of the Institute faculty felt they understood the importance of it. The need for guidance in that area was evident, and thus a seminar was scheduled. Those of us who participated in the seminar found their judgement to be essentially correct. The two weeks were filled with thought-provoking discussion, healthy argumentation, occasional confusion and good fellowship.

The manuscript, the central focus of discussion, like several articles written earlier by Dr. Stafleu, was the personal exercise of a practicing scientist on the foundational issues of physics. To make his research more accessible to Christians who are scientists the manuscript was to be carefully edited, both for style and content. The seminar was intended to be a workshop in which the work could be critically evaluated.

Each morning Dr. Stafleu introduced and led a discussion on one of the chapters in his manuscript. In the afternoon, Dr. Leegwater presented background material on the history and philosophy of science. This helped to put Dr. Stafleu's view on the philosophy of science within its context.

To explain more deeply, Dr. Stafleu is of the opinion that philosophy ought to be a tool which frees, rather than restricts, scientific research. The philosophy of science is often done in an a priori matter--"such and such cannot be the case because my system of philosophy says it can't". Philosophy can offer general, guiding principles, but it can never dictate results. One is simply naive if he thinks he can posit basic philosophical premises or catalogue the subject matter of the sciences only from his everyday experience. A philosopher must reflect upon today's (and yesterday's) scientific theories; he can never make absolute pronouncements. The philosophy of Dooyeweerd is often ignored because some of its adherents have simplified the content of the special sciences with a single word or phrase--as if that gives one a handle on the science. In Dr. Stafleu's opinion, the central ideas of a science are brought to light by an analysis which focuses on the relationships between the modal spheres. Moreover, by concentrating mainly on the modal aspects, the philosophy of science is brought into close connection with the history of science. The opening up in time both of retrocipatory and anticipatory moments accounts for significant progress within a science.

The philosophical ideas which proved most important to Dr. Stafleu in his analysis of physics are these:



Seminar Participants

1. The distinction and correlation of law and subject
2. The notion of typicality, both on the law side and the subject side of reality (structures of individuality, individual things and events).
3. The notion of modal analogies.

The role these ideas played in his analysis cannot be summarized here; you should read the manuscript itself if you're interested in further elaboration.

Those of us who attended the seminar felt the time was well spent. For one thing, it brought together people of like mind and interests from places as disparate as Florida and Alberta. The personal contacts made will not soon be lost. It also gave us renewed encouragement to continue to place our scientific work in a broader context. The participants greatly appreciated the insight offered by Dr. Stafleu; he, in turn, was thankful that he could obtain informed criticism and suggestions for his manuscript.

As for the manuscript itself, the final editing is now taking place. The AACS has committed itself to publishing the manuscript in a limited edition; because of the technical nature of the work, it will be printed as a research report. Dr. Stafleu hopes it will be read as an agenda for the future and that it will stimulate others to reflect on the foundational issues of their own field. For those who are interested in the educational implications of Dr. Stafleu's work, he has promised to write something of a more popular nature for teachers within the next couple of years.



Even Leegwater was
stumped at times



IN CASE OF A POSTAL STRIKE

Threats of a Canadian postal strike are again in the news. If you are concerned how you can continue your much needed support in such a situation, here is a solution:

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account# 100-830-9
c/o Royal Bank, Spadina and College, Toronto, Ontario. The Royal Bank will promptly forward the money to our branch back in Toronto so we can use it.

Please ask for a receipt, and we will send an official tax receipt later.

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ICS graduates receive degrees at ninth opening

The September 8, 1975 Opening Ceremony of the Institute for Christian Studies was a significant event in the nine year history of the Institute. After a moving meditation by Dr. Calvin Seerveld, last year's chairman, the Institute awarded degrees to two of its graduates and a certificate to a third. This report by Dora Anastasiou captures the spirit of this memorable evening.

Dora, a graduate of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pa., is a new Junior Member enrolled in the M.Phil. degree program in aesthetics.

"If Jesus Christ is Kyrios of your life, you have... been outfitted with the stunning birthright of being in on the rule of light in the world of darkness", were the inspiring words of Dr. Calvin Seerveld, the past-chairman of ICS. His spirit-filled message, directed to the Christian lifestyle, set the tone for a renewed attempt in scholarship.

If we hear and claim the truth of the Gospel, he advocated, we "...are set apart from secular enlightenment scholarship and joined with the sons of God". He stressed that "it is not in being faultless, but in being wise that one pleases God". This is significant for us "who have made the stand-up-for-Jesus and mean to pursue our diaconal calling in academic, theoretical work". These were the speaker's convincing, humble, but nevertheless powerful words.



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It is through the Spirit that we know God and what He wants done (Eph. 1:18, Col.1:10). But knowing God, Dr. Seerveld added, is to know His will experientially in analytic, aesthetic and emotional life, for historical formation and legal shalom. Therefore it is our diaconal burden to discover God's ordinances for creaturely life. Christian scholarship being part of life must be redeemed and redirected. This is the task of the Institute, which in fear and trembling struggles to reorient analytic life from secular humanism, from gnostic brilliance to strength and wisdom.

Dr. Seerveld's meditation had given the evening of September 8 a distinct flavour. An atmosphere of confidence and thanksgiving in the Lord was reaffirmed. It was a new beginning, a new effort built upon the past for a continuous



Harry Fernhout

rendering of services to the Lord in all of life, including the academic.

In this spirit of thankfulness the presentations of the Master of Philosophy Degrees were given to two of the ICS students who had completed their work.

Dr. James Olthuis, who awarded the Master of Philosophy in Theology to Harry Fernhout, commented in this way concerning Harry's commitment and diligence to his work: "I was honoured to be your Senior Fellow, and I count myself blessed by the Lord. When I first came to the Institute I was blessed by the Lord with good students, and you were one of those".

Harry Fernhout, in reply, confessed to be privileged in being among the first people officially to complete a program at the Institute. After giving a brief history of his development within the context of the Institute's struggles, he thanked the Senior Members for their help to him. He expressed his special appreciation to James Olthuis, who had had so much confidence and trust in his work.

In closing he encouraged the new Junior Members in their academic task by saying that neither he nor John Hull, the other graduating member, were ever "academic superstars". Harry has begun full-time work with the Curriculum Development Centre in Toronto writing Bible curriculum.

Dr. Albert Wolter awarded the Master of Philosophy in Philosophy to John E. Hull, who had done most of his work with Dr. Hendrik Hart, (now on sabbatical leave in South Africa). Dr. Wolters knew John for only one out of four years at the Institute. Nevertheless, some of John's outstanding characteristics had impressed Dr. Wolters, as he went on to say: "You have a peculiar sensitivity to the religious nature of our work at ICS and you have always been very close to the supporting community who make our work possible. I know that you want very much to serve that community". In closing, Dr. Al Wolters added, "Our prayer is that the Lord will open a way for you to work where your gifts and training will be put to use".

In replying John Hull gave special recognition to those who contributed to his academic task. He challenged the new students to be brave and to demand much from



John Hull

their professors. But he did not stop there. He warned them that with the increase of demand a greater responsibility will arise.

Dr. C.T. McIntire awarded the Certificate of Christian Studies in History to Michael Shepherd, who was not able to be present for the ceremony. Mike, a student from Texas, is the first graduate to receive this certificate.



Communal prayer led by Rev. John Veenstra, campus chaplain from the Christian Reformed Church on the University of Toronto campus, along with praise and singing concluded the ceremony.

Graduates, wives and staff following ceremony

A reception rounded off the day's excitement of registration and welcome of the twenty-one new students as well as the returning ones to a new school year at the ICS.

*For details on the research and thesis topics of Harry Fernhout and John Hull see ICS News, p.16

CASSETTE TAPES OF THE 1975 NIAGARA CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS:

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
Arnold De Graaff	<i>Perspective on Child Rearing</i>	\$2.50
Louis Martin	<i>The Christian and an Approach to the Riddle of His Behaviour</i>	\$2.50
James Olthuis	<i>Fostering Intimacy in Marriage</i>	\$2.50
Penelope Tyndale	<i>The Contemporary Woman: An historical and biblical approach to the changing position of woman in home, church and society (2cassette tapes)</i>	\$5.00
Mary VanderVennen	<i>The Dynamics of Family Life</i>	\$2.50

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Institute welcomes new Junior Members

Among those who registered for courses on September 8 or shortly thereafter were twenty-one Junior Members who will be studying at the Institute for Christian Studies for the first time. These students come from the province of Ontario, from Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota and California, from the island of Cyprus and from Australia. Their church backgrounds include American Lutheran, Baptist, Christian Reformed, Episcopal, Greek Orthodox, Presbyterian (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, United Methodist.

All of the new Junior Members have received Bachelor's degrees and six have done graduate work before coming to ICS. Douglas Blomberg from Surry Hills, N.S.W., Australia, is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Sydney. He is doing tutorial research here on his dissertation topic, "The Development of Curriculum with Relation to the Philosophy of the Cosmologic Idea". Richard Halverson from Hopkins, Minnesota, and Carol Kelley from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have both done Master's work in education. Richard has the M.A. in teaching from the College of St. Thomas (Minnesota). Carol has an M.Ed. from Temple University. Paige Gibbs from Warehouse Point, Connecticut, received the M.L.S. from State University of New York at Albany. William Rowe from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Constance Oliver from Sewickley, Pa., have both received the Master of Arts from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Ten of the new Junior Members are enrolled in the M.Phil. degree program. Harry Anastasiou (B.A., Geneva College) from Cyprus, Robert Miko (B.A., Bethel College) from St. Paul, Minnesota, and William Rowe are seeking the M.Phil. in philosophy; Tod Moquist (A.B., University of California at Davis) from Bakersfield, California, in history; James Bailey (B.A., Houghton College) from Wellsville, New York, and Constance Oliver in theology. Also enrolled in the M.Phil. program are Dora Anastasiou (B.A., Geneva College) from Cyprus and Douglas Johnson (B.A. Bethel College) from Minneapolis, Minnesota in aesthetics; Louis deSabra (B.A., Covenant College) from Silver Spring, Maryland, in psychology and Richard Halverson in political theory.

Taking the one year Certificate in Christian Studies course are Terry Tollefson (B.A., Bethel College) from Pine River, Minnesota, Courtney Borgondy (B.A., Western Michigan University) from Lincoln Park, Michigan, Paige Gibbs and Amy Rowe (B.A. Allegheny College) from Pittsburgh, Pa. Carol Kelley is doing part-time tutorial work with Senior Member Arnold DeGraaff.

The Institute looks forward this December to the arrival of Mr. Dirk van den Berg, lecturer in art history and plastic arts at the University of the Orange Freestate, Bloemfontein, South Africa. He will be doing research here for his Ph. D. dissertation, the Ph.D. to be granted by Potchefstroom University in South Africa.

AESTHETIC OBEDIENCE AND ART FOR GOD'S SAKE

--Discovering a tradition
to renew and reform



For the past seven years, the AACS has presented a lecture series called "Discovery" on contemporary issues. This series has focussed on such topics as Christian education, the church, understanding the Scriptures, marriage, family and counselling, and materialism. The following is an overview of the Discovery VII program, which has the theme "Aesthetic Obedience and Art for God's Sake".

Maybe the word "obedience" when used in reference to aesthetic life leaves an overstated aftertaste in your mouth. And who is so serious about art as to do it or appreciate it "for God's sake"? Indeed, in an age when art is window dressing and play and style are "after hours" concerns, it is difficult to think of such things as having any crucial significance in life. Yet, the symptoms of aesthetic neglect are all around us.

Example: The meaning of "play" has been severely reduced in our society. The commitment to the consumption of material goods and services has produced a leisure time oriented to entertainment. We want to be entertained by material things--television, boats, stereos; and leisure services--movies, professional athletic contests, amusement parks, which leave us in a spectator or passive role. In the process we have difficulty relating imaginatively to one another. This is reflected in our language, which is losing its colour and imagery, and in the process, is losing its capability to communicate any but the barest of factual information.

Example: All but the most expensive homes are designed around "standard" building materials and techniques, which are themselves designed to cut construction time to a minimum. Everything is square, straight and box-like. "Tacked on" stylistic devices attract the eye, but do nothing to foster growth in the life of the family residing in the "crackerbox". The homes we live in may actually contribute to a stifling of family life.

This season's Discovery series makes a case for thinking obediently about aesthetic life. Developing an appreciation for God-fearing art is offered as a key to rediscovering the work-a-day meaning of "aesthetic".

TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

An obedient aesthetic life

Calvin G. Seerveld, Senior Member in Aesthetics at the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto.

Normative style for our homes, interior design and architecture.
(slide lecture)

Willem Hart, Designer, President of Partners in Print Inc., Toronto.
Richard Smits, Architect with the firm Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Chicago.

Backgrounds to modern 'religious' painting. (slide lecture)

Dirk van den Berg, Instructor in Art History at the University of the Orange-Free State, South Africa.

Celebrating the Word-and-Sacraments

Bert Polman, Lecturer in Music at Ontario Bible College, Toronto.

(organ recital in some locations)

Nobuya Matsuda, Composer and organist. Former instructor at the American Conservatory of Music, Chicago.

SCHEDULE OF DATES:

VANCOUVER

October 4, 1975
November 1, 1975
January 31, 1976
March 13, 1976

EDMONTON

October 6, 1975
November 3, 1975
February 2, 1976
March 14, 1976

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

October 9, 1975
November 6, 1975
February 5, 1976
March 18, 1976

ST. CATHARINES

October 20, 1975
November 10, 1975
February 16, 1976
March 22, 1976

TORONTO

October 23, 1975
November 13, 1975
February 12, 1976
March 21, 1976

SARNIA

October 24, 1975
November 14, 1975
February 13, 1976
March 12, 1976

COVENANT COLLEGE, Tenn. ~

October 21, 1975
November 11, 1975

February 10, 1976
March 17, 1976

Professor Hommes visits ICS



Dr. Hommes and C. Seerveld
at the ICS opening

Professor and Mrs. H.J. van Eikema Hommes were guests of the ICS during the first week of the new academic season in September. Dr. Hommes is Professor of Legal Philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam. He spoke on "Liberty and Equality in Civil and Constitutional Law" in one of Dr. Zylstra's seminars; he presented a public speech on "The Limits of the Competence of the State" (which was followed by an intense discussion!); and he outlined the foundations of his extensive publications in legal theory (Revival of Natural Law; History of Western Legal Philosophy; Basic Concepts in Legal Theory, etc.) in an interdisciplinary seminar. As an expert in a particular academic discipline, Prof. Hommes' visit was distinctly appreciated, since the relation between general philosophy and the special sciences is one of the constant concerns of the Institute for Christian Studies.

While in North America, Dr. Hommes spoke at the annual conference of the International Society of Legal and Social Philosophy in St. Louis, he visited Calvin College (Grand Rapids, Michigan), and presented a lecture at the Law Faculty of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Goudzwaard to lead third Economics Seminar

Dr. B. Goudzwaard, professor in economic theory at the Free University of Amsterdam, will be the major lecturer in a third economics seminar organized by the ICS. It will be held on January 12-23, 1976. In distinction from the philosophical and cultural emphases of the 1972 and 1974 summer seminars, Dr. Goudzwaard will focus attention this time on a systematic treatment of the history of economic theory.

In view of the distinctively theoretical orientation, the seminar will be open to members of the ICS, to theoreticians from other institutions, to persons giving leadership in the economic sector, and to a small number of students who can come to Toronto in January, possibly as part of an interim program in their own university or college. Interested persons can obtain additional information from Ada Oegema at the ICS.

News on AACS Conferences in the West

WESTERN CONFERENCE HEARS DR. KEN PIERS

Three conferences were sponsored in western Canada by local AACS chapters during the month of August. In this first report, Mr. George Koopmans reports on the conference held in northern B.C. Mr. Koopmans is a Christian school teacher in Smithers, B.C.

"Christ and Science" was the theme of the fourth annual family conference sponsored by the Bulkley Valley and Skeena Chapters of the AACS. Dr. Ken Piers, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, gave three lectures under that theme. Approximately 250 people attended this conference held at Tyee Lake on August 2, 3 and 4.

In his first lecture called "The Religious Nature of Science" Dr. Piers showed that science is not neutral but that religious themes have controlled its development. He demonstrated this by tracing the history of science from the time of Plato and Aristotle, through the Middle Ages to the Age of Enlightenment and up to our time. Today, scientific planning is applied to systems of production to achieve maximum efficiency--as in assembly line production. Often this is done disregarding the worker's need for satisfaction in the work he is doing.

The second lecture dealt with "Religious Direction in Science Education". The belief that science leads to successful living and is the only way to valid knowledge has controlled curriculum development in North America. Strong emphasis is placed on theoretical concepts which determine how children will see reality. Rather than the Bible being the ultimate norm for knowledge, the scientific method has taken its place. Dr. Piers said that the S.C.I.S. (Science Curriculum Improvement Study) program is an example of this scientific view. In curriculum development there should be harmony between faith in God and scientific study.

The third lecture, given on Monday morning, was titled "Practical Concerns in the Use of Drugs and other Chemicals". It specifically dealt with the consequences of using pesticides in the environment. Massive use of pesticides in agriculture has raised questions concerning their safety and desirability. Pesticides not only get rid of pests but also kill off many beneficial insects. Dr. Piers cited examples of accidental death or injury from careless handling of pesticides. As one such example Dr. Piers noted the recent case in Michigan where a factory produced both a fire retardant for plastic called P.B.B. (polybrominated biphenyl) and also feed additives for cattle and chickens. When a shortage of containers for P.B.B. occurred, the company used the feed additive bags. The change was indicated in the wording on the bag. A shipment of P.B.B. was mistaken for feed additives and sent to the Farm Bureau Services. There it was mixed with cattle, dairy and chicken feed. This error led to the slaughter of over 100,000 cattle

and 1,000,000 chickens. Over 50 millions dollars was paid in insurance and government aid to settle the claims of farmers. The effects of P.B.B. on people who drank the milk and ate the meat with a high level of P.B.B. is not yet known.

Dr. Piers stated that the use of highly toxic chemicals forms a serious threat to human health. He suggested that any time potent unnatural chemicals are introduced, careful consideration must be given to their destructive, detrimental side.

Because of the heavy rainfall of Monday morning, the meeting place was changed from Tyee Lake to the gymnasium of the Canadian Christian School. The conference ended there with an afternoon of sports and a potluck supper.

AUTHORITY...GIFTS...SERVICE...LOVE

In this second article Mr. John Sneep reports on the Alberta conference. Mr. Sneep is biology teacher and counsellor at Edmonton Christian High School and president of the AACS Chapter in Edmonton.

The conferees attending the 1975 AACS Conference at Alberta Evangelical Camp, Didsbury, August 1-4, filled the lecture hall to capacity and several found a patch of grass or a lawn chair outside the hall. The dining hall couldn't hold all the hungry for Sunday supper. The 400 who attended the conference were old and young, experienced and inexperienced conferees.

The speakers and conferees spoke about authority in the church and home. Dr. Bernard Zylstra pointed out that society today is shifting from institutions to "interlinkages". The church becomes for many a social club and marriage becomes a sex act. People do not want to deal with authority. This crisis is a crisis of allegiance--to man or to God? We were challenged to recognize that both obedience and authority are expressions of service to God, and love to one another.



Dr. Sidney De Waal asked us "Who's Boss?" in the church and in the home. He answered his own question--no one! Our gifts and talents come first; these in turn direct us to our own peculiar role, or office. All gifted people are responsible for the proper functioning of the church. In the home, as in the church, we must recognize God's gifts to each other; thus a world opens up--a world of serving one another. Love must be expressed by recognition of gifts, using our own in service to God and to others, and making room for others to express theirs.

Zylstra: both obedience and authority are expressions of service to God

We worshipped with, and were entertained by "Lamentations", a program of blues and rock that emphasized the need for God's good news

in a world of drudgery and weekends. "Jonah", a talented, good-news musical group led us in praising God with our voices.

A weekend such as this is a spiritual injection, a time of wonderful fellowship, sharing love. We learned, we questioned and we were challenged. Now we are back home, at work and play, with more love. God be with us and with you all.

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The Vancouver AACS chapter sponsored a conference, August 29-September 1, featuring Dr. Sidney Greidanus, pastor of First Christian Reformed Church Delta, B.C., and Dr. Bernard Zylstra. A report on this third western conference will appear in the next issue.

Staff changes at AACS

During September we welcomed two new members to the supporting administrative staff of AACS. They are Ms. Niki Lazaridou and Mr. Harry Vander Velde. Niki is doing general office and secretarial work, including serving as secretary to the Executive Director. Harry is working in the general area of business and financial administration, with special attention to bookkeeping.

Niki is part of a growing community of reformational Christian Greeks from Cyprus living now in North America. She is experienced in office work both in Cyprus and Canada, working mainly for insurance companies. A special bonus in her joining the AACS staff is that she is able to type very easily the Greek parts of papers and articles that originate in the Institute.

Harry Vander Velde has studied at ICS and more recently has been studying in a program toward becoming a Registered Industrial Accountant. Both areas of study are advantageous in our office, and we are able to give him practical experience he needs to advance in his career objectives. While an Institute student Harry wrote an important paper on the book of Ruth which has been available for distribution and has received much favourable notice.



Harry Vander Velde
and Niki Lazaridou

Niki and Harry are taking the places of Aria Poot and Jackie Ketelaar, whose good services we miss. We are thankful that God has brought us these new people so that the work in the office can continue without interruption.

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NOVEMBER CONFERENCE IN NEW JERSEY

Sponsored by the AACS Mid-Atlantic States Chapter

Date: November 7-8 Place: Harvey Cedars Conference Grounds
on Long Beach Island

Theme: Aesthetic Obedience and Art for God's Sake

Speakers: Dr. C. Seerveld, Mr. W. Hart, Mr. R. Smits and Mr. B. Polman

Write: Dr. John Van Dyk, 106 Cambridge Dr., Wilmington, Delaware 19803

Recent visitors at AACS/ICS include:

Mr. Norbert Ward, editor of Baptist Reformation Review and engineer with CBS Records, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. John W. Van Dyk, chemist with DuPont, Wilmington, Delaware, and President of the Mid-Atlantic States chapter of the AACS.

Dr. J. Meagher and Dr. L.E. Lynch of the Institute for Christian Thought, St. Michael's College, Toronto.

Prof. Lowell Noble of Spring Arbor College, Michigan, who talked with Dr. De Graaff, members of the CDC staff and others about his dissertation dealing with the biblical concepts of shame and guilt.

Mr. Sune Lyxell, visitor from Sweden, who teaches pedagogy at the university level and is editor of the Swedish Christian publication, Operation Sweden. Mr. Lyxell is interested in AACS/ICS and the Curriculum Development Centre because he wishes to start Christian elementary schools and a Christian university in Sweden, as well as spearhead Christian political action in Sweden.

Dr. Winty Calder, Professor of Ecology, University of Melbourne, Australia.

Prof. and Mrs. Potgieter of South Africa. Dr. Potgieter is a professor of the philosophy of the social sciences at the Christian University of Potchefstroom, and had attended an international conference on the philosophy of science held at the University of Western Ontario in London.

Prof. Elaine Botha, a professor of the philosophy of the social sciences at the Christian University of Potchefstroom, South Africa. On a study leave, Dr. Botha made a general tour of Europe and the U.S. before attending the international conference in London, Ontario, and arriving in Toronto. She plans to spend a few months in Toronto doing research in her field, and wishes to interact on her research with the Institute faculty.

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- * We are very thankful to two of our Toronto artists for donations of portfolios of their works. Willem Hart has donated a set of twenty prints of his drawings of interesting Toronto buildings, the contents of his one-man show at Patmos Gallery earlier this year. Matth Cupido has donated a set of his pen and ink interpretative sketches of the Twelve Apostles. We are having both of these set mounted for hanging as part of a permanent exhibit collection.

- * Bob VanderVennen represented AACS and the Institute at the public Dedication of Rev. Donald MacLeod as new Canadian General Director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The Dedication service took place on September 12 in the First Christian Reformed Church of Toronto. Featured speaker was Dr. Edmund P. Clowney, President of Westminster Seminary, with Rev. John Veenstra, Christian Reformed campus pastor at the University of Toronto and Associate Pastor of First Church, giving the benedictory prayer. Rev. MacLeod takes over the position of Canadian Director from Samuel Escobar, who has returned to South America after his three year term with IVCF.

- * Bob VanderVennen alerts science teachers to a very helpful paper entitled, "Chemistry and the Kingdom of God" by Charles C. Adams. Written for his high school class at Eastern Christian High School, the 44-page mimeo paper gives a Christian context to the teaching of the physical sciences that looks particularly fruitful. You can write Charles for a copy, preferably enclosing 50¢ for postage and handling. His address is: c/o Eastern Christian High School, 50 Oakwood Avenue, North Haledon, New Jersey.

- * In June of 1975 John Van Dyk, a member of the AACS Board of Trustees and Professor of Philosophy at Dordt College (Iowa), received his Ph.D. in Medieval Philosophy at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. The research of Dr. Van Dyk dealt with Peter Lombard's Sentences, which, next to the Bible, was regarded as the most important theological textbook in the medieval university. Dr. Van Dyk's dissertation shows that the commentaries written on the Sentences are valuable, not only to the history of theology, but also to the history of philosophical development during the Middle Ages.

- * Want to raise some money for AACS? C.E.A.F., the Christian Economic Assistance Foundation, a non-profit organization to help others raise money, has again commissioned the design of two Christmas cards, and eight newly designed informal note cards. Quantity orders produce good discounts for your local fund raising. Write CEAF, c/o 1309 Gerrard St., Toronto, Ontario for more information and samples.

Professor S.U. Zuidema passes away

Dr. S. U. Zuidema, professor emeritus at the Free University in Amsterdam, passed away on Sunday, September 28 at the age of 69. Professor Zuidema, who served as a missionary in Indonesia for ten years, taught modern philosophy at the FU from 1948 to 1971, when he retired because of poor health. Always deeply interested in the affairs of the AACS, he lectured on pragmatism and existentialism at the second Unionville Conference in 1960. Professor Zuidema was one of the most outstanding leaders in the Reformed Churches in The Netherlands during the two decades after World War II, defending the historic Christian faith on various fronts--philosophy, theology, politics--during a time of increasing spiritual tension and doubt. An excellent sampling of his numerous writings is available in English in Communication and Confrontation (1972).

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* *The following is a brief summary of the research completed by Harry Fernhout and John Hull, the two most recent graduates receiving the M. Phil. Degree.*

Harry Fernhout's research revolved around historical and philosophical problems relating to the nature of revelation and the question 'what is theology?' This question especially pressed his studies in the direction of prior considerations regarding the structure of one's faith in relation to his religious depth dimension. His thesis entitled, "Man, Faith and Religion in Bavinck, Kuyper and Dooyeweerd" is an investigation of the intellectual context within which Herman Dooyeweerd dealt specifically with these problems. Harry, a native of Thunder Bay, Ontario, and a graduate of Dordt College, Iowa, came to the Institute in the Fall of 1970.

John Hull's work in systematic philosophy and the history of philosophy focussed on epistemological (relating to the theory of knowledge) questions. His thesis on "The Place of Theory in the Old-Stoa" is one of several studies he did on the development of theoretical thought in the Western world up through the Middle Ages. John is a graduate of Dordt College, Iowa, and came to the ICS in the fall of 1971.

* Bernard Zylstra reports that a very significant source book on John Calvin and his influence, titled A Bibliography of Calviniana: 1959-1974, has just been published by the Institute for the Advancement of Calvinism (IAC). The IAC is associated with the Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education in South Africa. The book comprises 250 pages of titles, including new editions of Calvin's own writings in Europe, the Americas, and South Africa. It also lists the titles of books and articles about Calvin and his work. The second half of the book is oriented to Calvinism, the place of his major coworkers, and the global development of Calvinism, especially up to 1650. Dr. D. Kempff, who compiled the bibliography, and the IAC should be congratulated for this indispensable guide to Calvinian studies. Part of the "Studies in Medieval and Reformation Thought" series issued by E.J. Brill Publishers, this book can be ordered by sending \$16.00 to Brill Publishers, Oude Rijn 33A, Leiden, the Netherlands.

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AACCS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

the Boards of Trustees and Curators invite all
members and friends of the AACCS/ICS to take part
in the following major events on October 25:

1:30 P.M.

Annual Business Meeting of Members

AACCS and ICS staff members will present reports on
activities, future plans, and finances.
The 1976 budget will be presented for adoption.
Ample time for questions and discussion will be given
for each presentation.

Coffee break

3:30 P.M.

ICS Degree Celebration

Celebration Address by Dr. H. Evan Runner
Presentation of Degree Recipients by Dr. James Olthuis

5:00 P.M.

Reception at the Institute, 229 College Street.

Location for both meetings: Auditorium of Medical
Sciences Building, University of Toronto,
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