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## A Monthly Once More!

As it was in the beginning, so shall The Cornerstone be once more. It began as a monthly newsletter and it was recently decided that a monthly newsletter it should be again. This is a dramatic reversal of a budget cut in June which saw The Cornerstone reduced to two issues per year (hence the long wait for this issue). In recent years, rising production and mailing costs have resulted in a total cost to the Seminary of about \$3,000 per issue for the magazine format and, with an increasing number of foreign students, mailing costs will certainly increase. Nevertheless, it was deemed to be essential that the Seminary should maintain regular, timely communication with our alumni/ae throughout the world.

The leaner, simpler format is designed to reduce costs and allow for the most effective use of space. Still, putting out twelve issues per year will be costly and your support will be deeply appreciated.

## MANY GIFTS, ONE SPIRIT: THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

“Many gifts, one spirit, one love known in many ways. In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise...” The hymn which filled the Seminary chapel on the morning of September 20 provided the theme for the twentieth anniversary celebration. When President Shimmyo spoke of the hope of the unity of religion and culture in the next millennium, he was facing perhaps the most diverse audience to have ever filled our chapel. With the many Africans and South Americans who arrived in August to begin their studies, UTS has taken on an increasingly cosmopolitan complexion. President Shimmyo began his address by quoting two influential voices in the quest for religious harmony. Pope John Paul II has predict-

ed that the 21st century will be the century of Christian unity while Hans Kung in his *Theology for the Third Millennium* looks forward to the unity of all religions.

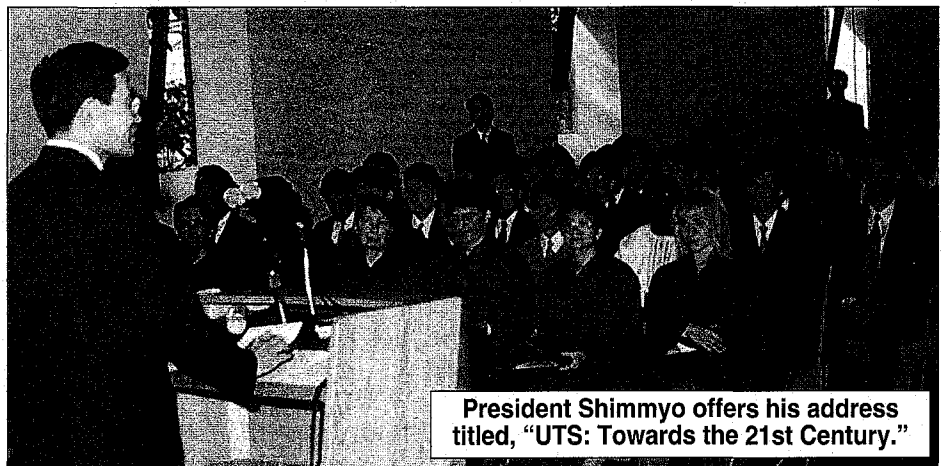
President Shimmyo emphasized that this harmony will not result from coercion in the form of religious imperialism but rather from each individual becoming “a responsible person working for the good of humanity centered on the heart of God.”

Mr. Farley Jones, a member of the class of '78 and the recently elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees, compared the relative youth of the Seminary with that of his children, now aged 22 and 20. Just as they look to the future with optimism, he said, so should UTS be confident that “the best years are still ahead of us.”

Dr. Mike Mickler took on his customary role of Church historian to present a brief outline of the Seminary's 20 years, pointing out three distinct phases. From 1977 to 1984, he said, the emphasis was on ecumenical outreach with more than 100 conferences sponsored or hosted by UTS. From 1984 onward, the focus shifted to the preparation of students for leadership in the Unification Church. Dr. Mickler suggested that, with the resignation of the founding president, the Seminary entered a third stage which he described as a reflective time in which UTS has the opportunity to review all aspects of its institutional life.

After an unforgettable lunch prepared by Chris Jordan and his dedicated staff, all of the staff and students were mixed and matched into three teams for a sports contest involving soccer and a huge, exhausting tug-o-war.

A busy day concluded with a visit by President Jin Hun Park Moon (UTS '93) of World CARP who spoke with great passion about the potential of the recently established World CARP Academy in Boulder, Colorado. He urged the students of UTS to



President Shimmyo offers his address titled, “UTS: Towards the 21st Century.”

support the Academy by reaching out to young Americans who may be interested in attending. In response, the UTS witnessing club has made this the goal of their weekly visits to SUNY New Paltz.

## Graduates Assigned to Latin America

This year's graduates were assigned to South and Central America and the Caribbean. They spent many hours with Father at East Garden and an entire week at the Washington Times where they were given a crash course in journalism. The usual 40-day Divine Principle seminar was abbreviated this year to a 10-day seminar given by a distinguished member of the graduating class, Reverend Ken Sudo.

Reports are slowly coming back from the field with stories of challenge and victory. Ed Heinz tells a dramatic tale of a moonlit climb to the highest peak in Jamaica. After a hike of 20 hours, Ed joined with the Korean missionary and Desmond Green, the leader of the Unification Church of Jamaica, in offering a prayer for unity and for the future of their nation. This was one among many highlights of Ed's time in Jamaica this year. Before the Blessing of 360,000 couples in August, he and Desmond were interviewed on the top radio talk show in Jamaica and Ed invited their interviewer to the upcoming ceremony. While that person could not make such a bold leap, a former senator, two former newspaper editors and an Olympic athlete did participate in the ceremony in Kingston, the capital city. Ed also tried to meet the president of the University of the West Indies. He was out of the country but, while on campus, Ed talked to a professor about the Unification Church's launching of a movement for sexual purity and was invited to come and lecture at the university.

Despite being robbed on his first day in Guatemala City, Tony Adamson is enthusiastic about the potential of his mission country. He found the national leader, Mr. Carlindo Concanvas, to be a "good, wise spiritual leader and an enthusiastic educator" and was impressed by the quality of the young people he encountered. He encountered difficulties which are common to many of the nations of Central America including the often strained relationship between the indigenous descendants of the Mayan and Aztec peoples, and the so-called "Latinos," the descendants of the Spanish conquerors. Poverty is a problem which affects the whole area and the Unification Church is no exception. Despite the fact that the church members include two med-

ical doctors, a lawyer and a professor of journalism, the church does not own a car and the members travel everywhere by bus. Like several of the missionaries who went to Latin America in the summer, Tony is now back in the area to make money for his mission.

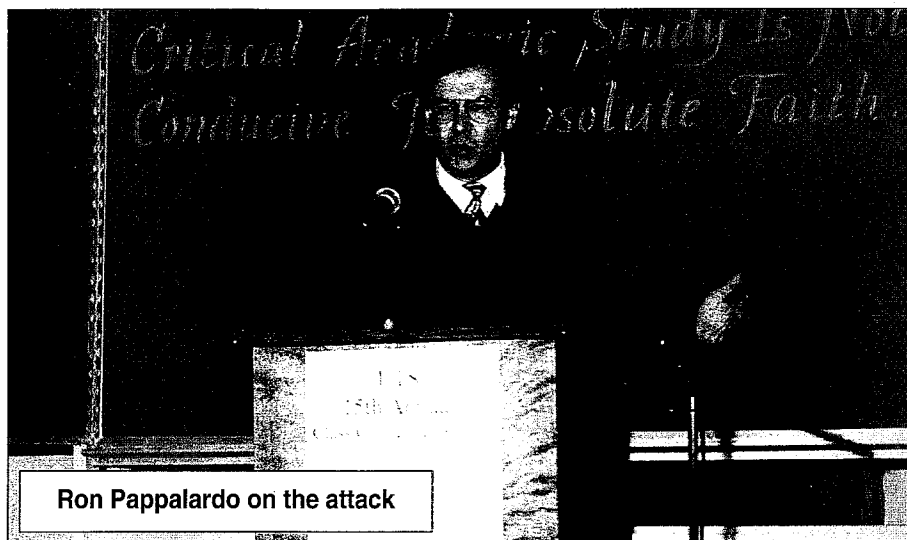
## Administrative Changes

In July, a reshuffling of administrative duties saw Dr. Mickler appointed as Academic Dean with Dr. Jennifer Tanabe taking over the position of Dean of Students. The latter position had been filled on a part-time basis by Dr. Dietrich Seidel who is currently in Korea teaching one term at Sun Moon University. Dr. William Brunhofer continues as Administrative Dean.

## Faithful Juniors Win Class Debate

The motion read, "Critical academic study is not conducive to absolute faith" and by the end of an evening which saw the affirming team gain victory, President Shimmyo thanked both sides for not demanding the closure of UTS! The final of the 15th Annual Class Challenge debate, held on November 2, pitted the Divinity Class, who opposed the motion, against the Juniors who seemed to have gained confidence from their defeat of the Seniors the previous week.

The opening speakers traded definitions, with Iwuk Asuamah defining "critical" as "to find fault" while her opponent,



Simon Bedelo, presented its meaning as "to judge with care and precision." The animated and passionate Narafumi Suganuma asked the members of the audience whether they would send a new convert to UTS or whether they would first seek to establish the strong faith of that person and was critical of "many scholars who worship critical study not God." His Junior classmate, Ron Pappalardo, asserted that faith is not a cognitive function at all but rather a function of the spirit. Ron used the Divine Principle paradigm of subject and object to assert that, in the relationship between faith and intellect, faith is clearly in the subject position. Charles Kannal, in reasserting the negating team's position, pointed out that faith is often strengthened during some kind of struggle and he asserted that intellectual doubt is one such struggle through which faith and belief are solidified.

The secretive deliberations of the judges were later leaked to The Cornerstone by an informed source and they indicate that, while some judges were swayed by Simon Bedelo's closing argument that the subject/object relationship between faith and intellect indicates mutual benefit, this was not enough to carry the case which the Divinity Class had to make; that academic study is conducive to absolute faith. And so the local sign shop will be given the task of engraving the names Suganuma, Asuamah and Pappalardo on the Annual Class Debate trophy.

## Happy Birthday President Kim!

"So many big shots!" That was former UTS President David S. C. Kim's surprised reaction when he entered the UTS dining room on Wednesday, November 8 for

the celebration of his 80th birthday. There to greet him were Rev. Joong Hyun Park, Continental Director of the U.C. of N. America; Rev. Zin Moon Kim, Deputy Director of the World Mission Department; Rev. Byung Ho Kim, President of Sae Gae Times; Col. Sang Gil Han and many other distinguished guests, including alumni/ae from the New York area. The three hour celebration which followed featured some heartfelt tributes delivered by some of the distinguished guests. President Shimmyo also testified to the loving and faithful support which Mrs. Kim has offered to her husband throughout their long life together.

Following the presentation of

gifts by Mr. Farley Jones, President Kim delivered an address entitled, "Let us Give Thanks in Everything to God and our True Parents." Stating that, "this old general is nothing without True Parents," President Kim urged his audience to follow Paul's message in Thessalonians 5: 16-18 by praising God with rejoicing; praying constantly and giving thanks in everything.

## An Optimistic Trustees Day

The meeting of the Board of Trustees on Monday, October 23 was notable for its high level of energy and optimism. Attendance was higher than it has been for some time and the morning's committee meetings proved to be particularly valuable. The word "proactive" became the mantra of the day as this was the word used by the Middle States Association's evaluation team in recommending a greater degree of involvement for the Board. An ad hoc committee of Mayor Ford, Dr. Horton and Dr. Wells will oversee the necessary follow-up to the MSA's decision to defer accreditation, a decision with which the Board voiced unanimous disagreement. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 27 in New York City.

## New Members of the Board of Trustees

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees on Saturday, June 23, four new members were elected. Mrs. Alexa Ward is best known in the UTS community as the wife of Dr. Tom Ward who teaches Unification Worldview but Mrs. Ward is held

President and Mrs. Kim enjoying the entertainment.



in high regard, in her own right, by many in the mid-Hudson Valley. For several years, Mrs. Ward served as the program director at Val-Kill which was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's home and which has been designated a National Historical Site.

At a recent ceremony honoring Hilary Rodham Clinton, Mrs. Ward was able to introduce Dr. Mickler to many prominent members of the mid-Hudson Valley community and he has made several recommendations to President Shimmyo as to how UTS can best participate in and contribute to the life of the surrounding community.

During his years of service to UTS in our medical center, Dr. Jaekil Park has continually demonstrated his commitment to the Seminary. In previous years, when many Korean guests visited Barrytown, Dr. Park was always available to receive our guests and to offer medical treatment. In addition, he decorated and furnished the medical center at his own expense and renovated the "student pavilion" and garden located 100 yards to the north of the Massena House. He is also a well respected member of the community of Saugerties where his practice is located. For all of these reasons, his recent nomination as a Trustee was unanimously approved.

The other new members of the board are both UTS alumni. They are Dr. Tyler Hendricks, President of the U.C. of America, and Dr. Hugh Spurgin.

## First Annual Korean Speech Contest

*The following is the testimony of Raman Montenegro, the winner of the first annual Korean Speech Contest.*

I had spent the afternoon in the hot sun, rehearsing and memorizing my lines. I had chosen the speech that True Father had given at my matching, on March 27, 1987. This would be meaningful to me, and there was one particular section of the speech that Father had given that was especially memorable, a section in which he had addressed the western sisters present, asking them to consider oriental men as possible spouses because nearly all of the western men present had opted for oriental wives, leaving the western sisters discomfited. Father had explained that although it would be difficult, a life spent in love and ser-

vice to a foreign culture, especially one as different as, for instance, the Japanese, would reap innumerable rewards. Father concluded his humorous talk with a very moving account of such a person's autumn years, spent in the company of grandchildren who would be moved to tears when they would hear their grandparent's testimony.

As I rehearsed and prepared, trying to commit these few lines of Father's to memory, I discovered a deeper aspect of Father's words: his heartfelt commitment and love for the members of our church. Through his words, I could see how much he cared for the western sisters, and through humor and tears, how much he wanted to raise them up to receive a greater challenge. I wanted to inherit this heart in my preparation, and through the contest, I hoped to transmit something of this deep love to our Seminary brothers and sisters. I knew that most of them would not understand what I was saying in the Korean language, but somehow, I also knew that wouldn't matter. Especially for our Korean brothers and sisters, and ultimately for Father, I wanted to do a good job.

Finally, seated in the front of Lecture Hall 2 with the other contestants, and given the most time to prepare and think, I realized that it was too late to practice, so I relaxed myself, and tried to appreciate what the others had done to prepare. One by one the others spoke, and as my turn approached, I tried to assimilate all that I had seen and heard, in order to give the most balanced, centered presentation possible. I wanted to be powerful, but honest, and I prayed that God could use me to inspire brothers and sisters, even Father.

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I got up to speak when my turn came, and paused before beginning. Father is so confident, so sure of himself. How could I present his words without that same inner peace? I paused, then launched myself into the speech.

I tried so hard to really be there 100%, to really project myself into Father's character. What a rush! I can't compare myself with anyone else, but I am certain that something must have come through, because when the judges came back with their decision, they had granted me first prize! Still, the whole thing was not the money, or the honor, but the rush, the rush of being there, with Father, in Father's words. I can't explain it any better than that. What a rush it was!

After it was all over, I thought about the best way to use the prize money. The first place contestants from both the elementary and advanced groups received \$300. It came in the form of three one hundred dollar bills. I really felt that money came directly from Father. With just a little thought, it became clear to me the best way to use that money. It will go to start our family's collection of Father's speeches, in Korean. It really couldn't go anywhere else.

## Seminarians Hear Franklin Littell Speak At Marist

On Thursday, October 5, ten students accompanied Dr. Mickler to Marist College Chapel where they heard Dr. Franklin Littell lecture on "Separate But Equal: A Model for Jewish-Christian Relations?" Dr. Littell is a well-known American scholar in religion, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Religion at Temple University and an elder in the Methodist Church. He has authored many books and articles. Dr. Littell has participated in conferences sponsored by the Unification Movement and defended the Unification Church's religious freedom.

Dr. Littell offered a list of suggestions for improving relations to members of both communities. On the Christian side, Dr. Littell suggested 1) removing words and phrases from catechetical materials that refer to Jews with contempt; 2) inserting within its teaching materials which praise Jews; 3) no missionizing of Jews; 4) no double standard against Israel, holding it to a different standard than its neighbors. On the Jewish side, Dr. Littell recommended: 1) more openness to the free exercise of religion in the U.S.; 2) more openness to sects and cults; 3) more openness to the poor; and 4) more willingness to reach out to the seeking Gentile.

## A Busy Summer for Faculty Members

There's no rest for the learned. UTS faculty members travelled widely this summer with Dr. Thompson making the longest trip to Beijing, China where he and his wife attended the United Nations conference on women. Dr. Tsirpanlis spent considerable time in a cave cell retreat in Greece preparing his new course on the Heart and Essence of Christianity, producing two book reviews for Church History and fighting off snakes! A number of faculty attended conferences connected to the World Culture and Sports Festival in Korea, including President Shimmyo, Drs. Carlson, Seidel, Tanabe, Wilson and Mickler as well as John Gehring. Dr. Scott taught summer sessions at LaSalle and Fordham Universities and Dr. Byrne travelled to Ireland. Dr. Winings was extremely busy arranging some 70 field internships for World CARP and Dr. Ward has been equally active in South America.

## A Visit to Danbury

On Friday, June 16, a group of students travelled to Danbury to visit the federal correctional institution where, ten years previously, our Father was released after serving his term of thirteen months. The visit was organized by Dr. Brunhofer as part of the Practicum in Ministry class and was open to all students.

The prison was built 55 years ago to accommodate those who are convicted of crimes on federal property or whose crimes were related to the federal government. It currently houses about 800 inmates. Serge Brosseau reports that the most significant change in the past ten years has been in the gender of the population. "We were walking around and all the people looking back at us were women! They were mostly working on the grounds and seemed to enjoy tending to the flowers and trees. Everything looked very clean and well-maintained." Apparently, this change to an all-female population took place two years ago.

The UTS group was particularly well received in the cafeteria where one staff member who had worked there for many years indicated his familiarity with the Unification Church. Serge felt that Father's positive influence was still felt in this part of Danbury. "As we know, Father's job assignment at Danbury was the kitchen. It seemed that the impression that he left after many years was still felt positively."

## Bay Area alumni/ae gather

Eleven graduates gathered in Hayward, California on June 12 to meet with Dr. Michael Mickler who was visiting the Bay Area for the first time since graduating from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley in 1989. Dr. Mickler briefed the graduates on recent developments in Barrytown including the New Outlook Campaign and the new Multi-Media Language Lab.. When he asked how UTS could better serve the alumni/ae, suggestions included more of a focus on family issues and the setting up of an electronic bulletin board, or a home page on the internet, where resources like speeches, valuable term papers, theses etc. could be posted.

Pastor Kevin Thompson who also attended the meeting, invited the alumni/ae to become more involved in the religious events to which he is often invited. He informed the group that the Festival of Faiths, organized by the Berkeley Area Interfaith Council, would be held at U.C. Berkeley the following Wednesday and urged them to participate. Peter Wettstein ('91) proudly reports that, thanks to help from various quarters, the U.C. book-table was by far the biggest and, being equipped with a large umbrella on a blazing day, was the envy of the other twelve groups!

## UTS grads participate in Christian-Muslim dialogue

Tom Bowers, the Seminary's library director, was one of several alumni in attendance at the "Dialogue for Christian-Muslim Collaboration" held near London, England in May. The focus of the dialogue was on issues of Christian and Muslim relations in Europe and the former Soviet Union. Among the countries and republics represented were Bosnia, Albania, the Czech Republic, Germany, England and several republics of the C.I.S. including Chechnya.

There were about 30 participants in the conference and among them were Tom Bowers ('81); Marshall de Souza ('89), the IRFWP representative in England; David Fraser Harris ('89), the IRFWP representative in Italy; Taj Hamad ('86), the director of the Inter-Religious Leadership Seminar; Frank Kaufman ('79), the

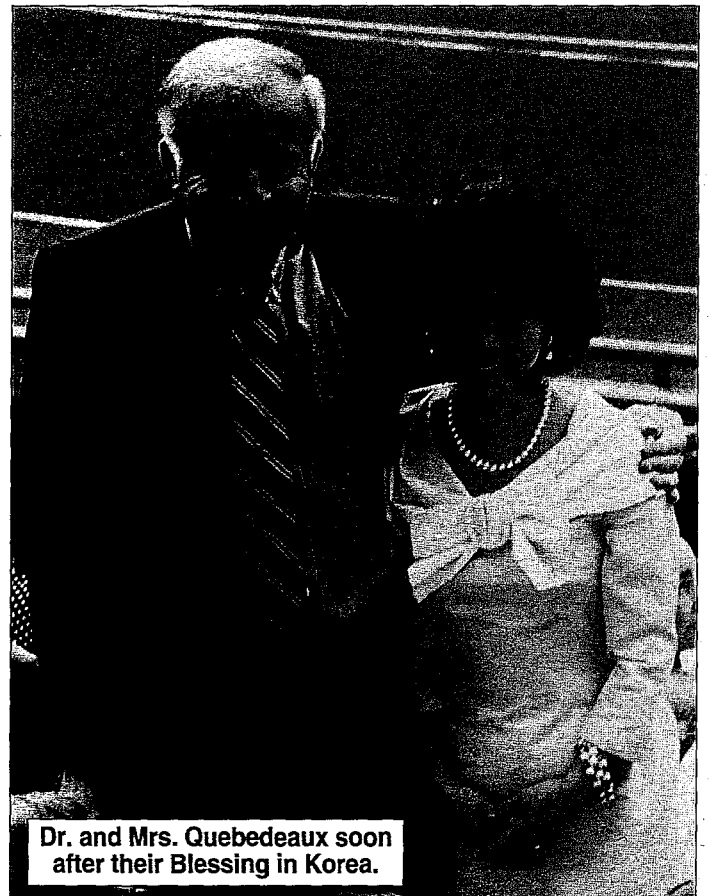
executive director of IRFWP; Frank Lagrotteria ('94), IRFWP staff; and Tom Phillips ('92), the vice-president of the Unification church of the C.I.S..

Tom reports that the meetings over the course of the four day gathering will serve as a good foundation for future dialogue. Since most of the invited guests had never participated in an IRFWP event before, more dialog will be called for before specific projects can be initiated.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Fond Memories of Dr. Quebedeaux

Laughter outweighed the sorrow on October 9 when colleagues, friends and former students of Dr. Richard Quebedeaux gathered in the chapel for a memorial service in his honor. Dr. Quebedeaux, who died in Japan on July 4 at the age of 50, was remembered fondly for his love of discourse and for his keen and perceptive mind. Dr. Richard Arthur spoke of Dr. Quebedeaux as a man from whom he learned much. He remembered that the first time he met Dr. Quebedeaux, he was sur-



Dr. and Mrs. Quebedeaux soon  
after their Blessing in Korea.



rounded by a group of people and that their subsequent conversation went on into the early hours of the morning. This was no surprise for former students who recalled similar discussions in the UTS dining room at all hours of the day and night.

Dr. Quebedeaux's long association with UTS dates from 1978 when Dr. Mike Mickler, then a student at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, invited Dr. Quebedeaux to Barrytown to lecture on his newly released book, "The Worldly Evangelicals." This visit proved to be a very significant episode in Dr. Quebedeaux's life. From that time, he became a key figure in the theologians conferences held at UTS in the late seventies and was centrally involved in the development of the New Ecumenical Research Association (New ERA) which was formed in 1980. He coordinated numerous New ERA "Divine Principle Seminars" in various parts of the world in the early 1980s and, when the International Religious Foundation (IRF) was established in 1983, he continued to play a major role as a consultant and guide for the growing family of activities coordinated by IRF. In 1992, Dr. Quebedeaux offered himself as an applicant for matching by Reverend and Mrs. Moon and was joined in marriage to Hiroko Minami at the Blessing of 30,000 couples in Seoul, Korea.

President Shimmyo has sent a report of the memorial service, complete with photographs, to Mrs. Quebedeaux who continues to live at their home in Yokohama.

## IN MEMORIAM

# Joachim Baum

**O**n August 14, Joachim Baum ascended after being struck down by heart disease at the age of 43. Those who attended UTS in the years 1988-91 will remember Joachim for his constant good humor, his interest and love for people and his deep rooted commitment to God and True Parents. He left a clear and lasting impression here in Barrytown and there are those who swear that his loud, pealing laughter still echoes down the hallways.

Joachim joined our Church in Germany in November 1970 and came to America in January 1973 to participate in the One World Crusade. After several years of church activities, he went to San Francisco to continue his education and graduated summa cum laude from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in Political Science and History. He then went on to complete his M.A. in Western European History.

In October 1982, Joachim was Blessed in Seoul, Korea with Robin Whidbee. They have four children: David, Yuri, Joshua and a daughter, Samantha, who went to spirit world shortly after her birth.

Joachim graduated from UTS in 1991 with a Master of Divinity degree. His classmates remember him as someone who approached everything he did with great enthusiasm and energy.

He was a serious student but also loved to have fun and those who saw his rendition of John Belushi as one of the Blues Brothers will surely never forget it!

After graduation, Joachim visited the C.I.S. on two occasions and taught Divine Principle to educators in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The missionaries to that area have testified to his commitment and his humility in being ready to do whatever was asked of him.

For the past few years, Joachim continued as an educator in New York city, working as a substitute teacher while working on a Master's degree in education. He became increasingly concerned about the moral well-being of American youth and did his best to guide his pupils, emphasizing the importance of marriage and fidelity.

After graduating from UTS, Joachim often talked of his desire to support the Seminary and, despite his financial difficulties, he sent a large donation to UTS just two weeks before he ascended.

For those who wish to write to Robin, her address is c/o World CARP, 4 W. 43rd. St., New York, NY 10036.

## Were You There? 5, 10, 15 years ago in *The Cornerstone*

**1980** On November 7, UTS played host to an on-campus conference titled "The Philosophical Implications of Divine Principle." Students and faculty presented papers for critique and response by guest professors from other institutions. Among the presenters were Tony Guerra, Tom Ward, Lloyd Eby, Ted Kusterman and Lucy Masengill.

**1985** "Recovering the Classical Heritage" was the theme of the first Global Assembly of the World's Religions which was held in McAfee, New Jersey on November 15. 120 UTS students took the opportunity to rub shoulders with more than 600 clergy and scholars during a program which featured presentations and discussions on such themes as, "Human Rights," "Family Life," and "Interreligious Dialogue." In his address to the assembly, Father noted that, "As far as I know, God is not a sectarian. He is not obsessed with minor details of doctrine." He urged participants to unite and "work creatively to realize God's will on Earth." The event, under the overall direction of John Maniatis, was co-ordinated by Tyler Hendricks.

**1990** The "Coffee House Talks" hosted rock musician Joe Longo on October 28. The event was held in the

newly renovated student lounge and began with entertainment from Kerry Williams and Marco Rodriguez. Joe recounted experiences from the early stages of his life of faith, a time when he had to fend off friends who tried to "save" him from the church. Eventually, he took up his guitar again for God since, "Nothing should belong to evil." Joe delighted the audience by closing the evening with several songs.

## Communicating with UTS

**H**ello world! UTS now has more than 60 phone lines and two offices are currently linked to the Internet. The following is a partial listing of phone numbers (area code 914):

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## NEW WINDOWS!!!

**T**hanks largely to the support of our alumni/ae, new windows have been installed in the Dining Room and Lecture Hall 1. So far, more than \$60,000 has been received in donations and, before the campaign ends at the end of this year, we hope to have raised enough money to replace the windows in Lecture Hall 2. The top classes at this point are as follows:

Class of '78	\$3,886
Class of '77	\$3,670
Class of '95 (class gift)	\$3,650
Class of '79	\$3,600

The race to be top class is therefore very tight and one gift of \$500 could make all the difference. The class of '91 also deserves a special mention for having the largest number of donors (11) in its total of \$3,056. Strangely, the top seven classes are from the '70s or the '90s. There are eight classes with a total of less than a thousand dollars and they are all in the 1980s. Any theories?

The largest single donor at this point is Mr. Tomoki Kunieda, a current student, who gave \$5000.

Please give what you can to make sure that Lecture Hall 2 can be completed. This is the room where Father always speaks when he visits UTS and it is also where morning service and pledge are held during the winter months. We'll be shaking the trees one last time in January for all those who strike it rich during the Christmas season!



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