

All The Nations - The International Voice

A Newsletter of the International Students Office
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DEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!

Congratulations to the
Graduating Seniors!

If you are planning to gain work experience in the United States after graduation, make sure to schedule an appointment with International Student Services and submit your application to BCIS before completion of your degree. If you are continuing student traveling home, make sure that your I-20, passport, and visa are current, and your I-20 has a recent signature within 6 months.

Have a wonderful winter break! Enjoy, relax and be safe! See you in January.

Elena Moisseeva



VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS!!

Hello, International Students,

I am Rebecca Lim, the International Student Advisor at Hope International University. I would like to share with you the changes at the International Student Services. This will apply to all International Student at Hope International University from the Spring 2004 semester. These changes will bring better services and more benefits to our international students. After meeting with our Director, Ms. Elena Moisseeva, we have decided to announce it right away.

- First, all international students are required to have an **entrance interview and an exit interview meeting with their international student advisor**. This helps the student have a better understanding on the school policy and a more clear processing with his/her transfer, graduation, and returning to his/her own country.

- Second, all international students need to **schedule appointments on a regular basis during their first and second semester at HIU with their international student advisor**. After their first year, we recommend that all international students need to meet at least 2 times per semester.
- Third, all international students are required to **give an information update every 1st week of semester for keeping accurate information**. We want to keep your current information valid and in the future, too.

As the International Student Advisor, I want you to utilize the services from the International student Services at Hope International University. Please stop by my office room #204 as one of your favorite places to visit while you are on campus. I hope to see you soon at my office for scheduling your special care meeting for Spring 2004.

Thanks,

Rebecca Lim, *International Student Advisor*

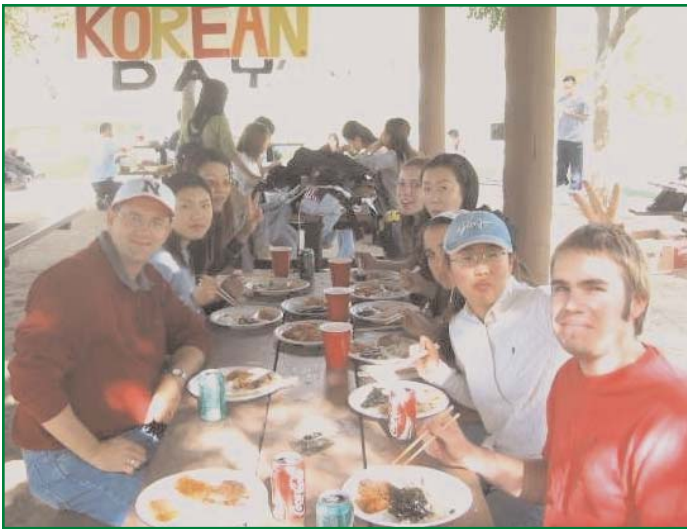


IMMIGRATION UPDATES FROM THE ISS OFFICE:

DV-2005 Diversity Visa Lottery is coming!

This year Diversity Lottery has a lot of changes. First, the applications will be accepted on-line only. Second, applicant's signature is no longer required. Third, the time frame for submitting applications is between **November 1 of 2003 and December 30 of 2003**.

This lottery is designed for foreign born individuals to have an opportunity to win a green card; however, the following countries are excluded from the participation: Canada, China, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Haiti, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom, and Vietnam. Persons born in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao are eligible. If your country is not listed above, you <http://travel.state.gov/dv2005.html>.



MENTOR MENTEE LUNCHEON KOREAN BBQ NOVEMBER 8, 2003

By Megan Garcia

The students from Keimyong University could not have picked a lovelier day to visit the park. Fortunately, they were sharing their outing with their mentees. That is not all they shared. We got to taste Korean food - I am sure I will not spell any of it correctly but there was Kimchi, rice, seaweed, rice noodles in sauce, and things I do not even know how to describe except to say that they were good!

We also got to experience some Korean games. Some of us were better than we thought we would be. I think I am biased toward Leo's team because I was on the team, but both teams did well and had fun.

The rest of the day included chatting, soccer, Kickball, a heroic swim in the lake to rescue a ball, and lots of laughter! I know there was a lot of hard work behind all the fun that we had. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and run "Korean Day."



INTERVIEW WITH 2 NGEWA SISTERS

1. When did you come to *Hope*?

Christine: Spring 1998

Ndinda: Fall 1999

2. What's the most unforgettable experience over the years at *Hope*?

Christine: The opportunity to be involved in and out-of-school conferences to learn about international education and make friends outside school.

Ndinda: Taking Life of Christ with Dr. Joe Grana.

3. What's been the consistent challenge over the time you have had schooling at *Hope*?

Christine: Fitting in among the students' community and the need to know other people better.

Ndinda: Finances! Paying tuition.

4. What advice, in summary would you give to other students still studying at *Hope*?

Christine: Get involved in social activities, it helps in fitting in the community. Pursue your set goals in spite of the obstacles in your way.

Ndinda: Don't be afraid of going out of your way to make deep and meaningful relationships.

5. Were you're set goals met?

Christine: I wanted to do medical research initially but I changed to do leadership studies so that is partly done and helped me to set a higher goal.

I always wanted to play soccer and fellowship with other girls but it turned out to be too competitive and demanding.

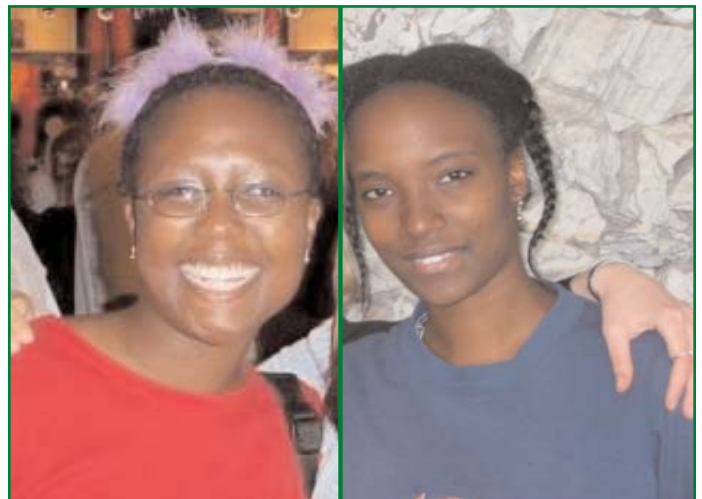
Ndinda: It's taken longer than I thought, 3½ years to 4½ years.

I always wanted to sing in the choir but my busy schedule could not allow me to do so.

6. How was your culture shock experience?

Christine: It took long because I came in the spring semester and I was the only international student on campus then. Joining ISA (International Student Association) made a big difference in my social activeness and friendships.

Ndinda: It came way long afterwards because I joined the school together with a big group of international students. It was hard to make real friendships so I just made acquaintances. I came to understand it's a fast life and entertainment has big effect on people. However my favorites at *Hope* are Dr. Joe Grana, coach Kelly Martinez and former president Dr. Lawson.





THE KEIMYUNG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' SURVEY

I took a six questions' survey from the entire group of Keimyung University students and the following are the different and most popular views they aired back.

Prepared by Daniel Kioko

1. What is one thing you will never forget about your experience at *Hope*?

- "The field trips were great especially: the Laguna Beach trip, going to pick apples, visiting Disneyland and Universal Studios."
- "Meeting and living with American friends and roommates in the dorms who were very kind and friendly to us."
- "The mentor-mentee program."
- "The Business power-point project we did in class."
- "Our teachers were also great."

2. What was the hardest thing about living here?

- "It was very hard to get around from campus because we did not have access to transportation facilities."

- "The food was different-oily, salty and cheesy making it hard to eat."
- "Speaking and listening to English was a struggle because we were not very fluent."
- "We could also not learn English well enough because we lived with other Korean students instead of American students."

3. What will you tell your friends about *Hope* when you go back to South Korea?

- "We highly recommend *Hope* because of the following:
 - It's small, interesting, and a safe school."
 - "It's Christian, friendly students and teachers, great interaction with foreign students."
 - "Good English studying program and an environment where one can learn English."

4. What advice or suggestions do you have for future international students?

- "Live with American roommates, make American friends and hang out with them."
- "Be active in all events. Don't be shy."
- "Discover yourself, be positive and you will learn a lot."
- "Carry warm clothes especially for the fall season."
- "Don't speak your native language with your fellow students."

5. What new thing(s) have you learnt while in America?

- "We learnt how to speak, write and study English."
- "We learnt how to do Power point for presentations."
- "We learnt the American culture and lifestyle. It was so individualistic and independent."
- "We learnt the similarities and differences of American culture to Korean culture."
- "I enjoyed American and Mexican food. That Americans are not selfish as I thought but kind people."

6. Would you like to make any more comments?

- "We would like to thank Nelson, Darla, Michelle, John and Vincent."
- "We shall miss *Hope*. I will be back."
- "To learn English and American culture you need to be open minded."



Jesus was born
There has never been a day
That has been explained to me
Greater than that wonderful day
That my savior died, on that tree
Oh, yes maybe that was the last of
His thirty-three year ministry
However, that was the day
He set the whole world free
It all started in a little
Town called Bethlehem
Where three wise men
Came to offer their gem
It is so nice to know
So beautiful to adorn
That day of December 25th
The day when Jesus was born



Rev. Anthony Lightfoot
Congratulations Anthony on
graduating from Hope!

THE BIRTHDAYS FOR OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DECEMBER ARE:

- 2nd** Li-Wen Chen
- 8th** Dong-Huyk
- 8th** Kim Sing-Haeng
- 11th** Kyoung Yeop
- 16th** Sera Gil
- 27th** Nimvibulsom Thanyarat

