Korean Students Visit Concordia

by Leah La Dassor

For the second year, Concordia has the distinct honor of hosting five Korean students from Luther Seminary in Seoul, Korea. Sung Joo, Bong Bae Kim, Ju Hye Lee, Jung Suk Lee, and Chan Kyu Ryu are all here working to improve their English and learn a little about the American culture. From the sound of it, both these objectives are being met with the help of the faculty, staff and students here at Concordia.

Each of the five students is working toward a degree in theology which will allow him or her to continue with some kind of work in the church. Bong Bae is planning to become a pastor. He would also like to be a volunteer teacher because there are some schools in Korea that are too poor to hire teachers. Because he loves to learn, Bong Bae wants been more effective, he sends his knowledge with everyone. Jung Suk (who likes to be called Peter because he likes Peter from the Bible and its an easier name to pronounce and remember) wants to be a missionary and preach the gospel. He feels he can better do this if he can easily speak English. Peter visited the United States in 1989 and enjoyed it very much. Eventually, he would like to return to study theology somewhere in America. Ju Hye is still undecided about what she will do with her future, but is nonetheless excited about her education. Song and Chan would both like to be pastors in their country. Chan would eventually like to come back to the United States to study at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis to become a Lutheran pastor.

There were many things that at first were strange to the Koreans. They soon overcame their culture shock though, and started to fit right in. A few things that were surprising to them that we take for granted were not taking off our shoes when we enter a building; people here smile all the time; fences around houses are used mostly for decoration instead of the high 'fortresses' in Korea; women of all ages have greater freedom and are allowed to work at all jobs; respect for elders is a lot lower here; and the free style in which we wear clothes fascinated them. They were surprised to see people wearing shorts while it was snowing outside.

Some of the things that the Koreans really like are again experiences that we take for granted. Chan is extremely impressed with waiters at restaurants. He thinks this is a very good custom. Ju Hye enjoys the skyscrapers downtown, and Peter says its great how small children here can sit still and listen to the Sunday school lesson. In Korea, they "... have constant chatter and are never quiet. Quiet is good". Bong Bae really likes how kind and generous everyone is, and Song, who loves T.V., is excited about all the shows he can watch.

All the visitors enjoy our daily chapel services very much for different reasons. One reason is that they are short and only occur once a day unlike in Korea where required chapel is at 7 a.m. for dormitory students and campus chapel is held three times a week at 11 a.m. The music and style of chapel is different, which they enjoy.

While there are many things the Koreans like, there are also those they dislike. The food here is too sweet and salty; they are used to the spicy items from home. Communion here takes a long time compared to Korean services, and the students study too much. Surprising observations! Chan is quite disturbed about the safety of our streets at night. At home he is able to walk the streets alone day or night, but here it is not safe to walk alone after dark. Chan really likes to walk outside at night and says that he feels that his freedom is being cut.

The Korean students will only be here until February 5, so if you haven't had a chance to meet them, get going! You can usually find them in the dining hall during meals, at the Student Union, studying at the library, or spending time around campus with their roommates. Learn how old you would be in Korea, customs they have that differ from ours, or just sit and talk for awhile. They're all great people — we're lucky to meet them.
CRIMES OF HATE

News Release

In an era when hate crimes and bias incidents are increasing in frequency and intensity, this documentary video by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) reveals the twisted thinking of the perpetrators, the anguish of their victims, and the strategies used by law enforcement officials, communities, and individuals to deal with these crimes.

Divided into three segments, the video covers "The Crimes of Racism," "The Crime of Anti-Semitism," and "The Crime of Gay-Bashing." Crimes of Hate can be committed in schools, youth groups, civic and religious organizations, and libraries. It is endorsed by the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers and is cleared for TV.

Produced by the ADL, it is available through the ADL Film Library, 1-800-343-5540. FAX: (201) 652-1973. Cost is $50 for 1/2" Beta and VHS, and $70 for 3/4", with a $6.50 charge for postage and handling. All orders must be prepaid except for schools, libraries, and government agencies.

Working Students and Taxes

In general, a single student who can be claimed as a dependent by another person will owe no federal income tax if he or she:

- does not have more than $600 in total income, some part or all of which is unearned income; or
- is under age 24 at the end of the calendar year and earns up to $3,600 in wages, tips, taxable scholarships, and other earned income, provided he or she has no unearned income such as interest or dividends; or
- is 24 or older at the end of the calendar year, has no unearned income, and earns less than $2,300.

A student who is 24 or older at the end of the calendar year, has no unearned income, and earns up to $3,600 in wages, tips, taxable scholarships, and other earned income, provided he or she has no unearned income such as interest or dividends.

For more information, get Form W-4 and Publication 4, "Student's Guide to Federal Income Tax." Order them by calling the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-3676.

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Summer Fellowship Program Open to Interested Historians

This spring six college undergraduates from across the nation will be chosen to attend the Historic Deerfield Summer Fellowship Program in Early American History and Material Culture. For the thirty-eight year a select group of students will live in Deerfield, Massachusetts from mid-June to mid-August while participating in an intensive examination of early American history, architecture, decorative arts, museum interpretation, and museum operations.

Each applicant appointed to the program is awarded a fellowship which covers tuition, books, and visits to other museums. The fee for room and board for nine weeks is $1800. Financial aid for room and board is available for students with demonstrated need.

Interested students should request a Fellowship brochure and application by writing to Dr. Kenneth Hafertepe, Director of Academic Programs, Historic Deerfield, Inc., Deerfield, MA 01342, or by telephoning (413) 774-5881. Applicants to the program must be undergraduate students of sophomore, junior, or senior standing in a college or university as of January 1, 1993. Completed applications will be reviewed after April 1, 1993.
Concordia Winter Theatre: The Glass Menagerie

by Wendy Wedo

I recently talked with director Mike France and the United Kingdom. "The Glass Menagerie" is the story of a family living in a tenement house in St. Louis during the late 1930's. It is considered one of the best modern American plays. One reason is that it is still as relevant today as it was when it was written, especially to the working class. It shows the desperation people are feeling today and yesterday, in areas like Detroit and Los Angeles.

The play is all about dreaming. These people are human, and they dream like everyone else. What they want is the "American dream." Even though it is never possible, they still hope and strive in a society that has already determined their fate. The play, Charron admits, is a big challenge for the actors. "These characters are trying to survive in a place where the American dream is as far out of reach as the moon."

The play is one you won't want to miss. It is truly an American classic. It shows us a side of America that we don't always want to see, but it is there.

The Glass Menagerie opens Tuesday, February 11th at 8P.M. and runs through Sunday, February 14th at 2P.M. All shows begin at 8P.M except for the Sunday matinee. Admission is free for Concordia students. Don't miss this American classic!

February Ruben Cinematheque to Feature International Black Cinema

News Release

Walker Art Center's Ruben Cinematheque opens its winter season with a look at international Black cinema, taking its theme from the current Walker exhibition Malcom X: Man Ideal, Icon. The Tuesday-evening series, screened February 9-23, features works from Senegal, Mali, the United States, France and the United Kingdom.

Tuesday, February 16th - Sunlight
Melvin Van Peebles' directorial debut, Sunlight is a short tale of shattered love, 1958, U.S., 90 minutes. Showing with:

Brightness
Director Souleymane Cisse cinematically revives his culture's tradition of storytelling in Brightness, the story of a magician's son. In Bambara with English subtitles. 1987, Mali, 105 minutes.

Tuesday, February 23rd - Voodoo Dance
Dance examines the role voodoo has played in Haitian history and politics. Directed by Elsie Haas, 1987, France, 52 minutes. Showing with:

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5. Heavily armed hot dog vendors.
4. Carsick brother in the seat next to you.
3. Brain surgeon with hiccups.
2. Anyone with a cranky disposition and a chainsaw.
1. People who offer you drugs.

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Sell The Cow

News Release

Sell the Cow Theatre debuts in February with repertory productions of Harold Pinter’s The Caretaker and Orphans, by Lyle Kessler. The double bill opens Friday, February 5, with The Caretaker and continues Thursdays-Sundays through February 27, with Orphans playing on odd-numbered days and The Caretaker on even-numbered days. (There will be no production Sunday, February 28.) All shows are at 8 p.m. at the Riverside People’s Center, 2000 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis. Suggested prices are $10 for one show or $15 for both. Call 659-5272 for reservations.

"Some people feel intimidated by the theatre", says Randy Latimer, artistic director for Sell the Cow. "We want to reach those people. We want to make it not only easy for them to walk in the door, but exciting when they get there.”

If you have any suggestions for 'Concordia Speaks' questions, or if you would like to be interviewed, please call the -- Variety Editor, Tracy Zachary at 645-5785.

You Have Asked...
Common Question to IRS

Q. I’m single, live alone, and have no dependents. Can I file as head of household?
A. No. To use this filing status, you must have paid one half the cost of keeping up a home for a child or other qualifying person. See IRS Publication 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information.

LIVE IT LOUD.8

by Mark Niebuhr

Many of my recent articles have dealt with some mellower, more relaxing music as of late. Let us correct this. Go buy the new Helmet release Meantime. It’ll blow off your head. If you like loud, clever music, you’ll love Helmet. I got a chance to see them this last August, and I was thoroughly blown away. The new album has a great variety of loud music, including “In The Meantime,” and “Unsung” (I believe they got a Grammy nomination for one of those two songs, but I may be wrong). Also, their last album Strap It On was really good too—it was bit rougher than the new one, which is better engineered (a major label release rather than a local, lower budget album). Anyway, if you like loud music, then Helmet is definitely worth a look.

Also, another really good release to check out is Ramones Mania. It’s a few years old, and kind of a greatest hits compilation. All the really good Ramones songs are on this (Teenage Lobotomy, I Wanna Be Sedated, Rock ‘n’ Roll High School, etc. - 30 songs total), and they’re all short enough so that the album isn’t too irritating (which other Ramones albums can be). If you’ve never heard the Ramones, then try them. They were one of the first “Punk” bands, way before Punk was popular in the later 70’s and early 80’s. Few bands are, in my opinion, cooler than the Ramones.

Last, but not least, an album which I really like is Public Enemy’s Fear Of A Black Planet— the band’s ’89 release. As a rule, I don’t much care for Rap, but Public Enemy is a band I’ve always liked (along with a select few others) because their work is really well produced and really clever. It also sounds good really loud (although my stereo can’t really pump out enough low end to do the album justice). Public Enemy is interesting to me because they’ve been influential to a great number of artists and bands who have no connection to Rap music. They’re really good at what they do—give it a try. If I read a Neil Young interview where Neil said he really liked Rap, and that people who don’t like it don’t understand it—I thought that was kind of interesting. Anyway, it’s a great album, so give it a try if you like.

At any rate, I’m sort of getting cabin fever lately because there haven’t been many good shows around, but when there are, I’ll let you know. Until then, don’t forget to try some new music now and again. Also, please let me know if you hear something cool that you may want to share with other Sword readers. Talk to me and I’ll see if I can put it in. See you next time.

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Concordia Speaks
"What do you think of the U.S. decision to bomb Iraq?"

"I think they should keep bombing until Saddam Hussein gives in - teach them a lesson."
Jim Holmlund

"I think something had to be done. Saddam had to be stopped. He must comply with the U.N., and if we don't take care of it all hell will break loose."
Laurie Cope

"I don't agree with it. I mean when they show the pictures of people who got killed, it's not a pretty picture, and there doesn't seem to be a clear cut reason."
Tony Sammie

"Instead of dropping bombs and waging large-scale warfare, it's too bad that it can't be done like a surgical procedure where the one or two people that seem to be enemies of the rest of the world can't be expediently removed."
Dan Asmus

"I personally lived in the Middle East when I was younger and people get killed. I don't think it should happen and civilians are always killed in those actions. I think that we can be more creative than that in finding a solution."
Richard Bryntenson

"It's George trying to get his last kicks in before he leaves office. And I guess the big question is, "What's Clinton going to do about it?"
John Winterfeldt

Peace Corps Seminar

A seminar about two-year professional opportunities in more than 90 nations throughout the world will be held Wed., February 17 at 7 p.m., in the United Way Building in downtown Minneapolis.

In the coming year, the United States Peace Corps will place more than 3800 skilled Americans in professional level positions abroad. The positions are in education, the environment and natural resources, business, agribusiness, agriculture, health/nutrition, math, science, and skilled trades. French and Spanish backgrounds are helpful for certain positions. People with education and/or experience in any of these areas are encouraged to attend the information seminar. The seminar will include discussion of types of jobs available, qualifications, benefits, the application process and locations where Peace Corps workers are assigned.

Benefits include: comfortable living allowance, $5400 post-service allowance, medical coverage, transportation, excellent language training, international job experience, college loan deferment, special eligibility for federal jobs and graduate programs, and more.

The United Way is located at 408 S. 8th St.

The staff and faculty of Concordia College, St. Paul request
the honor of your presence at a banquet in your honor
Thursday, February 11, 1993
5:00-7:00 p.m.
Dress Clothes suggested.
The evening begins in the President's Dining Room.
The Glass Menagerie follows in Buetow Music Center.
People in Your Neighborhood

by Jen Schulze

Perhaps you may not know Steve Scheunert on a personal level, but you surely must recognize him from his high-profile involvement with many groups on campus. Steve, who is just three credits short from attaining the sophomore status, is from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and is a Pre-Sem major, with a minor in art. Steve was influenced to attend CSP by his pastors back home.

Steve is enjoying life at CSP, but readily admits that the school’s downfall is its high tuition cost, as it is for many of us. He plans on graduating from CSP in ’96, and then will continue his Seminary studies in St. Louis. Steve has wanted to be a pastor since tenth grade and is very serious about his role as a Christian. One thing that Steve doesn’t like is when people say that they are Christians, but are snobby towards others, especially minorities.

But Steve is not always this serious, he can be fun! His list of activities that he is involved in seem endless: cross-country, indoor soccer, student Senate representative, chairperson for a special taskforce working on getting two full time counselors, and not to mention his job in the mailroom here on campus. Some of his hobbies include snowboarding, and relaxing at home with his huge model railroad train set.

Another interesting fact about Steve is that he served in the Marines for two years. He claims that from that experience he learned a great deal of discipline, which he now applies to his studies. While he served, he was also an assistant to the Chaplin, and a “prayerman” of sorts on that particular base.

Future plans for Steve include getting married and adopting children, along with being a pastor.

Steve Scheunert

He would like to teach theology and coach cross-country in a Lutheran school.

Steve is very excited to be a part of the ‘Centennial Celebration’ and hopes the community will become more involved once the additions are up. So if you run into Steve in the mailroom, or in one of his many activities, take some time to say “hey” and discover for yourself how easy going and easy to get along with Steve is. That is, if he’s not busy........

Business Club Begins Anew

by Jim Rochester

Do you want a job when you graduate? Do you want to make business contacts all by yourself? Why not let the Business Club help you?

The Business Club held its first meeting January 21. This club is trying to help students make contacts by bringing business leaders to Concordia. Business leaders such as accountants, financial planners, lawyers, politicians, managers, and the like will be coming to meetings and other such events to give their insights as to what the college student should know and do when entering the job market. One such example of this was on January 27 when three of Concordia’s alumni came to give a panel discussion. They talked about interviewing skills and what different activities they look for as being beneficial to our advancement.

This club will also be doing such things as going on tours, volunteer work, and other events in order to get a better understanding of business in general. You say you don’t know if business is what you want? Come to some of the meetings to get an idea of what it is like.

The club may seem targeted towards business majors, however all majors are invited and if any one of our events sounds interesting to you are more than welcome to attend. Some of our future events will include: a tax preparer, a teacher turned business consultant, and the Microcomputer Conference in May. This conference will have as one of its speakers our own Joel Schuessler of the computer center.

We are a brand new club at Concordia and our next meeting is February 18 at 7:00 p.m. with the speaker to be announced later. We encourage all to attend any event, and hope that we will be able to help answer some business questions.

So, if you want any help in making business contacts, see you on the 18th!

Members of the newly formed Business Club meet to discuss future plans of the group.
We Must Address It All:
Issues of Racism

The Dr. Martin Luther King holiday and the coming of black history month has prompted me to write an article addressing the issue of racism in today's society. The purpose of this paper is to illuminate the dominating paradigm (basis) used for evaluating racism, show its inadequacies, and offer an alternative paradigm for evaluating racism.

The primary (legal) tool for addressing discrimination is the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. The purpose of the Equal Protection Clause is to justify judicial intervention in political processes under the equal protection clause to limit government from oppressing groups on the basis of race.

The philosophical justification underlying the Equal Protection Clause is a "sin" based paradigm. A "sin" based paradigm requires an intentional act directed at a particular person or group of people as a prerequisite for discrimination. This prerequisite has evolved from the court's fear and society's fear of possibly conferring benefits on people who have not "actually" been victims of discrimination or punishing people whom have not "actually" discriminated against anyone.

This narrow definition of discrimination does not acknowledge discrimination that has been the result of unjustified societal privileges or burdens that have been allotted according to race. Americans share a common historical and cultural heritage in which racism has played and still plays a dominant role.

Because of this shared experience, Americans share many ideas, attitudes, and beliefs that attach significance to an individual's race and induce negative feelings and opinions about non-whites. To that extent, all white Americans are racist. At the same time, most whites are unaware of their racism. They do not recognize the way in which their cultural experience has influenced their beliefs about race or the occasions on which those beliefs have affected their actions. As a result, a large part of the behavior that produces racial discrimination is benefiting the underserving or burdening the innocent is unsound. Because of the pervasive nature of racism in our society, none, regardless of wealth or position, have managed to escape its impact.

The basic fault in using a "sin" based paradigm is that its focus is too narrow to adequately address all aspects of discrimination. What is needed is a paradigm which recognizes unconscious acts of discrimination. As well as being cognizant of the complexity of discrimination, this new paradigm must be flexible enough to allow for all affirmative acts necessary for facilitating a better future. A future which acknowledges societal burdens and aims to distribute such burdens equitably.

Cecil F. Shands
Interim Director of Multicultural Affairs

1993-94 Senate Executive Board

As of the Sword publication deadline, the individuals accepting nominations for the 1993-1994 Student Senate Executive Board are as follows:

President: Paul Vrieze
Vice President: Julie Olson
Treasurer: Marcus Haug and Daryl Coers

If there are more than two nominees running for any given position, a primary election will be held the week of February 1st, with the final elections for the 1993-94 Student Senate Executive Board being held the week of February 8th.

We want your letters

The Commentary section of the Sword will strive to serve as a forum for students, staff, and faculty to express their opinions regarding current issues on the Comet campus as well as responses to material previously published in the Sword.

Letters will be edited grammatically, but will otherwise be printed as submitted unless the editors choose to delete words or portions which are in poor taste or libelous. While differing opinions are welcomed and invited, we ask that every attempt be made to convey the issues in a fair and inoffensive manner.

Letters must be typed, no longer than 400 words. Longer letters may be condensed by the editors.

All letters must include the author's name and telephone # for verification. If you wish to have your letter printed but not your name, add "Withheld name". Unsigned letters will not be printed.

All letters must be received by 4 p.m. on the Thursday following publication.

Look for more information to be coming, and remember to vote!

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

A bimonthly commentary by Chris Dahlie, better known as Bernard

One of my favorite essays is entitled "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." For those of you who aren't familiar with this essay, here it is (and for those of you who are, "too bad, here it is anyway):

Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum

Everything I need to know about how to live and what to do and how to learn I learned in Kindergarten. It was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday school.

These are the things I learned:

Share everything: play fair; don't hit people; put things back where you found them; clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours; say you're sorry when you hurt somebody; wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life: learn some and think some and draw and sand pile at Sunday school.

It's kind of sick, isn't it? The fact that we've driven ourselves to the brink of destruction just by forgetting the most basic and simple things.

I'll tell you why: because we've somehow lost sight of those basic ideas and ideals that we learned in kindergarten and Sunday school: don't hit people; clean up your own mess; don't take things that aren't yours.

It's kind of sick, isn't it? The fact that we have driven ourselves to the brink of destruction just by forgetting the most basic and simplest of things.

Wouldn't it be kind of neat if we could go back to Kindergarten? Wouldn't it be a better place if we just remembered to share?
Comets Move On as Season Progresses

by Erica Johnson

The Concordia, St. Paul Women's basketball team is moving on in their 1992-1993 season. The team has played sixteen games so far this season. With only ten games left in regular season play, the Comets are closing in on the end of their schedule.

The most recent matches for the Comets included three conference and one non-conference game. All four games were away games for the Comets. January 8 the Comets traveled to University of Wisconsin-Stout for a non-conference game. The Comets lost by a score of 63-103.

Next, on January 12, the Comets played Northwestern, and added another conference win to the list by a score of 81-61. Dr. Martin Luther College was the sight of the January 16 game, which was a conference match-up. The Comets lost by a score of 72-78. The most recent game was against North Central Bible, which the Comets won, 77-39.

The Comets have a season record of three wins and two losses in conference play, and six wins and ten losses overall. Of the ten remaining games, six are conference matches.

TOP TEN GROSSEST THINGS ON EARTH

10. Naked fat guys on vinyl seats.
9. Camel breath.
8. The vomit scene in The Exorcist.
7. Motel room artwork.
5. The name “Mungo.”
4. Bean dip.
3. Nose hair.
2. Road Oysters.
1. Drugs.

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