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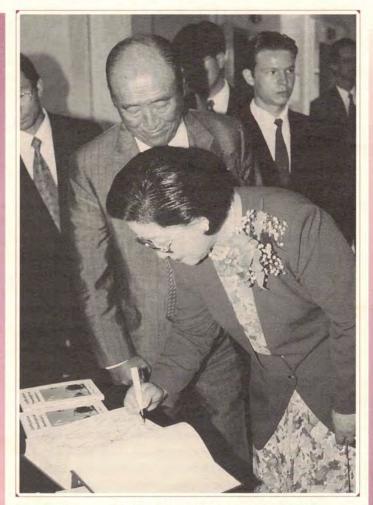
UTS on Display at Summit Council Seminar

President Shimmyo returned to Uruguay in January to attend a seminar for members of the Summit Council. There were twelve former heads of state among the 60 participants who listened to a three-day Divine Principle seminar titled, "A Worldview for the Third Millennium." At the opening of the seminar, Reverend Moon emphasized the importance of the family as the key to solving the world's problems and at the closing banquet, he spoke strongly about the power of the conscience, arising from the unity of mind and body, saying that it alone can liberate the world.

While the conference was taking place at the Victoria Plaza Hotel, an exhibition was mounted, titled "Exhibition of Advanced Technology for the Progress of South America in the 21st Century." Its purpose was to illustrate the many ways in which the Unification Movement is willing and able to assist the Latin American countries technologically, economically and educationally. Reverend Moon was particularly keen to demonstrate the innovations developed by the WACOM company in the area of computer technology. The exhibition, which featured displays by 32 companies and institutions, was open to the public and was widely advertized in the media. Dr. Shimmyo reported that many vis-



President Shimmyo and translators at the UTS exhibit



Reverend & Mrs. Moon sign a bound volume of *The Cornerstone*

itors to the UTS booth asked about the curriculum and the mission of the Seminary and some of them ordered books published by UTS.

Dr. Shimmyo was obviously delighted to report that, when Reverend and Mrs. Moon visited the Seminary's display, both of them signed a copy of The Cornerstone, a bound volume of past issues of the Seminary's newsletter. The fact that UTS was invited to participate at all was, according to Dr. Shimmyo, a clear sign of our Founder's desire to connect the Seminary directly to God's providence in Latin America. This was clearly indicated last year when 28 graduates were assigned to the region as assistant national leaders.

Dr. Shimmyo said he returned from Uruguay with a conviction that UTS should be instrumental in conveying the Founder's mes-

sage to Latin America and the rest of the world in an ecumenical manner. "UTS should sponsor and be involved in Catholic-Protestant dialogue both on and off campus," he said.

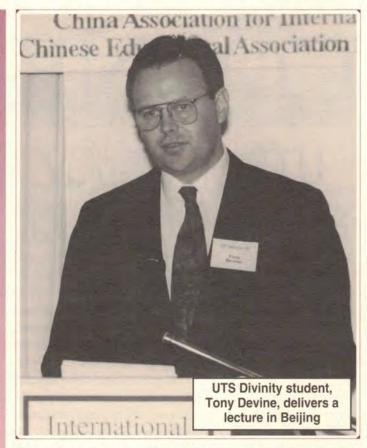
Meanwhile, Reverend Moon's excitement over the Montevideo exhibition has led to plans for similar events in Brazil, Chile, Columbia and Mexico.

Moving Forward in China and Mongolia The First Report From Behind the Bamboo Curtain.

(While furthering his studies in the Divinity program at UTS, Tony Devine has also continued his work as Vice President of the International Educational Foundation (IEF) which was established by Reverend and Mrs. Moon to promote moral and ethical values in education. Beginning in October 1994, an important and successful series of conferences for educators and students was held in various provinces throughout mainland China. These conferences were sponsored by IEF, and cosponsored by two Chinese educational associations. In the following report, the first to appear in print, Tony describes the successful work of IEF in China and Mongolia during the past 18 months.)

Thina has opened up the window to allow in fresh air, but unfortunately some flies also come in." This oftenquoted saying by ailing leader Deng Xiaoping illustrates the dilemma of modern China. The leadership is holding on, with some desperation, to Marxist-Maoist doctrine, both as a basis for its own monopoly on power and as an ideological foundation for guiding the country. However, with the country's rapid economic liberalization and development, a new generation of Chinese is seeking freedoms in many areas. They are being exposed to influences from the outside world, some of which will have a negative social impact. In response, the government is seeking a way to open up the country and yet avoid what it sees as the pitfalls of the former Soviet Union and the decadence of the West. In the past few years, there has been a significant increase in the rates of divorce, crime, sexually-transmitted diseases and sexual promiscuity.

In recent years, the government has tried to revive Confucianism with the hope that it can nurture a strong sense of values in Chinese youth so that they can make informed moral choices. However, many educators feel that this will not appeal to modern students who perceive Confucianism as being old-fashioned.



These educators are therefore looking for a contemporary form of Confucianism.

The problem with modern Confucianism is that the dimension of heart is not emphasized. The structure and positions of relationships are clearly defined but, without the application of heart and love, these relationships tend to be domineering and oppressive. In the past, China had a strong family tradition, but with the recent escalation of the divorce rate, it is evident that there are serious problems in this core institution. The IEF presentations are therefore very appealing.

The lecture titles included: Moral Education for the 21st Century; Marriage and Family Values; The Consequences of the Sexual Revolution; Theory of Education and Theory of Ethics. In addition to myself, the other lecturers included David Stewart (UTS '85), Director of Teacher Training Programs for IEF, and Dr. James Baughman (UTS '78), Vice President of IEF.

Conferences have been held in Beijing, Tianjin and in eight provinces throughout China as well as one in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The IEF staff has been warmly welcomed in every city by ministers of education and rectors of the major universities and the response to each conference has been overwhelmingly positive. The Mongolian Ministry of Education developed a pilot project in six schools in Ulaanbaatar and, as a result of its research, made an official decision to include the teaching of the "My World and I" curriculum in all Mongolian high schools within two years. During 1995, the course was translated into Mongolian and programs were conducted for hundreds of teachers who are now busi-

ly incorporating "My World and I" into their school programs.

Based on the positive reaction to the conferences in mainland China, IEF invited a select group of 20 education officials to attend an International Educators Conference in the United States in June 1995. They were mainly Directors or Deputy Directors of the Provincial Departments of Moral and Ethical Education of the State Commission on Education. The conference was held at several universities, including Columbia, Bridgeport, Georgetown and Maryland, where the present state of character education in both the United States and China was discussed with leading American experts in the field. These included Dr. John Silber, President of Boston University, and Dr. Thomas Lickona, the author of "Educating for Character" and one of the leading authorities in character education.

During a lunch meeting at the University of Bridgeport, Dr. Anthony Guerra (UTS '78), gave an outline of Reverend Moon's vision for the University of Bridgeport and for international education. At Georgetown University, the participants were addressed by Congressman David Dreier who had just returned from Xian and was very enthusiastic about meeting this delegation.

The U.S. conference was viewed by the participants as being very important for China and many offered warm invitations for IEF to visit their provinces.

1995 ended with successful conferences in Zhejang, Shandong and Hubei provinces. At the gathering in Hangzhou in Zhejang Province, IEF introduced its new booklet, "Love and Friendship in the Age of AIDS," which approaches sex education from a values perspective and is designed for high school and college students.Coincidentally, while the conference was taking place, the central television channel carried an hour-long documentary on the rise of AIDS and drug abuse in China. It was reported that the number of AIDS patients had leapt from eight in 1991 to 3,000 in 1995 with almost 10,000 HIV carriers. This disturbing news added a sense of urgency and importance to the conference.

These conferences will continue in 1996 beginning in early March in Yunnan province which borders Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar. This conference will host delegations from all of these countries as well as Cambodia. In June of this year, IEF will invite provincial section chiefs of moral and ethical education to a conference to be held in the United States.

All of this is nothing short of a miracle. China does not allow foreign missionaries to work or teach in the country as it is against the constitution. The fact that we could be conducting these conferences within mainland China at this time, with the support of the central, provincial and city governments, and of the universities, is truly remarkable. I am deeply grateful to True Parents for the opportunity to help in giving hope to a country which will be a major influence in our world as we enter the 21st century.

Annual Reminder of the Founder's Message to UTS Alumni/ae

n January 28, 1993, Reverend Moon addressed a gathering of UTS alumni/ae in New York City and asked that the message which he delivered on that day be repeated annually to all graduates. Many will remember that he compared UTS graduates to the white blood cells in the human body. "You are the army of our movement, the fighters. You have a higher position, a greater responsibility. You are truly the elite for the public, heavenly cause."

On the following day, the Founder again addressed the graduates, this time reflecting on his personal investment in the Seminary in the early days. "In the beginning, I drove 21/2 hours every day to see you. If I didn't see you for one day, I felt something was missing. I went so often to Barrytown in order to teach the right tradition to the first classes." He then went on to implore the graduates to take responsibility for America and for UTS. "The fire of UTS has been burning. I want it to burn among you. I want you to become the saviors of this nation. You were trained personally by me. No one else can speak in that way. You can give the heart of Father to others. Each graduate can multiply himself by three people who go to UTS. In this way, the torch shall be handed down to others."

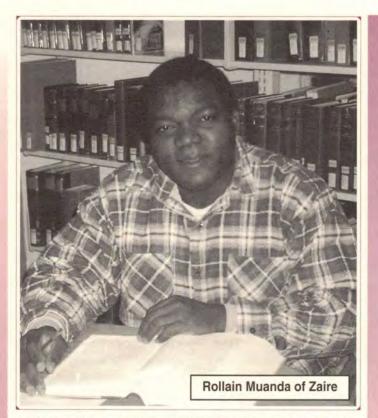
Finally, the Founder asked the graduates support UTS financially. "Not only students - you should give a donation of \$10,000 every year, \$7,500 for tuition and \$2,500 for building restoration." This, he said, would be a way of showing our love for UTS just as he has loved UTS.

Recognizing the difficulty which many alumni/ae would face in responding to this request, a later communication from UTS recommended an initial, monthly donation of \$120.

"My deepest gratitude to the alumni/ae"

(Rollain Muanda, of Zaire was able to come to UTS thanks to a scholarship which was fully funded by donations from UTS alumni/ae. He recently submitted the following letter to The Cornerstone. It is addressed to those alumni/ae who made it possible for him to attend the Seminary.)

y name is Rollain Nsemi Muanda. I was born in 1960 in Zaire, Central Africa and I am the eldest of five children; two boys and three girls. Coming from a Christian family, I grew up attending Protestant Church on Sunday, but as I reached the age of twenty, I lost interest in church and started dozing sometimes in church services. The following year, in Septem-



ber 1981, a friend of mine invited me to listen to the Divine Principle in a home church. Then I started attending Unification Church Sunday services which had more vitality and inspiration than my previous church. Here, I did not close my eyes for even a second during four-hour lectures.

It was during my summer break after my first year at the National College for Teachers Training (IPN) in Kinshasa that I joined the Church. I felt God's sorrow and decided to do something to alleviate it. I witnessed and went fund raising regularly but I took my father's advice and stayed in school while doing God's work as much as possible.

When I received my B. Sc. in Mathematics in 1986, I had the opportunity to organize and work with Zaire CARP; I could attend the Berlin CARP convention in 1987 as well as the Korean convention in 1992. In September 1992, I was appointed as Executive Secretary of PWPA Zaire. Two years later, I also became the church leader for three cities; Gombe, Bandal and Lingwala.

During this time, I was also working as Graduate Assistant in the Mathematics Department at IPN. In the five years that I worked there, my deep concern was how to share God's heart with my students as well as my fellow teachers. I felt that if I could not witness to them, I would miss the reason why God allowed me to meet them. Thus, I decided to organize Divine Principle lectures, inviting them to assist me.

This experience with brothers and sisters within the church, as well as with professors and students, helped me to realize how much I needed to go to higher grounds and learn how to become more effective for God and True Parents. In August 1994, I received an application for admission to UTS and things went so quickly from that point that it seemed like a dream. Because of the care and generosity of UTS alumni, I was able to join the Seminary. I was hugely surprised to receive a scholarship and I have no words to express my deepest gratitude to all of you. Even though the movement from Mathematics to Theology is a difficult one, I plan to graduate and to use this precious training to develop God's work in Africa.

Africa has many brothers and sisters who can benefit from further studies and advance True Parents' vision on all levels but due to the financial obstruction, they can not do so. They must depend on the kindness of alumni. If more people from the poorer countries of Africa and South America can come to this important institution of leadership, I hope we will see a new era for the Unification Theological Seminary. May God bless all of you.

My Life in the White House (of Kalmykia)

by Enrique Ledesma (Class of '92)

hen Father gave the direction to our graduating class to go to Russia, it was not difficult to accept as I had already been there on two occasions and had wonderful and profound experiences. I knew this would be one o the most enriching and challenging experiences of my life.

After travelling for two months, helping to coordinate teacher training seminars for the high school curriculum titled, "My World and I," I was asked by Dr. Joon Ho Seuk to pioneer Kalmykia, a semi-autonomous Mongolian republic in Southern Russia where my family soon joined me. I immediately knew it was a special place. The President, Kirsan Ilumzhinov, a 32 year old, self-made millionaire, was boldly moving toward a democratic-type government and he opened the doors for all religions to work freely there. He especially welcomed our movement since he had formed a favorable impression from his investigative studies as a student at Moscow's top university for international relations. This is why I was given an office in the house of government which is known as the White House.

In August 1993, we held two major seminars, for education directors and teachers, and the initial reaction was almost euphoric. As in many places throughout the former Soviet Union, these people seem to have been uniquely prepared through such a long history of suffering. In September, the curriculum was imple-



Enrique Ledesma with distinguished friends at the Kalmyk White House

mented in 80% of the republic's schools.

It was not until October, when the President sponsored a seminar on spiritual renewal for major governmental leaders, that the shock waves finally swept through the media. Some of the Buddhists who reported directly to the Dalai Lama felt threatened by our movement and actively attacked us in the media as did the Nationalists and Communists. In such a small republic, our humble little family quickly became quite well known!

The local Russian Orthodox priest (see picture) voiced his vehement opposition to us during our "welcoming" meeting at the White House, a gathering which turned into a harrowing initiation into post-Soviet politics. Nevertheless, he later went to one of our conferences in Korea and, on his return, spoke so positively and boldly on our behalf that he was reprimanded by his Orthodox superiors. It would take hours to describe the sensitivity of our relationship after that. It is not easy for a foreigner to understand the unseen complexities and various dimensions which undergird all social and political relationships in modern Russia. This was for me one of the most difficult things to grasp.

As for the Buddhists, the Dalai Lama himself chose a new leader in Kalmykia, a man who had once lived in New Zealand, the homeland of my wife, Robyn. We became such good friends that the opposition spread the rumor that not only was the president a Moonie but so was the new Buddhist leader! This division of Cain and Abel occurred at the White House, at the television station, the radio station and even at the headquarters of the former K.G.B. where I played basketball once a week and became friends with some of the officers.

Russians are deeply intuitive. They speak of the wonder of the Russian soul tempered through suffering and tragedy. Russians tend to look deep into a person's eyes and quickly come to sense your motivation and intention. This skill helps them to understand Father's heart even more than our lectures. This soul, this heart, could see past the negative propaganda. They distrust words more than Americans but, in my opinion, are more in touch with their core being than most of us. It was sometimes unnerving to see this quality in almost everyone I came across, young or old!

Toward the end of my two and a half years in Kalmykia, young people began to join our movement and a lot of credit should go to Eog Cheong Choi (UTS '91) who created small witnessing teams which were highly effective. Jules Hack (UTS '90), Katashi Matsura ('92) and I were also responsible for Kostov on the Don, a major gateway to the south. There, many professionals, including doctors, architects and engineers, joined our movement. The young Russians grew quickly to take on more responsibility for lecturing and witnessing.

Last August, a Buddhist monk, whom I met in Kalmykia on the birthday of the Dalai Lama, received the Blessing and now lives near East Garden with his new wife, Yasuko Kim.

During my years in the C.I.S., one of the most inspiring experiences was to sense the feeling of community and brotherhood among many of my fellow UTS alumni. We had studied together and become somewhat close at UTS but here we were - the first class to be sent to Russia. Deep bonds grew as we shared common experiences; our children going to Russian schools, speaking broken Russian to awe-struck natives. Slowly, our horizons and our consciousness expanded. How good it is for we Americans, unconsciously spoiled, numbed by our overstimulating, consumerist culture, to have a chance to see, serve and assimilate into a great people with their culture, history and tradition. I was proud of my fellow alumni - Tom Phillips, Chris Le Bas, Larry Haft, Jules Hack, Donna Boudreau, Maarten Meier, Will Haines, Jonathan Myung too many to name. Many of us sensed a mission to try to restore the mistakes of missionaries who imposed their cultures and ways without learning and growing and without appreciating a people and its God-given culture. Time will tell if we were successful, but I believe we made a good beginning.

A Message From Dr. Thompson

In the last issue, we reported that Dr. Thompson is seriously ill with colon cancer. In a letter dated January 21, Dr. Thompson asked for the following message to be printed in The Cornerstone.

To all Alumni, Faculty and Staff of UTS: greetings, and goodbye. It has been a privilege to know you. Thank you for all that you have done for God, True Parents and the Kingdom. I wish you all the best in the fulfillment of your mission. I dream of the day when "Moonie" will be synonymous with love and justice, when little children from Russia to Rwanda, Alaska to Australia, will hear "Moonie" and lift their arms to be loved and hugged, when the rulers of this world face trouble, they will call for the Moonies whose love and justice will stop violence and restore peace. I may not live to see that day but I can still dream. God bless you all.

Hank Thompson, Professor of Bible and Ministry

UTS at RYS, Haiti

by Adza Mould

In January, five students from UTS made the trip to Port-Au-Prince, capital of the Caribbean country of Haiti, to participate in the first RYS project in the region. There were also some students from the University of Bridgeport as well as several younger participants from the Haitian Academy where the project took place.

Most participants came with expectations of inter-religious and inter-cultural exchange, and indeed there were six nations represented: Haiti, Dominican Republic, Guyana, Japan, Thailand,Ghana, U.S.A. and Korea.

The RYS program coincided with the first full week of classes at UTS and so there were a few things to arrange, like asking colleagues to take notes or record classes. We all decided that the trade-off, for service in Haiti, was worth the extra hours of study to catch up with our courses. As it turned out, God intervened, and a big snow storm cancelled two days of classes so we only missed a little!

The RYS program began with orientation and getting-acquainted sessions. The educational part of the program followed for the next couple of days with some informative presentations by two former Ministers of Education, Dr. Romer and Dr. Duyonge. (whose son Claudet, was one of the participants). They spoke on trenches for a new foundation and supports for a clinic while the last team broke down the walls of the clinic - in order to extend it. I worked on breaking walls, and it was a lot more creative than it sounds, as we had to "gently" remove some walls brick by brick to save the bricks for re-use. Sometimes we had to cut narrow strips down the walls, where the supports for the extended roof-span would go. It was all very hot work in the swelter of the Caribbean sun. Hats were a must to prevent sunburn or worse mishaps.

Though the whole experience was framed in the religious, we particularly shared in varied religious meditation or worship every morning. There was a Sikh reflection, Tendai Buddhist chant and meditation, Christian, Unificationist and even a martial arts sharing.

It was not all work. We had most afternoons free for relaxation, so some went to the beach, others climbed a mountain or visited the local village market. Everyone invested their creativity in the Cultural evening with performances which embraced the globe and climaxed in Caribbean song and dance. Yes, UTS students doing the Merenge is a sight to behold! On the final day we had a banquet at the beautiful resort of Moulin Sur Mer, where there was a tour of the museum and time, as the sun set, for a swim in the aquamarine Caribbean Sea.

Away from fixed doctrinal positions, toiling together for the sake of others, sharing mosquitoes, playing and praying together, it was a miracle to see the cultural and religious "walls" fade, as if a mirage. The bonds that we made in Haiti were, are, so precious that we will cherish our friendships and carry the RYS vision with us always, and it will inform our future relationships with Brothers and Sisters from other cultures and of other faiths.

I was excited about RYS Haiti because, like other RYS projects, it would continue to impact the country long after we left. It was

topics such as "Haiti: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," "Development and Underdevelopment in Haiti," and "Religiosity and Spirituality of The Haitian People." It surprised many of us to find that the Voodoo religion is just that, a religion which is an integral part of Haitian cultural heritage, and with many positive aspects - quite unlike the notion commonly portrayed in movies, of mindless zombieism.

We had four groups working in close proximity: one team was assigned to roofing a block of classrooms, one worked on creating a garden, the third dug out



Adza Mould (left) with other RYS participants, including Simon Bedelo (front right) who is taking time off from his UTS studies to teach math and physics at the Haitian Academy.

an educational project which is arguably the key to Haitian escape from the poverty trap and the doorway to development. Moreover the Academy is the brainchild of Marie Rene, a Haitian educator who sees it developing into a comprehensive educational facility from elementary to University levels (the clinic would be part of the Medical School). This differs from most relief agencies which purport to go into a country,

"diagnose" the needs, and administer the "Aid." In

Haiti, RYS supported the vision and effort of Haitians trying to do something positive for the country, especially the youth. Of course where the children are involved, we naturally see the mothers and women in active roles; not only is Madame Rene pioneering this effort, WFWP (Atlanta and Haiti) also lent invaluable support. Finally I have to say that I was ignited by RYS in Haiti because of the selfless sacrifice of our own UTS student, Simon Bedelo, who has taken one year out of his studies to teach at the Academy and support the Haitian providence. RYS has completely changed my outlook: I firmly believe that the vision of religious and cultural harmony will be realized. To make it happen, let's be at the next project!

UTS Approved for Veteran Training

In January, President Shimmyo was informed by the chief of the Bureau of Veterans Education of the New York State Education Department that, effective January 1, 1995, the M.Div. and MRE programs are approved for the training of veterans. This means that any veterans who wish to study at UTS will now be able to apply for assistance from the Veterans Administration. If you know of any U.S. veterans who may be interested in attending UTS, please pass on this information. Interested parties can call the Admissions Office at 914-752-3014.

Alumni/ae News David and Kathleen Burton ~ Class of 1990 ~

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Congratulations to David who was recently appointed as Laboratory Director in the Chemistry Department at the University of Bridgeport. He has wanted to work there for some time and is delighted with his new position which will also involve some teaching. He is also continuing to work at his part-time position at Southern Connecticut State University until his replacement is fully trained.

Having taught French at Yale University last year, Kathleen



was able to present an excellent letter of recommendation when she applied for a position in the French Department at Connecticut College, a highly respected liberal arts college. She gained invaluable experience there and is now looking forward to teaching at The University of Bridgeport in the coming semester.

David and Kathleen continue to be active involved in the interfaith group of Yale Religious Ministries and attend the weekly meetings. As vice president of Women's Federation for World Peace in Connecticut, Kathleen has also served as mistress of ceremonies at the Boston sisterhood conferences. In that capacity, she has been able to meet astronaut James Lovell from the Apollo 13 mission, Mary Matalin (George Bush's campaign manager in 1992) and the President of Boston University, Dr. John Silber.

David and Kathleen's daughter Nurie is now 16 and a sophomore at Sacred Heart Academy. She continues in the chorus and the band and is an active member of Senior Scouts. Some of the scouts are interested in working with Kathleen in Free Teens, an abstinence-based HIV-AIDS education program which she presents in Connecticut high schools.

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Katsumi Kambashi ~ Class of 1995 ~

(The following excerpts are taken from a recent letter to UTS. Katsumi Kambashi is one of the 24 graduates of 1995 who were assigned to South America by the Founder.)

The president of the Unification Church of Venezuela can only speak Spanish, but his wife can speak English and German as well as Spanish so, although my Spanish is not very good yet, I have no problem in communicating with them. The only property which the Church owns is a big, two story house with many rooms and this house accommodates the family of the president, the Japanese missionaries, some full-time members and me. Fortunately, we are able to eat two meals a day so that, even ion b

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in our poor living conditions, there is no serious problem. Personally, I prefer a country like Venezuela where the UC has little foundation to one where the church is more established. I thank God for sending me to the best place for me.

We sent several people from Venezuela to the media conference in Washington D.C. in November and to the Christian ecumenical conference in Uruguay in December. Those people who have a high social status can usually speak English so I am able to

communicate with them with little difficulty. But some of them speak English as if they were native English speakers so I have started to study English again. I want to speak English better than they do because Father has emphasized to us UTS graduates that we should teach people in the highest level of society.

My family is in Canada now. I cannot bring them to Venezuela

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given the present situation and I don't know when I will be able to do so. When I was at Barrytown, I was a student with no money but, compared to the situation here, Barrytown was a place of material blessings. No matter what, I will do my best not to stain the name of UTS established by Father. I will also do my best to testify to Father's tradition at UTS.

News Clips

The traditional pool and bowling tournaments were held in January to commemorate the granting of the Absolute Charter on January 17, 1990. In the pool tournament, Alfredo Jarap won the men's singles and Mai Hsien Chai and Alan Suminguit won the doubles. Rev. Byung Tae Choi led his team, featuring Kotaro Tanaka and Isagami Purganan, to victory at the Ro-Lin bowling lanes....On the evening of Wednesday, January 31, Tony and Chum Rae Devine addressed a gathering of fellow students on the subject of Interracial Marriage....On Saturday, February 3, the first ever computer game competition was held in the Student Lounge.



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