UTS NEWS

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WELCOME to **UTS NEWS**! President Hendricks has approved starting *UTS News* as a forum to communicate news, announcements and to build community at the Seminary.

Anyone can submit news items or announcements to Mary McConville, UTS Faculty Secretary, or to a box we will place in the dining room. *UTS News* will come out every Tuesday during the term. If you want an item included, please submit it to Mary by Friday or at the latest, first thing Monday morning.

UTS News looks forward to serving the UTS community.

End of Term Offering Celebration

Tonight, there will be an End of Term Offering Celebration in the Student Lounge, beginning at 5:30 PM. The program will begin at 5:45 PM.

Those whose birthdays fall in November and December will be acknowledged. See you there!

UTS Suggestion Box

President Hendricks also approved posting responses to suggestions placed in the suggestion box in the dining room. Those responsible for the area addressed by the suggestion will write the response. For example, if it is an academic question, Dean Mickler, Ms. Delaney or a faculty member will respond. If it is a student life question, Dean Corcoran or a student body officer will respond. If it is a financial question, Mr. Yasutake will respond. If it is a big question, President Hendricks may respond. Both the suggestion and the response will be posted on a bulletin board.

Pre-Registration is Open!

Forms for Winter term pre-registration are available in the Registrar's Office. Get the classes you want and avoid registration lines! Remember, in order to pre-register you need to: 1) Pay all previous bills; 2) pay 25% of tuition; and, 3) pay student fees.

Please Note: The Faculty is concerned about pre-registered students arriving and beginning classes during the first week of the ten-week term. Those pre-registering will be subject to the same conditions as those who register on registration day or during the first week of class. If pre-registered students do not arrive and begin attending classes within seven (7) days of on-campus registration, their pre-registration will be voided and they will be assessed a \$50 processing fee. Whatever was paid to pre-register will be applied to the student's account or refunded.

Admission Office Busy

The Admission Office, headed by UTS Admission Director, Tessa Hodson, is actively working to achieve its goal of 20 new UTS students for the winter term. To this point, ten (10) applications have been approved with more to be considered by the Faculty Admissions Committee. UTS has its first-ever applicant from India as well as applicants from Bulgaria, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Korea, Latvia, the U.S., Argentina, and Afghanistan. Tessa expects several Christians from other denominations to enroll and there is a likelihood of Muslims from the Cameroons coming as well.

Self-Study Goes Forward

The UTS Self-Study Steering Committee, comprised of Dean Mickler, Dr. Tanabe (co-chairs), Dr. Wilson, Dr. Winings, Dean Corcoran and Mr. Yasutake, will be working over the break to prepare a Self-Study Design as part of the Seminary's re-accreditation process. UTS was accredited by Middle States Association in 1996 and is scheduled to have a re-accreditation visit in Spring 2002. In preparation for that, UTS is required to conduct an 18-month self-study, examining all aspects of its operation. Once the Self-Study Design is submitted and approved, probably in late January, the Seminary will convene various work groups to study specific areas and prepare reports over the winter and Spring.

From Extension "Site" to Extension "Center"

UTS hopes to gain New York State approval to upgrade its extension site at 4 West 43rd Street in Manhattan to an Extension Center. An extension site is only allowed to offer 15 courses and have 350 course registrations yearly. Last term, UTS already offered 10 course and plans to offer more winter term. Dr. Winings and Dean Mickler are currently preparing a proposal to the state to upgrade the extension site's status and expect to have a decision prior to winter term.

Kids on Campus

UTS welcomes the presence of numerous children of staff and students on campus. However, it is important to have some guidelines for everyone's security and sanity. Recently, some middle school and high school students have been studying in the UTS Library but there have been complaints about noise and messiness. Dr. Noda and President Hendricks will meet on Tuesday, November 14 at 4:00 PM with these students and their parents to discuss expectations and to introduce them to the library staff. UTS staff and students also should be aware that unless they are visiting or accompanied by their parents, children are not to be on the second floor of the academic wing.

Exam Schedule:

Life and Teachings of Jesus:
Wednesday, Nov. 15 (8:00 – 11:00 AM)
Old Testament Foundations:
Wednesday, Nov. 15 (1:30 – 4:30 PM)
History of Christianity I:
Friday, Nov. 17, (9:30 – 11:00 AM)

Good Luck on your Final Exams and

Papers!



Have a GREAT Winter Break!

We look forward to seeing you in January!

