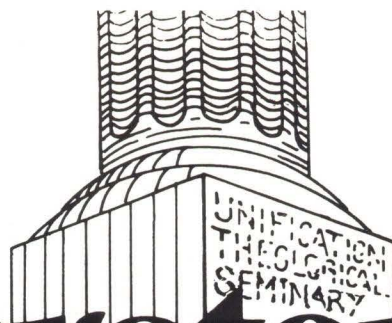


# The Cornerstone



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## U.S.A. Conference at UTS



Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert Grant, addresses USA conference

On Saturday January 25, a "United to Serve America" (USA) conference was held at UTS. Dr. Bob Grant, co-chairman of USA, was the keynote speaker. Among the nearly 80 people who attended were 12 guests from the community including ministers, UTS students, and Unification Church members from Albany, Newburgh, West Point, New Paltz, Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Red Hook.

Though tired from a trip to Kuwait, and suffering with the flu, Dr. Grant came and spoke about how America's traditional values are under attack, that the government cannot solve the problems, and that there is a need for volunteers to solve the problems. He urged the participants to find people who want

to serve others at the grassroots level—people he called "diamonds"—to support them in their service and to publicly recognize their contributions. He declared USA's intent to start a revolution of values in America. Highlighting Dr. Grant's presentation was a 16-minute video about USA's current activities.

The next speaker, Mr. Arnold Pilsner, identified the cause of America's problems as the elimination of God from life and society, which has led to a spiritual and moral decline. He emphasized the need for God-centered values and unity in the face of the great common enemy: Godlessness. Unity, he said, is blocked by America's rugged individualism and pluralism and can only be achieved

through voluntary effort; God will not do it for us. He pointed out that at the core of every institution is a set of values, and democracy needs people who serve God and others rather than themselves.

Don Sardella, currently the Executive Director of the New York Metro-Area Chapter of the American Freedom Coalition (AFC), also passed out a prototype of his USA newsletter, *The American Spirit*, with the following statement of purpose: (1) United to Serve America (USA) is an association of groups and individuals who share a commitment to ensure that the battles of the declining two-parent family and the moral confusion among our youth are won together; (2) to create a network of like-minded groups where ideas, resources, knowledge, energy and experience, can be shared in the united fight to save our youth and families; (3) recognizing and supporting those exemplary individuals and groups who are succeeding in this task, especially at the community level; (4) educating the public to stimulate volunteerism, rooted in commonly shared religious and ethical values, as the most effective way to solve society's problems; (5) Recognizing that America's strength lies in its founding as One Nation Under God, it is our shared responsibility as Americans to empower our youth with an effective vision and strategies to develop worthy and productive lives. While government programs can help, the problems of today's youth can best be





Mr. Arnold Pilsner leads group discussion at UTS conference

solved through partnerships between families, religious and community service groups, schools and businesses.

Finally, Dennis Taylor of West Point, Linda Anderson of Newburgh, Shirley Stadelhofer of Poughkeepsie, Zena Ru... of New Paltz, Therese Stewart of Rhinebeck, and Sebastian Huemer, Farley Jones and John Doroski of the Albany area volunteered to locate "diamond groups" and individuals in their cities as a first step. In concluding the meeting, Reverend Jeung Yoon Pak, Unification Regional Director for the Hudson Valley, spoke about the need for unity if we are to have the power to serve America.

*Dr. Shawn Byrne*

*(Dr. Byrne is the UTS chaplain and USA organizer in the Hudson Valley).*



Singing "Happy Birthday" to True Parents



UTS Dance Company, choreographed by Mara Varas, performs



Japanese ensemble sings a medley of Eastern & Western songs



Sung Am Moon & Seakyoun Yoon perform Korean songs





Oratory winner Welborn Rozier speaks to the audience



Participants and judges pose with President Kim

## The 16th Annual David S.C. Kim Oratorical Contest

On February 26, 1992, the 16th Annual David S.C. Kim Oratorical contest was held at UTS. Matthew Cohn, the 1991 winner, served as master of ceremonies. Before introducing the eight finalists, he gave a brief report on the beginnings and history of the contest. In 1977, Dr. Anthony Guerra, then a junior at UTS, initiated the contest and suggested that it be called the "David S.C. Kim Oratorical Contest." From that on time it became an annual event.

The theme of this year's contest was, "The Value of Marriage—A Unificationist Perspective." For two days prior to the actual contest preliminaries were held, and out of more than twenty students eight finalists were chosen, including one Middler and seven Juniors. Each speaker gave an 8-10 minute presentation, which in turn were scored by a panel of judges consisting of Dr. Richard Arthur, Dr. Theodore Shimmyo, Dr. Michael Mickler, Dr. Jennifer Tanabe, and Kathy Winings.

With previous victories in the lecture contest and as a member of the debate team, Middler Welborn Rozier became the first UTS student to score a "hat trick" (three victories), as he was literally crowned the winner (with a real pa-



Muslim representatives from the Sudan visit UTS on February 9



Turkish Muslim leaders welcomed by Robert Kittel, February 2



## Cards and Correspondence

Dear Guido,

Thank you so much for your telephone call. Outside of the seminary, there is little semblance of a "community" anywhere, and a lack of adequate communication within the movement. We should never underestimate the value of communication with our sisters and brothers.

This reminds me of three points Dr. Quebedeaux spoke about in his talk on Campus Ministry: 1) indemnity; 2) be an exciting (dynamic) person; 3) call other (Unification) campus ministers—even in other states. Establish support and networking and bind yourself together as one.

Missions are spiritual warfare for anyone who is doing something good, and support for each other is necessary. Sometimes people who are pioneering, or who are more isolated than others, realize the meaning of community more than those who take it for granted. So, God has given me the responsibility of speaking to our own community about the "real meaning" of community and the understanding of spiritual warfare

and the need to bind together. This is partly what motivates me to write *The Cornerstone*, learning the way of heart through pain and diving deep for God. Thanks for listening, Guido.

Donna Farrantello

*(Donna is a 1982 Divinity graduate doing campus ministry in New Jersey).*

Dear brothers/sisters,

Thank you for your work! It's good to read *The Cornerstone* each time. Now, I'm going back to Japan, but would like to receive *The Cornerstone* there also. I don't know what your policy for alumni overseas is, so I enclose a small (\$20) donation and hope to receive it in Japan.

Sincerely,

Seiichi Ohkawa

*(Seiichi is a 1979 graduate who has been working as a Regional Coordinator in the Midwest and living in Minneapolis).*

### Open letter to Alumni/ae,

Paula Fujiwara has volunteered to be a regional coordinator for the UTSAA in New England, which includes New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. If anyone wishes to contact Paula her address is:

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*(Paula is a 1989 graduate who is now the assistant coordinator of Campus Ministry for New England).*

## Announcements

*The Alumni/ae Corner* is proud to announce that Jonathan Wells passed his Ph.D. qualifying exams last April (1991) and is now doing research on frog embryos, for the purpose of doing study on the implications for evolutionary theory.

Jonathan has also started a publication entitled, *The Scholars' Newsletter* containing information and correspondence from and about UTS grads and others in the academic community. If you are interested in receiving the newsletter contact Jonathan at this address:

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*(Jonathan is a 1978 UTS graduate now doing his research at the University of California at Berkeley).*

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## Graduation Trepidation

Having grown bored of classroom confinement, library silence, and cafeteria queues, I was eager to finish my studies at UTS last spring. But, with the desperation of getting involved in life outside came the fear of that dark abyss: graduation.

Each year UTS, "our beloved mother," prepares a new batch to burst out of the soil into a brave new world. As with every year, last spring students raised many fears. "What if Father sends me to Antarctica?"; or, "I have 12 children, what if I'm sent back to MFT?" If this is how you feel it may be time for you to get in touch with the providence. Granted, in the past that was difficult to know—rally here, campaign there, etc. ...But now we need to understand what God and the world need from us.

### Giving vs. Sacrificing

How great it is to offer something, to give in our own unique way, and how miserable it is to suffer without purpose. Part of being effective, I've discovered, came about when I changed my philosophy from sacrificing to giving. Certainly, history must be restored through indemnity, but we are also called to create and build a new history; that involves giving.

A few months ago I encouraged a friend with extraordinary linguistic abilities to pursue a career/mission where his talents could be put to use. He said, however, that he was trying to give up linguistics as a sacrifice for the mission. Certainly sacrifice is noble, but God needs us to demonstrate public leadership in transforming society, rather than simply making private offerings in seclusion.

### Graduation Preparation

Last year, when I didn't hesitate to tell of my post-graduation plans, a few students were surprised by my confidence. I knew, however, that it was no coincidence that my mission was assigned ex-

actly as I anticipated. While at UTS I thought and prayed about how I could contribute to the providence. I explored possible missions in my hometown, and then made a proposal. It was rather simple: I found a virgin campus in my hometown area, pursued business relationships in the area for financial support, and began looking for housing before my mission assignment was given. I left the door open, knowing that God's grand plans are not always so easily perceived. But when I told some students of my mission plan, some prophesied, "You can't decide your own mission because Father might send you to Antarctica..." I ignored the naysayers; my proposal was accepted. It was an amazingly simple and fulfilling event. After a few years of beautiful sunrises, autumn leaves, and harvest moons in Barrytown, it was time to get back to work.

As was prophesied, the old world is crumbling, and we must now create the new heaven and earth. To do this we need to give the best we have—establish new learning institutions, create heavenly culture in music and art, build ethical businesses. We need not merely sacrifice, but give, create, and love with our unique God-given talents. So, in thinking about the future, find the place where you can offer the most. Fear not, march forward, and boldly give.

*Eric Wenzel*

*(Eric is a 1991 Divinity graduate now living and working in his hometown)*

## International Cultures Conference

On February 24-25 I was privileged to participate in the Third Annual International Cultures Conference at the United Nations in New York. Father Dr. Joseph Fitzpatrick, S.J., of Fordham University, chaired the forum on religion entitled: "How can Inter-Religious

Understanding Be Achieved?" Other panelists included Mr. M. MD Samir, President of the Islamic Council of America; Rev. C. Gervais, Rector of the Church of Epiphany in New York; Dr. M. Mehdy, Secretary General of the National Council of Islamic Affairs, and myself, representing the Unification Theological Seminary.

During discussions I brought up several points I thought relevant to the topic, such as, "The Need for the Definition and Stressing of Commonalities and Common Values and Principles Among All Peoples." Some of these points were incorporated into the panels final recommendations, which will be presented to the U.N. Secretariat and all local and international organizations participating in the conference. I expressed the opinion that religious harmony can be achieved by stressing commonalities of values, and particularly commonalities of purpose, namely: the creation of a more harmonious, peaceful and loving world.

The forum also recommended that religious groups take a look at the experience of inter-religious families and the frequently found love, respect and mutual understanding that take exists among these family members.

Finally, the forum decided to issue a warning to political leaders not to identify religious with political objectives and political activities. Dr. Fitzpatrick suggested that it is improper to refer to any country as being Christian, or otherwise. A nation-state cannot be such, only the people in it can be said to practice (more or less) one form of religious worship or another.

The conference concluded with a general session and an ambassadorial reception attended by, among others, Ambassador A. Erdos of Hungary, Ambassador Ordenez of the Philippines, and Ambassador Acharya of Nepal.

*Guido Lombardi*



per crown) by President Kim. Second prize went to Junior Class President, Paul Reinig, and third prize went to first-term student, Franco Famularo, while David Hanna and Sallyann Goodall received honorable mention. The other finalists were Eric Holt, Peter Reiner and Scott Quinn.

While the judges deliberated, entertainment was provided by David Hanna on piano; Patrick Eiger, UTS's resident comedian, who gave his own unique perspective on married life; and, Marco Rodriguez, who played guitar and sang songs written by himself.

*Franco Famularo*



Greg Noll's winning volleyball team feted by President Kim



Table tennis winners congratulated by President Kim

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