

Perspective

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News from the Graduate Institute for Christian Studies

Vaden House becomes ICS Senior Member in a new field

Dr. Vaden House has accepted our appointment as Senior Member in the Philosophy of Science and Technology. He is currently Associate Professor of the Philosophy of Science at The King's University College in Edmonton, Alberta.

House is a native of Newfoundland. He received the B. A. degree from the University of Windsor and the Master of Christian Studies degree from Regent College, Vancouver. Then he worked for the Ph.D. at ICS, receiving it in our program with the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam for a dissertation on the philosophy of Richard Rorty.

House has taught the philosophy of the natural and social sciences at The King's for a number of years. He has worked closely with his former colleague at The King's, Marvin J. McDonald, who is now Professor of Psychology at Augustana University College in Camrose, Alberta. They have jointly presented papers at professional meetings and have co-written papers for scholarly journals.

In recent years House has met a number of times with about a dozen theoretical psychologists in western Canada who meet for intensive discussions of meaning in psychology. He has given a number of popular talks in Alberta and British Columbia.

House has strengths in the philosophical interpretations of science as a cultural phenomenon, and is keenly interested in the sociology of science. His revised dissertation has been published in the Netherlands by the prestigious publisher E. J. Brill under the title, *Without God or His Doubles: Realism, Relativism and Rorty*.

The Institute has been keen to open

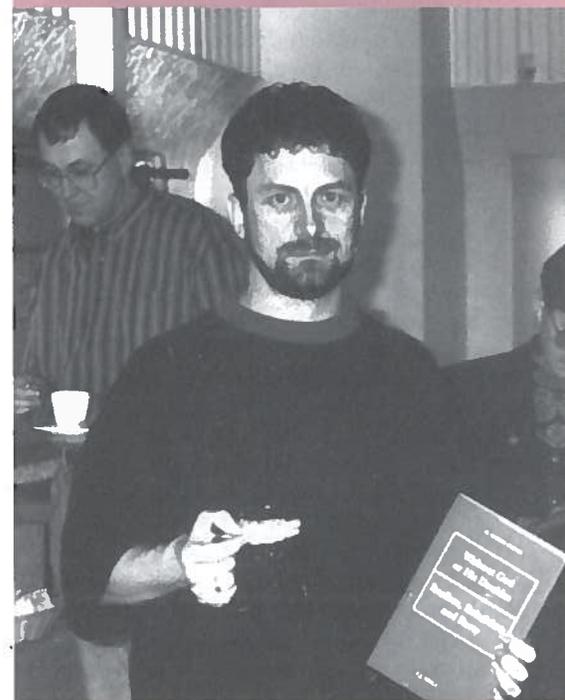
this position because, as a faculty statement puts it, "In some ways philosophy of science is more strategic than when scientism was in its heyday.... There is room now in a way there has not been before for a radical Christian alternative to 'classic' science. Many scientists are looking for new models."

The Institute holds that an approach to philosophy of science through looking at scientific practice has great promise for the "inner reformation of scholarship." It looks at what kind of knowledge science provides. Many ICS graduate students over the years have been interested in studying the philosophy of science and technology.

This new field is being opened up through the generosity of donors to the Institute's 25th Anniversary financial campaign. The position fits beautifully with the Institute's longstanding interest in modern philosophy and culture. House will be leading one seminar each year in modern philosophy to supplement Robert Sweetman's strength in medieval philosophy. In stating his happiness with this appointment, president Harry Fernhout says, "I really like it that Vaden House takes philosophy of science in a broad sense, including all the empirical sciences, the social as well as the natural sciences. He brings breadth to this field through his experience with the foundational and

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Harry Fernhout

The Emmaus plausibility structure

One of the things I appreciate about Easter is the opportunity to revisit the wonderful little gospel story of Jesus' encounter with two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. The seven-mile walk from Jerusalem must have seemed endless for these disciples. The gloom of the unexpected events of Passover week hung over them like a black cloud. All the hopes they had invested in Jesus of Nazareth were shattered by his bloody execution. And they could make no sense whatever of the tales told by Jesus' women friends, of angels and an empty grave.

During my January study leave I enjoyed the privilege of reading Bishop Lesslie Newbigin's *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*. In this book Newbigin draws attention to the fact that individuals and societies employ certain "plausibility structures" to make sense out of life. Plausibility structures are "patterns of belief and practice ... which determine which [new] beliefs are plausible to its members and which are not" (p. 8). For Newbigin, one's "plausibility structure" is very closely related to one's worldview.

The "plausibility structure" of the disciples on the road to Emmaus was

profoundly shaped by their understanding of the history of God's covenant with Israel, and their expectations of what the promised Messiah would do. Most likely these expectations included liberation from their Roman oppressors. Jesus' death on a cross was not plausible within these expectations; in fact, the crucifixion turned their world upside down. Consequently these disciples were left totally confused. Their "plausibility structure" was in ruins.

Newbigin writes that "The story of the empty tomb cannot be fitted into our contemporary worldview, or indeed into any worldview except one of which it is the starting point... What happened on that day is, according to the Christian tradition, only to be understood by analogy with what happened on the day when the cosmos came into being... It is the beginning of a new creation — as mysterious to human reason as the creation itself" (p. 11).

This profound insight rings true to the Emmaus story. In the encounter on the road, Jesus speaks to the very heart of the disciples' crisis. The story tells us that "beginning with Moses and all the prophets he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures" (Lk. 24:27). In other words, Jesus told them the old, old story, but now with the crucifixion and resurrection as the *point* of the story. He gave them the gift of a new plausibility structure, a new framework for making sense not only of their personal experiences, but of the entire history of their people and the world. For these disciples it was as if the lights were lit for the first time; their hearts burned within them, we are told, and they were filled with new energy and vision.

Newbigin writes that the death and

resurrection of Jesus is "the rock which must either become the foundation of all knowing and doing, or else the stone on which one stumbles and falls to disaster" (p. 6). The joy and hope of Easter is that God places us safely and firmly on that rock. For the Institute for Christian Studies this means that we follow in the footsteps of the Emmaus disciples; we are called to pursue knowledge, to interpret experience, culture, history, indeed, the whole world, with the risen Christ at the very heart of our plausibility structure. What a privileged task!

Newbigin reminds us, however, that the revelation of the risen Christ is given to us as a gift of grace. Those who, "through no wit or wisdom or godliness of their own" have been entrusted with this truth are not to wield it as a weapon, beating others into submission, but are called to *witness* to the Truth. For Newbigin, the biblical story challenges the world's dominant plausibility structures primarily through the witness of a community which *indwells* that story (i.e., lives as if the story is really true). Our calling is not to *argue* people into the Kingdom but to invite them in by embodying the values, goals and vision of that Kingdom.

Such witness calls for humility. As Newbigin puts it, to be witnesses "does not mean to be possessors of all truth. It means to be placed on a path by following which we are led toward the truth... When Christians affirm, as they do, that Jesus is the way, the true and living way by which we come to the Father, they are not claiming to know everything. They are claiming to be on the way, and inviting others to join them as they press forward toward the fullness of truth, toward the day when we shall know as we are known" (p. 12).

The disciples on the road to Emmaus caught a glimpse of that day. May God give us all burning hearts for that vision this Easter.

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directional aspects of it."

Marvin McDonald says of House, "Vaden exhibits one of the most incisive minds I have ever encountered. When we investigate new material, he is a quick study since he has developed such a rich context for understanding technology and science." A reference from the faculty of the University of British Columbia wrote, "Dr. House is passionately interested in both the purely logical and impersonal inquiry on the one hand, and an intimately personal spiritual yearning on the other."RVV

Catholic student deepens faith through philosophy at ICS

Matthew Anderson is an American Roman Catholic student who began his work for the Ph.D. degree at ICS last fall. His academic interest is in Christian philosophy, with special focus on anthropology. He is working most closely with Robert Sweetman.

Why did this Catholic student come to ICS? He took his master's degree in theology at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania. Some of his professors there had studied at St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and recommended ICS to him. Mat's bachelor's degree is from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

Mat says he's learned a lot about his Christian faith at ICS. The faith comes through inside the courses. The practice in Roman Catholic study of philosophy, with its long and rich tradition, is to see philosophy as autonomous and not explicitly Christian, says Mat.

Yet the differences between his Catholic education and our Protestant approach are not as great as he expected. Both stand on the common ground of Christianity. What he finds special about ICS is the interdisciplinary approach in which experts in different fields use the same kind of language and Christian approach in their subjects.



Mat has enjoyed his studies with Paul Marshall in natural law, religious freedom and toleration. He likes the approach of Hendrik Hart, especially

Hart's openness to talk in spiritual terms at meetings of professional philosophers.

But it's the work of Bob Sweetman that he speaks of with a certain awe. He is grateful for Sweetman's conviction that philosophy needs to be grounded in Christ, and the deep understanding of the Catholic philosopher Etienne Gilson which Bob developed as a doctoral student at the Pontifical Institute for Medieval Studies at the University of St. Michael's College, where Gilson taught. Sweetman puts the understanding of philosophy in context, says Mat, and is an inspiration in showing how to gain a deep understanding of a text.

Mat finds at ICS a beautiful freedom in academic inquiry which stimulates his own development in Christian philosophy. He finds relating Reformed and Catholic philosophy to be helpful to his faith. His learning about reformational philosophy, especially through the work of Dooyeweerd, has been a great eye-opener.

Mat grew up in northern Michigan. He now lives in Buffalo, where he teaches philosophy three days a week at Niagara University, a Catholic institution. He's been married for a year to Sarah, who grew up in India and is now a Ph.D. student in psychology at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

From Africa to ICS for Christian Worldview

Joe Mwangi Gacheru travelled a long way in distance and in culture to come to the Institute. His home is in Kenya, near Nairobi, and though he has lived and worked within the Christian commu-



nity there, he finds at ICS a depth of Christian thinking that he is eager to bring back home when he finishes.

Joe has a B.A. degree in communica-

tions from Daystar University, a Christian liberal arts university in Nairobi. He also studied theology there, at which time one of his instructors, Dr. Larry Niemeyer, introduced him to worldview thinking. Then he saw an ad in *Christianity Today* for worldview studies at ICS, and decided to make the jump.

He finds his worldview studies with Brian Walsh to be an answer to his longing. His communications studies didn't help him integrate Christianity with his studies, and in his work for five years as a writer and editor for the new Christian magazine *Today in Africa* he felt he didn't know how to handle challenging issues with integrative thinking in a secular world.

Joe also wants to study marriage and family therapy so that he will not simply be a generalist in his writing but will have some authority as a writer in that field. He is glad that ICS deals with challenging and controversial issues like materialism, individualism, capitalism and homosexuality, because living in a pluralistic world we need to know how to deal with such subjects, he says. He feels the need to be discerning and be sensitive to the various perspectives that exist in society, and to handle them in a Christ-centred perspective.

Joe likes ICS because it is giving him the feeling of being grounded, of being surrounded with Christ's love so that he can afford to explore problematic issues that are not central to the Christian faith. At Daystar he didn't have enough time to integrate his studies Christianly. At ICS he can work at integrating journalism and Christianity. He also has a burden to help other people with the problems they face.

SENIOR MEMBERS



James Olthuis has received the honour of being invited to be Visiting Professor in Christian Philosophy at Villanova University in Philadelphia for the second half of the 1996-97 academic

year. The invitation was facilitated by Villanova professor John Caputo, who was our Christianity and Learning lecturer in 1994.

Jim has edited a book called *Knowing Otherwise* which is a collection of ICS essays on postmodernism to be published by Fordham University Press in its *Continental Philosophy Series*, of which John Caputo is general editor. The book includes essays by Junior Members Janet Wesselius, Jeffrey Dudiak and Ronald Kuipers.

A feature article written by Jim entitled "The Inner Work of a Happy Marriage" was published by *The Banner* in its February 12 issue. Jim also took part in a three-session audience participation show for Vision Television called Sky Right which was aired on February 14, 21 and 28.



Hendrik Hart spoke at McMaster University on the subject "Can an Intellectual have both Faith and Integrity?" under the sponsorship of the Chaplain's office. He also preached in Waterloo, Ontario,

where he addressed Christians interested in starting an AWARE group, potentially for parents. Henk contributed a chapter in the book edited by Jim Olthuis, mentioned above.



Marcille Frederick met at Redeemer College, along with Calvin Seerveld and Junior Members James Leach and Hamish Robertson, to discuss Seerveld's ICS

convocation address, at the invitation of professors Mary Leigh Morbey and Danie Strauss. Marci is teaching a 17-week adult study of the biblical book of Revelation at the Danforth Mennonite Church in Toronto. She thanks the many people who responded to our call for issues of *Vanguard* magazine, which supplied most of our missing issues.



Ken Badley gave a paper on "Faith-Learning Integration, the Incarnational Cop-Out and the Worldviewish Thinking Cop-Out" at a plenary session of the conference

"Toward a Christian Theory of Education" at Nottingham, England. He also lectured in a number of courses recently: "On teaching that is not boring and useless" for Michael Pountney at Wycliffe College; on "Education about religion in public education" for Harry Van Dyke at Redeemer College; and on the roles of women and men in marriage for Elizabeth Davies at Ontario Bible College.

Robert Sweetman has recently translated four articles by Dirk Vollenhoven, three of them in collaboration with alumnus Stoffel Francke.



Sylvia Keesmaat spoke of Anglican clergy on "Who was the historical Jesus?" and presented a workshop on "Teaching the biblical story: What on earth is this book about?" for the

Ontario Christian School Teachers' Association. She spoke at the "Serving Christ in the Nineties" conference, on biblical resources for living with hope.

Calvin Seerveld and his wife Inès spent several days at Dordt College in Iowa, where he spoke several times. Then they travelled to Chicago where Cal was feted on the occasion of his retirement and where he addressed an alumni gathering at the college he helped build. At both places they



enjoyed musical productions of *The Greatest Song*, based on the biblical book *Song of Solomon*, which Cal published many years ago.

Paul Marshall was called as an expert witness before the Helsinki Commission of the US Congress on "The Dynamics of Religious Freedom in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union." This testimony will be published by the Commission.



Paul's essay on "Rights Talk and Welfare Policy" was published in the book *Welfare in America* edited by Stanley Carlson-

Thies and James Skillen. His articles on the theme "Calling, Work and Rest" have been republished in the journal *Poimen* in Malaysia. Five other articles were recently republished in the South African periodical *Orientation*. His article "The West Remains Silent on Persecution of Christians in the Arab World" was recently published in *Christian Courier*.

In Nicosia, Cyprus, Paul spoke on "Religious Freedom and Islam" and "Christian Ministry in a Context of Violence" at a conference on "Christianity and the Islamic World."



George VanderVelde's extensive and insightful article on the life and significance of his professor G. C. Berkhouwer, was published, in the February 23 issue of

Christian Courier.

Former Senior Member **Brian Walsh** was publicly commissioned as Christian Reformed campus chaplain at the University of Toronto recently at Wycliffe College, where his office is located. Brian continues to teach one course at the Institute.



EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Bob VanderVennen

New book celebrates ICS 25th anniversary

An *Ethos of Compassion and the Integrity of Creation* is the title of a new book which contains plenary speeches given at the international conference celebrating ICS's 25th anniversary in 1992. The book also contains the biblical meditations given by J. Richard Middleton and "A Summing Up" by Jonathan and Adrienne Chaplin.

Speakers at the conference considered anew the strengths and weaknesses of "creation order," a concept central to the thinking of ICS and its Dutch neo-Calvinist tradition. A normative emphasis on order for creation provides us with a healing orientation in disorienting times. Whether it provides a basis for an "ethos of compassion" is a subject addressed by Hendrik Hart in a controversial speech.

Albert Wolters provides a historical analysis. ICS contributors to the book, besides Middleton and Hart, are Brian Walsh, Sylvia Keesmaat and James Olthuis.

This is a spicy book which contains suggestions for new answers to old questions. The book is not only theoretical but also deals with issues of the environment, medical ethics, gender relations and sexual ethics.

Badley's textbook is a winner

A major publishing event is the arrival of the book by Ken Badley, *Worldviews: The Challenge of Choice*, a 435 page book published by Irwin. It is a high school textbook, designed for study in grades 11 and 12, commissioned by the Integrated Educational Council of Newfoundland.

The Introduction by Rev. Dr. George B. McClintock states that the book is "designed to encourage students to develop insights, skills and courage to make and act upon your own respon-

sible ethical decisions and moral choices. These are tough times for teenagers. You are confronted with many complex choices and challenges. Young people in the classroom can be helped to learn much about the basic principles of responsible moral decision making."

The book contains four units: living in a changing world, identity and lifestyle choices, issues of life and death, and care of the environment. Chapters include the spiritual dimension of human life, understanding death in the context of life, origins of the universe, suicide and euthanasia, family and peer relationships, sexuality and sex and gender roles, social justice, war, the caring community, and much more. It is an interfaith book, showing the practices and beliefs of Muslims, Buddhists and Jews as well as Christians.

The paperback book is printed in full colour with many photos, sidebars and cartoons about Calvin and Hobbes and by Sidney Harris. It is attractive, big and pricey: \$73.90. But it's a landmark book, and you may want a copy.

Alumnus looks at our shadow side

Steve Shaw has given us a book, *Dancing with your Shadow: Getting in touch with the hidden side of our personalities*, published in England by SPCK. Shaw lectures for College House in Cambridge, England, and is a counselor for the Caris Counselling Group.

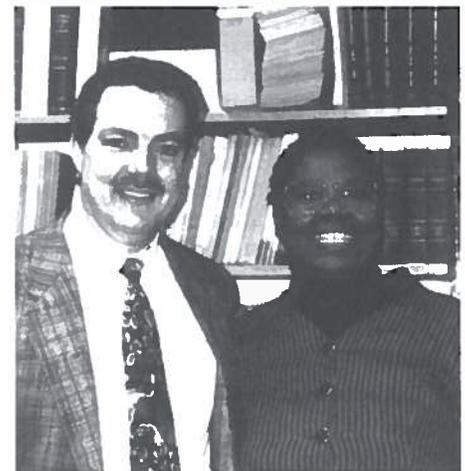
Good people always have a shadow side to their personalities, says Shaw, the part of us that's not always good, a side that pops up once in a while. As the apostle Paul writes, "So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me."

Shaw writes from an appreciation of the work of psychologist C. J. Jung, who offered some very helpful insights for facing the shadow side of our lives positively, without fear. Shaw is both a theologian and a therapist, and he's a good writer to boot. The book is engagingly written with many references to counselling situations he has seen. Shaw concludes that constructive dealing with our shadow side can lead to a more joyful, more realistic life.

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Hubert Budding has had to return to Toronto temporarily from seven years as a "tentmaking" missionary in Nepal in order to have a cancerous part of his lung removed. During his recovery, from January to March, he has been attending some classes at the Institute. Hubert's surgery and recovery have gone very well and he and his wife Nan expect to return to Nepal in late March.

Stanley W. Carlson-Thies has co-edited with James Skillen, former ICS trustee, a big book titled *Welfare in America: Christian Perspectives on a Policy in Crisis*, published by Eerdmans. The book includes contributions from 20 people who participated in a three-year study of welfare reform which culminated in a conference held in May, 1994. Carlson-Thies wrote the Introduction to the book and a conclusion which pulls together the varied contributions. ICS Senior Member **Paul Marshall** is a contributor, as are Bob Goudzwaard and **John Hiemstra**.



ICS President, Harry Fernhout, with Bernice Moreau.

Bernice Moreau was recently awarded the Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto, with Harry Fernhout as one of her examiners. Part of her opening statement at her exam reads: "Twenty years ago when I first came to Canada to study at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia as a black woman I experienced overt and covert

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racism, sexism, and class discrimination in the university community. I was so discredited, crushed and almost destroyed intellectually that I was determined to end my academic career at the MA level and return to my homeland.... Fortunately, at that point I was encouraged to attend the Institute for Christian Studies, of which Harry Fernhout is the president. There I was nurtured back by Christian scholars into the academy and reassured that I do have the ability to pursue academic work at the Ph.D. level and that my scholarship, my race, gender, class and spirituality are compatible." After initial studies at ICS, Bernice went to the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) for the Ph.D. in the sociology of education. She is now teaching at Carleton University, Ottawa.

Keith C. Sewell recently had printed a paper titled "The Idea of a Free Christian University" which he presented at a conference in Australia at *The Centre for the Study of Australian Christianity*. He argues that what Australia really needs "is a world-formative Christianity, not a Christianity that conforms to the world, or a Christianity that would seek to escape from this world, which God loves so much." The paper is available for \$5.00 US from The Research Press, P.O. Box 133, Parkville, Victoria, Australia 3052.

Steven Bouma-Prediger published in the December issue of *Christian Scholar's Review* an article titled "Is Christianity Responsible for the Ecological Crisis?"

Exciting, late-breaking good news on charitable giving

Canadians will be able to benefit from a provision of the new federal budget which will permit income tax credits for charitable donations up to 50% of one's annual net income. In recent years the limit was 20%.

There is also a favourable change in the tax rules for donating appreciated capital, whether in the form of stocks, bonds or real estate. Moreover, donations from gifts given at death can be credited up to 100% of the income in the year of death plus the previous year, instead of a 20% limit.

Christian Stewardship Services is producing printed information that shows more precisely the benefits from these changes. Please call the Institute or CSS if you wish more information. JM

New administrators, new enthusiasm

Following the recent retirement of Ross Mortimer, John Meiboom, as the new Vice President of Administration and Development, faced his first challenge in building a strong administrative team at ICS. After several months of restructuring, this process has reached an exciting completion. In addition to restructuring the duties of other office staff, ICS has hired two new administrators. Connie Kuipers is the new Conference and Communications Co-ordinator, Mike den Haan is now Development Officer. They have joined a staff that is enthusiastic about the changes.

Connie most recently comes from the Oshawa area. After attending Christian elementary and high school, plus a year and a half at Redeemer College, she went on to complete an Honours BA in Political Science at Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) in Waterloo, Ontario. Connie was a founding member of the WLU chapter of Habitat for Humanity (which builds decent, affordable homes, in partnership with eligible families who purchase the homes via interest free mortgages). Her professional experience includes working in other non-profit organisations and managing a business office. Connie says her vision for an integrated Christian life has been

nurtured through her family, her Christian educational experiences and the various Christian communities of which she has been a part.

Mike comes from Guelph, where he attended Christian schools. After graduation he studied history at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Presently Mike is finishing a Master's degree in Religious History at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, and working part-time at ICS. In May he will graduate from Queen's, move to Toronto with his wife Christy den Haan-Veltman and will begin working full-time with ICS. Mike cultivated his love for Christian scholarship, especially Reformed thinking, at Calvin, in London, England, (where he studied for four months at an Anglican theological college), and at Queen's. He says that he is excited about promoting a reformed vision that has played a significant role in his own educational experience.

Hiring Connie and Mike generated a general restructuring of responsibilities in the office. Tia Spencer is now Administrative Assistant to both Harry Fernhout and John Meiboom, and has also replaced Albert Gils (who's good work has been very appreciated at ICS), as part-time bookkeeper. Margaret Schoemaker, our expert with computer

records, is now also handling book sales, in addition to other duties.

President Fernhout is delighted to see in Mike and Connie, a younger generation owning the reformational vision. "We're excited about the possibilities of reaching out anew to the children and grandchildren of the generation that established the Institute", he says. "These two people grew up within the Reformed tradition and are enthusiastic about the future of ICS."

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Christianity and Learning Lectures: a winter feast

Dr. Jean Bethke Elshtain came from the University of Chicago to spend three days in early March to deliver three lectures in the area of social and political philosophy. She also participated as external examiner in Steven Lazarus's defense of his thesis and spent an afternoon with the ICS faculty in informal discussions.

Introduced by Senior Member Paul Marshall, Elshtain lectured first on the politicization of the university. She pointed out that "Democracy is uniquely dependent on responsibility and self-limiting freedom." But universities have become politicized into competing monoculturalisms of people who can't speak to each other. This can lead to intolerance: if you share nothing



with other people, how can you take them seriously, she asks.

Elshtain described her second lecture as "a general meditation on the theme of authority." Drawing heavily on the work of

Hannah Arendt, she drew a distinction between authority and power. Authority is not an appeal to the individual conscience, not a "voluntaristic absolutism," she said. Rather, it is communal and extended by democratic institutions and habits of the heart.

Her third lecture was on "Caesar, Christ and Dietrich Bonhoeffer." Bonhoeffer, as a Lutheran theologian, struggled with the issues of civil disobedience and tyrannicide. He viewed his participation in efforts to kill Hitler not as an example of civil disobedience but as an exceptional response to an exceptional circumstance.

Dr. Elshtain is the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago. The Christianity and Learning Lectureship has again brightened up the Toronto winter with ideas from a Christian viewpoint that is not the same as the Dutch Reformational tradition of the Institute. RVV

Dooyeweerd Symposium an exciting event

On a cold February day Dr. Elaine Botha, vice-president of Redeemer College, and Dr. Danie Strauss of Redeemer's Dooyeweerd Centre came to ICS for a discussion of how they relate to the work of Herman Dooyeweerd today.

They were joined by Hendrik Hart and James Olthuis for a round in which each gave a 15-minute description of the one aspect of Dooyeweerd's work each has found most helpful. Strauss accented the idea of analogy. Botha was grateful for the help she received in her

own spiritual recovery from Afrikaner nationalism and for direction in her work on metaphor. Hart embraced Dooyeweerd's critique of rational autonomy and Olthuis finds most useful the law/subject distinction.

Then each responded to the other, and the floor was opened to the 30 who attended. Some hard questions were asked in a spirit of enormous respect. "It was a tremendously exciting day," said Robert Sweetman. Those who were present said they want to see more discussions like this.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

David Smith gave a workshop on moral and spiritual development in language education for the October meeting of the Ontario Christian Teachers' Association. Recently David spent a few days in his native England, to participate with a writing team in preparing curriculum materials for British secondary schools, specifically on moral and spiritual development.

Ron Kuipers recently was a speaker at the "Serving Christ in the Nineties" conference held in Dundas, Ontario.

Timoteo Gener and his wife Caroline just returned from a month in their homeland of the Philippines. Tim interviewed two Filipino theologians on whose work he is writing his master's degree thesis, attended his sister's wedding, and visited Caroline's father.

Betty and Elmer Issler were blessed with a baby boy in December whom they named Joel Andrew.

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