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Going Out to the World: The Class of 1996

As I came down the steps after receiving my diploma, I felt as if I was one of the stones in the chapel wall - I'm really a part of this place now!" Mike Armstrong was one of 49 men and women who, on Sunday June 23, became a part of the identity and history of UTS by receiving not only their diplomas but also the challenge to fulfill the expectations of the Founder.

From Dr. Joseph McMahon's invocation to Dr. Henry Thompson's benediction, the 90 minute commencement ceremony was filled with exhortations to be faithful to the will of God. "Help us in these moments," prayed Dr. Thompson, "to realize that it is not enough to enjoy the blessing here within this cathedral. Help us to carry the blessing beyond these walls into all the world as we build the Kingdom of peace and love and joy."

This challenge characterized the ceremony and, according to President Theodore Shimmyo, set it apart from the commencement exercises of other schools. "Normally," he said in his address, "graduation would be an occasion on which graduates receive a warm blessing of encouragement for their future pursuit of personal success and happiness. Given this normal standard at the graduations of those schools, it may not sound right if I speak



The spirit of the Class of '96



Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, the newly appointed President of the Korean Church, receives his diploma from President Shimmyo.

about bearing all the problems of the world upon your shoulders. But I want to proclaim today that you, as UTS graduates, are the people who have much happier faces, much prouder faces and much brighter faces than anyone else in the world. The reason is that God will be with you as you responsibly shoulder all the problems of the world."

For the graduates, this was a day for resolution concerning the future and also gratitude for the recent past. In the Graduate Response to President Shimmyo's remarks, Sandor Vamos, a medical doctor from Hungary, compared his classmates to the Olympians who were soon to gather in Atlanta, Georgia. "Behind them there is the hard work of many people who helped prepare the athletes. Through each of them, all of these trainers and supporters will compete and in this sense we, as a graduating class, are also not alone; we are the embodiment of all of your efforts...The goal of the Olympics is to achieve peace and unity for humankind. We as Seminarians have the same goal, but with a deeper understanding of the need for God to be the center of a united family of humankind."

This year, the arrival of the Founder remained a possibility until the ceremony began and this added some extra energy and anticipation to the preparations. Finally, it became clear that Reverend Moon's sermon at Belvedere would rule out his attendance but he was, nevertheless, a tangible presence. In the Founder's Address,



The graduates warmly welcomed Dr. Thompson

read by President Shimmyo, Reverend Moon described the pain and the repeated setbacks of God's providence of restoration. "Abel was killed by Cain. Jacob was almost killed by Esau. Even Jesus was crucified. However," he said, "the time has come when we can finally put an end to all of this. I witness before you that after the successful completion of the tearful 40-year wilderness course, during which time unspeakable suffering and persecution were overcome by unconditional love, God's elder sonship was completely restored."

Reverend Moon described how God's providence could then move forward quickly to the point where, on August 24, 1992, the proclamation of True Parentship could be made in front of the world leaders who were gathered in Korea and in 1993, the Completed Testament Age could be inaugurated. At such a ripe moment in human history, he said, "everything you do for the sake of God's will will definitely result in great success... Therefore, let us go to the world and embrace it with a spirit of love and sacrifice. In that way, the order of love will be restored at all levels, and world peace will no longer be just an impossible dream but a true reality."

For many of those present, this ceremony was a deeply moving conclusion to many weeks of work. Traditionally, it is the members of the Junior Class who do most of the hard work of preparation for graduation and, as class president, Prince Tambi faced the responsibility of ensuring its completion. The work, however, became an honor as he began to sense the experience of the graduates. In a written testimony concerning the preparations, he reported that, "by some kind of inductive effect, I was affected with their feelings. Suddenly, they appeared to me as offerings for God's altar. Every single expression of gratitude and appreciation from them to us sounded like a genuine blessing and not mere words. They were now more precious brothers and sisters and the idea of them going away seemed loathsome. On my part, every stage of the preparation took the form of preparing the altar for the precious offerings - it was no longer a mere duty."

Many of the graduates were surprised and delighted to welcome Dr. Henry Thompson whose serious illness prevented him from teaching in the Spring term. His appearance outside the

chapel was greeted with shouts and bear hugs and it was obvious that Dr. Thompson shared the joy of the moment. He was equally, if not more moved when, during the course of the ceremony, Mr. Farley Jones, Chairman of the Board, announced that Dr. Thompson had been appointed Professor Emeritus by the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Thompson was there to join in the prolonged, standing ovation which greeted this news.

The lunchtime banquet gave some proud parents the opportunity to glory in the talents of their offspring. Jim Humphreys' mother travelled from California to see her son, the Student Body President, graduate magna cum laude. "I could see that she was very proud of me and was moved by the whole experience," said Jim. "I think she especially enjoyed the banquet program following the commencement ceremony. During the program, I sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic" together with Ted O'Grady and when I went to sit down, I could see that she had been crying."

Annette Moss, a member of the R.E. class, was able to share the graduation experience with husband Brett, a member of the Divinity class, and with her parents who travelled from Germany. During the entertainment program, Annette sang a song which her father had taught her when she was a child.

The final student performance came from a group named UTS Africa (United To Serve Africa) who appeared in flowing, traditional robes. Their rendition of the Zairian song, Nzila Zulu, sent a rhythm through the floor and right into every foot in the room.

In his Faculty Remarks, Dr. Michael Mickler, UTS's Academic Dean, spoke of the various stages and dimensions of the Seminary's education, emphasizing that the final stage, the encounter with the world in returning to the field, was yet to come. He praised President Shimmyo for insisting on a high level of commitment from those who planned to graduate this year and congratulated those who had been able to make that firm commitment.

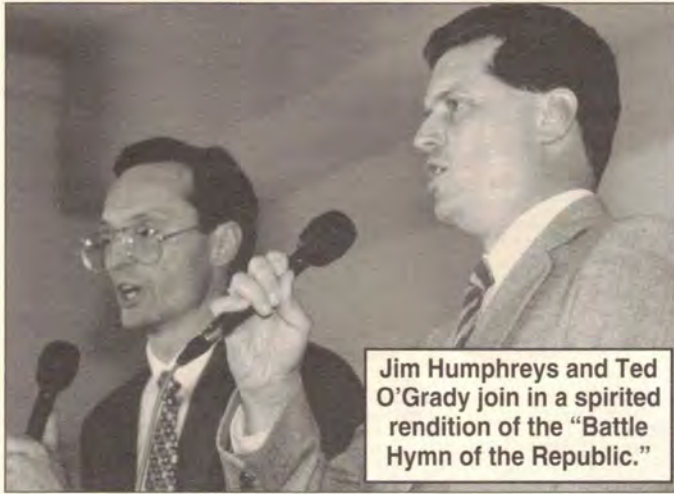
The class gift, presented by Jim Humphreys and Alan Saunders, will pay for a new carpet for the Junior Study Room which



Bret and Annette Moss being congratulated by her parents

will be redecorated during the summer as part of the Student Life Campaign.

At the close of the day's events, most graduates looked forward to a full schedule including Reverend Sudo's 10-day workshop, a one-week seminar at the *Washington Times* and a 10-day visit to Alaska at the invitation of Reverend Moon. Other graduates had already been assigned to their missions and left immediately. Reverend Sun Jo Hwang is the new President of the Unification Church of Korea, Reverend Ki Hun Kim is the President of the Canadian Church and Reverend Katsumi Otsuka was recently appointed to the position of Vice President of the Unification Church of Japan. Once again, the Founder demonstrated his faith in the value of a Seminary education and his hope in the graduates as the leaders of the Unification Movement. G.D.



Jim Humphreys and Ted O'Grady join in a spirited rendition of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

UTS at Sao Paolo Exposition

UTS Library Director Tom Bowers spent the first week of June in Sao Paolo, Brazil where he represented UTS at the second exposition of businesses and projects of the Unification Movement. Tom found the array of booths to be a powerful witness to Reverend Moon's impact in the world. Ranging from automobile manufacturing in Vietnam to computer technology for the Hubble Telescope, the businesses represented at these expositions express the global vision of their founder. Tom was particularly impressed by a project in Alaska which is producing fish powder and oil of food grade as a response to world hunger. He speculated that the purpose of the exposition may lie in the words of Jesus, who asked of the disbelievers, "If you cannot believe in me, believe my works."

Tom was able to make some good connections, including a meeting with a pastor who attended one of the seminars in



Tom Bowers with two members of the Brazilian Church

Uruguay and is now interested in attending UTS. Tom also met with one of the professors at the Unification seminary in Sao Paolo, an encounter which caused him to realize the need to relate to other seminaries. "We need to take some initiative as an institution, not just as individuals," he said. The exposition will continue to visit Latin American countries, concluding later this year at New Hope Farm in Brazil.

Serving the Victims of War

UTS graduate Tom Philips ('92) reports from Russia.

From May 23 to 30, IRFF Russia held its first program within the Russian Federation in Narzan, Ingushetya. We chose to locate our first project in Ingushetya because the conflict in the neighboring republic of Chechenya has seriously affected living conditions; due to the war, one out of every four people living in Ingushetya is a refugee. Another reason for choosing this location was the friendly relationship we have developed with Islamic leaders in Ingushetya through the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. The mufti arranged for us to stay in his sister's home during our stay. She welcomed all fourteen members of our team into her home even though she herself is widowed with six children! We were inspired to live in a home with such a high spiritual atmosphere; we could hear the prayers of the family at 5 each morning and at 11 in the evening.

One of our work sites was a refugee camp only ten kilometers from the Chechenian border and we could feel the tremors from bombs being dropped by Russian forces on a nearby Chechenian village. In the camp, we found mothers complaining that their children were living on tea and bread three times a day and the food storage tent remained practically empty during our stay. The food

products which we bought locally were quickly consumed each time. We did not see any signs of malnutrition but people were clearly hungry. We shared a lunch of tea and bread with the refugees and directly witnessed the severity of their situation.

Even though they are living in a very fertile area, we recognized their problems were not only lack of resources. They have been uprooted from the daily routine of their lives and are suffering from a sense of helplessness. We therefore designed our programs to empower people to solve their own problems.

Our team was very international with representatives from America, Russia, Ukraine, Africa and Japan. Three Japanese doctors, an African and a Russian doctor concentrated on giving medical consultations and taking note of especially difficult situations. After taking photos about specific cases, IRFF is looking for sponsors to support their medical care. Another team built a volley ball court at the camp and played volley ball with the young people. Many of the children have not been to school for two years, and many of the younger children could not speak Russian. The opportunity to play sports and make friends with people from other countries and share about their troubles helped them to begin to deal with their feelings about the war.

There is a lot of resentment among the Chechenian refugees towards Russians and many Russians hold a stereotype of Chechenians as being criminals connected with the mafia. Russian members of our IRFF team made effort to take a parental heart, digesting the Chechenians' anger and frustration with the Russian government. It was significant that some of the strongest bonds between participants and the people were made between Chechenians, Ingushetyans and Russians.

Although our organization is a new arrival, people found things that excited them about our work. One television broadcaster, who came to do a three minute spot on the local news, was so captivated she spent the whole day and created a thirty minute program. One of the things that impressed people was our approach, living and working closely together with the people, because many organizations have little direct contact with people. Also, our emphasis was not only to give material support, but to recognize people's spiritual needs, to also give friendship and personal concern for their well being. When meeting with one government official, this struck him and he said, "Yes, what we need is not only material but also friendship and understanding. Our people need people to believe in them and help them to develop their resources."

Another project which inspired people was a computer skills course taught by one Ukrainian brother. One community center had computers donated, but there was no one who could teach people how to use them. People were inspired about such a program because it showed that we were interested in investing in people.

Both the citizens and the refugees have seen other groups coming and taking pictures and going never to hear from them again.

They asked if we would be any different. For those who shared the experience of seeing the hunger in the eyes of the children living in refugee camps, watching children lying comatose only receiving IVs because there was no money to do any tests, it would be difficult to forget and do nothing. At this time, we are organizing an RYS project for next year. We met with the minister of Civil Services and he is prepared to help guide protein fish powder into the country. We are working to find sponsors for families with special needs. There are many other humanitarian organizations concentrated in this small republic but IRFF has a special contribution to make in helping people to find ways of working together towards a common goal and in bringing together those who were once enemies in a reconciliation of peace and love.

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Commuting to UTS

In America's colleges and universities, "non-traditional" students are quickly becoming the majority. Today, there are millions of adult students returning to the classroom. Likewise, here at the UTS, we have found that



there is an interest in seminary studies among Unificationists with families, missions, careers and other factors which may make relocation or full-time studies impossible. It seems that many of our members are realizing that they can do more for the world by elevating the scope of their spiritual and intellectual understanding as well as their ability to perceive, to communicate and to reach out to others.

To facilitate the need of adult students from the New York and New Jersey area, the Seminary started the Commuter Program in 1994-95. During each term, a certain number of courses are scheduled with two sessions in one day of the week instead of on two separate days. This allows students to enroll into two courses by coming only one day a week while maintaining their careers and missions.

Since the program began, we have seen some very energetic and motivated individuals enter the program, e.g. Tony Devine, Abdel Mesbah, Andy Compton, Graciela Ayad, Serge Brosseau, John Ngoran and Jack La Valle. Some of them even decided to move into the area after one term of enrollment so they can progress faster in their studies.

Tony Devine first became interested in coming to the Seminary

STUDENT LIFE CAMPAIGN

Trustee Gives \$2000 Dr. Jaekil Park, a member of the UTS Board of Trustees, has given \$2000 to the Student Life Campaign. Dr. Park has always been a generous supporter of UTS and, in the past, has renovated the medical center and the student cabin at his own expense. Dr. Park is now listed in the Founder's Group which includes those who donate \$2000 or more to the campaign.

Anonymous Donor Gives \$2000 A friend of the Seminary called the Development Office in May to ask what would be done with a donation. This person was told that donations are placed in the Alumni Fund which is a separate account used only for special projects which benefit the Seminary as a whole and that this year, donations would be used to improve the living and studying conditions of the students. A few days later, a check for \$2000 arrived from this donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Japanese Alumni Give \$13,000 President Shimmyo travelled to Japan in May and met with several of the Japanese alumni. He explained the needs and hopes of the Seminary and asked for their support. He received many pledges from alumni and other friends of UTS and \$13,000 has so far been received with the expectation of much more to come.

Class of '96 Provides New Carpet For Juniors This year's class gift, presented to the Seminary by the graduating students, is a new carpet for the Junior study room (the large room in the middle of the second floor of the academic wing.) This is a big help in the planned renovation of that room and, while receiving the gift, President Shimmyo pointed out the symbolism of the "elders" literally supporting the juniors in this way. Jim Humphreys, the Student Body President, later wrote, "I was very happy to be able to present to President Shimmyo the graduating class gift which will go towards the purchase of a new carpet for the Junior Study Room. Together with the other refurbishing which will start in that room this summer as a result of the Student Life Campaign, the Juniors will soon have a more pleasant study area, very conducive to their studies."



The current state of the study chairs!

UTS Administration Members Pledge \$500 Members of the President's Cabinet recently pledged \$500 each to the campaign and Dr. Mike Mickler has already fulfilled his pledge. "I'm happy to support this campaign because it directly helps to fulfill the purpose of UTS," he said. "This will benefit our students for years to come."

"Look at these chairs! We can't even give them away!" Dean of Students Dr. Jennifer Tanabe has already arranged to have the chairs from the Junior Study Room stacked up

for removal. Among the 70 chairs of 18 different styles, not one was worth saving. The cost of providing one student with a new chair, desk and bookshelf is about \$500.

Gymnasium Faces Closure During the Spring term, the gymnasium was used for basketball on four evenings per week and for volleyball on the other three. This facility becomes even more important in the winter when options for recreation are very limited. The steady decay of the gymnasium floor, however, will soon make it too dangerous to use. This picture shows the center of the floor. You can see the remains of the center circle in which the letters "UTS" were painted. Plywood sheets like this one cover about 30% of the floor and new holes are appearing regularly. One of the goals of the Student Life Campaign is to replace the gymnasium floor. Donors to the Student Life Campaign will be recognized by being listed in the following groups:

The Founder's Group Gifts of \$2000 or more

The President's Group Gifts of \$1000 to \$1999

The Dean's Group Gifts of \$500 to \$999

Friends of UTS Gifts of \$250 to \$499

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Please make checks payable to: UTS Alumni Fund



A set of study furniture costs about \$500



The center of the gymnasium floor

in 1990 but became involved with the Russian providence at that time. When he learned about Commuter Day, it was what allowed him to attend. During his first term, he came up from Manhattan for one day and took classes that were completed on that day. For the next two terms he came up for two days. The following year he moved his family up to Red Hook and became a "reverse commuter" in that he now commutes to his mission with the International Education Foundation in Manhattan and works from his home office using E-mail. He sees that his status as a student and a member of the IEF staff has benefited both parties. He makes efforts to bring what IEF has to offer to the Seminary and to bring what the Seminary has to offer to IEF. He believes that commuter day is a good way to attract more students, and that as UTS develops even more alternatives to full time study such as correspondence courses and intensive shorter courses that even more people will be able to come.

While teaching Sunday School at Belvedere, Jack LaValle met Dr. Mickler who encouraged him to try commuter day as a way to enter UTS. Jack is a security officer at Belvedere and would not have been able to come without this innovation. He became interested in the Seminary after hearing Father encourage members to attend and because he is interested in either teaching or becoming involved with higher education administration. He came to UTS one day a week during the Spring term term, taking two classes, and would like to come two days a week next Fall. His goal is to go through the Divinity program.

With the support of the Academic Dean Dr. Mickler, the UTS Faculty and the Registrar, Ms. Delaney, we hope to see an expanded Commuter Program in Fall 1996 with more courses available during the week for commuters to choose from and a program through which commuters are able to complete the entire Master degree program without interrupting the demands of career, mission and family.

The days for commuting are generally available Monday through Thursday. For information and application please feel free to contact: Hong-Yu Kovic or Katie Zahedi, UTS Admissions and Recruitment, 10 Dock Road, Barrytown, NY 12507 Tel (914)752-3014 or 3015, fax: (914)752-3016 E-mail: zahedi@mhv.net

Hong-Yu W. Kovic Admissions Officer

Urgent Appeal for Student Life Campaign: We want to make as many improvements as possible before the students return in late August. Please send in your donations as soon as you can!

Founding Donation To Matching Fund For Books

A report from UTS Library Director Tom Bowers.

Dr. Henry O. Thompson has recently donated \$1,000 to the UTS Library as matching funds for the purchase of books. This donation is the founding donation of this fund. Over the years, Dr. Henry O. Thompson has been one of the most active supporters of the library. He has donated dozens of books from his personal collection and made many useful suggestions of what



Dr. Thompson receives a standing ovation during the recent graduation ceremony.

titles to acquire to strengthen our collection. Dr. Thompson has made this donation because he is committed to the vision of the Seminary, he wants to leave a legacy for the future in the form of library books and he wants to stimulate other people to give to the library. The Seminary and the library in particular are very grateful to Dr. Thompson for taking the initiative to create this matching book fund.

The UTS Library is now looking for \$1,000 to meet the challenge Dr. Thompson has made to the library to raise funds for books. Every dollar donated to the UTS Library book fund will be matched with funds up to \$1,000. Each of the books purchased with money from this fund will have a book plate with both donors name, Dr. Thompson and the other donor who make it possible to buy the book. The sooner we can raise \$1,000 to match Dr. Thompson's donation, the sooner we will be able to put this donation to

work to buy books.

It is possible to further personalize the donations. If you want to honor someone such as a faculty member or student, a note can be made on the book plate. At your request, a letter will be sent to the person or the family of the person you honor with your book donation. Dr. Thompson, himself, donated another \$100 to match \$100 of his own \$1000 donation to honor several faculty members and students.

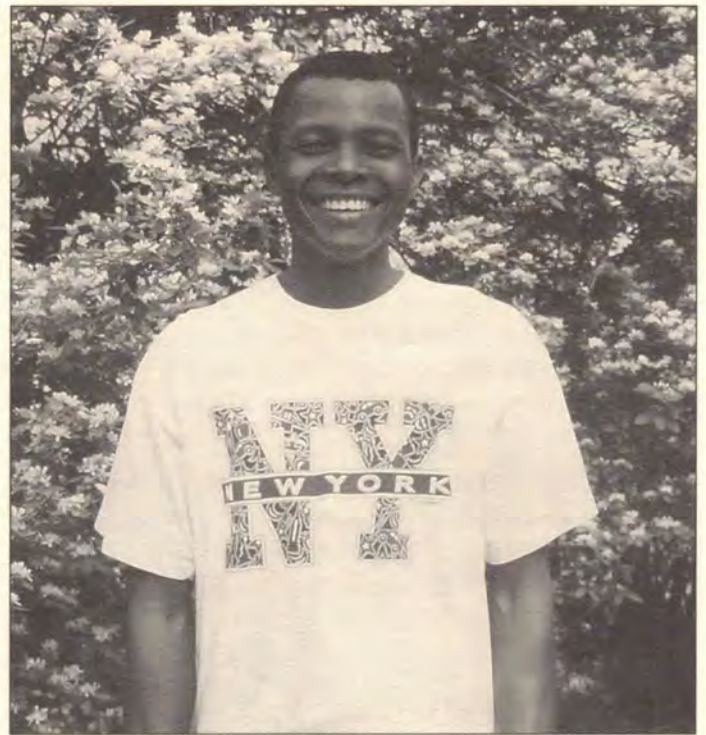
Dr. Thompson has given this money with the intention that it will be the beginning of an ongoing matching fund. Any funds that we receive in excess of \$1000 will be held until the library receives funds to match those funds as well. This is an excellent way to make a donation to the Seminary because your donation will have a double effect since it will be matched.

Profile of the New Student Body President

Prince Tambi came to the Seminary from Sierra Leone in August, 1995. He met the U.C. in 1983 when he had just completed one year of his undergraduate study of geology, but did not begin active service until 1993. He continued in school and completed his degree in 1987. He studied the Principle and attended services during his years at college but lost touch with the center after that.

After graduation, Prince worked for the Peace Corps as a language and cross cultural coordinator. He trained the trainers and taught them local languages as well as cultural relativity; how to appreciate other cultures and how to adjust to a new cultural setting. He did this work for five years during which time he also traveled to Kenya and Tanzania to teach ESL and language learning strategies. He is fluent in Mende, Kono and Krio, which are local African languages, as well as in English and French. While he was in the Peace Corps, Prince was introduced to Science of Mind by one of his students. It is a strict rule in the Peace Corps that one cannot teach any kind of religious philosophy but this student felt compelled to teach Prince anyway and he was very moved by what she taught him and it

He would like to gain a doctorate in the future and hopes to someday teach at UTS which he believes is a wonderful place with great potential to be used by God.



The Student Body President, Prince Tambi.

changed his life.

He was known as a good teacher who made many innovations in the program and was well liked by his superiors and peers. However, gradually he began to have doubts about what he was teaching and he began to feel tongue tied when he stood up to teach because he realized that what he had been teaching was not correct in light of his past study of the Divine Principle and his study and experience with Science of Mind. At the same time he began to have visions for an international highway and other projects to help to unite people. He began to fast and pray and decided that he would begin his own new spiritual movement and resigned from the Peace Corps.

After he resigned, Prince went back to visit his old co-workers to have lunch with them in the courtyard behind their building. He turned around and saw his spiritual father whom he had not seen in many years and realized that the building backing theirs was the Unification Church. He went to visit and when he began to study again he saw that the visions he was having were already being realized by Reverend Moon and that he did not have to begin something new.

Prince moved into the center and felt that God was suffering because Father had such big dreams and goals and yet there were only four people in the center and there was no Sunday Service and no witnessing. He did a 7 day fast and they began to have Sunday Services to which he invited all of his former students. The

center grew so much that they had to relocate and Prince was made the president of the church.

Prince's goal is not limited to his country and he hopes to use his experience with cross cultural teaching to help people to see the manifestation of God's diversity and beauty as a blessing not as a means for division. He would like to see more interaction among the different nationalities at UTS and says that language should not be a barrier or an excuse. He believes that Seminarians should grow faster, that they have a greater mission to reach out to the world and must first integrate and unite here and then they will have the power to move out. As Junior class president, his goal was to enliven and lead his class to serve others.

As Student Body President, Prince wants to bring new life and spiritual vitality to the seminary in order to achieve Father's vision. He would like to gain a doctorate in the future and hopes to someday teach at UTS which he believes is a wonderful place with great potential to be used by God. *Debbie Truin*

East European Scholarships

UTS is offering scholarships for East Europeans for the academic year 1996-97. The scholarship covers half of the tuition of students who enroll in September, January and April of this coming academic year and runs for the entire course of their study at UTS. Any applicant born in a country in Eastern Europe is eligible for consideration.

If you know of anyone who is interested in studying at UTS and would qualify for the scholarship, please tell them to contact Katie Zahedi or Hong-Yu Kovic in the Admissions Office.

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Sports are Thriving at UTS

The UTS students are as energetic as ever. During the Spring term, the gymnasium was in use every evening for basketball and volleyball and the soccer field was in use almost every day for soccer and baseball. When World CARP held a seminar in the Massena House in June, UTS was provided with a challenge to its soccer skills by the youth and energy of CARP. Theological wisdom prevailed, however, and UTS emerged victorious by a score of 10 to 3.



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