

The Founder Visits UTS

A quiet Saturday morning erupted into frenzied activity on May 4 with the news that Reverend Moon was on his way up the Hudson River to visit Barrytown. After he and his guests had been served lunch, members of the Barrytown community gathered in the VIP Dining Room. Reverend Moon spoke to the audience in Japanese and his words were translated by President Theodore Shimmyo. The following excerpts are based on an unofficial transcript.

Today I came here by boat. I have been looking at famous sight-seeing spots on my way from Tarrytown. If you view these areas from an airplane you will come to realize that it is one of the most beautiful sight-seeing spots in the world. How shall we develop this area for the future? Starting from New York City, a sight-seeing boat can go through Half Moon Bay and come to this area in about three or four hours. Spending one or two days for a round trip would be a wonderful sight-seeing tour. We can make an amusement park here so that people who feel the stress of urban life can take a few days off and relax.

I think that in future the person who occupies the world of water will win the world. The permanent ice caps of the South and North poles will become the treasure of treasures. If the ice melts, it provides very pure water. This pure water will be many times more valuable than petroleum in the future.

I believe UTS has two fishing boats, but how many times a week do you go fishing? If the center person moves out for fishing, then all the members will follow you. Every week go fishing and train. Training is needed. First of all you have to have an interest in fishing. If you don't have any interest in it, nothing starts. Taking an interest is very important. Watch and study the Hudson River everyday. Unless you show an interest in knowing what kind of fish are living in the river and feel like

investigating every living creature in the invisible water world, you can not develop the unexplored field of the future. Your whole life is the effort to search for and solve the mysteries of the invisible, eternal world.

Think about what God created first; the sun, air, water, and soil, the four essential elements to maintain life. Without these four elements, nothing can live. Without sun, without air, without water, without earth, nothing can exist. Think about how mysterious it



is that three quarters of the globe is made of water, and this water evaporates and makes clouds which cover the globe and pour down water on the earth. Just think about this mysterious phenomenon! It is terrible if it does not rain; the desert spreads. What happens if water vapor contains any amount of salt? All the vegetation will die. Rain falls and water flows from mountains, goes underground making subterranean rivers, and all of this runs into the sea and circulates all around the world to make life. What a mysterious movement it is! Throughout history, human beings spread out, searching for land and searching for water, also trees and fresh air, the sun, a warmer place, a comfortable environment.

From now, the air will be very important, also water. How to protect the world from pollution is now a world wide concern. If the water is pollut-



ed, the land will die. We are in a world wide emergency situation to protect these three elements. If we compare North and South America, we realize that South America is not an industrial region but is rich in natural resources. It is rather primitive. We have to protect the area from pollution and from North America, which tends to seek only its own benefit ignoring the rest of the world, and thus causing serious problems. The concept of "one nation under God" is now a serious problem. America does not care about other nations and does not even acknowledge those developing countries, just caring about its own benefit. Developing countries are "one tribe nations," concerned only about their tribe. There is not even one nation which cares about the world, which goes beyond tribalism and nationalism to bring the world into unity.

Throughout history, religion has been taking on the task of going beyond tribalism and nationalism, trying to unify the whole world. Human history has developed centering on religions of high ideal and thought such as Buddhism, Islam, Christianity and Confucianism - the founders of these four great religions are regarded as saints. How to unite the religions and go beyond nationalism is the great problem. Otherwise there will never be a solution to overcome national boundaries forever. America, the Christian nation representing the religious world with the concept of "one nation under God," does not have that concept to bring the world into unity. Christianity thinks that the Lord of the Second Advent will come to judge all the other religions as the opponents of God and expel them as heretics. What a strange concept! God's will is to make one world under God, which is the world of the extended family where not even one member of that family is neglected. Such a world is the Heaven on earth that human beings and God desire.

In order to create that world, there must be a fundamental thought which combines all religions. The major religions have the concept of the Second Advent, but they have their own different figures according to their religion and do not know that the Second Advent is the same one person.



Preparing to depart

For what does the Lord of the Second Advent come? For money? For knowledge? For power? All those elements belong to the realm of the Fall, but not to God. Then what is the essence of religion? What is the last aim and purpose? This is important. If the center of God and the center of human beings are different there will never be oneness forever. What God needs must be the first question and not what human beings need, because God is the subject and human beings will become perfect as the object resulting from Him by following Him as the perfect subject.

I suppose there are as many as 140 men and women here, but every one has their own way of thinking that there are all sorts of various diverse opinions. Can you make unity out of the variety of opinions you have by using one hundred million dollars? Absolutely not! You UTS students pride yourselves on knowledge and words and feel they are the best, the greatest. However that kind of knowledge and studies can never bring unity among different people for eternity. Can power bring unity? Compulsory power can create divided kingdoms but never a united world.

Knowledge, money and power, what is the most powerful? The king of division, the king of destruction is, in religious term, Satan. Now, if we have come to a conclusion that there is no hope of the unity of man and woman, then finally we ask God about this question: "Is your mind and body united?" He will answer "Of course! No doubt!" This is really unique and eternal but what is the basis of that unity? This is the question. With what can God create that eternal, absolute, unchangeable world? With what? What does the Unification Church answer? True love? What on earth is true love? If true love existed in this world, is it true eye? true nose? true ears? true mouth? true hands? True love can combine all five senses. Is that so? If it is true love, then all five senses of both the invisible heart and the body can be united at once.

The unifying center of our five senses is true love. Well, then, is your mind and body united? Are you united with true love? If God is the owner of true love, of eternal and absolute unity, the partner of God must have the same content as His object. Otherwise there is no way to oneness.

The person who tries to stand in the center position to be respected and admired without the unity of mind and body is the heretic of heretics! Heretic! There are money heretics, knowledge heretics, authority heretics but the worst are true love heretics. Is such a person connected to God or to Satan? Mercy is given to God's heretics, knowledge heretics, power heretics, but there is no mercy on true love heretics. If that true love heretic is forgiven, then God Himself must fail, because God's place of settlement disappeared. God can never forgive a partner who betrays true love.

So the conclusion is that God, as the subject of true love, really wants to seek the absolute, unique, unchangeable eternal place of safe settlement in the infinite eternal universe. God wants to be a king of what? What kind of love? Absolute, unique, unchangeable, eternal love. When God created the universe, did He make it for fun, to play with and enjoy evil? For what purpose did God cre-

ate the universe? Love can never be completed alone. Yes or no? You are very confident! The key point is there. Love can never be perfect alone. The purpose of Creation and life is the central question of philosophy. Religion must seek the deeper answer to the question of what God has to do with love. Why did He create the universe? To gain joy through love. Happiness comes from love, freedom comes from love, man and woman come from love. Everything is open with true love; unevenness is overcome and there is no shadow in front of love. Nothing but only true love can gain perfect freedom!

Fishing with Father

Sandor Vamos is a Divinity Senior from Hungary. For the past two years, he has coordinated the Seminary's fishing expeditions on the Hudson River.

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Mark 1:17

As a child I always envied the apostles for the direct experiences they could have with Jesus. That's why I am so crazy about fishing, because it is something we can do together with Father. I often felt envious of our church elders because they have had many personal experiences with Father. It is a rare opportunity to be with Father, doing the same thing he is doing and no other generation before us or after us will have this opportunity. Therefore, for the past two years, I organized the fishing trips to Half Moon Bay, near Tarrytown, so that as many people as possible could have this experience and, so far this year, over fifty students and members of the faculty have participated.

Our typical schedule began at 4:30 a.m. when we left for the dock. Between 6:00 a.m. and 7:30 a.m., we prepared bait for Father and prepared our own boats. When Father arrived at 7:30 a.m., everyone greeted him and then hurried on to their boats to be able to go out at the same time. The time on the water could last anywhere from one to ten hours. Preparation for fishing began the night before when team members met to discuss practical details including things like transportation to the dock. I felt special spiritual support in my organizational work in that cars somehow always became available even though it sometimes happened at the last moment at 4:00 a.m.. Our fishing motto was attendance, as we felt we were able to attend the Messiah in a very practical way. Our first job was to select the biggest and the best bait for Father and to prepare for his arrival. Part of that preparation was to be ready to leave as soon as Father boarded his boat. It seemed that Father was pleased to see the Seminarians running to their boats to be right behind him on the water. I usually anchored our boat as near to Father as I could so that the students could observe Father while he fished. Sometimes we were told to move because we were too close!

It's hard to explain why one loves fishing so much unless you

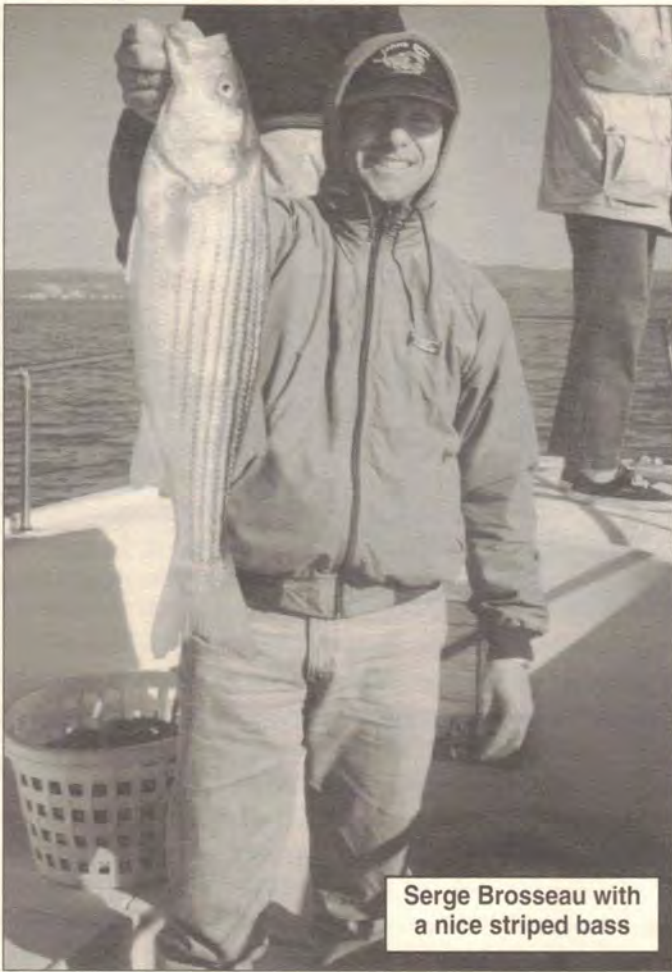


Sandor at the right place at the right time

have the experience yourself. One of the students who had fished five times in the past two years said, "After catching my first fish ever, I now understand what fishing is all about." I think this kind of breakthrough experience is very necessary in our life of faith, because we might struggle to fulfill the expectations of True Parents, but the full understanding of our mission comes only when we offer the fruits of our struggles at the end. One day our boat had the blessing of being asked by Father to bring our catch to East Garden when some Japanese women representatives came from Washington to visit Father. It was a great feeling to be able to give something to him.

Fishing is probably one of the oldest ways in which man found food for his survival. The person who decides to make his living from the sea must have a strong and courageous character and be ready to take challenges and endure them. It is a hard and dangerous job where one may face storms and strong currents that can take one's catch for the day or one's life. He or she must also have faith and patience because the fisherman is dealing with 'another world' a world he cannot see, only feel. The fisherman must use his intuition to find the places where the fish are and then have the patience to wait for the fruits of his work.

Another noteworthy aspect of fishing is the motion of the water and man's relationship to it. We say that we live in a three dimensional world, but in reality, most of the time we are moving in two dimensions on a flat surface, like an ant on a giant ball. On the water one can experience the third dimension as the boat dances on the waves up and down, left and right and backward and forward, we become aware of the real three dimensional existence. Seasickness is nothing other than the intense experience of being 'three dimensional.' Standing firm on the dancing boat requires a lot of strength and endurance. Many times I came home so exhausted that I could not imagine being ready to wake up in time for the next days work. Still, once out on the water the next day, I forgot all the tiredness, cast my line and started to meditate on



**Serge Brosseau with
a nice striped bass**

why Father fishes so much, and why he encourages us all to have the 'ocean experience.'

If I were to summarize my goal in this project, I would say that it was to bring people to Father. I felt it was especially valuable for people from other countries to have the chance to work and learn from him directly through this fishing experience. With my Catholic background, the Bible story of the apostles fishing with Jesus always had special meaning for me, and I envied them their place in history. I could only dream about such a thing, and yet in my lifetime it came true for me! I believe it is an important aspect of life, to have a dream or vision and to find out that it can be achieved.

All of us are very different, we come from many countries and varied backgrounds. Still we have something important in common, we have the same God, the same True Parents and we share a dream about building an ideal world. The important lesson we can learn from fishing with Father is that we ourselves are the ones who can realize our dreams; we are the ones who have to achieve them. I hope that these few weeks allowed the people who came to have this realization, and I hope that many of them can now relate to a message I saw on the T-shirt of one of the fishermen:

CATCH THE FISHING FEVER!

Science and Religion Course at UTS Receives Templeton Foundation Award

On April 26, the John M. Templeton Foundation awarded \$10,000 (\$5,000 to the institution and \$5,000 to the instructor) for the development and teaching of a science and religion course at UTS. Dr. Dietrich Seidel submitted the award winning course proposal entitled "Scientific Discovery and Theological Inquiry: Towards the Development of Integrating Conceptual Approaches".

During the last week of January, Dr. Seidel attended a science and religion workshop at Mills College, Oakland, California. This workshop was sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation and attracted about 80 scholars nationwide. The organizers of the workshop encouraged all participants to become part of the Templeton Science and Religion Course Award Program by entering its 1996 competition.

The Templeton Foundation originated with John Mark Templeton, a successful British investor who is well known for supporting numerous philanthropic and educational causes. In particular, the Templeton Science and Religion Course Award Program awards colleges, universities and schools of theology worldwide with up to 100 prizes annually for teaching outstand-



**Dr.
Dietrich
Seidel**

ing courses in science and religion. Moreover, the Templeton Program organizes each year about eight workshops at selected universities and colleges in the U.S. and England, employing leading professionals in the field of science and religion as instructors.

Dr. Seidel wishes to take the opportunity to express his gratitude to President Shimmyo, Dean Mickler, Mr. Richard Lewis, Mr. Tom Bowers and Mrs. Kate Jones who all helped in their own way to make this science and religion course project a success.

UTS Announces The Student Life Campaign

PAVING THE WAY FOR THE LEADERS OF THE 21st CENTURY

To ensure that the students of UTS are able to focus on their preparations for the future in an environment which is conducive to the learning experience, the Seminary has decided to invest \$100,000 in the improvement of those areas which impact most closely on student life. Study rooms need to be refurnished with desks and chairs which encourage study, with windows which retain the warmth in winter and with carpets which enhance the spirit of the rooms. Ceilings need to be repaired and repainted so that flakes of paint no longer fall on bowed heads, and shower rooms need to be restored to newness, freshness and full working order. Father also emphasizes recreation as an important part of the Barrytown experience but the gymnasium floor is dangerously decayed and in need of replacement. In other words, there's a lot to be done and these improvements can only be made with your help.

Window Campaign A Success

Last Year's *New Outlook Campaign* (alias "Windows '95") was a great success. The installation of new windows in Lecture Halls One and Two and the Dining Room was fully paid for by donations from friends of the Seminary. Hopefully, you the alumni/ae will help us maintain this momentum!

An Investment In The Future

The students of UTS come from all over the world to spend a few precious years here in Barrytown. Father hopes that this will be a life-changing experience and that our graduates will lead their nations' churches to greatness in the new millennium. Several of the present students will graduate in the year 2000.

Many graduates have reported that their time at Barrytown was a transforming experience; that they gained strength and confidence from their experience here and that the friends they made have been an invaluable support in their missions and in their personal lives. It is surely significant that so many of the leadership positions within our movement are held by UTS graduates. An investment in the Seminary's students is therefore an investment in the future of our movement throughout the world. UTS is preparing for its future role as a center for the study of the life and thought of our Founder and we need the help of every friend to make this year's ambitious campaign a success.

In recent issues of *The Cornerstone*, you have read about some of the fine men and women who are currently enrolled at UTS. We hope you will agree that they, and the hundreds who will come after them, are worthy of your support. Perhaps you will be able to provide one student with a new desk, bookshelf and chair at a cost of \$500 or perhaps there's someone who could support the replacement of the gymnasium floor for \$10,000?! Whatever you are able to offer will be deeply appreciated. Please use the remittance envelope attached to this page to send in your contribution today and make your investment in the future of our movement throughout the world.

Annual Lecture Contest

Given the difficult task of explaining the decision of the judges of this year's Divine Principle Lecture Contest, Dr. Dietrich Seidel spoke of the need for balance between a precise knowledge of the Divine Principle and the ability to effectively communicate that knowledge to a diverse audience. The three prize winners, he said, were the ones who best succeeded in maintaining that balance.

Once again, the audience was treated to a cosmopolitan array of contestants, with two Africans, two Japanese, one Filipino, one Hungarian, one Englishwoman and a French Canadian. These eight were selected from an original field of 16 entrants.

There are many ways of presenting the Divine Principle, as our Founder has dramatically illustrated, and these finalists covered the full range of possibilities, from the calm, persuasive tones of

Rachel Carter, who lectured on the invisible substantial world, to the dramatic, impassioned presentation of Victor Nyarko whose high-energy assault on the question of where Christ will come again almost took the first prize.

Eventually, however, it would be Sandor Vamos of Hungary who captured the honors. Lecturing on the last days and the present days, Sandor effectively combined personal testimony with a clear presentation of the Divine Principle content. Victor Nyarko was given second place with Rachel Carter taking third.



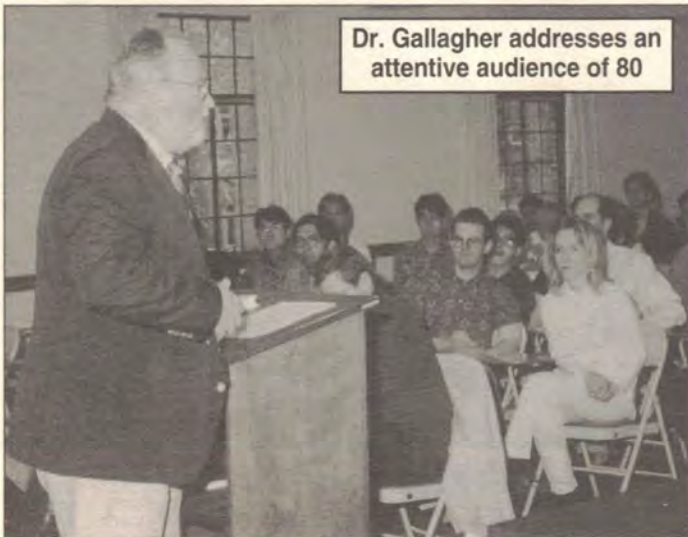
Sandor Vamos delivers the winning lecture

Why Waco?

Dr. Eugene Gallagher at UTS

On Wednesday, May 15th, UTS hosted Dr. Eugene Gallagher, Professor of Religious Studies at Connecticut College and a scholar of New Religious Movements. Co-author of *Why Waco?* (University of California Press, 1995) which has been widely cited and already recognized as the definitive account of the Branch Davidian episode, Dr. Gallagher was invited to UTS by Kathleen Burton (UTS '90), Unification Campus Minister at Yale University. Following a luncheon with UTS faculty, Professor Gallagher offered a spirited hour-long talk followed by a discussion with a receptive audience in Lecture Hall II.

In his remarks, Dr. Gallagher focused on the issue of religious freedom with special reference to Waco. He strongly criticized contemporary usage of "cult" as a "four letter word" and pointed out how religious prejudice has operated to greater or lesser



Dr. Gallagher addresses an attentive audience of 80

effect in the courts, legislatures, government agencies, informational and entertainment media, and between strangers and within families. He noted how virtually all outsiders' interpretations of Waco shared an eagerness to fit it into a pre-existing interpretive framework and a "pronounced lack of interest in listening to the people who actually lived there, some of them for their entire lives." Acknowledging the diversity among America's unconventional religions, he argued that the real problem posed was not to the "unfortunate few" who affiliate but to the "uneasy many" who in complacency too often and too easily condemn rather than examine themselves. Dr. Gallagher concluded by suggesting that religious tolerance, which includes the assertion of truth without belittling others, takes "an extraordinary effort of empathy," self-control, even self-denial, and "a willingness to live, at least intellectually, in another's world." *M.M.*

Graduates Host Black/White Sisterhood Ceremony

Lloyd Howell (UTS '78)

Taking their inspiration from the recent Japanese/American Sisterhood Conferences organized by the Women's Federation for World Peace, Donna Howell, Robin Debacker and Jan Breslin of the UTS classes of '83, '85 and '79 respectively, recently decided to host an interracial (black/white) friendship conference of the same type in Tampa, Florida.

When conversation with Nora Spurgin revealed that theirs would be the first city to hold such a black/white event (to be followed later by Boston and Los Angeles) it took on historic significance. Adding to their inspiration was news that the pamphlet promoting the event had been brought to Father's attention! There was then no turning back and only a handful of weeks to pull all the pieces together.

Donna, Tampa WFWP chairperson, turned her husband's office into a local WFWP office during the event and had the phone ringing madly. Due to have her fourth child in mid-May, Donna tactfully scheduled the conference to take place on April 13.

These sisters, along with Haitian-born Tampa member Evelyn



Donna Howell, Robin Debacker and Jan Breslin

Drake, found themselves up to their necks in coordinating a hundred details. Marshalling their wits and improvising along the way, various innovations came to be. As it became clear that the bridge of peace could not be transported from Atlanta, the sisters came up with the idea to decorate and place the hotel's wedding arch on a set of stairs - the participants would pass under it under after meeting and embracing.

Also it was decided to obtain two speakers; one white and one black. Fortunately this went well and Rev. Tanya Beck, one of the first women ordained as an Episcopal priest, and Dr. Babs Phillips, a minister and former aide to Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., responded and generously donated their services. Quite helpful in promoting the event was The Tampa Tribune's timely article with a photo showing a planning meeting.

It was a tense period of preparation but, little by little,

Dr. Justo Gonzalez at Drew University

On April 24, 20 UTS students and faculty members travelled to Drew University to attend a lecture by Dr. Justo Gonzalez. Dr. Gonzalez is the author of *The Story of Christianity*, the text used in the Church History class at UTS.



Dr. Gonzalez with Dr. Mickler and UTS students

Speaking on the topic of "The Contribution of Latin American Christianity to the Reformation of the 21st Century," Dr. Gonzalez suggested that reformation always comes from the periphery and offered the examples of Antioch, Wittenberg and the younger (third world) churches of today. He said that Christianity at the "center" has difficulty in seeing problems, difficulty in taking action to address them and is thus last to perceive the depth of any crisis. The radical solutions to problems, he said, go from the edge to the center. For example, the Gentile church had solutions which the Jerusalem Church could not recognize and similarly, Germany offered answers which Rome or Paris could not acquire.

responses came in from the various outreaches and on D-day approximately 64 women were matched as sisters. The program began with a video tape of the Japanese/American conferences. This set the tone and focused the participants on the nature of the event. The speakers were matched to each other followed by the participants who met and embraced under the arch and sat down together sharing both joyfully and tearfully. The speakers came next followed by lunch during which acquaintances were pursued.

Most inspiring was that the excitement and bonds generated moved a number of the participants to offer their services and resources to make future events an even greater success. Robin was especially happy to have her mother and sister, sister's employer and her daughter's school teacher all attend. However, most important was that the participating sisters, through their sacrifice and extraordinary effort were able to feel the heart of the True Parents and more deeply appreciate their life of constant giving.

[For supplementary revenue beyond the \$15 conference fee, polaroid shots were taken at \$2 a piece, some pottery made by Robin Debacker was sold and orders for video tapes of the event were taken.]

Student Profiles

Tetsuo Yoshisumi

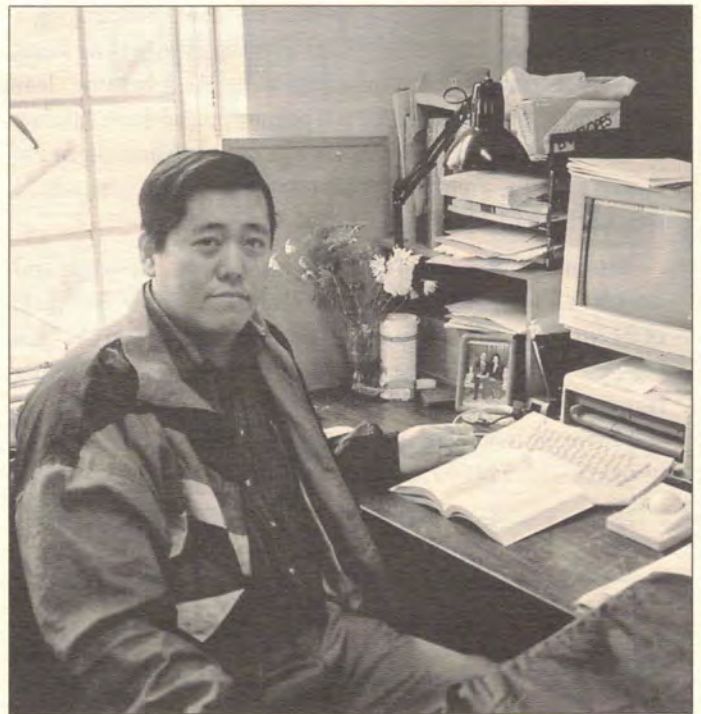
When he first came to the Seminary, Tetsuo Yoshisumi was not so interested in academics; he felt that his purpose in coming to UTS was to reflect on his past life and to deepen his spiritual life "in order to strengthen my commitment to serve God and True Parents." However, once he began studying Church History, Philosophy and Theology, he became more interested because studying the early philosophers helped him to understand how people have been interpreting man's place in the world; Church History helped him to see the pitfalls that our own movement would need to be aware of and in studying theology he felt that he could see where Divine Principle could address the unanswered questions in the various theologies he was studying.

Having been a church leader for many years, he did his best to avoid any leadership responsibilities during his time at UTS. He was asked many times to assume responsibility but refused because he felt he needed this time to reflect and work more on his internal life. Last summer he went to Alaska to work in the fish company and he met a member of the 1800-couple Blessing who gave him a different perspective on compartmentalizing his life. The brother said that the sisters who were working in the factory all day long made their work with the fish part of their

daily life of faith, not just their prayer at the end of the day. Through this, Yoshisumi san realized that whatever he did at the Seminary could be part of his time for spiritual renewal and reflection, if he had this same attitude that every activity can be part of his life of faith. After that, he accepted responsibility for the Worship Committee which oversees morning and evening prayer as well as becoming the Student Life Advisor. In this latter capacity, he works particularly with young Japanese members who have had little Church Life experience. He feels that he needs to love the students and be concerned with their problems and he teaches them that they must be able to develop and maintain a prayer life and learn Divine Principle and be able to convey it to others.

When Yoshisumi san met the Founder as a state leader he says that he was asked if he had attended the Seminary and if he could lecture the Divine Principle. Father said it is important for leaders to attend UTS. He noted "how much Father has invested in the Seminary and how much Father loves this place." He encourages people to come to the Seminary with a clear purpose because this is a challenging place where one needs to be self-motivated and self-directed in order to grow spiritually. He said it won't just happen after graduation if you don't develop these abilities while you are a student.

Yoshisumi san says that he is not concerned with being a



Tetsuo Yoshisumi at his desk

leader once he graduates but only in being a person who can be used by God. He quoted Father who said "The wife decides if you are a good husband or not, God decides if you have lived for the sake of others or not," and said that this is his aim; to be humble and to live for the sake of others. *DT*

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