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Fundamentalism is the subject of two of the articles in this issue. In April 1985 Professors Gordon Spykman and Albert Wolters, both teaching at other Reformed colleges, addressed a ministers' conference on the Dordt campus on this subject. Their articles are based on these talks. We present their ideas because of the importance of understanding fundamentalism. Coming to grips with fundamentalism—appreciating it and also seeing its shortcomings—may be one of the most significant tasks in Christian higher education today.

Calling to your attention that fundamentalism (which, after all, is a theological trend) is an issue not only in the church, but also in education, fits in with the purpose of *Pro Rege*. For example, fundamentalists have made significant contributions to the origins debate, a debate carried out primarily among educators. The concluding article of the series on the origins debate is in this issue. You should ask a few questions as you read these articles: Is the suggested approach correct? Can Christians indeed find common ground in the origins debate, enabling them to combat unbelief more effectively? Given the investment in already-staked-out positions, *will* Christians unite on

this matter?

With this issue, at the beginning of the fifteenth year of *Pro Rege*, several changes on the editorial board are being made. Dr. John Zinkand, who has left Dordt to teach in Nigeria, is replaced as editor by the undersigned. We thank John for his editorial guidance and encouragement and ask the Lord to bless him in his new teaching task. Professor James Koldenhoven, on the *Pro Rege* board from the beginning, leaves the board for other assignments at the college. No doubt we will continue to rely on his help and wise advice. Others on the board are President John Hulst and Professors Kok, McCarthy, Vanden Bosch, and H. Westra.

We receive a steady stream of requests from persons who want to receive *Pro Rege* regularly. Perhaps there are others who might appreciate being added to our mailing list. If you know of anyone who wants to be added, please let us know.

Pray for the editorial board as they attempt to bring you insights on matters relevant to Christian higher education.

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