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Students in Wansan Campus launch boycotting the class on March 27 and 28.

Presidential election draws attention

The Board of Trustees was held at the HUFPS President's office on March 14th. Members, which represent students, faculties and staffs, had a dynamic discussion on various issues at hand including the election of new President of the school.

Faculty Council(FC) have recommended presidential candidates to board of Trustee until now. Staff Union(SU) argued for their right to participate in the recommendation of the presidential candidates. They said that HUFPS is very democratic, considering that their request should be needed. And they proposed to organize a committee for recommendation of presidential candidates.

An official member of trustee board responded that the board never sought participation of SU and the three main bodies should adjust

their positions about this proposed idea. FC mentioned difficulty in addressing the issue in this session. And they stressed that it will not be easy for SU to participate in the recommendation process because the election period is short, although they fully understand the SU's passion in the matter. However, they added that they will try to reflect opinions of SU in the long term.

The General Council(GSC) mentioned the right of staffs and students on general principles but they also said further discussion will lead to more problems. GSC feel that SU's stance about matters related to trustee board is not appropriate.

And they also pressed SU and the President for expressing their opinions to innovate trustee board. GSC wanted SU and FC to make clear where they stand on all issues.

And in this session, reforming status of The Tuition Fee Arrangement Committee(TFAC) was also on the table.

GSC complained about the role of TFAC saying that the proposed budget was changed by the board discretion of trustee board. They emphasized that school authorities should no longer sit idle about the retirement allowance issue.

The President adhered to his previous position that he would try to settle troubles on retirement allowance within the legal frame. And he said he expected from all.

On the other hand, FC is expected to set the timetable for the new presidential election in The Board of Trustees of FC on March 29th. The outcome is expected to draw exit attention as conflicts among members of three bodies.

By Lee So-jeong / The Argus

Terror law in controversy

There were many pros and cons presented concerning the anti-terrorism bill.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush declared "War against terror". And he said that inaction was not an option.

The attacks shook the world. And our nation was also affected by the terror.

Rumors had it that the terrorist behind the Sept.11 attacks in the United States were taking aim at the World Cup games. And the necessity of the anti-terror bill was brought up.

But human rights organizations put on the brakes to the anti-terror law, arguing that the bill violates human rights.

The ruling and opposition parties also showed contrary views.

The Grand National Party announced, "The anti-terror law can violate the human rights. So it requires further examination. And anti-terrorism center should not belong to the National Intelligence Service."

But the Millenium Democratic Party said, "The anti-terrorism law has no problem and it should be enforced at least within the period of the World Cup."

The parties failed to come to a compromise. The bill has been shelved.

By Kim Yu-kyung / The Argus

Civil servants launch union

A group of public employees launched a labor union on March 23 rd, in defiance of the law that bans them from doing so. Over 250 civil servants and representatives joined the rally at 4.19 memorial room in Korea University, to celebrate the inception of the Korean Association of Government Employees Work Councils Union (KAGEWC), the second kind in the nation.

During the rally, the preparatory Committee for the Korean Association Government Employees Work Council

(PKAGEWC) builds general principals and declaims a resolution.

We will focus on fighting corruption and administration, said Jeon, chairman of KAGEWC.

But, some 2500 riot police entered a room to block the rally during a rally. They took 181 delegates. The government announced that we would discipline, so the move is expected to intensify conflicts with government.

By Ha Kyung-hwan / The Argus

Two GSCs against tuition fee increase

Tuition Fee Arrangement Committee (TFAC) was established last year for making a negotiate tuition fee with including faculty members and two GSCs held its meeting on March 11 at the council room in the main building.

The two GSCs protested school authorities' decision to send tuition notes with no mutual agreement, pointing out several problems concerning the new budget. The University administration said it could not reverse its decision, because fiscal plan for this year has already been made. The new budget calls for any increase of four billion won.

The new HUFPS plan has been revised following rejection by the board of directors. However, in the tuition rate and degree of reliance in the total budget. The GSC also criticized the administration's decision to cancel its earlier plan to buy buses.

The main issue addressed at the meeting was how to make the severeness pay to throw 1.6 billion into the severeness pay budget. Their decision was made by the board of directors, according to the administration. In spite of heated discussions, the TFAC meeting ended with any conclusion.

By Ha Kyung-hwan / The Argus

500th comfort women's rally held



On March 13, "Comfort women" hold the 500th Wednesday demonstration in front of the Japanese Embassy.

On Wednesday March 13, a group of "comfort women" staged their 500th demonstration in front of the Japanese Embassy started in 1992 on the occasion of

Japanese PM. Miyazawa visit, their Wednesday demonstration today marked the 500 round.

There have been many changes over the past eight years. The

Japanese government admitted that it had been directly and indirectly involved in the woman drafted for military sexual slavery and a Japan court ruled in favor of Korean victims of the slavery who sought the compensation for damages. And Japanese war criminals were barred from the Korean territory. The U. N human rights subcommittee adopted the Gay Mactugl Report that demands compensation by the Japanese government for comfort women.

Twelve years passed, yet the demands of the women are still the same. - the acknowledgement of its wartime atrocities, investigation, official apology, punishment for the war victims, compensation and explicit record in Japanese history text book.

By Ha Kyung-hwan / The Argus



The Argus interviewed Ahn Sung-ki(V-70), famous Korean actor this month (Related story on Page 2).

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Editorial

Power of common people

With the presidential election scheduled for December, the ruling Millennium Democratic Party (MDP) and the main opposition Grand National Party (GNP) seem to be heading in very different directions. Despite a series of corruption scandals, the MDP is in high spirits thanks to the success of its ongoing presidential primaries while the GNP is on shaky legs due to its intraparty feud.

MDP's adoption of the primary election system is favorable among Koreans as a kind of political reform. Moreover, the recent Roh Moo-hyun phenomenon has turned this race around into a great popular contest following his strong performance in the Kwangju primary. Rhee In-je, currently the frontrunner, still maintains his overall lead over Roh Moo-hyun, a human rights-turned-presidential hopeful, but the Roh "wind" is heating the public so hard that Rhee cannot stay complacent.

Meanwhile, the GNP still has not recovered peace from the internal feud sparked by Rep. Park Geun-hye's defection on February 28. Lee's intraparty opponents have demanded for major party reform, urging the introduction of a full-fledged collective leadership and eradication of vassal politics. On March 26, GNP president Lee Hoi-chang decided to resign and to introduce a collective ruling system. However, Lee's image has already been damaged because of his "luxury villa" episode.

Also, public distrust of politics has been growing because of a series of corruption scandals related to the Kim Dae-jung administration. The opposition GNP mounted its efforts to attack the ruling camp on this ground instead of reflecting upon its own past conduct. Moreover its leader Lee Hoi-chang's luxury mansion exposed disappointed the public once again.

While Lee Hoi-chang was entangled with his inner circle members, Roh Moo-hyun has galloped ahead threatening Lee's bid for the presidential election. Opinion polls conducted by the major broadcasters show that so far Roh has surged ahead of Lee Hoi-chang, who has long been the favorite. The Lee camp had thought of Rhee In-je as their competitor in the upcoming poll but now it must change its tactics to beat Roh Moo-hyun.

At issue is the ideological difference between Lee Hoi-chang and Roh Moo-hyun and the social class they represent. While Roh is perceived as a reformist and the common people's friend, Lee is seen as the opposite of Roh. Lee's self-righteous leadership was revealed due to the recent internal feud and his "luxury villa" revelation struck the common people as incongruous. The "commoner versus aristocrat" dichotomy between Roh and Lee could thus drive Lee into a disadvantageous position.

At a press meeting held in Cheonbuk on March 21, Lee said about the "luxury villa" fuss, "I do not have an aristocratic taste and I do not belong to the aristocratic class. I would like to appeal to the people whether I am worthy to be in the aristocratic position." His remark may not restore public approval, however.

There is no telling, however, if Roh Moo-hyun carry his momentum until to the presidential election. GNP vice president who hails from the Yeongnam district is sure that Lee camp could drive the battle to an ideological confrontation between the conservative and the progressive camp if Roh gets his party nomination.

If such a two-way battle comes to pass, the common people who play a key role in the upcoming election. The common people recognized as the opposite concept to the vested interest group make up the majority in our society. But their political influence has dwindled away due to their political apathy caused by their mistrust of politics. Therefore the gap between common people and vested interests has been increasing, hindering our growth as a democratic society. Now it is time to break up the vicious circle and to demonstrate the power of the ordinary citizens.



Interview with the famous Korean movie star Ahn Sung-ki

Talent is hidden in your potential

Ahn Sung-ki is famous as a screen actor. He is also the fore runner of Korea in the community of motion picture actors-actress. After he graduated with a degree in Vietnamese language, he performed a variety of extra curricular activities including drama. The Argus reporter asked him to talk about his past experience.

He decided to enter HUFSS because he liked its ambience which his cousin encouraged him to experience. He also liked the idea of not having to take any math examinations since he was very poor at numbers. The first round of entrance tests was a failure but his second attempt paid off.

As a freshman, he was concerned about Vietnam and so decided to major in Vietnamese he even tried ROTC because he wanted to participate in the war as an officer wish could not fulfilled because when he signed up to go there, the war had ended. As a result, he and his friends majoring Vietnamese lost interest in their major study.

Even so, he greatly enjoyed his activities at HUFSS. He participated in the HUFSS theatrical club and performed in many plays. He liked the club so much that once he spent his tuition money for his club activities and he used the prizes that he received to finance education. Looking back it was a reckless investment he said. But he said that the club activities eventually lead to his acting career.

What he found especially enjoyable was the international atmosphere that HUFSS offered. The campus was small but because it was small students interacted with one another frequently and closely. He smiled adding that he could meet all his friends just by hanging around the toilets.

He started cinema acting when he was five years old. Although later on he had to stop it because of his study. He then became just a regular high school student.

His academic performance went downhill. And he agonized over what to pursue-college work or acting.

But he could not contain his passion for acting. He knew that he wanted to develop something enjoyable even if it meant a lot of works. At one point, he took tests to become an employee for a large corporation but he failed. The companies he tried to get into a student who majored in Vietnamese language because south Vietnam was defeated in the war.

After a great deal of thinking, he restarted acting by using his theatrical experience as a momentum. His acting began at the lowest point playing roles as a busboy in a Chinese restaurant while working on several scenarios. He worked very hard to cultivate his talent so that he could act in many different fields of acting. His tireless effort paid off, as he began to recognize by people around him.

He played various part in many different and enjoyed immensely. He thought too that accomplish his role in each movie was very important. He was glad that his action made his audience sometimes happy, sometimes sad and impressed at times. He said, "I always feel that I and audience sharing sentiments of the same age."

We seem to react and respond to contemporary events the same way. During the military years, everything in the movie industry was censored. People movies refrained from making critical social comments, but he wanted to enlighten audiences by telling them that censorship was wrong and that it was also wrong distort contents of cinemas.

In the movies he performed such as <White War>, <Military of Southern troop>, he tried to express his convictions about realistic problems. His efforts were recognized by the public and he was

awarded many prizes related to films reflecting social issues. He said that actors should have an interest in real life problem and play by being mindful of the integrity of Korean movies.

He is now pleased that the market share Korean movies is gaining popularity approaching that of Hollywood films. His only disappointment is that movies expressing the matters true belief are being ignored unfavorable commercial productions. And he agreed Mun sung-kun, Korean actor's saying that wise audiences make good movies.

When he was asked what his opinion about success, he replied that standards of success should be changed by college when they grow older. "Nowadays", he said, "people are apt to consider real success as a worldly desire. But I think true success rise in one's sense of satisfaction regarding one's own work. If we perform with faith in our assigned works, we will get recognition and financial reward at the same time."

He advised HUFSSans to cultivate their hidden talents and careers, adding that the foundation of success in the life of young



By Kyung-hwan / The Argus

person depends on his/her awareness of his/her own true interest and aptitude. He also said that successful performance in one task will lead to success in the subsequent tasks.

The importance of believing in one's own potentials and feeling happy about developing them can not be overemphasized, he said.

By Lee So-jeong
Associate Editor of News Section

From the Faculty Lounge



Jung Gi-woong
A lecturer of Department of Spanish

Cyberspace is one of the most talked-about topics of our age. With the increasing use of the Internet, cyberspace has come into our daily lives. This suggests some questions and, most of all, how the Internet is going to affect society draws our attention. I'd like to talk about the influence of the Internet, especially on the realm of politics.

Reading through the growing number of works related to computers and politics, we see that most answers fall into one of two camps. Probably the larger camp belongs to the utopians, those who see computer networks as ushering in a new age of democratic politics. The other camp has just the opposite prediction. That is, computer networks will create a new age of conflict

and misinformation. Which is closer to the truth? At the risk of oversimplifying their positions, I'd like to summarize below the basic ideas and beliefs of each camp.

For any democracy, information is an essential resource. On the one hand, one of the major failings of democracy is that so few people actually take part in the democratic process. One of the reasons many pundits think the public fails to participate is that they lack sufficient information about the political process.

democracy. The Internet, they contend, can help to make all of us more active and knowledgeable about government. In fact, these technologies make it possible to hold national town hall meetings in which the nation (or some sizable portion) meets possible to debate and certainly to decide the issues of the day. For example, it is technologically possible (though currently prohibitively expensive) to attach a keypad to everyone's television so that during a televised "issues convention" we could each

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simply log our position pressing 1 to vote yes, 2 to vote no. An even more sophisticated vision would be an on-line equivalent to MBC's "100-Minute Discussion", where the public watches the debate and e-mails, faxes, or calls in their opinions or questions. The experts and local audience discuss the comments and then a vote is taken. Either way, even today the technology is available to make such interactive democracy possible.

There are, however, a few voices offering warnings instead of hope. Some consider the idea of instant electronic voting for public

One more step into cyberspace

Without basic knowledge about the government, how it works, and who runs it, people simply tune out. On the other hand, we have the simple fact that democracy thrives on information. Democracy requires leaders and, hopefully, the populace to discuss ideas and policies affecting the society. But deliberative, thoughtful discussion requires knowledgeable and informed discussions.

So, utopian visionaries regards the Internet, which can deliver nearly unlimited information to your monitor in mere moments, as the promise of a better

democracy. The Internet, they contend, can help to make all of us more active and knowledgeable about government. In fact, these technologies make it possible to hold national town hall meetings in which the nation (or some sizable portion) meets possible to debate and certainly to decide the issues of the day. For example, it is technologically possible (though currently prohibitively expensive) to attach a keypad to everyone's television so that during a televised "issues convention" we could each

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Letter to The Argus

Side-effect on celebrities' drug abuse

Recently many celebrities have been arrested in charge of drug abuse including philonon, marijuana and ecstasy. Law enforcement are planning to investigate more than 10 celebrities suspected of this crime and it will have a bad influence teenagers who admires them the most.

Drug abuse is not just limited to specific celebrities, it is becoming a critical social issue. Young college students and office workers obtain drugs easily in rave parties. As some teenagers and housewives take drugs such as ecstasy in name of medicine to reduce weight and stay alert. The solution of this problem is needed to be furnished quickly.

Because celebrities are not only spotlighted as public person but also a role model for teenagers. Society is concerned about teenagers' imitated crime. Since entertainers on TV influence teenagers on stylish fashion, perfect appearance and so forth, not even

young people but older people pay attention to every single thing that they do. Therefore this dope scandal created a monstrous side effect that may stimulate their desire of imitation. In this vein, celebrities drug abuse can effect teenagers more than ever.

Celebrities must take this incident as a profound lesson. They ought to watch what they do and realize who they are, because making millions and billions of money means that they should be responsible for their behavior. We cannot become a society of drug addicts in any circumstances. Celebrities' drug scandal should be taken as a good opportunity for us to remedy the drug abuse. It's time for government to declare war against drug and we should give our full support to the them.

Shim Hoon (E-98)

Let's cast a vote

The rulling Millennium Democratic Party's presidential nomination race, which was adopted by new ways to pick up a candidate, are continuing excitedly during a seesaw game between Mr. Rhee and Mr. Roh. The issue that Park Geun-hye, who is daughter of former president Park and was a strong president candidate in Grand National Party, got out of the party is expecting to be an influential factor in election. However, it is true that many people who are real hero in election. Most of students don't think that it is own business, so look away from that kind of issues. But it is evident fact that these attitudes can not solve the problems of Korea politic rather than strengthen to that situation.

Let's prepare for being a voter who can cast a ballot stately in December.

Kim Young-rae (E-01)

Dear Readers

The Argus is pleased to announce the new 11 cub-reporters who have been selected after an examination.

They are Cho Hyun-min (R-02), Heo Jae-sung (H-02), Jeong Young-eun (E-02), Kim Min-suk (BE-02), Kim So-won (FE-02), Lee Da-young (E-02), Lee Eun-kyung (F-02), Park Ji-yeon (E-02), Park Min-shik (EE-02), Park Sun Ju (E-02) from Inman Campus, and Son Hye-young (P-02) from Wangan Campus.

The Argus expresses congratulations to the cub-reporters, hoping that they will become excellent reporters.

The Argus is accepting additional applicants for 69th cub-reporters in Wangan Campus. Applicants will be tested on April 12 and 13. Freshmen interested in the press and English are welcome.

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Analizing on the troubles of commuting

Students want more school buses “We need one seat per one person”

Statistic compiled by the General Student Council (GSC) discloses that the most dissatisfying thing of students in Wangsan campus is the lack of proper means of commuting. Most students live far away from the campus and the lack of transportation means had become a major source of inconvenience.

The bad commuting system often leads to discouragement in students' enthusiasm to study and late class show. It also presents a major hurdle in attracting high-performing new students.

A school bus system was introduced in an effort to solve the problem. While the new system was very popular among students by saving time and reducing inconveniences, there have been too few buses to satisfy all students in need. In spite of this condition, the school authority recently canceled its

plan to buy new school buses; so many students are criticizing it.

The commuting students are in danger

7:50 in the morning. Just outside the Taereung subway train station. There are many students waiting for a school bus. After a few minute, the bus arrives with all of its seats already taken.

The scene of over 70 students packed in a bus with only 45 seats reminds us of the Korean War. But students have little choice because the bus runs only once a day and, after all, it is the fastest way to get to the campus.

However, the fact that bus runs with more people than it is supposed to have increases the risk of a traffic accident, so it is a matter of urgency to increase the number of buses in operation.

If the school administration can't put more buses in operation immediately due to some unknown difficulties, it would be more reasonable to stop running the buses to protect students' safety.

Commercial Bus Vs. School Bus

Recently, school administration called off its plan to buy buses. A school administrator said that a new plan to attract commercial new bus operation between Seoul and the campus by a private company is blame for the action.

Everybody knows that the proposed system would not use the highway to take other passenger than the students, so there is no doubt that it will take longer. Besides, that the school bus runs non-stop had been its biggest merit to students.

For example, a student, who lives in Nowon-gu, Seoul, may get to the school in one and a half hour when he takes the school bus, but he had to spread on road over two and a half hours if he misses it.

It is because he should transfer to a bus at the Kangbyun subway station and the bus goes through such areas as Jamsil, Sungnam, and Kwangju. We can not imagine improving the school bus system will benefit only those who live up to Han River.



Ha Kyung-beom / The Argus

Students are having trouble in commuting because the number of school buses is small.

Dawon, a private bus operating company, is in charge of managing the new school bus system

HUFS runs 12 buses in total. Two are used to carry the members of school staff. And another two run in the Wangsan campus, so the number of buses being used for school buses is eight. Then, of all school buses, the former administration was replaced by Daewon Bus Company from this semester. It is true that it is difficult for the school administration takes of all of things about school buses as it is for other school.

Most schools want private companies to put school bus operation in the hands of because there are a numerous problems to deal with, breakdown, private companies, drivers' wages, and profits.

However, many students wonder why Daewon was chosen. Because all the students in Wangsan campus have been using other buses owned and operated by the company. So, we can predict it will be harder for the school to increase the number of buses.

The necessity of increasing school buses

As we know, in fact, it is difficult for the school administration to make a profit through operating school bus because of the limited number of students. So, it had compensated the bus company for the losses. According to the school budget, the school is going to pay 1.8 hundreds million. This tells us that the purpose school bus is not a profit but students welfare.

However, we have suspicion that school administration failed to pay enough attention to all potential problems. It is obvious that the development of the Wangsan campus depends on solving transportation problems, and is strongly linked to budget increases to buy buses.

By Ha Kyung-hwan
Associate Editor of News Section

In the midst of tuition fee struggle's coming to an end, HUFSans' concern about electing next university president is gradually reaching the climax.

With the termination of the office of Cho Kyu-chul, the incumbent university president, each constituent expresses their opinions. The election season has come at last.

Like other universities, HUFS also needs an excellent university president. Maybe it steps up HUFSans more seriously. Because university president's role is very important under the government-appointed trustee system. Therefore, we think this screening of candidates for university presidents should proceed thoroughly.

Up to now, our university has elected the university presidents through the way the board of directors screen and approve some candidates recommended by Faculty Council.

It is said that such a way has been applied to the election of a university president for a long time.

However, Staff Union insists that they participate in

this election since they are also constituent of HUFS. They stood on some reasons such as democratic procedure, and harmonious relationship among constituents.

The incumbent university president also seems to support Staff Union by bringing up this issue for discussion at the board of trustees.

Ultimately it is, of course, desirable that three bodies of university-professors, students and staff- take part in electing university president. But we judge that it is rather premature for Staff Union to participate in this election.

First, we can't help considering the day of election. The incumbent university president's office expires at the end of August. That is, at this time the election day is near at hand, new group's participation may cause a possibility of confusion at the coming election.

Specifically Staff Union suggested that a group involving themselves would make a committee for electing some candidates for the university president and then, the committee would discuss the issue.

Still, it is impossible for the committee to take many steps for electing candidates within only a few months.

Second, if Staff Union participates in presidential election, the Student body should also take part in it simultaneously.

The Staff Union should prepare for participating in the presidential election together with the Student Association.

In relation to this issue, we'd like to point out that Staff Union is now reserving definite expression of their

position concerning the problems on building new foundation.

Last year, when our campus was seething with foundation problems, only Staff Union didn't clarify their position about the Kim Clan's participation. Such an obscure action caused other constituents except Staff Union to distrust them.

Staff Union needs to clearly express their views on it before their participation in presidential election because such a obscure attitude can be another cause of conflict.

We make it clear that next university president should be a person that can contribute to development of our university.

In addition, we also urge that Faculty Council should make efforts for finding a way of electing university president reflecting all of HUFSans' thinking.

By Kim Jae-hyuk
Editor of News Section

Pandora's Box

**More
democratic
election**

Time table		
Suwon	1. attending	07:45
	2. comeback	17:40
Yongin	1. attending	08:20
	2. comeback	17:40
Suseo	1. attending	07:50
	2. comeback	17:40
Yong-dungpo	1. attending	07:40
	2. comeback	17:40
Imun-dong	1. attending	07:40
	2. comeback	17:40
Chonho-dong	1. attending	08:10
	2. comeback	17:40
Kwanghwa-mun	1. attending	07:50
	2. comeback	17:40

Dear HUFSans

“Boys be ambitious”



language. I believe today that I was always conscious of my belonging to the Department of German, even if my German knowledge was not worth mentioning. At that time I had a vague longing for going to Germany.

But my real situation in the first half of the seventies was far from going to study abroad. I know that it was impossible for me. Nevertheless I have never said it out loud. I have hidden my dream deep in my heart.

Here I would say that after I graduated from HUFS, I realized how important the university life was, for my future. As a student I neither read many books, nor learned the foreign languages hard. I decided to learn anew, but alone. After that two years were anxious and lonely, but fruitful.

At the end of the two years I was already studying at a German university. When I look back the days in the campus of HUFS, I thank my good friends from various Departments for their friendship.

They were always kind and obliging. They worked hard learning the foreign languages. They were excellent in the foreign languages they studied. They had visions of their

future. I often discussed literature, religions, Korean history, political realities, world politics, and what to do after graduation with them. I am proud of them.

Of course I am proud of not only my campus friends, but also 65,000 graduates of HUFS, who are working at the every corner of the world. They are the real tradition of HUFS. We must not forget that our students of today change to the tradition of our university tomorrow. Our fellow graduates of HUFS have not studied in any better educational situation than today.

They had less opportunities to practise the foreign languages with native speakers compared to today's students. Educational materials and facilities were a little improved only in the last years.

But our graduates did their best and fully utilized every possibility to improve their foreign language knowledge. When learning a foreign language it is more important what one really wants than what one possesses.

If one wants to achieve his goal, the goal must be concrete and fixed. When a learned the Polish language in West Berlin twenty two years ago, nobody had the idea that

West and East Germany will be unified and the Soviet block collapse in the near future. My German friends often asked me “(for what do you learn Polish?)”

At a dinner party in Berlin there were German, French, and Italian guests at our table. One spoke in English, the other in German and the third in French.

The atmosphere was nine and joyful. Suddenly a gentlemen with a wine glass in a hand came to our table and said loud in German (I am from Poland. Which language should I speak here?) I told him in Polish: (If you are from Poland, please speak Polish.) At the moment I could see clearly how surprised and delighted he was. I could communicate with him in German or in English. But we would not have felt the closeness, if I did not speak Polish.

By Byung-kwon
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Reporter's Note

Citizens need to cast away feeling against strike

Nowadays, the government and power plants' labor union are pitted against each other.

On March 17, the reporter went to Chongmyo park to cover the rally held by power plants' labor union. Thousand of laborers and their families were gathered at Chongmyo park in front of Seun Market.

The workers gathered to make an objection to the government's plan of putting power plants on sale for foreign companies.

All workers were wearing red hair bands on their head. Some of them were holding

placards in their hands that read, “We object to selling off power plants to foreign companies.” Women workers also participated in the meeting with eager. Some women workers were holding their children in their arms.

Participants shouted themselves hoarse. And great outcries made children cry. It was a beautiful Sunday that the children might have wanted to go on a picnic with their mother and father.

The participants of the rally were urgent and serious, but many citizens were

indifferent to the rallies, and some felt displeased.

A citizen said with his brows knitted, “They are making such a racket. I cannot understand the labor's offensive action.”

Some students also said they had no interest in the labor's demand.

In our society, if a labor union goes on a strike, people put the blame on it. The press also denounces the workers saying that they are egoists.

But anyone could participate in a strike to express their intentions. One of my family

also could be involved in a strike for a reasonable demand.

People need to cast away a prejudice against strikes. As a reporter of the National Section, I could learn and feel many valuable things.

By Kim Yu-kyung
Reporter of National Section

Notice Board

- The Imun GSC is going to hold General Representative Meeting at the large auditorium on 8 of April. In this meeting, each representative is supposed to discuss current issues, tuition fee, retirement allowances, etc.
- Regular General Meeting of the Imun GSC will be held on April 10. The participants who attend the general meeting is going to deal with some items-approval of new dongari, examination about the new budget- seriously.
- All universities in our country will rise and go into action to struggle against tuition fee hike at the same time on March 29. Imun GSC said that about 300 HUFSans will participate in this fight.



Kim Jae-hyuk / The Argus

Foreign Legion, HUFS rock music club, held the guerilla concert to advertise their club for freshmen in Red Square on March 15.

THE EYES OF THE ARGUS

Giving life to spirit of beautiful last

Kim Keun-tae, one of the governing Millennium Democratic Party's seven presidential hopefuls, has dropped out of the party's primary election race. He seems to resign as presidential hopeful feeling frustrated by the results of previous two races in which he participated. Although it is Kim Keun-tae who had not bowed down to the severe torture of the military government, he was eliminated from a democratized party's race in the end. To many who saw the scene, it was surely a regretful incident.

We cannot but feel sorry observing that his slogan of "clean politics" is dying out even before that sees the light of day. What it means is his new trial failed to jump over the high walls of political reality, screened by money, organizing ability and regional animosity.

Mr. Kim's withdrawal vividly shows us the limits of Korean politics. In fact, his confession that he received illegal political funds from an important figure of MDP, first, was welcomed by a lot of people. But it soon caused an opposite effect in the primaries. He had to listen to cynical remarks such as "pretending that only he is clean" from some election brokers and rival candidates. Violence of these blackballing actions means that Korean politics still remains at a low level.

However, Kim Keun-tae, as a statesman, is not dead yet. The effect of his withdrawal is slowly emerging by modifying the composition of MDP primaries. While Rhee In-je's "Majority Support Theory" has already fallen through some kinds of public opinion polls, Roh Moo-hyun's "Alternative Theory" is now gaining considerable persuasiveness from members of MDP and citizen.

In addition, there seems to be something to be corrected in the main opposition leader, Lee Hoi-chang of Grand National Party's strategies for the presidential election. First of all is, after the Mr. Kim's withdrawal, non-mainstream influential faction and the young group of GNP insisted that Mr. Lee introduce a group-based leadership system immediately when they strongly criticized his politics relying on his "cronies", and then the mainstream faction launched a counterattack saying that other members of their party were violating the view of the party.

That is, Kim Keun-tae's withdrawal may already turn up a kind of "a butterfly effect". Now the butterfly effect is gradually catching our eyes. Each survey result released recently shows that Roh Moo-hyun, a presidential hopeful in the ruling MDP, is running well ahead of both his strongest party rival, Representative Rhee In-je, and the main opposition leader, Lee Hoi-chang. It had never taken place that a presidential hopeful of MDP went ahead of that of the GNP before Mr. Kim's withdrawal.

Now the thing left to us is completing the MDP primaries well. Even though Mr. Kim dropped out of the race, we should complete the picture of "clean" primaries he'd have liked to accomplish.

The MDP primaries, however, have already been marred by illegal practices; some candidates were warned by the party election committee for giving money, or for winning and dining to voters. Also other candidates are entangled in the conspiracy theory. It is obvious that such obsolete behaviors are not helpful to anyone. Hence each presidential hopeful of MDP will have to brace themselves up to carry out the fair primaries. It remains to be our duty.

By Kim Jae-hyuk
Editor of News Section

Analyzing the problems of young credit delinquents

University students struggling their way out of credit card debt

Last month, Kim Jong-sun, (fictitious name, 45) was shocked by a bill sent from a credit card company. The bill in the name of her daughter amounted to surprising 300 million won.

The card company asked Mrs. Kim to pay her daughter's debt. Kim made a complaint to the company that it recklessly issued a credit card to a student without sufficient income sources, but the credit card company didn't listen. And persistent calls from the firms made Kim disgusted.

University students take large part of the credit delinquents

Nowadays, credit card business is flourishing, more credit cards are to be put on the market this year. But increasing number of people are stigmatized as credit delinquents due to overdue credit card payments, and it is the point to see that university students take large part of the credit delinquents.

The government announced that they would take steps to solve the ever-serious problems caused by credit card companies. But the measures that the government will take against the firms lay itself open to attack. And they cannot be thorough steps since responsibility of the problems lies with not only the credit card companies but the young credit delinquents.

Credit card companies violate the card issuance regulation

Domestic credit card firms have violated the card issuance regulations by paying no regard to age or economic ability. They have issued cards to unqualified individuals without confirming identification.

Jung Jae-hong, a university student 20, said, "I was issued a credit card on a street. It was a simple procedure. I wrote my name, a resident registration number, an address and some other things on an application form. They didn't ask for an identification."

Kim Young-jun, university student 19, said "I requested a credit card on a street in my confusion. A customer solicitor pulled me by the sleeve. I filled out a simple form, took a thank-you gift."



Kim Yu-kyung / The Argus

Nowadays the credit card business is prospering. But the increasing number of young credit delinquents causes social troubles.

Once the firms issued cards to students in their twenties, they pressed them and their parents to pay the debt by offensive debt collection methods.

Kim Jong-chul (fictitious name, 45) said that he was reminded to pay his son's debt. Kim explained, "I've got threatening telephone calls over and over, the firm forced me to pay my son's debt."

These are illegal acts of credit card firms since the existing law permit the issuance of a credit card only to those over 18 with sufficient income resource.

Government's plan has little effect

As more and more people are complaining about credit card companies, government said that they would launch intensive investigations into the card issuance of

domestic credit card companies, imposing severe penalties on those violating issuance regulations. The Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) announced that they would patrol the streets to look out for illegal customer recruiters, also outlaw the offensive debt collection methods, such as verbal threats and violent language.

But these measures are not long-term and thorough ones but only temporary expedients. Because the existing regulation is too ambiguous to be applied, credit card firms can escape the penalty with some tricks. And also the government can't keep on the intensive control, the firms are watching for an unguarded moment.

Students are also to blame

The responsibility also rests with some

students who abuse credit cards, indulging themselves in luxury without giving it much thought.

Park Tae-rim, (fictitious name, 21) who sank deeply in debt, said, "I bought some clothes and loafed around saloons with friends. I ran up five million won in no time." She couldn't ask her mother for the loan, so Park appeared as an erotic actress on the adult website. She earned 2.5 million won a month.

On January 23th, Kang, college student, 25, killed herself by taking poison. According to her sister's statement, Kang couldn't pay back her credit card debt which amounted to 15 million won. She spent the money to have fun.

Reports have it that many American students shoulder a debt to pay. Lots of them are not free from debts, some are also in debt to credit card company.

But most of them lend money for their school expenses, and keep working hard so that they can be out of the debt by themselves. It is a widely accepted view that university students are old enough to be doing things for themselves.

For a creditable society

The credit card is one of the modern conveniences. Though it causes some side effects, the rapid expansion of the credit card industry is inevitable, and even desirable for Korea society based on credit and information.

Now is the time for the card companies to shift from quantitative to qualitative growth. And the government should toughen the regulation and oversight, from issuance to billing.

But above all, students must change their points of view, acknowledging that credit cards are just discreet ways of borrowing, not of overspending. They should owe and spend money with a rational payment plan.

By Kim Yu-kyung
Reporter of National Section

Foreign IT-companies popular with job seekers

Foreign info-tech(IT) companies are very popular with college graduates. JOBKOREA (www.jobkorea.co.kr), a firm providing employment information, said that about 90% of new job seekers hoped that they could join a foreign info-tech firm.

According to JOBKOREA, 1933 of the 2155 surveyed new job seekers said they wanted work at a foreign info-tech company as opportunity permits.

IBM Korea was in the first rank among the popular job destinations by 20.38%, Microsoft which took up 15.21% was the next, Hewlett-Packard was the third by 8.33%.

Five highest rankings were all American info-tech companies.

With international events like Korea-Japan World Cup ahead, foreign companies are increasing fresh recruitments, and the

analysis showed that it is the cause of this trend.

Survey has it that new job seekers prefer foreign info-tech companies since they offers a good welfare system and good working conditions, pay relatively better salaries.

Kim So-young, a college graduate, said "Especially, girl college students hope to join a foreign firm, because it has an opinion that men and women are equal, and because women also can get their due such as special holiday for woman workers."

Foreign info-tech firms are also popular with many unemployed persons hunting for a job. 1805 of the 1919(90%) investigated jobless persons responded that they would enter a foreign info-tech company. IBM Korea was their favorite by 19.78%.

By Kim Yu-kyung / The Argus

Government and power plants' labor union stood in opposition

The difference of standpoint between government and labor union show an extreme confrontation. The government revealed that laborers who had not return to power plants until 25th would be fired out from their work shop.

The labor union of Korean Electronic Power responded with a counter statement, vowing to step up demands that government stop its privatization drive, which includes the planned sale of one of the Korea Electronic Power Company Organization (KEPCO) this year.

Chief executives of KEPCO's five affiliates also held an emergency meeting at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy.

They issued a joint statement that they are going to dismiss 3912 people who did not come back their work shop by the government deadline of 9 a.m.

The presidents also said that the damage resulting from the month-long strike is estimated to reach 27.3 billion won (\$20.7 million) and that the trade union and individual union members will be held

accountable for the damages.

Lee Ho-dong, president of labor union of KEPCO, said "Though we feel very strong indignation about repression of government, we will not hand off a string of solution through conversation." And he presses that government cancel to privatization of power plants.

The Korea Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), the more militant of the nation's two umbrella unions, also announced that they would support to power workers' strike said it will stage a massive general strike

April 2 in support of the power workers, unless the government commits to solving the problem through dialogue.

An umbrella labor union threatened its second sympathy strike for striking power workers yesterday, in a move that is expected to aggravate tension between labor and government.

By Ha Kyung-hwan / The Argus

Shot On Spot



Kim Yu-kyung / The Argus

On March 11, power plants' labor union held a rally at Chongmyo Park in front of Seun Market. Thousands of laborers and their families were gathered. They said, "We object to selling off power plants to foreign companies."

Korean Pioneers in Overseas NGOs

Volunteers are welcome to join activities of overseas NGOs

Ordinary university students don't have a proper chance to aid the needy overseas, especially in an NGO. KOPION, Korean Pioneers In Overseas NGOs, has been dispatching Korean youth to participate in the activities of NGOs as volunteers or interns in other countries and letting them take part in research projects for local communities, medical aid, developing local society and so on.

KOPION is a nonprofit aid organization which was established in 1999, with the motto "Giving oneself and sharing joy with others". It provides hands to all around the world where Korean volunteers are needed. Its first trial in the summer of 1999 was accomplished with a great success.

It dispatches volunteers twice a year on August/September and January/February. About 70 volunteers are dispatched each time. Volunteers can choose the volunteering period: 3 months, 6 months, or one year.

Board and lodging, and language education programs are provided free by overseas hosting NGOs. Airline fare and



cost of documents and education are covered by individual participants.

The most remarkable thing is that KOPION members can achieve non-governmental diplomacy through international volunteering activities in overseas NGOs.

Ko Eun-A, who has been to the

Apostolic Church Cameroon Medical Board in Africa, said, "I always wanted to get a good opportunity of helping the needy in overseas, especially in Africa. But it was hard for a university student to find a proper chance. One day, I got to know about KOPION, and joined it at once. It was the hottest weather I have ever

experienced. But the precious experience in Africa had great influence on me. Even now I can't forget skinny children who suffer from hunger." She was also trained in nursing from the NGO that hosts KOPION.

KOPION also runs a short-term study tour, visiting and staying at overseas NGOs where KOPION members did a long-term volunteering services before. Participants can study NGO activities by inspection, local inhabitants' festivals, and on-the-spot sightseeing.

The period is about 7-10 day depending on the specification of regions and organization.

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By Kim Yu-kyung
Reporter of National Section

Analyzing international internship programs in Korea

Internship program, chance to get various experiences

Recently a man published a book, who wrote about his experience as an intern clerk in South Seas Resort in Florida for a year. It is the book "Do you go to study language with investing money overseas? I go for an internship with gaining money" by Shin Jun-jo.

He thought everyday about what is the best way to go abroad to study English. Finally he decided to go for intern clerkship because he would be able to earn money, study English and have a career.

It was the U.S. where the first internship program was begun. Before students took up their formal job, many universities and colleges began to send students to companies under the industrial-educational agreement in 1950's.

Like this, the internship program started, but after 10 years there were insufficient number of interns among the Americans. So the program was opened to foreigners. Some 5 million people from about 50 nations around the world participate in this program nowadays.

The internship program in Korea was begun in 1998 under the administration of International Monetary Fund(IMF). Korean government provided domestic internship program to help the jobless survive. But it was not totally successful.

As the government strengthened up the program, the internship program was renewed for the first time. The internship program in Korea became known widely as 21 students left for Florida.

These days, most university students go abroad to learn a foreign language spending lots of money. To study overseas is a good way to learn a foreign language, culture and so forth, but it is limited to studying one major theme.

In contrast, the internship program provides work opportunities in some companies, hotels, restaurants, etc. in foreign countries. Many advanced businesses invite applications for the position of intern clerkship around the world every year. It helps each business to grow internationally.

In the U.S., the original nation of intern program, most students used to work as an intern clerk in summer vacation. Because the summer vacation is very long from middle of May to the end of August, it is important



In the U.S., most students participate in internship during their vacation.

how each student spends the vacation for deciding what to do after graduating.

For example, it is essential to have an experience in a hospital or in the field of health care for a student who wants to go into a medical profession. There was a Harvard student who wished to become a reporter. He worked as an intern clerk in "Newsweek", the weekly newsmagazine, but he didn't take deep interest in the reporting job so he decided to major in economics.

However, it is not easy to be an intern clerk of a fine company in one's major field. Many students must expect a strong competition. There are a lot of students who take up a simple part time job at a place, such as fast food restaurant, grocery, small office and so on.

According to an announcement by American Savings Educational Council (ASEC), the average hourly wage of students during summer vacation is 6.69 dollars, and the sum is about 1000-1500 dollars in the period.

Then how can Korean students participate in the internship program overseas? Although the history of the program in Korea is short, many students consider it to be a way of studying a foreign language.

Because it has a merit that they can not only study language but also gain money.

Above all, if get to know more about the internship programs of your own interesting field, it is very helpful for you to decide on your official job in the future. Especially, you can acquire international sense effectively by means of substantial practice with fellow workers for various nations around the world. When you want to get a job or promotion, the experience will give you an advantage over other people.

Nam Dae-hee, the reporter of business section of Hankook Ilbo was an intern clerk of Siliconvalley.com from May to July in 2000. Siliconvalley.com is the Internet's most timely and in-depth technology news site, delivering up-to-the-minute news and opinion to fast-track technology managers and key industry decision-makers.

She was in the news editing team. She collected news materials and wrote them as fundamental affairs. Besides she took the business affairs about Asia on her own responsibility. She said that she was happy to experience the world journalism, and that she was surprised with the attitude of the American reporters who tried to write good news rather than make a scoop.

Like this, the internship program is a good

way if you use it well. But you must be careful before you choose an internship program, because there have been number of victims deceived by vicious recommendation companies.

There are quite a few instances that some students had an unexpected and strange job. "I went to a hotel in Las Vegas to work as an intern clerk, but I worked as an employee cleaning cabinet keys for guests and cleaning the pool," said Mr. Park, 27. "In addition, there were many Korean and Japanese people. I was familiar with them so I couldn't improve my English."

Nowadays there are some agencies that manage all tasks about internship program on behalf of each individual. There are about 5 famous agencies. Some are affiliated with foreign agencies. If a student selects this agency, he will pay about 2.40-2.60 million won for a year.

But you must not trust the agency completely. You should check up the stipulation carefully. It is essential to confirm how much you get as the salary; whether you have weekends or not; if you can stop working with a short notice, etc.

Korean Government announced that it will support internship program in the IT field. Every year the government will select 400 university students, and support each student by maximum 5 million won. As you see, the internship program is an excellent course to have a practical career.

However if you don't prepare for it scrupulously, it will harm your life. When someone has an intention of becoming an intern clerk, he or she must collect much information about the program. And it is a good idea to hear from a person who already has experience in the same program. Then why don't you go abroad as an intern clerk?

By Kim Hong-ran
Reporter of International Section

REFLECTING OF THE ARGUS

Responsibilities to defectors

Like yellow dust from the continent overspread the sky hazily last week, the news that China is tightening its border control and launching a bigger campaign to find, arrest and repatriate North Korean defectors in the wake of the Spanish Embassy incident discourages us. On March 18, 25 North Korean defectors including six families and two orphaned children dramatic arrived at Seoul via the Philippines just four days after they pushed their way into Spanish Embassy in Beijing seeking for asylum. It is the second such case of using foreign organization in China, following the first in last June, when the Chang Gil-soo family entered the office of UN High Commissioner for Refugee (UNHCR) in Beijing.

Inspired by case, more and more groups of North Koreans who demand to come to the South are likely to storm into the office of international organizations and Foreign Embassies to effectively escape China with the support of international NGOs and missionary groups. Chinese law-enforcement authorities cracks down to search North Koreans hiding around Korean churches and towns motivated by a series of escape.

This event succeeds to raise the international concerns about North Korean defectors in China. But it leads to aggravate the suffering of another millions of defectors who are at extreme risk of being sent back to North Korea. And the public activities of defector-related private organizations who help and harbor defectors. The Chinese authorities said that this case should not set a precedent for any other similar incidents and they will not cooperate with South Korea unless these matters are dealt with silently. China, the "blood ally" of North Korea, does not grant a refugee status to the defectors, for they are "illegal entrants due to economic plight".

This case suggests that the Korean government overhaul its defector policies. The government announced that it would accept all the North Korean defectors who want to come to Seoul with humanitarian and brotherly love. However, we need to exert more efforts on this issue. Most North Korean defectors hiding from the Chinese security agents, are seeking their way to come to the South via the third country in South Asia and they want to contact with secret brokers as well. Compared to the previous year, lots of defectors try to seek asylum on individual basis without organized networks and outside assistance. Their numbers are estimated at anywhere between 150,000 and 300,000 in China.

Seoul should continuously consult with Beijing to make sure that they are not repatriated to North Korea. It should also persuade Chinese authorities to offer an official way to enable defectors come to Seoul. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade should urge the world to put diplomatic pressure on China to define defectors as refugees and to grant them asylum by calling for the international authorities through the media. Increasing defectors, the Ministry of Reunification need to come up with a more fundamental solution rather than merely increasing the budget and facilities. The possibility future occurrences of similar cases are given and we prepare specific measures to cope with it.

China, which shares a border with North Korea, tries to avoid souring diplomatic relations with the two Koreas. That's why they are reluctant to make public the defectors stories. China agrees to send defectors to the Philippines to evade the risk of becoming the target of international criticism over the human right issues in case returning them to the North. As the host country of 2008 Olympic games and a new WTO member, China cares a lot for issues concerning human rights. Every year, China repatriates hundreds of defectors to the North. They very conscious of the diplomatic relation with North. It's a serious violation of human rights. The only thing that awaits for the repatriated defectors is death. Recently, China has become more influential both economically and politically, therefore it should take responsibility in a humanitarian way as well. We hope that China seriously reconsiders the defectors policies and starts to negotiate with both the Koreas.

By Kwon Hye-mi
Editor of International Section

Korean traditional park in Paris

"Seoul Park" was opened in Paris in March 25, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the sister city agreement between Seoul and Paris. The site of Seoul Park is the 4,620 square meter area on the northern tip of the Jardin d'Acclimatation in Boulogne woods.



▲ "Seoul Park" in Paris

This commonplace Western-style park with a lake, lawns, and a few patches of trees changed to become more luxuriant with added beauty of the traditional Korean garden and unique aroma. Pavilions, bridges, and stone walls landscaped according to the traditional Korean style will provide a taste of Korean outlook on the nature and the world as well as the City of Seoul.

In 1999, Seoul Mayor Goh Kun and then Paris Mayor agreed to build up the Seoul park, and it was completed three years later. Samsung Everland, which won the bid for the design and construction contract with the city government, embarked on the project at the end of 2000.

About three hundred of Korean residents in France participated in the opening ceremony with Seoul Mayor Goh Kun, Paris Mayor Bertrand Delanoë, Jang Jae-ryong, an ambassador to France.

"Seoul Park is the symbol of friendly relations between Korea and France," said

Goh Kun, and added "I expect the park to be loved not only by the citizens of Paris but also lots of visitors to Paris." Soon after, Delanoë said that the park would be loved for good as a symbol which expresses friendly relations of two nations.

"Seoul Park will be the most comfortable place in which many Koreans in France can relax," said Kwon Hyuk-so, the representative of International Cooperation Division of Seoul Metropolitan Government. "More "Seoul Park" will be constructed in the principal cities around the world in the future."

By Kim Hong-ran/The Argus

The Korea Floritopia 2002, international flower exposition

The Korea Floritopia 2002 is an official floricultural exposition where 31 countries participate. It is Korea's first time, you can watch various flower exhibitions and watch colorful traditional performances.

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Life at the University of Salamanca

Proud home of the oldest university in Spain, perfect match of both tradition and academics

In Salamanca, known as the Golden City, the impressive cathedral overlooking the River Duero is the first of many stunning features that will catch your eyes on arriving at "The student city of Spain".

To help you get the picture, Salamanca is two hours to the North West of Madrid (the capital of Spain) and has 170,000 residents. It is the proud home of the oldest university in Spain.

University of Salamanca disputably is the third oldest in the world along with Oxford, just behind Paris and Bologna. It was founded in 1230 and is well known throughout Europe and South America as the "heart and soul" of Spanish university life.

Nowadays there are 50,000 students and another 10,000 foreign students (of which the majority there are to learn Spanish at one of the many language schools).

Salamanca's rich history is reflected everywhere in the city. The old university buildings and the several palaces, convents and churches are made of sandstone, which means the city literally glows in the sunshine.

The attraction of Salamanca is that the new has blended in with the old. Students will slip into the doorway of a 15th century building, maybe not to admire the architecture but to surf the net!

Hidden inner courtyards and cobble streets now host endless souvenir shops and cafes and eventually lead towards the central point of Salamanca; the main square.

The Plaza Mayor, known as Salamanca's living room, has been described as "the grandest in all Spain" which really is no under statement.

The justly famous Plaza Mayor, considered to be one of the finest main squares of Europe, was built at the beginning



Some students of Salamanca University are talking in one of cafeterias, "How can we live without cafeterias in Spain" said the writer.

of the 18th century and was designed initially to hold up to 20,000 spectators for traditional bullfights.

Now it bustles with life in a city where walking and talking is the favourite social activity. People meet friends and sit at tables at one of the many outdoor cafes or simply stroll through our way to the two main commercial roads.

I have got so many things to talk about Salamanca. Its monuments, the Roman-built bridge across the Tormes River, the splendid Plateresco facades and the intriguing Casa de las Conchas.

Once there you will find that everything is very cheap. However the temptations to spend are great. Many shoe and bag shops and of course the bars.

There is a legend that Salamanca has more

bars than any other city in Spain. Although I cannot guarantee whether this legend is true or not, it wouldn't be hard to believe.

This is my last year in Salamanca and I have never stopped being happy here. In Spain, students have to spend five years to earn a bachelor's degree. This is a relatively long period compared to the US universities (4 years).

There had been several attempts to change the system but most famous universities in Spain want to maintain the five-year one. I guess Spanish students learn a lot.

Spanish universities tend to be traditional and it is not difficult at all to see a lot of professors with an authoritative (and often authoritarian) tone and manner. Perhaps you can find some young lecturers who try to introduce new things but not many.

An entrance examination is required to get a place in universities. It is called "la selectividad" and any student can pass it easily provided he or she does reasonable amount of work. Medicine, communication and information studies are an exception. They are very competitive.

Compared to the easy entrance, graduation is the real problem, and probably the most terrible problem is to get a job. I am reading philosophy at the moment and the jobs I can get is very limited. Computer science and technology-related subjects are relatively better.

Nevertheless, "Don't worry. Be happy." You will certainly get a taste for "la vida loca" in Salamanca.

By Tamara Ruiz Calero
The writer is Student majoring in Philosophy at University of Salamanca

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T&C Tower - Looking into scientifically proved ways of stop smoking

Let's stop smoking by treatment

How many times you heard about giving up smoking in this year?

Giving up smoking and campaigning anti-smoking had become a recent trend in Korean society and Korean media started to report on prohibition of smoking at the very beginning of this year. As a result, a lot of smokers decided to give up their smoking habit.

However, three months have passed now and the media already started to talk about fiasco of the smokers' decision. It is true that becoming a non-smoker is extremely difficult but people do not realize that giving up smoking needs both medical treatment and determination.

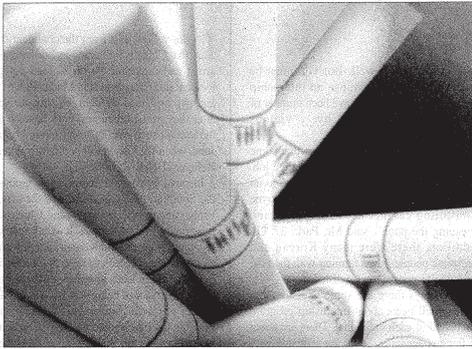
Each person possesses his or her own way of dealing with smoking and experts say that smokers should initiate giving up smoking with an expert's care.

Oriental and Western experts' view towards giving up smoking

The special medical acupuncture is designed to feel nausea after the operation and eventually this leads smokers to stop smoking. The president of the "Youth Herbal Doctors' Association" noted that the special acupuncture really helps smokers to give up smoking because it is carefully operated on each patient.

For example, the operating method does vary according to their physical constitution, the length of the period they have been smoking, in the age, their body condition, the number of cigarettes they smoke per day, and other relevant factors.

Another efficient method might be "Medical herb". It looks like a real cigarette and smokers smoke the herb instead of smoking a cigarette or a cigar. Withdrawal symptoms may appear and to remove the pain, the smokers should take a candy type "Nicotine". This has proved to be a good way of giving up smoking in the Oriental medicine.



as the "Nicotine Patch".

Following the scientifically proved method of giving up smoking

Once a smoker decided to give up his or her smoking habit, it is essential that the person plans before actually starting the process. Many statistics show that only planning the process pulls up the probability of success and experts strongly recommend seeking treatment from medical specialists.

The first step to giving up smoking should be making and analyzing a chart called "The why test". The test includes the reason for starting the smoking habit, finding any possibilities of changing the motive of smoking, how the person feels during the smoking period, how many cigarettes the person smokes, and when they usually smokes.

After completing "The why test", set the starting date and let your relatives know about your decision.

Some scientists insist that setting the date on a special occasion such as wedding anniversary or birthday would help a lot.

Then remove any things which are related to smoking, such as getting rid of an ash tray, light and even matches. The withdrawal symptoms will start but they can be eliminated by deep respiration, drinking mineral water very slowly, and chewing gums. Usually, the desire of holding a cigarette or a cigar lasts for 3 minutes and this is why even a simple exercise will be helpful.

Later, he or she should get dental scaling because it provides freshness in the mouth and this feeling elaborates the withdrawal symptoms.

In addition, the person may experience gaining several kilograms but this is a temporal reaction, therefore a carefully planned menu is vital and consuming food containing less fat is important.

The importance of getting stages

Not many people realize that smoking is a disease, an addiction to nicotine. Also, not many people know that giving up smoking needs treatment to get a successful result. Of course, his or her determination is essential but only having the determination would not be enough. The medical treatment does vary due to each person's own physical condition and the living environments.

Getting stages provides the best way of giving up smoking by lowering the chance of failure.

Therefore, if you decide to give up smoking, you must consult a medical doctor first, and then follow the doctor's advice.

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Earth Environmental Report 2002



The year 2002 is the tenth anniversary of "The Rio Conference" which took place in Rio, Brazil. The significance of the conference is to discuss the future environmental matters between world leaders. The Rio Declaration were announced along with the "Agenda 21" which provided the basement of how each nation must see the limited natural resources. After ten years from "The Rio Conference", the world leader will meet again in Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa starting from 26th of August to 4th of September. Each nation and a number of NGOs are preparing for the next conference in Johannesburg and Korea is not exceptional.

Researchers of "The Worldwatch Institute" of America publishes these reports annually and they carefully carry out a field study with a wide range of materials before the publication. The translation of the "Earth Environmental Report 2002" were issued by Dooyose Ltd. in February of year 2002. This book contains even the smallest change in the environment which is very difficult to notice for ordinary people. In addition, the book shows all the essential information about the nature, its changes and the seriousness of the pollution on it. Especially, this year's report is a special edition due to the Johannesburg conference and this is why it was read out at the conference.

The book views how our environment has changed drastically during the last 10 years along with the damages of nature from WTO and it also provides a fair standpoint on the environment, the society and the economy. Therefore, this is a "must book" for those people who would like to maintain healthy environment.

Especially, on the chapter 7, "For end of war on natural resources" tells us some information which we do not know; explains the relation between the huge shopping malls of the Western area and conflict of Asia, South America and Africa, noting that "It does not matter how complicated the line is, the natural resources which are responsible for all the blood and dirty hands go to the consumers of developed countries. The report gives a valuable message to us that looking for the another people and nature is very important.

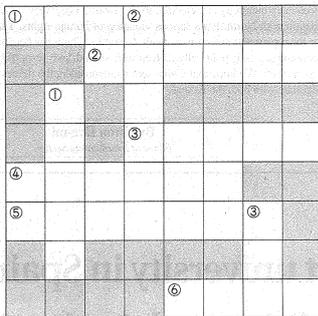
"Earth Environmental Report 2002" is certainly a "must book" for college students. It points out that the future is up to us, the ordinary people. Also, it lets them to think about the "Sustainability" on the earth.

Without any doubt, "Earth Environmental Report 2002" is a vital book for everybody because it makes us to reflect ourselves. On top of that, it shows how we can protect the nature and lights up the path of the positive future for all of us.

Kim Choony
Chief of International affairs of Korea Federation for Environmental Movement

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- _____ is a NGO which gives opportunities of serving society throughout the World.
- Most university students go _____ to learn foreign language by spending innumerable money.
- Nicotine _____ is considered as the most suitable method of stopping smoking in Korea.
- The first blind to get a doctorate in Korea graduated from _____ University.
- "The demiselles of Avignon" is the first painting of a new artistic movement that influenced Fine Arts in 20th century. What is the name of the movement?
A: _____
- What is the family name of a doctor who was interviewed by Theory & Critique Section of The Argus this month? A: _____

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- What is the name of the park which opened in Paris in March 25? A: _____
- What is the most popular foreign IT-company, according to the survey made by JOBKOREA?
A: _____ Korea
- What is the family name of an actor who was interviewed by News Section of The Argus this month? A: _____

BULLETIN

April

Literature, philosophy and criticism

A new series of seminar will be held in HUFFS, until June.

It is prepared by Department of Philosophy of the Graduate School and each seminar takes place every Thursday, 3 to 5pm.

First Thesis: The World intellectuals in nowadays

Second Thesis: The Dark and Bright side of "Post-modernism"

Third Thesis: How modern science and modern mind should work

Fourth Thesis: Finding out the "Lost ourselves"

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Neo-File

Orthorexia, new disease caused by healthy food

Have you heard about "Anorexia" and "Bulimia"?

Both of them are the diseases which are caused by the modern life style and the modern society. Also, they are related to eating habit and psychological effect.

After the bulimia and the anorexia, a new disease called "Orthorexia" appeared and this sickness already has started to frighten ordinary people.

Basically, the orthorexia is caused by eating too much healthy food. Not because of disproportion on nutrition, it is more like a psychological sickness which makes people only consume food that is biologically pure. According to the latest

pathology of the U.S., it shows that it may lead to other serious illnesses on digestive system, lack on vitamins, hypertension and osteoporosis, and the sickness does effect a patient negatively by changing the person's behavior and life cycle.

Orthorexics would prefer not to eat if they have impure food such as oily meal, and they never go to restaurants nor friends' house because they cannot trust the food which they did not cook for themselves.

Certain features of the orthorexics are enough to be frightened. They tend to plan more than three hours a day about their own healthy diet and they worry more

about the quality of the food that they are going to eat than the actual process of eating and they always plan today for what they will eat tomorrow. Without the plan, they do not eat. If they eat even a little portion of the food that they did not plan to eat, they directly vomit.

Some famous people are said to be orthorexic. For example, the American actress, Julia Roberts drinks litres of soy milk; Wynona Ryder only drinks organic coca-cola; and Jean Paul Gaultier drinks juice of 68 oranges per day.

Marlon Brando's case probably best explains the seriousness of the orthorexia: Brando sent all the food to the laboratory

in order to make sure that the food does not contain any fat.

Old people say that too much of good things are bad and this seems to be right in the case of the orthorexia. Human's desire to become healthier is infinite.

However, the ordinary people should beware that they must choose the right way of caring their body and make sure that they practice balanced diet.

By Lee Joo-hyun
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Focus - Dr.Kang Young-woo, the first blind to get a doctorate degree in Korea

"My handicap made most stable theory in Special Education"



Dr. Kang Young-woo during his speech session. He has been able to carry out both academic and social activities.

R: Your eye-sight started to be weakened during the adolescence and you lived with amblyopia for about 5 years.

What did you feel and think during the period?

K: Postnatal blind people suffer more psychologically than congenital blind people. In my case, it was a little bit complicated because the problem with the eyes started in the adolescence. The eye-sight got worse very slowly and it gave me sadness.

R: I have heard that you take an active part in the Special Education. It might be not very well-known to the ordinary people.

Would you explain briefly what the Special Education is and what have you been carrying out in the academic field?

K: The Special Education is about an unique education to students who deserve the fulfillment of their own needs. For example, any disabled child may have an unusual way to learning things because he or she is handicapped. Also, it is designed to educate gifted children.

We may subdivide the Education into three parts, intellectual sector, righteousness sector and psychological sector. The academic field may serve as a tool for cultivating intellectual sphere,

rightness sphere and psychological sphere. I focus on the righteousness sphere, especially on the education of behavior and one's values.

R: Also, you focus on political measures of disabled people in the U.S.

Would you explain about what you do in that field?

K: My responsibility is to improve policies of disabled people, in National Council on Disability. As an appointee of President of the U.S., George W. Bush, I evaluate whether present laws are well carried out or not and if there is a problem I give advice and try to solve the problem.

R: Lastly, what would you like to say to students?

K: There exists a close relation between personal ambition and success. Please, do not forget that winners are the people who do not give up during the hard times. Set an example to yourself and in any circumstances do not give up your beautiful dream.

By Lee Joo-hyun
Associate Editor of Theory Critique Section

Dr. Kang Young-woo is a well-known person, partly because he is the first blind to get a doctorate degree and partly because he has been actively in public service internationally.

He graduated from Yonsei University in 1972 and flew to the U.S. with his wife, Suk Eun-ok. In 1976, he became the first blind doctor in Korea, and from 1979 to 1993 he worked as an adjunct Professor of Special Education in Northeastern Illinois University.

Currently, his name is found in "Who's Who in the World" in 2001.

The Argus interviewed Dr. Kang to introduce his academic works and find out

information which hasn't been reported in public.

Reporter: Dr. Kang, you were taught with much care from your parents and they educated all of their children in a christian way.

From a specialist's point of view, how would you characterize their education?

Kang Young-woo: I would say that my parents taught me in a very sensible way. Especially, my mother always taught me "The Ten Commandments" and the correct formation of character. It helped my character-building a lot and I applied her way of teaching to my two sons.

Introducing "Opera Family" of National Opera Company of Korea

Opera won't be difficult anymore

Have you ever seen an opera? As soon as you hear the word of "opera", you may think it is somewhat difficult and the high class culture. Many people have been unwilling to see opera. In the situation, The National Opera Company of Korea(NOCK) throws itself into the matter with eagerness. The NOCK has projected "Opera Family" since last September.

"Opera Family" is a group that members can see all opera sponsored by the NOCK at a discount of 20-30% off the regular ticket price. In fact, there are many membership system like this. But "Opera Family" has no membership fee. These news has been acknowledged from mouth to mouth, now the opera family has about 1100 members.

What kind of the company is the NOCK? It is the oldest opera company established in 1969 and has regular public performance 100 times until now. It has tried to produce creative operas based on Korean traditional culture for 40 years. And the open audition has been held regularly to pick out capable young actors.

It has tried to contribute to activate opera through developing opera matched Korean expression and sense. In order to give a chance to appreciate opera to young music devotees and potential audiences, the company hold some festivals performed in small theater opera. "Opera Family" is in the same significance.

Kal Woo-suck, Staff Production Team of the NOCK said that "Opera Family" gave various benefits to its members. If you become a member of it, you can not only watch the opera at cheap price, but also have an opportunity in a opera preview. Besides you can see process of producing opera participating in seminar about opera.

As stated previously, the number of members is about 1100. Mr. Kal said that these members are somewhat different from an simple internet community of like-minded persons. Staff Production Team gathered the members in off-line. So to

speaking, when an opera was played in a theater, the team gave the audiences the joining application of "Opera Family". So they invite people who are really interested in opera. Actually many people join in an internet community with membership fee, they don't go to see any opera actively or frequently.

In contrast with this, "Opera Family" has true essential members. The team will let these kind of people know the family continuously. In addition to, the website of the NOCK will be built up remodeled and redecorated. In these days, the operation is under way for more than 50% and will be completed soon. Then more people will be able to participate in the family easily through internet.

In the beginning step of this project, "Opera Family", the NOCK is preparing plenty of equipments as well as publicizing to many people. The company bought projectors showed on a screen, other instruments or machineries to give a preview and a seminar of opera.

Although the NOCK is the national company, you would like to ask whether this project has a balanced income and outgo in the market economy. "It is our duty that the more public people can see a lot of opera without burden," said Mr. Kal, "The NOCK is not the perfect national-governed company. We didn't have financial supports fully by the government. Company has been run by supports of many private businesses, tickets selling income etc.

Now "Opera Family" is the principal project of the NOCK. But the company has a good deal of plans to approach the public people nearby. Above all, the first plan is to make a tour through local cities. Generally, opera was performed to whole area of Seoul and Kyung-gi do. Touring local provinces was already began last year and it will be maintained in the future.

Moreover, the company is projecting "Opera with explanation" performed from



The man is Kal Woo-suck, Staff Production Team of the National Opera Company of Korea.

next year. Even though Korean subtitles was given during opera played in foreign language, most of audiences can't understand content of it perfectly. "Opera with explanation" will be planned to perform once or twice a year.

Kim Mun-sik, the Managing Director of the NOCK said, "Opera is not the difficult genre but before seeing it, audiences must know well the contents of it to appreciate easily." In that point, the company is preparing a libretto handbook translated into Korean. Now the translating operation is in the step of collecting famous operas published to handbook, they are estimated about 40 works. Although the operation is in the beginning level, probably you will be able to buy these books in the bookstore next year.

Opera is not difficult genre to understand. If you are aware of contents of an opera a little, you can appreciate it lightly and excitingly. First of all, why don't you join in

"Opera Family"? If you become a member of it, you will be shared in the benefits of culture in various aspects. Let's jump into the world of opera.

Opera Family

If you want to join us, you must write the application and send us.

Address: 5th floor, Opera House, Seoul-Art-Center, 700, Socho-Dong, Socho-Gu
Tel: 02-586-5282
Fax: 02-586-5686
Website(not yet):
http://www.nati-nalopera.org

By Kim Hong-ran
Editor of International Section

World seen through woman's eyes on screen



The 4th Women's Film Festival in Seoul (WFFIS) is going to be held from the 4th of April to the 12th in Dongsong Art Center and Hypertec Nada in Daehangno. There will be 80 films from 21 countries and they will compete in 7 categories, New Currents, Asian Cinema, Focus on Indian Woman Director, Korean Retrospectives, Deep Focus: Girl power, Feminist Film and Video Activism, and Asian Short Film and Video Competition.

The festival had been held every 2 years,

but, from this year, it will be held every year and the official WFFIS will uphold one documentary work of a woman director every year.

The opening movie will be "Violet Perfume: Nobody hears you", a Mexican movie, focusing on the society problems, such as discrimination by races, classes and sexes, in Dongsong Art Center at 7 p. m.

In the festival, there are many films that are similar to the opening movie, dealing with the same subject. "Runaway Girls", an

Iran movie, and "Anam", a story about a Turk woman who lives in Germany.

Even though half of the world population is women, the number of women film directors is not half-much less than that. In this situation, it is meaningful and valuable to see the women directors' movies from all over the world at one place, Seoul. Reservation tickets are available till April 4. More information about the festival is available at "www.wffis.or.kr"

Lee So-jung/The Argus

Reviewing "On Occasion of Remembering the Turning Gate"

Find imitation in your life

Most people spend their spare time to go to the theater. Movies are good entertainments - they are fun and delightful. They satisfy our desires as well as paralyze anguish of the real world. However, we feel bitter when we realize that the world in most movies like Hollywood blockbusters is not real and that we also can't be a hero and heroine who tide over adversary easily and finally get happiness.

Hong Sang-soo, the outstanding director in Korea film industries.

Film director Hong San-soo is very special. His movies like "Virgin Stripped

Bare by Her Bachelors (Oh Sojoeng)" and "Kangwondo's power" tell us about life honestly and unsophisticatedly - speaks of the real world and common people's true life. Hong's 4th picture was released recently: "On Occasion of Remembering the Turning Gate"(named in Korean as "Find a life").

Kyong-soo (Kim Sang-kyong) is an unknown actor. He impulsively goes on a trip to Chunchon after casting of the next film was turned down. He meets Myong-suk (Ye Ji-won), a dancer there and happens to sleep with her. She says she loves him and he feels that it's a burden. He sees another woman, Sun-young (Chu Sang-mi) on the train on his way to hometown, Busan. He has curiosity about her and gets off in Kyongju following her. He spends one night stand with her. However, she is a married woman. After short sexes, she leaves him without saying goodbye. Kyong-soo turns his back on the gate of Sun-young's house's in thundering rain.

All the things in the movie are too mediocre and unpolished. Actors and actresses are not stylishly dressed and the scenes are ordinary that we easily find

around us. Lines are not splendid but unrefined. It is so natural that you may think that you have heard or said these lines before.

Director Hong Sang-soo immediately wrote lines on the shooting spot starting to film with rough outline. It comes from real experiences of actors, actresses, Hong and his acquaintances. Hong improvised circumstances every morning on the shooting day and directed natural performances. He also made leading roles drunk when they act drinking scenes. And the film does not hears any background music unlike other movies but like actual life.

"Find a life" vs "Find an imitation"

You may wonder why the title is "Find a Life". After the cinema is going on, we can actually find a life: imitation. Hong wants to show us that our life tries to imitate others constantly in every nook of film. Kyong-soo repeats a sentence - "even though it is difficult to be a human but don't be a monster"-quoted from a director of his ex-film. He shakes his body when he drinks

with Sung-young imitating his compans act once he hated. Kyong-soo implies Sun-young to love him like the way that Myong-suk did before. Myong-suk and Sun-young in different places leave him a same message. Kyong-soo sees same duck boat in Chunchon and Kyongju.

People say something like their own original idea but they were sometimes surprised that they imitate their neighbors. After watching "On Occasion of Remembering the Turning Gate", we realize that our life resembles each other's, and that people imitate others unconsciously. This similarity moves us to an odd laugh.

We also take a close look of setting: Chunchon and Gyongju. These places are famous tourist attractions in Korea. When people make a journey, they dream an accident romance, getting out of routine. We wanted a trip like Kyong-soo's 6 night and 7 day trip at least once and may act and say like him. This probability has us arouse sympathy and add reality to the movie.

Our routine doesn't have an adequate, introduction, climax and conclusion as in a scenario and isn't funny, magnificent and dramatic. That is why we are charmed by Hong Sang-soo's "On Occasion of Remembering the Turning Gate". Let's observe Kyong-soo, Myong-suk and Sun-young, you will find familiar life with yours.

By Kwon Hye-mi
Editor of International Section



OVERVIEW

Influence of TV program

These days, it is a hot potato that many people debate whether "the 0-hour system", the supplementary lessons before school starts, should be abolished or not. This problem has been talked about many times before, but it became larger than even concerns of the society and Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development are focusing on the matter.

Most Korean high school students go to school till half past seven in the morning, with their half closed eyes, carrying heavy bags full of books. They are busy to get up and go to school, so most of them do not have enough time to have breakfast. To help students to enter a college, high schools have excessive supplementary lessons and their lessons should start early in the morning. The system, however, is inefficient, because, as the school starts so early, students are still tired and sleepy during the lesson and only a few can concentrate at that time.

The start of this debate came from a TV show, broadcasted on every Saturday evening on MBC. The program "Let's do it", a program of "Exclamation Mark(!)", suggested that many high school students go to school, not having their breakfast. The program was started to inform us how many students could not eat breakfast as they had to go to school so early and why the system was inefficient. In addition, they reported the importance of breakfast, saying that eating breakfast is good for health and brains.

During the show, it showed students in foreign countries, like UK, Japan, France and Vietnam, in February. In comparison with other countries' students, Korean students had to go to school so early, they did not have enough sleep, because they had to stay at school or be awake till the late of night to study. On the other hand, the students in those four countries, they had enough time to eat breakfast and they did not seem to be exhausted or tired as they went to school at about 9 o'clock in the morning. After these programs were broadcasted, the opinion for the abolishment of 0-hour system became the majority.

It was an unexpected result that "Let's do it", just an entertainment TV show hosted by a comedian, attracted so much public's interests. Although the series that showed other countries students were ended, still, people debate about the system, and have extended the issue to educational problems in our society. Many students write their opinions about the system on the guests board on the internet site of MBC. "Children and Youth Forum" has demanded to abolish it to high schools, and national authorities of education started to control them. "World Internet Federation For Youth" is conducting a campaign on the internet for the discontinuation of the 0-hour system. It started the 5th of March, and more than 30 thousand people have signed.

The 0-hour system has been a routine maintained for decades but it is about to disappear by a TV program that ran only for a few months. This event shows how powerful mass media is. The producer of the show, Kim Young-hee, said, "Students not having breakfast shows the problems of our country's educational policies. Our young students go to school at the earliest time of morning in the world." He wishes to find back our young students' rights to eat breakfast, and now it seems that his intention is successful.

And many other TV programs, news, newspapers are dealing with the subject. From this incident we see that a TV program relying on public can be powerful and effective. A TV program is so powerful that it may change our society. Therefore, TV programs have to recognize their responsibility and influence to the public.

By Lee So-jung
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Chang Il-bum's music letter

A cappella in spring

During my days at Hufs, I sang like twittering birds. I was always sang songs on the way to school and home. I sing at "Thursday Music Club" chorus, and at "Compania", a folk music club of Department of Russia. I won the prize at International Folk Music Festival and Meaback Singing Contest in Hufs. Sometimes, I was invited to other universities to sing for their festival. I was a "pretend Music College student" in Hufs. One day, I happened to listen to the music that cause a dramatic change in my singing career. That was the album of King's Singers.

Listening to "Beatles Connection" album was a cultural shock to me. The male a cappella group attracted me with Beatles about while I mad in my high school days!! I was really surprised when a cappella touched my deep emotion. I had heard the Beatles arranged for cello by 12 cellists of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, but its far more impressive. It was neither the typical songs with deep and rich voice of male chorus nor the song with formality and strictness that once Britain remind you of. King's Singers inspired beauty to one of the Beatles' greatest masterpieces of the century, "Yesterday" with softness and delicacy in the voice of counter tenor. They played "Ob-la-di Ob-la-da" in a brilliant and delightful manner with special technique using hands. Most of all, I could feel the British people's affection toward Beatles. King's Singers gave music fans a pleasure with various repertoires including folk songs, Renaissance music, opera arias modern music, and pop song like "Three times Lady".

I really wanted to sing a song just like they did. I formed an a cappella group named "Five Voices" with 4 friends who really loved King's Singers. We insisted we were better than "Ingongwiseong", an a cappella group at the Seoul National University organized prior to us and the group performed actively in and out of the campus.



We recorded our college song in an a cappella version. "Five Voice" sang a number of songs of the King's singers but I couldn't sing my two favorites among them to the end. I would like to recommend you those songs: "You are the new day" and "It was almost like a song". The former is full of refreshing air of a new day and the latter is a beautiful solitude with counter tenor's clear voice.

If you already know Kings Singers, there remain another alternatives. I would recommend to you the group, "Swingle Singers" with jazz harmony from U.K. and the albums of Swedish group "Real Group", a new face to us. Swingle Singers made a record of Mozarts instrumental pieces for beginners of classical music. Personally I love "Someone's Rocking My Dreamboat" which has comfortable swing rhythm. Real Group made Korean fan pleasant through performance in Korea last year. Real Group is a young a cappella group from Sweden and they are planning to visit Korea once again on May. When a refreshing breeze of spring brushes gently against our cheek, what about just listen to a cappella music. It will make any kind of solitude sweet.

Chang Il-bum
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Looking into the past and current cultural exchanges between Korea-Japan

Cultural exchanges bind two nations

There are many movies jointly produced by Korea and Japan that are waiting to be released or already have been released, like "2009 Lost Memories", "Seoul" and "TK".

Moreover, the year 2002 is the year of World Cup and Korea-Japan National Exchange, cultural exchange events are abundant. More than 100 events being held in Korea and Japan have been planned this year.

The number of these cultural exchanges has been increasing since Japanese mass media and culture has been opened to Koreans. Especially this year, the two countries are holding the World Cup together. In the mood of friendship, many cultural events are prepared to be held or have already been held. The jointly-held events or ceremonies are more than ever, and it is because of the FIFA World Cup coming in June.

It seems that the history of cultural exchanges between Korea and Japan is long. However, as a matter of fact, it has been only for 3 or 4 years. We should know what to do to continue these exchanges, and in order to understand each other better, these exchanges are needed.

How cultural exchanges between two countries progressed

As stated above, the history of exchanges is not that long. As most Koreans disliked Japan, Japanese culture was prohibited. Therefore, Japanese and Koreans were not interested in each other's culture. However, in 1990s, maniacs who are absorbed in Japanese culture surfaced and they illegally collected Japanese music albums or movie videos.

In 1998, Japanese culture was began to be open to the public-Japanese films came into Korea first and comics, animations and music followed step by step. At the beginning of importing the Japanese culture,



2002年韓日国民交流年
This is a poster of the year of Korea-Japan National Exchange. There are many cultural events in Korea and Japan ahead of World Cup 2002.

many experts were worried about children and youth who would be exposed to Japanese inferior culture, but it gave us more profit than loss.

As Japanese movies were released in Korea, Korean movies were released in Japan as well. For example, a movie "Swirl" made a big hit and planted good images of Korean films in Japan.

However, the cultural exchanges between the two nations were on a crisis when the Korean government placed a stop to "Japanese culture additional opening". The government announced that as an objection to the distorting of Japanese history textbooks. As a result, many private exchange events were canceled last year, but experts thought that it was essential to keep on private cultural exchanges for understanding each other and preparing for the World Cup. This year, however, is the year of the World Cup jointly held by the

two nations, and the cultural exchanges have become more active.

Cultural exchanges in year 2002

Korean culture goes to Japan and Japanese culture comes to Korea. Many events have already been held in Korea, such as "Japanese Culture Festival", an exhibition, "Japanese Life and Culture Festival" and so on. Five exhibitions, which go through the Japanese culture and tradition, are going to be held in Korea and three jointly produced plays are also waiting to be on the stage. The chances to experience Japanese culture are more abundant than ever, showing the friendship between the two countries.

Exchanges in every part of culture are progressing actively. Exchanges in producing films and TV programs are remarkable. The films "2009 Lost Memories" and "Seoul" are blockbuster movies that were released in both countries

and produced jointly. Such joint work with Japan is an opportunity to show Japan how much the Korean film industry has been developed. In fact, a Japanese actor, Nakamura Toru, who appeared in "2009 Lost Memories" said, "I could breathe enthusiasm from the movie sets in Korea and learned that many companies invest domestic film industry." There are also many TV programs produced jointly, and especially a serial TV drama, "Friends", joint-work of MBC and TBS, was popular in both countries. It was a successful work and this success meant tastes and sensibilities of youth in the two countries were similar.

To maintain cultural exchanges between two nations

These active exchanges will be profitable to us that cultural industry will continue to grow. However, first, we should open the rest categories of the Japanese culture, such as pop music and TV programs. If the remaining categories are not opened, making other joint-works would be difficult. For an instance, when the TV drama, "Friends" was going to be broadcasted, many people debated about speaking in Japanese on television as TV programs were not yet opened in Korea.

The government had to stop the open-door policy on Japanese culture because of the Japanese government distorted its history. Even the two countries hold the FIFA World Cup jointly, the correction of Japanese history textbook is needed. By doing so Koreans anti-Japanese emotion will disappear. When we continue to exchange both nations' culture and produce joint-works, there will be more chances to experience them and understand each other.

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Dating on Sunday

Hufsan can enjoy campus life on internet

Recently, the website is the talk of the campus. All helpful and enjoyable information for HUFSan's university life is here, "Hufslife.com". It gives students various contents including living information, commercial information, flea market and so forth. This website was made by a student, Ha Tae-chool (E-97).

He said, "When I walked around whole town to find out who my lodger's room, the idea struck my head that it would be convenient to search rooms on the internet. That is why I made this website." He planned to make it in the middle of January. It only took ten days to design the website and it opened in the middle of February. He thought that as most students are living in the age of internet, the life of students also should be digitalized.

In fact, he is a very active person. While most students spend a lot of time on attending their classes, he has various experiences in different fields. For example, he has participated in The Model United Nations(MUN) as a member of a preparatory committee since 1997. Now he is the head editor of Korea Internet Student News(KISS), which is a web magazine about IT field. And he teaches English to students of middle or high school on the internet educating institute.

In the "Hufslife.com" you can also feel his dynamic energy. When he was organizing this website, he investigated all firsthand materials for himself. If you have connected this website once, you would wonder how he made it alone. You can find out information about good lodger's rooms, coffee shops, restaurants, etc. around Hufs in Hufslife.com. And you can find out about weekly menu of students' cafeteria, and extending the period of books loaned in the library.

"Hufslife.com" has a lot of various contents as stated previously. Some interesting contents are particularly noticeable. It is the item that students evaluate professors' lectures which they have taken. Some students are concerned about losing the item's original good purpose. And you can meet other university students to make friends in that website. In addition, you can talk about the menu of students' cafeteria with a dietitian. Also you can search and recommend good places for going on an excursion in this website. Even though he had lived so busily with many activities excepting for developing this website, he has managed it well alone until now. He would pick out some assistant managers to help him sooner or later. He commented on his website's shortcomings, and so he has a plan to renew its contents. Besides, all information is limited to Imun campus, the contents about Wangsan campus is not there. So he will collect co-operator in Wangsan.

Although he has offered every contents directly until now, he expected that students will exchange their opinion or information in various contents of the website in the end. He wanted that Hufslife.com to become generally known to many students, so more students can participate in discussion and share their helpful piece of information.

As you see, he has plenty of activities in various fields. How does he spend his time usefully? "I don't know well whether I'm a busy man or not," he answered with a smile. The key to using time wisely is to utilize a lot of time while he has no classes. Usually he uses this time to study in library and administer the website.

He likes to go here and there so as to widen his knowledge or add to his experience. He said he could do all these things, thanks to his curiosity and positiveness. For example, he participated in 2001 Overseas Internet Youth Volunteers(IYV) last year. This was the volunteering corp which was organized to help IT underdeveloped countries and regions in Asia and Pacific. He said that it was a good chance to know that Korea has superior technology in IT field.

Finally, he said that most companies don't want a person who only studies hard but a person who has various experiences these days. Then he asked many students to broaden their experiences by working in various fields. In the university life, it is surely important to obtain high grades. But it is more important to find out innumerable activities that help you get useful experience.

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Picasso opens new era of Cubism



"The demoiselle of Avignon", by Pablo Picasso, 1907, in The Museum of Modern Art, New York. This painting started the Cubist Movement in the 20th century.

Generally, a nude is a painting of beautiful and glamorous girls with white skin and beautiful lines. However, the ladies in this painting are different from other existing nudes. The ladies look rather bad and even scary as their bodies are cut into pieces and their faces are irregular. The figures on the left in the painting look flat as if they have no bones or muscles. The

contours of three faces on the left is simple, influenced by the Iberian traditions. The color mixture of orange and blue makes the painting more harmonious intentionally. Having noses in profile, the two faces on the front look weird and crooked. On the other hand, the right side is largely inspired by African masks, the face on the right is wearing an African mask and the color of

face on the bottom is influenced by African art.

Although these "demoiselles of Avignon" are ugly, the artwork is known to be the most famous and revolutionary picture in the fine arts history and among works of Picasso.

"The demoiselle of Avignon" is the first painting that broke the rules of Renaissance arts, ignoring the perspective, looking objects as a sphere and cylinder. This painting way opened the new era of fine arts history, being the first work of Cubism, cutting objects into pieces and giving a three dimensional effect to paintings, and leading the 20th century, and it influenced architecture and design. This painting, which showed another possibility in fine arts, however, was criticized by many critics as the picture was so extraordinary, and was even hated by the viewers, because the women's nudes were rather unattractive.

Pablo Picasso was born in 1881 in Malaga, Spain, son of an artist, Jose Ruiz and Maria Picasso. He learned the basis of painting from his father, and, at the age of 14, completed the one-month qualifying examination of the Academy of Fine Arts in Barcelona in one day. Picasso was so much gifted in painting that he was bored to go to school. Picasso moved to Paris when he was 19 years old. After a year there, his pictures

were blue tones, thus called the "blue period". In 1907, with "The demoiselle of Avignon", he started the Cubist movement. For Picasso the 1920's were years of rich artistic exploration and great productivity. Not only passionate in arts but also in politics, he joined the Communist Party in Paris during the World War II. Many of his works present the anxiety and horror of the wars.

The name of Pablo Picasso is so famous that even those who know nothing about the fine arts must have heard of his name. He was probably the most famous artist of the 20th century. During his artistic career, he created thousands of works, not only paintings but also sculptures, prints, and ceramics, using all kinds of materials. He changed art more profoundly than any other artist of this century. The Cubist movement gave rise to other 20th century art movements, such as Futurism in Italy, German expression, Dada, and Surrealism and Abstract Expressionism. Like this, "The demoiselle of Avignon" is the first work of Cubism and the innovation of the 20th century in fine arts history and that is the reason this picture is so well known to people even though it is hard for many to appreciate the artwork itself.

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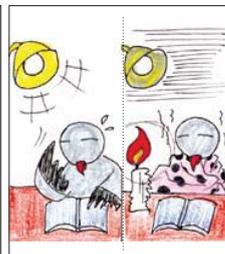
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