

All The Nations - The International Voice

A Newsletter of the International Students Office
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WORD OF WELCOME FROM THE NEW ISP DIRECTOR

Prepared by Nelson Einwaechter

On February 6, Elena Moisseeva, the director of International Student Services (ISS) left HIU to pursue a career closely connected to her major (MFT). After spending several weeks at home in Russia, she will move to Sacramento, CA. We will all miss her, but wish her the best in her new endeavors.

In connection with Elena's departure, *Hope's* President, Dr. John Derry, decided that it was in the best interest of HIU to merge ISS with the Institute for International Studies (IIS). For those of you unfamiliar with IIS, this is *Hope's* ESL department for international students who want to improve their English language skills. The IIS office in Nutwood 120 has been converted into a teacher/student lounge and the name will still be kept to refer to *Hope's* ESL program. Administratively, ISS & IIS will be combined and called "International Student Programs" (ISP).

It was an honor for me to be offered the position of ISP Director. Because of the merger I have just described above, I will be assuming some, but not all, of the duties that Elena had. The new ISP Associate Director, Darla Cupery, will be in charge of SEVIS and other immigration concerns. Rebecca Lim will continue as the student advisor and Aaron Mulkey will remain the program coordinator. The increased responsibilities of the ISP staff will slightly change some of the services we provide. I would like to assure all of you that we will do our best to meet your needs, but at the same time, would ask for your patience and understanding during this initial transition period.

Now that I have gotten the formalities out of the way, I would like to give you some of my personal background. I was born in New York and have an older sister and a younger brother. My family moved often

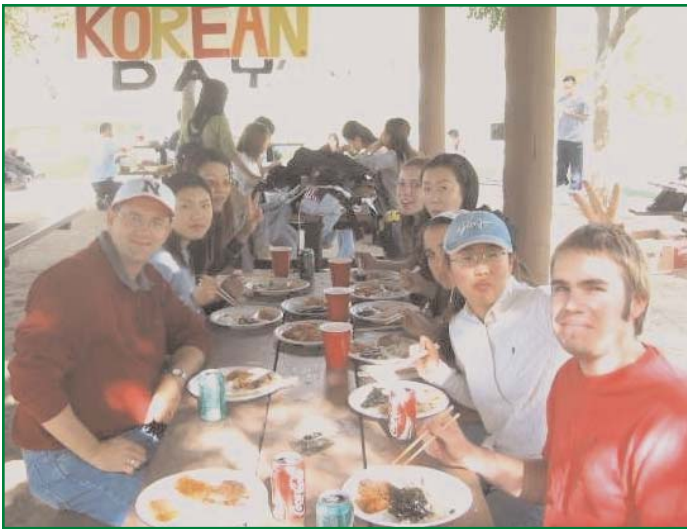
when I was young and we lived in my mother's native country, Belgium, for 7 years. Because I did not speak French, I went back to the first grade instead of going into the third. Looking back on it, the embarrassment of being such an older and bigger first-grader was not too high a price to pay for the opportunity to gain fluency in another language.

My undergraduate degree from Washington College in Maryland was in teaching and French. My earlier experience in Belgium of helping out my English teachers inspired me to become a French teacher in the USA. Unfortunately, due to unfavorable job conditions, I ended up working in different fields, which eventually brought me over to California.

After experiencing Japanese food and culture in California, I decided to get back to teaching by accepting an ESL teaching position in Hiroshima, Japan. While there, I made up my mind that ESL would be my career and graduated with a Masters of Arts in Teaching, with a specialization in TESOL, from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont. After nearly 14 years in Japan, I decided to return to California with my wife, Junko.

During my nearly three years at HIU, I can see how God has been guiding and shaping my life. I started out as a GLC (former name for IIS) full-time teacher, moved up to the position of academic coordinator before becoming the IIS director. There have been many ups and downs while I've been here, but I am very optimistic about the future for ISP and HIU. I look forward to the challenges as well as the successes because I know that this is how our Lord builds us up and transforms us into His future servants. I pray for a special blessing for all HIU international students. Having lived nearly half of my life outside of the USA has taught me that there are many challenges that international students must face. The entire ISP staff will do its best to help you accomplish your goals.





MENTOR MENTEE LUNCHEON KOREAN BBQ NOVEMBER 8, 2003

Prepared 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.

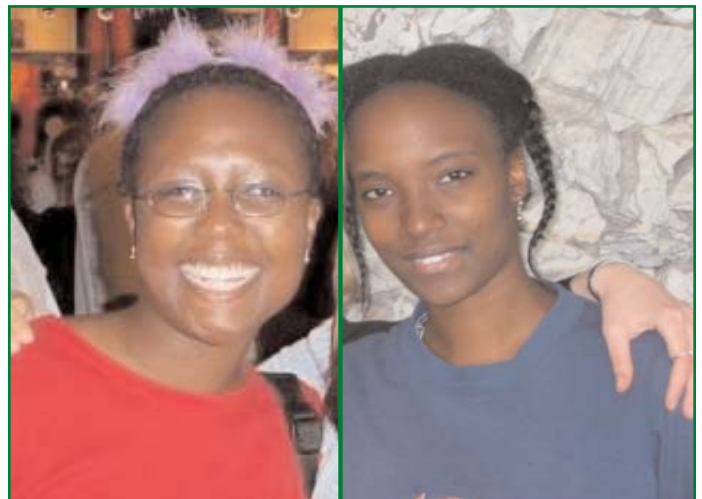
Ndinda: It's taken longer than I thought, 3½ years to 4½ years.

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

"The Keimyung Group came for one semester to study at the Institute for International Studies (IIS) at Hope International University from South Korea."

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 learned while in America?

- "We learned how to speak, write and study English."
- "We learned how to do Power point for presentations."
- "We learned the American culture and lifestyle. It was so individualistic and independent."
- "We learned 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."



AMERICAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Prepared by Charlie Henry

The dictionary says an extravaganza is a lavish or spectacular show. Saturday, February 7, there was truly such an event sponsored by the International Friendship Council at the First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton. Over 200 international students and their American friends partied together under the wonderful leadership in word and song of Uncle Sam. He's the personalized caricature of the United States portrayed on this occasion by our friend Howie Stevenson.

Students were there from *Hope*, CSUF, Fullerton and Biola and all learned a little more about American culture and history.

Typically we heard about the pioneers moving westward across the country and building the railroad, and then sang "She'll be coming 'round the mountain." Then we had another story and another song. And so it was during the evening: a story, a game, lots of talking amongst ourselves and singing. Red, white and blue hats filled with popcorn were the centerpieces on every table. Of course there was lots of food. What with balloons, ribbons, games, and a fast paced program, surely all agreed that a good time was had until they finally flashed the house lights to let us know that it was time to say good night and head for home. The organizers send their thanks for the help of many in setting up, decorating and then in clean-up.

There are more great events coming up. Don't miss the good times.



It's another new semester, spring 2004, indeed another opportunity to learn and serve. Here is a word of encouragement from the wisest king who ever lived from the Bible. I hope you enjoy learning more about Hope International University through the articles that are posted on the news letter.

Prepared by Daniel Kioko

1ST MENTOR MENTEE GET TOGETHER FEBRUARY 6TH, 2004

Prepared by Bethany Dye

When was the last time you stood in the middle of a room, trying to hit thirty complete strangers with a rolled up newspaper? I spent an afternoon a couple Fridays ago doing just that. Surprisingly, nobody called security on me – why? It was a perfectly legitimate part of the agenda for this semester's first Mentor-Mentee Get Together (as part of the Mentor Mentee Program for our new international students)! The meeting began with a time of eating and talking, as mentors and mentees met each other for the first time. There wasn't much shyness to start with, but what little existed at the beginning disappeared after one round of the icebreaker. The students warmed right up under the "threat" of their newspaper-wielding friends. Altogether, the afternoon was a good time of building connections with one another, and enjoying community in all its diversity – a great kick-off to a semester of friendship.



BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH 2004

- Ina Petruta 6 March
- Louis Mc Dermott 11 March
- Youn Kyong Park 16 March
- Ismar Bonillo 26 March

Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean on not from your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths

"Please feel free to send any articles that you may want to share with the Hope community.

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