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IC96 A GREAT SUCCESS SETS RECORD ATTENDANCE

By

Larry Bowman

The largest number of readers of The Urantia Book ever gathered in one place and enjoyed the pleasant climate of Flagstaff and the spiritual and social atmosphere of an international conference at "Living Faith," the Fellowship's triennial conference held at Northern Arizona University Aug. 3-8, 1996. The estimate of the attendance is 1,050. Fellowship officials assert that no conference has ever gone over 1,000 before.

Attendees came from all over the United States and many foreign countries, including several in Latin America. Although readers in Arizona were active in the planning of IC96, they comprised only a small portion of the total attendance. We Arizonans should feel pleased at the positive reactions the conference has engendered. By all accounts IC96 appears to have been a great success, many have said it was the best international conference ever held.

Several features of IC96 made it different from previous conferences. Among them were:

- Plenary sessions (large-group meetings) which began promptly on time. Doors were closed for each session's opening worship service, then would reopen at the end for latecomers to take their seats for the main speaker.
- The hiring of professional musicians who performed just prior to each plenary session and at Club

UB, the conference's late-night entertainment function.

- The use of a pair of emcees (Harry McMullan of Oklahoma and first-time attendee Carol Schindler of Brooklyn, NY) to perform skits and introduce the plenary speakers.
- Extensive programs for children and teenagers. For youth 5-12 a tent was set up on the grounds and participants were encouraged to dress in period costumes and make crafts and perform other activities relevant to a Jerusalem marketplace of Jesus' time. Teenagers could participate in sports, a confidence-building activity, dances, and camping. Doug and Lissa Parker spent every day working with the teens.
- Well-planned Club UB programs. Each night's schedule was posted in advance. Arizona's own Shawn Greer performed magic at Club UB as well as earlier in the day for children.
- A Country Fair which closed the conference. Before, conferences always ended around noon, and everything else was rather anticlimactic. On Thursday, Aug. 8, the closing plenary session ended before 3 PM, and then children led the audience out to the lawn for an outdoor social which lasted until 10 PM. There were plenty of activities for children, and adults could spend the time renewing old and new acquaintances. A drawing for a first printing of both the Urantia Book and the Concordex

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

was held near the end of the fair. Everyone was delighted that Teen coordinator, Doug Parker won them.

Each plenary session established the day's theme. On Sunday, as the opening session was about to begin, this reporter was starting to feel emotional from the realization that more than two years of planning was coming to fruition. Eric Cosh and I both had tears in our eyes from the audience's reception of the Wisdom Family Dancers, a group of Native Americans who performed representative Southwestern dances. A five-year-old boy doing a hoop dance received enthusiastic applause. Dan Massey of Virginia spoke on "The Cosmic Family." On Monday Earlene Green of Washington, DC, set the theme for "The Global Family." On Wednesday our own Geri Johnson addressed "The Human Family," and at Thursday's closing session Mo Siegel of Colorado talked about "The Faith Family."

Each morning plenary session was followed by four breakout workshops. In the afternoons there were numerous workshops to choose, or people could participate in athletic or social activities. After dinner there were worship services to attend, followed by more workshops, and then a few hours for unwinding at Club UB. Tuesday Aug. 6 was a free day for sightseeing. Four bus tours were offered, and many others went off on their own on auto tours.

Several in-state attendees

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FOUNDATION SUES THE FELLOWSHIP, UVERSA PRESS, AND JESUSONIAN FOUNDATION

During Michael's birthday week, the Urantia Foundation filed a four count lawsuit for 1) claiming that over 250,000 copies of TUB have been sold is false advertising, 2) Using a sign stating "The Urantia Book" on their booth at the Book Sellers' Convention 3) Using a phone number that spells 2-uranti and literature giving the number as 1-888-2-URANTI; and 4) Publishing TUB in violation of the Foundation's copyright. They ask for judgment on the

first three complaints as violation of its Trademark of the name "Urantia" asking the Court to enjoin the use of the 1-888 number, confiscation of advertising materials, monetary damages, attorney's fees and costs of litigation. It asks for a stay on the fourth count until the Appeals Court decides the Maaherra Lawsuit. Happy Birthday, Michael. ■



GRAND CANYON SOCIETY STARTS NEW YEAR



New Officers for Grand Canyon Society: Back row Joe SanGeorge, Treasurer; Larry Bowman, President; Mike Bertola, Education Chairman; Middle row: Estelle Bertola, Membership Chairman; Eve McMahon, Secretary; Peggy Johnson, Publication Chairman. Front row: Millie Baxton, Vice President, Lee Maxton, Navigation Chairman.

The Grand Canyon Society held its regular membership meeting at the Los Olivos Senior Citizens Center, at 28th St. & Indian School Road on Saturday, June 15, 1996 at 1:15 p.m.

Those present were Mike Bertola, Larry Bowman, Dick & Peggy

Johnson, Lee & Millie Maxwell, Eve McMahon, Joe SanGeorge, Nola Smith, Sue Smith, Beth & Bruce Wenger, and Alva Utter.

Minutes from the Membership meeting of 6/14/95 were approved after minor typos were corrected.

Dick Johnson reported that there was a balance of \$146 in the checking account and \$1598 in a CD.

The new members present were welcomed. There were no reports from Membership and Navigation. Mike Bertola reported that approximately 45 people had responded to our telephone message and had sold 2 UB's. Peggy informed the group that their son, Richard, had set up a home page for the Society under his web page and, therefore, could add one of our voice messages, provided it is short. The address is:

HHp://dancris.com/~richard/UB.HTM

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GRAND CANYON SOCIETY OFFICERS

Larry Bowman	President
Millie Maxton	Vice-President
Eve McMahon	Secretary
Joe SanGeorge	Treasurer
Mike Bertola	Education
Lee Maxton	Navigation
Estelle Bertola	Membership
Peggy Johnson	Publications

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Peggy Johnson	Chairman
Dick Johnson	Editor Sue
Smith	Moon Valley
Berkeley Challis &	
Kerri Johnson	Teen Report
Dick Johnson	Lawsuit
Bruce Wenger	Society Conclave
J.J. Johnson	Riyadh
Vera Mello	Busbee Study Group
Richard Johnson	Technical Support

Jesus Birthday Celebrated in Payson

A dozen readers gathered August 24 at "Healing Waters", summer retreat of Josh and Theresa Wilson, in Payson to celebrate the 2002nd anniversary of Jesus' birth.

Josh's & Theresa's hideaway is pie shaped and bordered on two sides by Weber Creek and the Verde River. It is beautiful, tranquil and oozing with serenity.

Some arrived before noon to relax, hike, visit with the Wilsons, and just soak up the pure air of the north country.

A potluck was served at 5:30 p.m. after which we all trekked over to the Verde River. We built a fire and were asked to visualize Jesus and his apostles in a similar setting. Bob Dominski conducted a worship service which was followed by a remembrance supper and music. Just about dark we walked back to the house where we had our desert. Some stayed over night and others journeyed to their abodes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

SEPTEMBER

Susie Hughes	6
Millie Maxton	14
Brenda Parker	15
Jim Lindernann	15

OCTOBER

Eric Cosh	12
Don Risk	20
Joe SanGeorge	29

NOVEMBER

Dick Johnson	2
Carol Byron	4
Bruce Wenger	7
Marie Gable	10
Geri Johnson	17
Larry Babcock	18

NEW SOCIETY TO BE INSTALLED SEPT. 14

The first Fellowship society to be installed since the Grand Canyon Society was established in 1990 will be installed in Sheboygan Falls, WI on Sept. 14. On that date the First Wisconsin Society for Readers of The Urantia Book will officially come into existence. As a member of the Fellowship Charter Committee, Larry Bowman will be attending the ceremony. They have 28 members.

The Wisconsin group used GCS's constitution as the basis for drafting their own. ■

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

By

Michael Challis

Thursday morning we had an informal session of the General Council. This was an open meeting to give society representatives and others present a chance to see how the General Council functions and give their opinions on several issues. The first was the question of a constitutional amendment to provide for direct election of one general councilor for each society. Many people spoke on this issue. My informal take on it was that about 65% for it and 35% against. The other issue that dominated the time was the question of whether the Fellowship should publish Part 4 of the Urantia book as a separate volume. My informal take on this was about 90% against and 10% for. More were in favor of publishing the Urantia book as a set of three or four bound volumes. This meeting lasted from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday. The Council later approved having this informal session at future meetings.

Friday, at 9:00 am the General Council met in formal session. The first order of business was elections to the committees. This was conducted in closed session. Then the meeting was opened to anyone who wanted to observe. The census of the various societies was read. There was some discussion of how difficult it was to get census information from the societies. The fellowship's census is 1325, 1033 Society Members and 292 Members at Large members. The next order of business were the reports of the officers and committees. During the treasurers report, there was discussion of a couple of issues. First was a discussion of the donations being lower in 95 than 94. There was a discussion of the need for more broad based support. We are too dependent on large donors. There was considerable discussion about whether interfaith activities were the proper thing for the Fraternal Relations committee and the Fellowship to be pursuing. There was also considerable discussion of what the Education committee should be doing. The Charter Committee announced that a new society, The First Wisconsin Society for Read-

ers of the Urantia Book, which will be chartered on September 14, 1996. During the International Fellowship Committees report we discussed translations. There are currently groups working on the following translations: Arabic, Korean, Russian, Serb or Croatian and Spanish. The South Americans have difficulty getting enough books because of the price. If we wish to truly be international we will have to do translations. Translations are very expensive. Later we discussed forming a committee on translations.

We then discussed, debated and argued the constitutional amendment for direct election of General Councilors by societies. Because there was not universal support from societies on the issue, we decided that if we voted to amend the constitution, the TDA would have to ratify. A constitutional amendment requires a 3/4 majority of the General Council to ratify. That means, 27 votes to pass. Next, it could then go to the Triennial Delegate Assembly where a 3/4 majority vote is needed for passage. The discussion that followed centered around whether or not societies were currently represented. There are several societies not represented on the General Council. It was not clear whether those societies had candidates at the last TDA. Another issue was whether the addition of more general councilors would interfere in the process of governing. Some say, "no problem" others say, "You got to be kidding." After everything was said and everyone had said it, the vote, alas, was 20 for and 12 against so it failed. Many of those in favor were bitterly disappointed. This has been tossed around for six years! I think that it is part of the wisdom of the group process that it takes so long for change to happen. If society representation is still important, then societies need to have their TDA delegates to bring it back before the General Council.

A proposal to unlink the TDA from the Summer Workshops was defeated on a second ballot 9 yes 18 no. Some were

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shared their thoughts about IC96 with me:

- **Nola Smith**, who has been with the revelation since 1947, at the age of 81, was attending her first international conference. She was the Energizer Bunny, going until midnight each day and renewing acquaintances she hadn't seen in 35 years or more and making many new friends. "It was one of the finest times of my life," she said.
- **Carol Loving**, who studied with Arizona study groups during the 1980s and more recently experienced family tragedy, decided at the last moment to attend the conference. She said she had "the best time of my life" and was energized by "the great amount of love" that emanated from the gathering. She was seen at one or more parties and spent the wee hours of one morning talking to Vladimir of Russia, who is translating the book into Russian.
- **Sue Smith** was in charge of the hospitality room and spent most of the conference taking care of the many visitors. Bob Smith and the Maxons kept it running smoothly. Sue received many compliments from attendees on the service. She had two lengthy discussions with first-time attendee Joe Petrocelli, an isolated reader from Massachusetts. Joe decided at the last moment to come, did not know anyone when he arrived, and by the end of the conference had made lots of friends.
- **Pat Alongi** of Tucson was attending her first conference. She especially loved the Country Fair and thought it was the best-organized picnic she had ever attended.
- **Bob Dominski** brought his daughter, Lisa 10, who enjoyed the children's activities. Bob was in charge of an Arizona-style worship service on Sunday night and was assisted in its planning by **Gloria Archambeau, Eric Cosh, Myra and Randy Farabee, Frank Falkner, Florence and Gard Jameson, Mike Minor, Anita and Tom Ryan, Wesley Smith, and Josh Wilson.** Anita and her children

dressed in Navajo costumes and served fry bread. Mike and his wife, **Lavina**, were on campus for the day and enjoyed meeting other readers.

- **Bruce Wenger's** daughter, **Misty**, 15, was not enthusiastic about attending the conference and nearly canceled. After getting involved in the teen program, she began to feel differently. Going through the ropes experience, she gained love and acceptance from her peers and made many new friends. Every bone in **Beth Wenger's** body was aching from all the dancing she did at Club UB and the Country Fair.
- Long-time reader **Joe San George** had attended the 1981 Snowmass conference as a bachelor. He brought his wife, **Janet**, and their daughters, **Allyson**, 10, and **Robin**, 6, to IC96. Janet was involved with the children's activities (which the girls enjoyed) but also had time for some worship services and a few interfaith programs. She could "feel the vibrations from the spiritual atmosphere."
- **Rosey Lieske** and her Project Palomitas helped sponsor the attendance of two Latin Americans at IC96. **Nina Bravo** and **Olya Tartakowsky** of Chile, **Rosey, Susan Ransbottom** of Colorado, and **Myriam Montanez** of Colombia were busy all week as interpreters, and the visitors greatly enjoyed themselves. (Incidentally, there was another person from Chile, a young man who came with **Norman Ingram** of Hawaii. He was in his mid-20s and helped with the children's programs, thus attracting the attention of the girls. I overheard two ladies look ahead and exclaim, "Oh, there's the Chilean Tom Cruise.")
- Tireless worker and onsite coordinator **Arley Grubb** exclaimed, "I'd do it again!" He was enthusiastic about the teamwork that was displayed by the conference planning committee. (Janet Farrington of Oregon was the chairman.) **Rhonda Grubb** (in charge of transportation and food) said there have been a lot of favorable comments on the Internet about the conference. About the only

complaint was that "there were too many choices, not enough time."

- First-time attendee **Carol King** took her sons, **Bryan**, 19, and **Marshall**, 10, to the conference. Carol attended several sessions on race and found them very enlightening. Besides being involved in the teen activities, Bryan assisted Arley as a stagehand. Marshall developed a knack for soapstone carving at the Jerusalem marketplace and enjoyed the campus experience.

At the General Council meeting following the conference, Lee Smith of California remarked, "Would this conference have been such a success without the assistance of the Arizona society?"

As at any conference, there was a lot of personal sharing. Perhaps the most chilling story was told at Charlene Morrow's workshop on Sunday morning. Several years ago an ex-biker and drug addict was attacked by a man with a gun. He wrestled the assailant to the ground and visualized that he blew out the man's brains. Then he had a vision of observing himself as he would look sometime in the future. He then flashed back to the man he was wrestling with on the ground. The man was not dead. Others came to the scene and took away the gun. Not long after that the narrator became a reader of *The Urantia Book*. ■

A WELL-KEPT SECRET

Bisbee has a four year old study group. Mel and Vera meet with Herb and Debbie every other Wednesday. The drive is 45 minutes to each couple's houses, so they make it "Pizza Night." The host buys the Pizza. The group began when the Mellos responded to Herb's add in a local paper. Vera and Debbie work. Mel now works on Sundays so their Sunday meetings were changed to Wednesday. They eat and visit — then read until seven. Vera and Mel attended the Tucson Statewide meeting at the Yarbrough's in July. The membership committee should contact them as they are interested in joining the Society. (P.O. Box 766, Bisbee 85603).

STUDY GROUP NEWS

MOON VALLEY

Facilitator: Sue Smith—993-1325

Moon Valley Study and Discussion Group will be on vacation the months of August and September due to IC96 Conference in Flagstaff, and so many individual vacations during these two months.

Tuesday, October 8th, there will be a "Welcome Back Patio Dinner" to kick off the new year of study. This group is engrossed in Part I Study and Discussion with graphics to enhance understanding.

"IGNORANCE"

It was January of 1992 that Moon Valley Study Group along with other groups, took on the responsibility and commitment to volunteer donations each week for the purpose of buying new books from book stores - then donating the books to a worthy place. At that time, the flow of Urantia books from the Foundation was virtually nil.

A buck or two and pocket change does add up and go a long way. It is exciting to know that a small group of people can accomplish so much. From March 1992 to this date, the group has placed six Urantia books in libraries: Sun City Library, Page, Arizona Library, Song of America Ship Library, Fountain Hills Library, Paradise Community College Library, Castle Rock Inn of Bisbee Library, and also sent two Urantia books to Russia through John Lange of Ft. Smith, Arkansas. In addition, \$220.00 helped to buy Spanish translations of *The Urantia Book* for Bogota, Columbia, and the Palomita Project through the Agondonter Foundation. Recently, through Agondonter, \$83.00 was donated to help bring several South American readers to the IC96 Conference.

All this happened through *Ignorance*, because we were not told that other study groups were no longer col-

lecting donations for books. The "Kitty" bowl remains in the center of our study table. Where else may we be of service? ■

RIYADH READERS

28 MAY 1996

Where three or more gather at the Johnson's in Riyadh there is likely a U-Bk Study Group happening.

Last Friday we started paper 110, you know, that's the one you have to force everyone to at least read in a group once in their life time. We managed to cover three pages and decided to meet next week instead of every other week so that we could get in our fellowshiping.

Like Phoenix, Riyadh is getting warmer and merits pool time after the Study period. Jeff, Geri and I head over to our compound pool and continue our visiting for about another hour before Jeff heads back home (across town). Jeffrey says he is leaving in SEP and not renewing his contract. Geri and I have heard similar stories in the past from this Bedell fellow and based upon previous experience, we will not count him out of our study group yet.

"Relation Of Adjusters To Individual Mortals" has got to be high on the list as one of the favorite papers for most Urantian's (Actually the five Adj papers as well as paper 112 / Personality Survival which includes a section on Adjusters after Death could be grouped as the most favorite). We discussed how "the TA is not trying to control our thinking, as such, rather to spiritualize it... (Pg 1205.2)" and as pointed out on pg 47.3 the TA adjusts with the mind of imperfection..." Geri reminded us that this topic was sent by our group to be a part of the agenda on the last house boat trip sponsored by the GCS. From the trip report we received regarding that wonderful experience everyone had I bet each individual TA deemed it a worthy challenge adjusting to the various thoughts

each had. I suspect that's another reason a Virgin Adjuster would not be assigned to handle situations such as these.

The Johnson's look forward to visiting, renewing friendships and fellowshiping at the conference in Flagstaff. ■

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

We have learned in the past week through Internet that the Sacramento Readers have adopted a highway. Arizona is still working toward adopting a highway. Hopefull we will have a section by the next newsletter.

FINANCIAL REPORT

4/30/96

ON HAND:

Savings	\$1,583
Checking	121
	<u>\$1,704</u>

INCOME:

Donations	\$1,772
Other	1,180
Total income	<u>\$2,952</u>

EXPENSES:

Conferences	\$ 182
Fellowship	76
Outreach	1,224
Office	122
Newsletter	242
Postage/General	85
Miscellaneous	911
Total Expenses	<u>\$2842</u>
Profit or Loss	<u>(\$ 110)</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS:

Books	\$ 142
Future Conferences	500
Stickers	40

Total Restricted Funds: \$ 682

Our Annual Budget is over \$4600. This requires almost \$80 per member to meet our annual expenses, most of which concern our outreach activities. ■

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disappointed in the outcome of this vote. It seems unfair to those who might not be re-elected to the General Council and to the newly elected councilors to have the TDA at the same time as the General Council meeting.

The proposal for the fellowship to publish Part 4 of the Urantia Book was withdrawn from the agenda. There was considerable discussion of whether it would be proper or a conflict of interest or unethical for members of the General Council to publish Part 4 of the Urantia Book outside of the Fellowship. There was not a consensus of opinion. Several said although it was not unethical, they were not in favor of it. A few were supportive.

Next discussed was Fellowship policy respecting the copyright of the format and notation system in the new Urantia Book. While its use should be widely available, the concerns of possible misuse were discussed. Kristen Maaherra was given permission to use the format on the CD Roms she is preparing. A committee is to work up a policy statement making the Fellowship format and notation system broadly available for secondary works.

The Council approved a new group affiliation with the Fellowship, short of becoming a society.

The report on the publication of the Book indicated that we had reached agreement with the majority of the distributors. In about three months we will be able to instruct societies and Area Coordinators as to what to tell booksellers.

International Conference 1999 was discussed briefly. The mid Atlantic or Florida was discussed as possible sites.

Copies of a letter from the Foundation regarding the Fellowship's use of a 1-800 number that spells Urantia was delivered to all members. A few minutes were devoted to discussion of the Foundations request that we no longer use this phone number. This was passed on to the President to deal with. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

This is how I remember this long meeting (three hours Thursday and nearly 12 hours Friday). Being a councilor is not for sissies. If you are interested in this stuff, work in your societies, talk to councilors and participate in the TDA. There is a mid year meeting coming up in Kansas City in February. Next summer, the TDA will be in Vancouver, along with the summer workshops. We need informed, hard working and good intentioned delegates. Remember, if not you then who? ■

Poetry Corner

IC96 Friends

*You gave me courage,
When I thought I could
not do it.
You gave me strength,
When I was weak.
You got me to believe in
myself.
You gave me faith.*

Kerri Johnson
Age 13

INTRO SESSION SET FOR TUCSON OCT. 26

An introductory session to *The Urantia Book* will be held in Tucson on Oct. 26 from 2-4 PM at the Tucson Public Library Main Branch, 101 N. Stone. Sue Smith will dress herself as a midwayer and do a presentation on part four (Presumably she will have a little help from the master physical controllers in making her visible.) We have a report that Brian Smith, Chairman for the Area Coordinator Program will be attending this session. Further information will be forthcoming.

"Each child comes with the message that God is not discouraged with man."

Tagore

Editor's Corner

Dear Peggy,

Just spent a couple hours going through a collection of Urantia mailings, and enjoyed re-reading a lot of papers including "The Servant", a very interesting and informative paper. It's so nice to hear what is going on outside the 4 walls of Sun City. Thanks to so many of you for all the work you are doing to spread the teachings of "The Urantia Book."

*Our best wishes to all of you.
Lovingly,
Don & Pat Grothaus*

As Publication Chairman, I would like to put my 2 cents in about the Arizona readers who worked so diligently at IC96. The readers in Arizona had bid for Flagstaff as a conference site for IC87 and also for IC93. I've always heard that 3rd time is the charm and I am beginning to believe it.

I want to express my personal thanks to **Arley Grubb**, who was always running around with his cell phone taking care of the needs of others, **Rhonda Grubb** for seeing that readers were trans-

ported from Phoenix to Flagstaff and back and arranging the transportation for the teen-agers, **Eve McMahon**, Larry Bowman, and Frank "Pancho" Falkner for successfully getting people on their respective buses on Tuesday, **Mike Bertola** for his super job of running the Communication Table, Dick Johnson and Eve McMahon for pitching in at the Communication's Table when Mike had to return to Phoenix on Wednesday, **Beth Wenger** and her crew for their tireless efforts with the Toddler's Program, **Sue & Bob Smith** and Lee & Millie Maxton in the hospitality room, **Bob Dominski**, Wesley Smith, Myra & Randy Farabee, Florence Jameson, Tom & Anita Ryan and their children and Josh Wilson for the inspiring Worship Service, **Larry Bowman** who was in charge of Registration, **Mike Minor** for the beautiful waterfall that was used for the Arizona Society Worship Services on Sunday night, **Eric Cosh** and his three cameras working non stop, and **Dick Johnson** and **Bruce Wenger** for loading and unloading the truck. Many of those mentioned were unable to attend any sessions and those who did were able to attend very few. THANK YOU, THANK YOU ■

Peggy Johnson

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Peggy reported that the cost of the newsletter had been \$480 and \$540 has been donated towards the publication

The Society approved the proposed revisions to the Fellowship Constitution & By-Laws pertaining to Society representation on the General Council.

Mike Bertola was elected to represent the Society at the General Council Meeting in Flagstaff. He was also elected to represent the Society at the Society Conclave in Flagstaff.

The membership approved revisions to the Society Constitution as it pertains to active and inactive membership. Please refer to your Membership Minutes of 6/15/96.

Minutes of this meeting will be mailed to all active and inactive members.

Our annual elections were held and the following make up the new Coordinating Committee:

- Larry Bowman, President
- Millie Maxton, Vice-President
- Eve McMahon, Secretary
- Joe SanGeorge, Treasurer
- Lee Maxton, Navigation
- Mike Bertola, Education
- Estelle Bertola, Membership
- Peggy Johnson, Publications

There was a suggestion that we start subscriptions to the newsletter. This was tabled until the Coordinating Committee Meeting.

A motion was made and approved to donate \$300 to Project Palomitas which would be designated for South American Assistance to IC96.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

FLASH

NEW COLORADO LAWSUIT

THURSDAY, 8/29/96, PHOENIX, AZ.

Word just received that the Foundation has sued Kristen and Eric in Colorado for violation of Trademark, Tradename and Copyright. Apparently in connection with Eric's internet home page. They now have lawsuits in Arizona, Illinois and Colorado. ■

AND GOD SAID NO

I ask God to take away my pride.

And God said, "No". He said it was not for Him to take away.

But for me to give up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

And God said, "No". He said her spirit is whole.

Her body is only temporary. I asked God to grant me patience.

And God said, "No". He said that patience is a byproduct of tribulation.

It isn't granted, it's earned. I asked God to give me happiness.

And God said, "No". He said He gives blessings.

Happiness is up to me. I asked God to spare me pain.

And God said, "No". He said, "Suffering draws you apart from worldly

Cares and brings you closer to Me." I asked God to make my spirit grow.

And God said, "No". He said I must grow on my own.

But he will prune me to make me fruitful. I asked God to help me love others.

As much as He loves me. And God said,

"Ah, finally, you have the idea."

The Servant is sent to you free of charge; however, with paper, printing, and postage being up, we will gratefully accept donations to offset expenses

Totals for 1995-6:	
Publication Costs	\$480.00
Donations	550.00
	\$ 70.00

THE FAMILY CIRCUS BY Bill Keane



"When people get to heaven, are they allowed to hug God?"

I Am

I am not what I might be,
I am not what I wish to be,
I am not what I hope to be,
But I thank God
And I can say with the
great apostle,
"by the Grace of God
I am what I am."

—John Newton

IC96 CUPS

GCS have had cups made to sell at IC96. There are 3 different designs with quotes from *The Urantia Book*. They sell for \$5.50 each. Ask your study group leader and if you do not attend study groups you may call Beth Wenger at 971-8247 or Rhonda Grubb at 841-7649. Christmas is just around the corner and these make wonderful gifts.

TEENS REVIEW

My name is Berkeley Challis. I am a 14 year old teenage boy from Oklahoma City. I attended IC96 Urantia conference in Flagstaff AZ. The program for teens was great. There were parts I didn't like but I had a lot of fun, and I am sure the other teens did too. The Ropes Course was great but I felt we did too many ground activities and not enough of the higher elements (as in climbing). It was a good experience. The dances were great fun. Amazingly, for a dance, not many kids sat, instead, nearly everybody danced! It was weird to have a dance in the middle of a deli, but the dances were nicely decorated and well planned. I attended a workshop on self hypnosis. It was very soothing and relaxing. I didn't hear any complaints from the other teens about any of the workshops. My least favorite part of the program was the Mission Possible. It was too much like a school assignment. I was depressed thinking about only having four days of summer vacation left after the conference. I felt the best part

was hanging out in the teen lounge with friends. Eating snacks, playing cards, working on puzzles, talking and doing whatever we wanted. Again thanks, the program was great. I look forward to seeing all my Urantia friends at the next conference.

My name is Kerri Johnson. I'm 13 and live in Oregon. I went with my Grandma and Poppi. I liked the teen program very much. The hike was boring, but I like the ropes course very much. I hope I can do that next time. I just want to say thank you for all the hard work you did for the teens. I'm looking forward to seeing all my IC96 friends again. You all gave me courage to do things I never thought I could do.

The two column soft-cover & hard-cover Urantia Books are now available through Jesusonian Foundation. \$12.95 and \$17.95 + \$2.05 shipping. Call 1-800-767-LOVE.

December Statewide

The Johnsons will be hosting the Christmas Statewide Meeting. We would like to make is a fun filled and service oriented meeting. We are planning to adopt another family this year, so you can start your collecting now. Also have a white elephant exchange, auction and raffle and sometime during all of this we will eat and maybe study or worship a bit. More to come next time

The schedule for the next 3 months of Statewide Meetings :

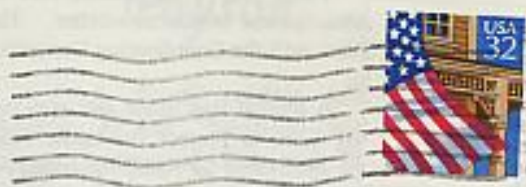
The Maxtons, Tempe	9/14
Larry Bowman	10/12
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