

## Wedding Bells



30,000 Blessing participants sing at UTS Foundation Day

On August 25, as thirty thousand couples recited their marriage vows in unison before Reverend and Mrs. Moon at the International Blessing in the Olympic Stadium in Seoul,Korea, there were over 40 who are currently UTS students, faculty or recent grads. We want to congratulate them on this happy occasion and honor their commitment to "World Peace Through Ideal Families," the motto for Unification marriages.

We are most happy to announce the Blessing of two UTS professors. Dr. Josef Hausner, retired professor of Biblical and Judaic Studies and one of the earliest (1976) faculty members at UTS, was blessed with Muriel Johnson (USA); and Dr. Richard Quebedeaux, lecturer in Religion and Society and Ministry, was blessed to Hiroko Minami (Japan).

Below is a partial listing of the other new couples in the UTS family, with their country of origin. Please excuse any errors it may contain:

> Ikutara Asakura (Japan and Kazuyo Ejiri (Japan)

Rumiko Arahira (Japan) and Kenneth Bruce (Canada)

Noboru Arima (Japan) and Mieko Maruyama (Japan) Rita Bailie (USA) and David Jenkins (Britain)

Randy Foreman (USA) and Kimiko Ookuma (Japan)

Sabry Gheberial (Egypt) and Junko Nakajima (Japan)

Nobuhisa Hattori (Japan) and Eiko Honda (Japan)

Jeong Min Hong (Korea) and Kiyoka Sugai (Japan)

Ebrahim Hussein (Egypt) and Kyoko Takasago (Japan)

Tetsuji Ietsugu (Japan) and Myoshi Oguchi (Japan)

Takuya Ishii (Japan) and Sung Mi Park (Korea)

Noritaka Izumi (Japan) and Teresita Bantawan (Philippines)

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Markus Karr (USA) and Shu-Juan Chen (Taiwan)

Mutsumi Kitigawa (Japan) and Hisayoshi Koga (Japan)

Kaori Kobayashi (Japan) and Atsushi Yokoe (Japan)

Mitch Lawrie (Australia) and Madeline Pretorius (South Africa)

> Pietro Marchitelli (Italy) and Concha Egea (Spain)

Toshifumi Musahara (Japan) and Yurie Matsumura (Japan)

Hideyasu Masuzawa (Japan) and Sumiko Kobayashi (Japan)

Tatsuo Mizamori (Japan) and Hiroe Izumi (Japan)

Atsushi Murakami (Japan) and Yuka Morimoto (Japan)

Isamu Nakashio (Japan) and Jun Hee Yi (Korea)

Michiko Onimaru (Japan) and Robert Kim (Korea)

Cabot Peterson (USA) and Margrit Kelbel (Germany) Janet Rigaux (USA) and Tsuguto Koide (Japan)

Akihiro Shiraga (Japan)

and Fumiko Nishimori (Japan)

Tomoji Suzuki (Japan) and Yayoi Asaoka (Japan)

Chika Takakura (Japan) and Iwao Yasojima (Japan)

Yoshitaka Tokuda (Japan) and Yor Chin Poon (Malaysia)

> Mara Varas (Peru) and Eric Allaire (Canada)

Hugo Veracx (Belgium) and Akiko Todoriki (Japan)

Makoto Yoshida (Japan) and Dohee Yi (Korea)

Dirk Anthonis (Belgium) and Teresa Ackmann (USA)

Yong Chong Lim (China) and Junko Shiraishi (Japan)

Liisa Kuusela (Finland) and Michael Burns (USA)

Gary Crawford (USA) and Sayuri Nomura (Japan)

Makiko Maruyama (Japan) and Stephen Schutte (USA)

Juniors Jun Orikasa, Atsuko Narita and Katsuya Tsukakoshi were also blessed.

President Kim introduces the new Junior Class

### New Junior Class Welcomed

Welcome to the new class of 1994-95! This year the members of the diverse Junior Class hail from the USA, Japan, Korea, China, Finland and Belgium. They are: Dirk Anthonis, Gary Crawford, Paul Greene, Michitaka Honda, Jeong Phyo Hong, George Howe, Junko Hosono, Young Sik Jung, Michael Keiley, Byengchul Kim, Liisa Kuusela, Yong Chong Lim, Atsuko Narita, Mineo Ohnara, Hitoshi Onoda, Jun Orikasa, Jin Hwan Park, Satoru Tatemoto, Katsuya Tsukakoshi, Marie Wesaw, Stephen Wright and Kazuyoshi Yakota.

Among the Juniors is one representative of the second generation, Jin Hwan Park, son of Tiger Park and brother of Jin Hun Nim.

The new students bring a wealth of experience to UTS. Just to note a few: Dirk Anthonis was formerly International Editor of the *New York City Tribune*, Junko Hosono was a counselor at Isshin Hospital in Japan and Stephen Wright was a parent figure for the Westem students at the Little Angels School in Korea.

At morning service, on September 20 each of the Juniors received a warm, personal welcome from UTS President, Dr. David S.C. Kim, who invited them all to do their very best. The staff of *The Cornerstone* wishes them well as they plunge into their first term here at UTS and prepare for exciting futures in service to God and the world.



Dr. Lee presides over UT committee at ICUS in Seoul, Korea

## Unification Thought at ICUS

The Nineteenth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) was convened in Seoul, Korea, from August 19-26 as part of the First World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF). Committee III was dedicated to Unification Thought, with the topic "Theoria and Praxis in Unification Thought." Ten Unificationist scholars participated as respondents in this committee, of which seven are currently either full-time or part-time faculty at UTS.

Dr. Richard Rubenstein, Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion at Florida State University, and a long-time associate of the Unification Movement, again served as the Chairperson of the committee providing stable and fair leadership of each session. Dr. Sang Hun Lee, President of the Unification Thought Institute, served as the Honorary Chairperson and provided the spiritual leadership. Dr. David S.C. Kim, President of UTS and vice-president of UTI in America, also attended each session, supporting Dr. Lee and encouraging the Unificationist scholars.

Ten scholars in fields related to philosophy and religion presented papers, each focusing on a different topic in Unification Thought. The following Unificationist scholars offered responses: Dr. Andrew Wilson (Original Image), Dr. Theodore Shimmyo (Ontology), Dr. David Carlson (Original Human Nature), Dr. Thomas Ward (Axiology), Dr. Dietrich Seidel (Education) Dr. Thomas Walsh (Ethics), Dr. Brian Saunders (Art), Dr. Michael Mickler (History), Dr. Jennifer Tanabe (Epistemology) and Dr. Frank Kaufmann (Logic).

The presentations proved to be intellectually stimulating and the discussions further expanded our horizons

as we searched for understanding and potential applications of Unification Thought. Unification Thought is reflected in practice in our lives as individuals, families and people concerned with the environment. Unification Thought takes as foundational the Three Blessings in Genesis 1:27 (to be fruitful, multiply and have dominion over creation) and states that these are to be fulfilled through correct relationships between "subject and object" pairs: mind and body, husband and wife, human society and the environment. the exact nature of these ideal subject-object relationships led to heated discussions in which Unificationists faced judgement on how much we have succeeded (or failed) in achieving these goals.

### An incredible event

As I recall that week in Seoul, however, the most outstanding events were not the formal sessions and the intellectual discussions among participants. Perhaps the fact that ten different conferences were convened over a twoweek period, with the International Holy Wedding of 30,00 couples sandwiched in the middle, contributed! At previous ICUS meetings an exciting feature has always been the variety of scholars assembled, from so many disciplines and so many parts of the world. In this case, however, not only did the gathering consist of such a variety of scholars, but also included were religious leaders, political leaders, leading representatives of the media world, artists, students, etc... as well as thousands

of couples, members of the Unification Church and others assembled for the Blessing! It was truly an incredible event.

Perhaps one of the most memorable aspects of this event was Reverend Moon's declaration to the entire WCSF, at the banquet held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, that he and his wife, Hak Ja Han Moon, "are the True Parents of all humanity... the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah." And just in case anyone might have misunderstood. Dr. Rubenstein underscored this announcement in his speech saying that this was the most shocking thing he had heart in his entire life! Those of us in the Unification Thought Committee can testify to this, because Dr. Rubenstein attended a meeting with Reverend Moon at which he made the same declaration and Dr. Rubenstein returned to our committee visibly shaken by what he had just heard. Just how our colleagues and friends at the WCSF will deal with this declaration remains to be seen. But unquestionably, they will never forget this year's conference.

My own personal experience included the joy of meeting old friends again, friends who participate in the ICUS conferences, particularly those in the Unification Thought Committee, and friends who work on staff and the excitement of making new friends in the "ICUS family." Once again I was struck by the fact that we can express entirely conflicting viewpoints during the committee sessions and then embrace afterwards and share lunch or a ride on the shuttle bus to Itaewon together. Unification Thought teaches that Shim Jung, or heart, should be the center of activities and this is really put into practice at ICUS.

### Dr. Lee's personal guidance

Finally, my thoughts go again to Dr. Sang Hun Lee, whose participation in the conference was indeed a great blessing. Not only did he schedule a meeting with the Unificationist scholars for the whole day prior to the start of ICUS proper (when most of us had planned to sleep off our jet lag!), but he also met asked to coordinate our small group which consisted of Yasako Graham, Genvieve Warner, Tina Coombs, Enid Metcalf and Ginger Nicholls, with help from Margaret Ali. We held our inauguration meeting March 1 at Claridges Hotel in London. About 39 women attended, of which half were non-church members. Our guest speaker was a former mayor of Oxford, and each of the board members (PWPA contacts) introduced themselves.

At the end, we all felt some relief and a substantial victory, however, we also realized that it was only the beginning. Soon after, membership cards were made up for those interested and a committee was formed to begin the project of creating a telephone hot-line for needs of foreign students in Britain.

On April 4, a Cultural Food Festival was held in south London as a fundraising project, organized by Tina and Margaret. The mayor of Wandsworth was invited and money raised was offered to one of her charities. In return, she invited us to a charity luncheon honoring the position of "Woman of Achievement" for Wandsworth. Genevieve and Ginger attended on April 14 at the Civic Suite where we had further opportunity to meet active, respected women of the community.

#### News about Fellow Seminarians

Peter Hayling - in Bulgaria Steve O'Connor - visiting Italy enroute to Bulgaria

Tim Atkinson - moved to Sweden

Andrew Davies - moved to Shepherd's Bush; working full-time with Ziggy Jerome and Jeanne Carroll - missionaries living in Odessa, Ukraine

Ali Roghanian - missionary with wife and child in Kazahkstan

David Stewart - missionary in Russia with family

Dr. Chae - missionary in Kurgizia with family

Sharon Pace - missionary in Gorky, Russia with family

Chris and Christine Hempowitz - missionaries in Uzbekistan with family The following are excerpts from letters to Dr. David S.C. Kim from various alumni/ae:

### August 8, 1992

Dear Dr. Kim,

David and I decided that it was time to follow Father's direction and to take some action on the work of Tribal Messiahship with my family. We decided to make a cross-country tour of my family with stops in: Memphis, Tennessee (my Dad's hometown); Dallas, Texas (my brother is there with his family); Los Angeles (my hometown); Northern California (my aunt's clan), and then on to Davenport, Iowa (my mother's hometown) and then back to Connecticut. We took just over a month to complete the tour (IOWC style). My mother flew to Connecticut and drove back to California with us. We visited over 80 people, 8 graves for relatives in spirit world and witnessed as much as we could. Met no negativity at all. It was a wonderful experience for us all.

David is now in Moscow for three weeks. He is the coordinator for a workshop for school teachers. This is his first trip over alone and he was very excited. When we came back from our crosscountry trip we were struggling to know how we could afford for one of us to go to Russia since the money we had planned to save got spent on a costly repair of the car while in California. Well, God provided, and it seems that Jonathan Wells made a donation to the ILS project and so David got a partial scholarship that paid for half his ticket. He was hoping to perhaps attend the ICUS in Korea this year, but we both felt God's will was for us to serve Russia.

Nurie has just been to Camp Sunrise and returns home tomorrow after a few post-camp days at Barrytown. UTS is like the Kingdom of Heaven for her, she loves it there so much. I am working extra hours at the Church Japanese Restaurant in order to help pay some of the back bills. God is providing for us and we are ever grateful.

Also we want to pass our best wishes to you and hearty congratulations for your appointment to *Who's Who in Edu*- cation. You must rightfully be very proud. God bless you always. ITPN,

David, Kathleen & Nurie (Burton)

#### Dear President Kim,

Since January, I've continued working with ministers, in addition to helping to crate the Women's Federation in England. But the most exciting experiences were trips I made first to Russia, to help with ILS seminars, and then I just returned from a month in Bulgaria. Mr. Abe has the inspiration to take what we received in Russia and organize the same kind of seminars for students and professors in Bulgaria, our sister nation.

There are two 5-day seminars planned for the month of July with a goal of 400 students. When I left, we already had over 100 signed up. I am sure we will reach the goal, but even more important is the follow-up. I hope to return in July to Sofia (Bulgaria) to help with the seminars. We couldn't work in the same way as in Russia (getting professors to bring students) because classes were already finished and students were preparing for exams. So our members had a special 40-day condition going door to door in the student housing and setting up book tables. Also we managed to find some professors willing to help, and, recontacts. Most members of the British Church went to Bulgaria for at least a minimum time period as a condition. Also, my husband came to Bulgaria with the Original Mind band, so they could perform at the University and encourage students to sign up, there really is a lot of unity and support between Great Britain and Bulgaria Unification Church, and , I didn't want to leave Bulgaria.

President Kim, you continue to inspire me with your constant efforts to serve True Parents and Heavenly Father, especially through loving and nurturing the UTS community. May God continue to bless your life (and Mrs. Kim) with strength and wisdom and True Love.

ITPN, Ginger Nicholls ('86)



## News from European AAA

### April, 1992

Dear UTS Alumni,

Spring has come, and with it resurrection and new life. Do you feel it too?

This past week was a very eventful week in Korea as most of you know. The Women's Federation for World Peace, initiated worldwide in January, held an international inaugural meeting in Seoul with 150,000 women in attendance. The largest international married couple Blessing (1258) was held, with forty well-respected Muslim couples.

We know this is our True Parents' victory and due to their efforts. Sometimes it's frustrating when we don't see the fruits of our own efforts. One thing we can be sure, if we give 100% effort, God will bring victory in some way, somewhere, at some time. "...they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles..."

True Father paid so much indemnity and yet it wasn't until the breakthrough with the Muslim world that the joy really began to show on his face. God's blessing will come to each one who perseveres—in God's own time.

Since Marshall de Souza attended the European AAA meeting in February, I waited to get his report before sending a newsletter out. Then, there was talk of a special two-day meeting in Birmingham that would include UTS grads/leaders, so I waited again for the details. In the meantime, I was asked to join the delegation of British members who went to help with CARP seminars in the Ukraine. Now, after returning, I would like to send you this first newsletter of 1992—sorry for the delay. ITPN,

### Ginger Nicholls

The following are excerpts from the various reports that Ginger sent along with the above letter:

### A Report from the Academic Alumni Association, February 21-23, 1992

People started arriving on the evening of Friday, 21st February, and like most alumni reunions, a number of chattering groups sprang up in the dining room. There were twenty in all: nine seminarians, three medical doctors and eight Ph.D.s.

Reverend Won Pil Kim started the AAA for people of academic background. The purpose of AAA is twofold: 1) to be aware of, and keep alive Father's tradition of UTS and 2) to unite with, and support, each other in doing God and True Parents' will; to form a camaraderie of people with academic background, bringing out creativity and conviction, but at the same time, uniting and harmonizing with one's Central Figure.

President W.P. Kim has suggested that the AAA be divided into three regions—North, Central and South—so as to allow for more communication. He has suggested that the regions meet between 3 and 4 times a year. As an entire group of European members of the AAA, we should annually, as we did on this occasion for 1992.

After lunch we heard four reports. The first was given by an Austrian sister concerning the Women's Federation. Basically, she connects with her husband, who focusses on IRFF and youth work, and is encouraging Austrian women to help sponsor East European children to partake in the "eye-opening" workshops in Austria. David Fraser-Harris gave the second report, explaining the importance of organizations such as the IRFF which encourages the involvement of our contacts who have attended other projects, in helping to change society through humanitarian work. He also talked about his work in Rome, including the development of the Religious Youth Service. Marshal de Souza gave the third report on interfaith work in Britain and talked about the British RYS project in Southall last year and the short, but effective, video

just finished. He also spoke about his desire to promote the World Scripture in Britain, and his plans to support the Czechoslovakia RYS project this summer as well as to do two mini-RYS/IRFF service projects, one in Britain and one in Bulgaria. The fourth report was given by a Greek brother from Athens. His Middle-East report emphasized the Greek-Turkish problem and the Christian-Muslim conflict in that part of the world.

We also heard two testimonies from East Europe: Jane Everisto gave an account of her witnessing and teaching experience when she pioneered Romania. An Austrian brother, who was a missionary to that country for many years, told us about life in Romania, including the Hungarian/Romanian difficulties. In spite of the problems, we could still hold workshops and ISUMs there. He stressed the need for us in the West to understand Eastern Europeans and their past. Because of the wrong Communist ideology, they now really need to have a sense of value; it is our responsibility to give them that sense of value as we work and live with them. Finally, election of officers was held with David Fraser-Harris elected president, Enzo de Concilio elected as one vice-president and Ann Shaffner continuing as the other vice-president.

### Women's Society for Peace and Friendship

A weekend seminar held in German last January for all European representatives of the Women's Federation included women from every nation in Europe except Albania, there was a total of 77 Unification Church women. We were given instructions, suggestions and testimonies from the early beginning of the Women's Federation in Japan. This was very helpful and we left with great enthusiasm despite the pressure to hold an inaugural meeting in each of our nations within about 6 weeks time.

In Britain, Mrs. Abe gave internal guidance while Penny Moore was

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Photograph of 30,000 Blessing presented at UTS 17th Anniv.

with us one night during the conference for five and a half hours, from 10 pm until 3:30 am. In these marathon sessions he demonstrated his great love for us and his desire to share the depths of his experiences with Reverend Moon and his understanding of Unification Thought.

On the first day when we met, he gave us such serious and deep spiritual guidance, emphasizing the great value of the WCSF in reaping the harvest of God's providence through 6000 years of human history. He went into great detail explaining the cleansing of the blood lineage through the three historical women: Rebecca, Tamar and Mary; culminating in the birth of the Messiah. Toward the end he explained Mrs. Moon's role in leading the true liberation of women and I felt such a rush of warmth and appreciation for her, knowing she must have suffered so much to be the pioneer woman leading the liberation of the whole world out of Satan's dominion.

During the long night-time session he answered our questions, giving us new insights into topics such as spiritual cognition, the

problem of natural evil and the relationship between Divine Principle, Unification Thought and the Bible. His answers evidenced such a depth of thought, but were spiced with sparkling humor. For example, he commented that he would not elaborate too much on spiritual cognition yet since he had never been to the spirit world, being still alive! When I first attended a Unification Thought seminar thought by Dr. Lee and he sat solemnly in front of us, speaking seriously in Japanese and never even making eye contact, I never expected to hear him laughing and joking with us in such a relaxed and intimate way.

Dr. Lee explained to us that human beings had made the divisions between theology and philosophy, but for God the truth is only one. He also said that to find the true interpretation of the Bible, one should ask God directly, which is what Reverend Moon did. Therefore, we should be confident in the truth of Unification Thought and all Reverend Moon's teachings.

So now, as I reflect on those days in Korea, I feel a renewed gratitude for all the understanding that I have been privileged to receive from our True Parents and Dr. Lee. I know that they believe that this truth can solve all the problems of this world and they have entrusted us with the task of making this happen. It is an awesome task, but there could hardly be a greater one and I am proud to dedicate myself towards its accomplishment. I hope and pray that many of the scholars, religious leaders and others who participated in this World Culture and Sports Festival will be my colleagues in this venture.

by Dr. Jennifer P. Tanabe

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