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Internship Program Introduced

The current trimester sees the introduction of a Field Education Internship Program. The purpose of the internship is to offer students an opportunity to experience ministry in a given community. The student participates in the daily life of the community through teaching, counseling, pastoring, and participating in administrative concerns under the guidance of the local UC minister.

At present, 11 students are working in five locations: Los Angeles, Chicago, Newark, Westchester, New York and Brooklyn. Dr. Kathy Winings who, with Dr. Shawn Byrne, directs the Field Education program, reports that most of the students are supporting the True Family Values ministry and Pre-Blessing programs in their areas. "This means that they are spending a great deal of their time discussing True Family Values content, the situation of American Christianity and religion, as well as community needs with various ministers and religious leaders," she wrote. "Of course, with the Pre-Blessing and Family Festivals, the students are also learning how to plan, organize and direct such an event."

Since the 11 interns are all Japanese, they are also finding value in the fact that they are forced to practice and improve their ability to speak English and this was foreseen as a significant benefit of the program.

The original proposal for the program states that "In particular, the internship is most valuable for the non-American student in that it affords him/her the opportunity to immerse themselves in the culture and language of the community - much as they might if they were sent to the mission field after graduation. Further, it will help their total language development as well as their ministerial development by immersing them so totally in the life of a community for the 10 weeks. Further, by working and living in the culture of a particular community, it will enable the student intern to recognize what skills and attitudes are necessary in order to assume responsibility for the ministry of a particular community."

President Shimmyo places more emphasis on the spiritual dimension of the program. "Students are expected to know the

heart of God through faith and endurance in a given, difficult situation of reality in order to become victorious leaders in the future," he said.

New Classes Arts and Ministry

Dr. Sallyann Goodall is a senior lecturer in musicology and ethnomusicology at the University of Durban-Westville in her native South Africa. She has taught there for the past ten years with a two year break in 1991-93 to attend UTS. In January, she took advantage of her summer break to return to Barrytown to teach a class in Arts and Ministry.

Dr. Goodall sees her job as teaching people how to enhance their



Dr. Sallyann Goodall shares lunch with students.

spiritual lives through the arts and how to help others to do the same. She believes that those who relate to the arts in some way will make good leaders since they tend to have better insights into others. She usually teaches students whose native tongues include Zulu, Xhosa and Sotho so the challenges of communication in an

ESL environment are not new to her. In fact, she enjoys the diversity of her class of 11 students who come from seven different nations. "They're lively and they all ask questions and it's especially encouraging to see men who are interested in using arts in the church," she said.

The Arts and Ministry class is divided into three concurrent parts. The first is a historical survey of Western liturgical music with a particular focus on the mass. Dr. Goodall sees this as complementing the Church History course by tracing cultural development through Christian history. The second prong of the class is practical, involving several modes of expression including movement, painting and poetry. "We move between the art forms which is why I used Natalie Rogers' phrase "creative connections" to describe this part of the course." Dr. Goodall reports that some of the students have experienced profound realizations during these periods of self-expression.

The third prong deals with ministry and, more specifically, how to enhance one's ministry through the use of the arts. "We look at how to learn, teach and direct songs and how to choose music which will complement an event or service," she said.

Missiology

"Am I here to establish a business, a newspaper, a church, God's Kingdom.....or what? Do I relate to the few who can receive my message and detach them from traditional cultural norms or do I relate to the 'masses' and moderate my message accordingly? Should I be exclusive and demarcate clearly those who are 'members' and those who are 'outside people'? What is success?" If these questions sound familiar and you're still searching for answers, Dr. Shawn Byrne's new Missiology class may be for you. These questions are among those listed in the class syllabus which goes on to explain that the course "will help students clarify the relationship of their mission to the religious and cultural contexts within which they function." The seminar-type course relies a great deal on case studies that depict dilemmas in which a missionary may find him or herself. These dilemmas relate to religious and cultural norms that the missionary finds strange or with which he or she may deeply disagree. Each class features one case which each student will have studied beforehand. One student is assigned to analyze one case in light of Divine Principle and the Bible, to identify mission principles and to present a solution to the dilemma posed. The entire class then discusses and analyzes the case. Glory Umoh, for example, recently had to deal with the thorny issue of polygamy but seemed to enjoy the opportunity to grapple with the very practical questions of ministry.

Zen and Western Thought

Dr. Keisuke Noda has been a lecturer in Unification Thought

for many years and has most recently presented lectures in Godism to gatherings of the Women's Federation for World Peace in Washington D.C.. His course on Zen and Western Thought attempts to give a clear explication of the essence of Zen by clarifying its key insights against the background of Western thought.



Dr. Keisuke Noda

Dr. Robert Price is still covering for Dr. Richard Arthur who plans to return next term. Dr. Price is no stranger to UTS; he attended some of the NEW ERA-sponsored gatherings at the Seminary in the '70s and '80s and he was also a classmate of Dr. Shimmyo while he was completing his doctorate in systematic theology at Drew University in 1981. Like Dr. Arthur, he is a member of the Jesus Seminar and has served as a church minister.

President Shimmyo at Chung Pyung Lake

On January 12, President Shimmyo left for Korea where he joined hundreds of other American UC leaders at Chung Pyung Lake for a 40-day workshop. In a fax transmission on January 21, he sent the following message to Barrytown:

"The 40-day Chung Pyung Lake workshop is a tremendous process of rebirth. Our goal is to remove all evil spirits from each of us. Not a single evil spirit must stay with us by the end of the workshop. This is quite a goal, so we are working very hard. We sing and clap, shedding sweat and tears. Unless we reach this goal, we will have no success whatsoever in whatever we do in the UC.

The criticism of Daemo Nim about UC Blessed families is very severe and I think I agree with her. The tone of her criticism is

prophetic. But what makes her great is her willingness to sacrifice her life for the sake of the liberation of brothers and sisters (blessed couples) from evil spiritual forces. That aspect of her quality made me cry so many times.

So, I am determined to inherit Daemo Nim's spirit of commitment and also her victory 100%. With that kind of inheritance, I want to go back to Barrytown after the 40-day workshop. I hope that all students, staff and faculty at UTS will inherit the same thing too. Otherwise we will be pulled to Satan's power in the next few years and we will perish."

True Family Values Outreach

The entire Seminary community is currently working to bring ministers to a series of True Family Values Conferences. Faculty, staff and students have been divided into outreach teams under the direction of President Shimmyo who is now the Pastor of the Red Hook Church. President Shimmyo has also accepted the position of State Leader for Upstate New York at the request of Continental Director Rev. Joong Hyun Pak.

Reverend Tom Bowers is combining his work as Library Director with his many responsibilities as assistant pastor and acting state leader in the absence of President Shimmyo.

Dr. Dietrich Seidel, assistant professor of theology, is organizing prayer breakfasts, a pot-luck dinner and a coffee hour for local ministers. Currently, ministers are being invited to a series of weekly conferences in the Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania.

Divinity student Tony Devine recently returned from a visit to Siberia where he assisted at a pre-Blessing ceremony for 200 couples. All of this, of course, is preparation for the 3.6 million couple Blessing later this year.

A Visitor From Russia

Maarten Meier went to Russia when he graduated from UTS in 1991 and his family joined him soon after. They have lived in Moscow ever since and have slowly absorbed the Russian culture. During a visit to UTS in January,



Maarten Meier

Maarten reported that his desire to delve further into the Russian soul and psyche has led him to enroll at Moscow State University where he is studying Russian Literature. "In Russia, perhaps more than anywhere," he said, "philosophy and literature are very closely intertwined. The Russian people are very proud of their literature and are very familiar with the works of the great writers." Maarten admits that studying in the Russian language is a big challenge but he says he is being helped by his Russian classmates. Maarten was in New York to attend a meeting of the International Education Foundation which sponsors conferences and publications in Russia and China on the topic of character education.

New Dean of Students and Chaplain

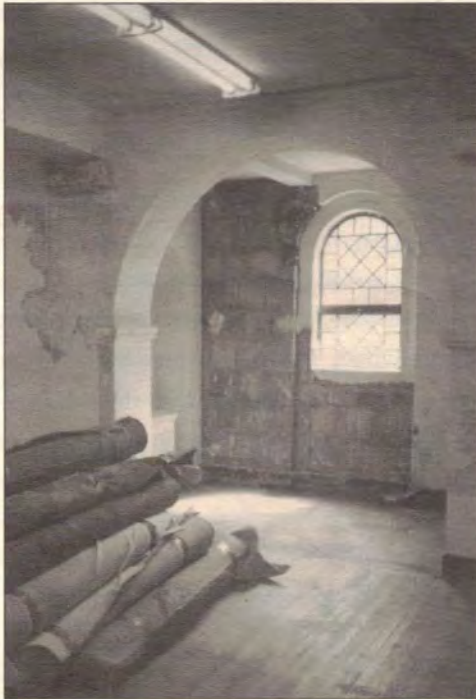
Divinity student Tetsuo Yoshizumi became the acting Dean of Students in December when Dr. Jennifer Tanabe was appointed to the position of Special Assistant to the President. Mr. Yoshizumi was a CARP and Church leader for many years before coming to UTS. Mr. Yoshizumi's wife and two children currently reside in Finland but he plans to bring them to Barrytown next summer. Meanwhile, Reverend Taek Yong Oh, one of our Korean language instructors, has also been appointed to the position of Chaplain. He will give a sermon once a week and will be available to the community as a counselor. Reverend Oh is a Th. D candidate at Boston University School of Theology.

Transformations

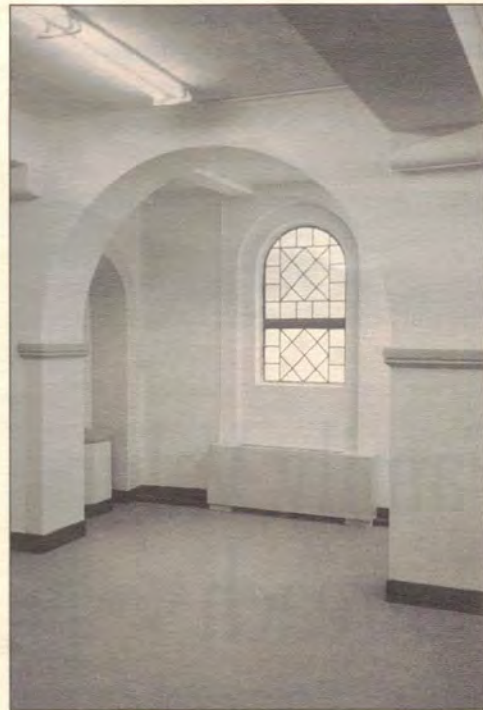
The Student Life Campaign

The New Year always brings makeovers, clean-ups and, hopefully, transformations. The latest phase of the Student Life Campaign has brought a complete transformation of the large room in the academic wing which has recently served as the Junior Study Room but which was originally a chapel. This room and its occupants have suffered greatly in recent years as dampness and decay caused the paint to flake from the walls and ceiling and the 20-year-old carpet took on the pallor of the nearly dead. The tattered and torn furniture only added to the cold, cheerless atmosphere. Initial restoration efforts only unveiled the greater horrors of asbestos and lead paint so workmen decked out like astronauts were called in to cart them

away. All those rebirth pains are behind us now and the room looks wonderful. Once again, the costs of redecorating and re-furnishing this room have been paid for by donations and special thanks are due to the Class of 1996 whose members presented the new carpet as their class gift. With the completion of the Junior Study



BEFORE



AFTER



Room, all of the study rooms have now been fully redecorated and newly furnished and all of the senior study rooms have new windows.

Everything you see is new, including the student, junior Hiroyuki Miyake.



Help is Still Needed

This year, winter will seem a little longer because of the shortage of recreation at UTS. The gym has been closed for the past four months because the floor is utterly rotten and thoroughly dangerous. There is standing water under the boards and this has affected the entire floor. The previous practice of patching up the holes is no longer adequate.

The loss of the gym has had a significant impact on life at UTS. Last winter, there were volleyball and basketball games scheduled every single night of the week and they added to the level of friendship and excitement among the students. Ping pong and pool are poor substitutes for those team sports.

We had hoped to repair the floor for \$10,000 but it is now clear that it will have to be replaced at a cost closer to \$20,000. There is no money in the budget to support an expense of this size so the only hope is that some of the readers of *The Cornerstone* will fondly remember the hours they spent in the gym.

If you are able to help, please use the attached envelope and make your check payable to UTS Alumni Fund. Thank you.



The gym floor



STUDENT PROFILES

Satoko Matoyama

Satoko Matoyama came to UTS in 1995. She would have been here in 1993 if her parents had not kidnapped her and held her for two months in an attempted "deprogramming" during which she was subjected to the verbal attacks of Christian ministers and others who tried to break her faith in this "outrageous cult." It would be another two years before she would be able to fulfill her ambition to continue her graduate education at UTS.

Satoko san joined the Unification Church in 1989, a few months after her conversion to Islam. In her first year at Keio University, she was influenced by the good and humble character of a Moslem colleague and eventually became a Moslem. Before this she was an atheist and has this to say about her conversion. "Initially I wanted to study philosophy. I thought of religion as something for the weak. But his character made me see the good side of religion and I became convinced of the existence of God. Subsequently, I changed from studying philosophy to Islamic History."

Her spiritual father Mr. Yasuhiro Ishii, a UTS graduate, was

then attending the same university. He had known her before the Moslem colleague but because of the negative rumors spread against the UC as a brainwashing cult, he was careful in revealing the DP content to Satoko san. Fatefully, her conversion to Islam became the bedrock on which she could receive the DP.

In her school, CARP was disdained as a brainwashing club by other secular clubs, including the fencing club to which she belonged. One day she was sent by her seniors as a spy to find out about the dubious activities of CARP. In fact, she was surprised by the excellent spiritual atmosphere at the video center but she pressed on with her mission as a spy. She loved approaching religious issues in an intellectual way and she met with the CARP leader with the intention of using her abilities as a debater. But this time, the lady spy reports that she sat spellbound as the CARP leader explained the logical truth of Divine Principle. She also noted the CARP leader's humble clothing which contrasted with his big gold ring. When she heard the explanation of the Blessing, she was impressed but also a little uncomfortable about the idea of a matching carried out by Reverend Moon. Nevertheless, she accepted the explanation. She couldn't instantly believe in Reverend Moon's messiahship "but strangely enough," she says, "I never doubted."



Satoko Matoyama (left) skating on the pond

With a different spirit, she returned to the fencing club but the report she gave was not what they expected and she even found herself witnessing to them. She became actively involved in CARP and found herself changing. "It was through fundraising, acting almost like a wretched beggar, that I could begin to overcome pride and egoism," she says.

Satoko san's experience with CARP strengthened her ambition to become a diplomat working at the United Nations so that she could "disabuse people of their mistaken notions concerning the Unification Church." She knew she would need a graduate education and when Reverend Moon gave the direction for the 1993 CARP graduates to attend UTS, she saw this as her chance. It was then that her parents intervened and Satoko san's faith was tested. Eventually, her parents gave up and she was able to rejoin CARP, this time at Tokyo University. Meanwhile, her spiritual father was studying at UTS and with his assistance, she too was able to enroll here in 1995.

The multinational, multiracial UTS community is not entirely new for her as she spent part of her childhood in Africa. When she was three, her family moved to Zambia where her father was a senior officer in a copper mine. During her six years there, Satoko san attended school with children of all ages and credits this experience for her understanding and appreciation of people of other cultures.

She says that she loves it here at the Seminary. "This is a precious place because elders and juniors mix so freely and it's a place that offers hope for the co-existence of people of all races with this common goal of achieving True Parents' ideal." She also has plenty of opportunities to improve her excellent English and to practice and perform on the violin and piano. She still retains her ambition to be a "heavenly diplomat" and believes her UTS experience is bringing her closer to her goal.

Gregorio Camdas Agulan

Greg Agulan wanted to come to UTS in 1989 when he first heard about the Seminary from Elias Soria (Class of '90) who was then studying here. His responsibilities as a CARP regional leader prevented him from coming at that time and it was not until August 1996 that he finally arrived in Barrytown.

Greg was born in Valencia Bukidnon in the Philippines and is the sixth child of a family of ten. He joined the Unification Church in 1984 when a classmate asked him to attend a 4-day seminar on the CAUSA Worldview sponsored by CARP. He appreciated the logical truth of the presentations and a month later he attended a 14-day seminar sponsored by CAUSA. This so impressed him that he became actively involved in CARP activities.

Greg has always felt a concern for those who are suffering and

has therefore felt drawn towards activities which seek to alleviate human problems. He felt a particular concern about the influence of communism in the Philippines and saw the work of CARP as the best way of addressing his concerns. His active involvement led to his being appointed as the leader of CARP in his school.



Gregorio Camdas Agulan

Through teaching Divine Principle and the CAUSA Worldview, Greg says that "My understanding of Divine Principle was deepened and I became even more convinced that it provides the solution to the problems of humankind." He also became an instructor of Wonhwa-do.

He is excited to be here at the Seminary because "I have a high regard for UTS as the vision of True Father to establish a training ground for future leaders who have social as well as ecclesiastical responsibilities." After graduating, he does not plan to continue his studies unless the dictates of his mission require him to do so. He hopes he can serve this community well while he is here and work with the other juniors to make an even better UTS.

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News from South America

Bret Moss (Class of '96) reports from Nicaragua that his Spanish is improving daily and that he can now get around Managua by taxi. He attended the inauguration of the new President last month and has also visited the managers of the city's daily newspapers all of whom were impressed by the layout of the 80-page *Tiempos del Mundo* which is being established throughout Latin America. Bret reports that *Tiempos Nicaragua SA* became a corporate entity in the last week of January and Mr. Joo, the President of the Washington Times Corp., has approved an office site.

Meanwhile, the 120 Japanese sisters assigned to Managua brought 200 college students to a three-day Divine Principle seminar in the first week of February. Bret says that the Korean National Messiahs, Reverend No Hi Pak and his wife Lan Young Moon, are "doing a fabulous job." Bret's wife, Annette, who is also a member of the class of '96, is currently working in Brazil.

Joseph Schinwald has set up his office in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He has three telephone/fax numbers in addition to his e-mail address but "I still don't know if anyone in Washington will be able to communicate with me." He has made some good connections in the upper echelons of Honduran society and reports that "I am actually quite thrilled with this mission." Paul Greene arrived back in Panama on December 31 and he also reports that "I really like this newspaper providence to tell you the truth." Things are going slower than he would have hoped but he plans to have his office running by mid-March. Ed Heinz is now working in Costa Rica, Jim Humphreys is in the Dominican Republic and Enrique Ledesma has arrived in his native Ecuador. Other graduates who are involved with the newspaper are Dirk Anthonis and Katsumi Kambashi (Uruguay) and Takuya Ishii (Chile).

Ted O'Grady and Koji Matsuda have both recently moved their families to Brazil where they have been assigned to towns in the region surrounding New Hope Farm. The O'Gradys are expecting their fourth child and were unsure as to whether Dorothy should deliver the baby here in the U.S. but they decided that this baby should be born in their new mission country.

A Letter from Bolivia

In January the Cornerstone office received a letter from Chantal Chetelat Komagata (Class of '86) who is also now in South America.

I am Swiss, I graduated from UTS in 1986, was blessed in Korea in 1989 to Masayuki Komagata and stayed there for the newspaper providence until December 1991 and then went to Japan for the hometown providence. My husband and I have three children and we offered a fourth to another couple.

Already, one and a half months have passed since I left Japan



Chantal and her family

for Montevideo, Uruguay together with 4200 Japanese women including 7 Westerners, 7 Filipinos and about 40 Korean sisters. We spent about 10 days there in a big stadium, receiving Father's love and Rev. Zin Moon Kim's guidance and going through a sisterhood ceremony with Uruguayan women. Then we went to our respective mission countries, 120 to each one of the 35 countries of the Americas.

We are now on a heavenly race to create a country that will be a model nation for the rest of the world. That's our purpose in south America. Which country will be the first to accept the Principle in its Constitution? Of course, I cry every day because I cannot love my husband and my children and through that feeling I can understand God's heart. He has been longing for thousands of years to meet His children. My children (6,4 and 2) miss their mom very much too and they can learn substantially to relate to True Children's hearts of missing their parents.

All of the women from Japan sacrificed their families and therefore we can invest all our love into the people here. There are many wonderful people in Bolivia. Most are descendants of the native people who have suffered tremendously, are living in very humble conditions and can therefore relate to a suffering God. Since the universities are free, many people study and the educational level is fairly high, making it easier to convey the depth of the Principle, but the number of street children who spend their days shining shoes or begging is also high.

Since I am the only one of the group of 120 who can speak Spanish, I am extremely busy teaching the sisters Spanish, interpreting for them, meeting students and other people, and teaching the Principle. Days pass by so quickly that a year will be over soon. We'll be going to the States in October to prepare for the great Blessing of 3.6 million couples in Washington DC and then we'll be flying back to Japan in November. But who knows what will happen next?

God Bless You! ITN Chantal

A Boat Comes Home

In the days when Seminarians regularly pursued the mighty bluefin tuna in the waters off Gloucester, Massachusetts, UTS was asked to add its own boats to the large fleet assembled there. Now, one of those Good Go boats has been returned by Ocean Church and will be available for this year's striped bass season. This is a timely arrival given Reverend Moon's recent emphasis on hobby and leisure activities. At a leaders' meeting in Brazil on January 3, he said "Some church leaders think that leisure and hobby activities are only side issues but they will be the main activity of the future." Only those who understand this "will be able to harmonize with the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth," he said. The Korean word "shin," (the rough translation is "hobby" or "enthusiastic involvement") implies not simply enjoyment, as in English, but total involvement, so much so that "you don't feel tired," he said.

Reverend Moon explained that he becomes so thoroughly engaged in an activity such as fishing that he feels he "was born



for that task." In the future ideal world, anything that is not connected to the realm of hobby and fun "cannot be connected to Heaven," he said.

UTS students have always joined the Founder some form of fishing. In the early days, carp were the quarry of choice and in the 80's, new graduates went to Gloucester to fish for tuna. The class of '93 was able to spend the summer in Alaska fishing for salmon and graduates were again invited to Alaska last August for what will apparently be an annual gathering. In recent years, UTS students have traveled to Croton Harmon to join Reverend Moon as he goes after the annual run of striped bass up the Hudson.

Winter on the Lagoon



Each year when the Hudson freezes, the ice boats magically appear on the lagoon and glide like swans toward Tivoli. Most of the boats are over 100 years old but they can still hit speeds of up to 80 mph..

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