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Born Again: LGC Features New Curriculum

by Selah Jeon

Linton Global College (LGC) has been reborn with a completely revamped curriculum and two exciting and divided majors - Global Business and Global Communication & Culture. These majors made their eagerly anticipated debut during the spring semester of 2008.

As one might expect, there have been a plethora of gateways to pass through in order to adjust the needs and standards between LGC, Hannam University and the Korean government.

As the mission statement seeks to clarify in LGC's new brochure, "Students who are going to be global citizens should have the ability to think critically, to present ideas effectively, and to cooperate and resolve conflict."

In an exclusive interview with *Global Horizons*, Dr. Graeme Webb, the New Zealand native and genesis behind LGC, explained, "These statements were what drove us when we were thinking about the curriculum."

What does all of this mean for LGC's students? Perhaps it

means they can expect their critical thinking skills, idea presenting skills, as well as cooperation and conflict resolution skills will have been honed to a razor sharp edge by the time they graduate.

Dr. Webb, a man greatly admired by students and subordinates alike, added that "The curriculums should be student-centered, not professor-centered [nor] job-centered when you leave the school. It should be centered on the students. We think it should be driven by the major. And we wanted it to be experienced-focused through doing things really using the major and [vital] information."

Dr. Webb alluded to the notion that the new curriculum intends to see LGC students maintain an active and positive attitude. The students will need this in order to achieve their academic goals through the new curriculum.

While studying at LGC, the students will have the opportunity to improve their linguistic skills not only in English (with TOEIC, TOEFL and the IELTS), but also

in Chinese and Japanese as well. Truly LGC will not hesitate to bring the world to the front doorstep of our students.

Sophomore Sandy Park, a Global Business major student, told *Global Horizons*; "Professors in the Global Business [area] are mostly new so the material is fresh. Also there's no grade limitation on courses. I chose [to take] two junior courses so that I would learn more about students in a different grade."

Dr. Webb also offered this advice to our students; "There's no place for a closed mind in this kind of a global world. You have to open your mind ... you have to get challenged in your culture. [Still yet] you have to come back and really love what is good about Korean culture. An open mind is what we need in the 21st century. We want to constantly challenge you to tell us what your opinions are."

It appears Dr. Webb's erudite leadership and uber-vision has set the new curriculum on the right track. ■ GH

The 19th Shintanjin Spring Flower Festival

by Lauren Kim

The 19th Shintanjin Spring Flower Festival is going to be held for three days between Friday, April 11th and Sunday, April 13th, 2008. The venue will be the KT&G Shintanjin Manufacturing Warehouse Garden Field. This annual festival is one of the big-

gest flower festivals in Korea. It is held every spring. The event will feature many exhibitions, performances and cultural experiences. ■ GH



Shintanjin Spring Flower Festival

Student Field Trip 2008

by Neo Park (Photo by Amy Lee)

The eagerly anticipated event known as “MT” or “Membership Training,” was held at a training institute near Daecheon beach between March 21st to 22nd, 2008.

Over 50 participants, including Professors Martin Peterhaensel and Majid Aramand, were separated into seven groups in order to prepare for the group performance and the Miss Global event.

All the participants enjoyed a barbecue party before the main events began. They roasted tender slices on a grill while listening to various pop songs. The delightful mood which ensued motivated the participants to talk to one another.

As the pleasant atmosphere continued to heat up, Eo Ja-hyun and Woo Eun-jung, leaders of the freshmen and sophomores,



Eight students in MT Group No.1

turned their MICs into MCs in order to run the group performances. After congratulatory speeches by Professors Peterhaensel and Aramand, various performers appeared on a stage. They showed off their entertainment abilities in genres like singing, dancing and transformed martial arts.

HNU-LGC student Kim Uihyun told *Global Horizons*, “It was exciting to see the other sides of our brothers and sisters. Actually, the transformed mar-

tial arts was the best show.”

A quiz show was then held which included questions about LGC. There was also a special game aimed mainly for couples. The winners for each of these games were given 5,000 Won worth of gift certificates. During this time, the six participants for the Miss Global event waited in their rooms and disguised themselves as women.

As the atmosphere became increasingly enthusiastic, the six participants sporting short skirts and colorful stockings showed up for the Miss Global event. The audience stood, shouted out loud with glee and came ever closer to identifying who the participants were. The six hopefuls stood on the stage while displaying a haughty attitude. They took off their mufflers and shawls as they danced to the

rhythm of the beat. Many students used their cameras to take pictures of the Miss Global contestants.

Yuk Sun-kyu, a 2nd prize winner in the competition, told *Global Horizons*, “There’s no regret. I think I’ve finally found my identity.”

The trip was aimed at forming a clearer understanding about the character and operational nature of HNU-LGC. Students needing to adapt were able to participate in a wide range of activities.

Student Park In-pyo told *Global Horizons*, “Even though I feel tired, I am satisfied with the event. It was conducted in English and was more successful than last year.” ■ GH

From Vermont to Korea

by Russell Kim (Photo by Nathan Song)

What would it take for an American student to get on a plane and fly halfway around the world just to attend college? Ian Sutherland, an exchange student from Green Mountain College (GMC) in the American state of Vermont, may be able to provide the answer. Sutherland is majoring in International Business at GMC. As such, he’s now taking some Global Business classes like Marketing Strategy and International Trade and Commerce.

Sutherland’s road to Hannam University (HNU) began when his professor of Asian History at GMC suggested he take part in a student exchange program. Sutherland, who is often seen on the many couches of our beloved English Café, liked what he heard and jumped at the chance to come to HNU. As a foreign student, he has noticed many differences between Americans and Koreans – what is often

termed as “culture shock.” Vermont is a land noted more for its maple syrup and skiing than for its wriggling squid.

Global Horizons recently held an exclusive interview with the “always on the go” Sutherland and asked him what he thinks of all things Korean. To begin, Sutherland told *Global Horizons* that he had a stereotype of Korea before he arrived on our soil. This is known as “bounded rationality.”

Many of his first impressions of our wildly beautiful and technologically innovative “Land of the Morning Calm” came from a TV show he watched before arriving. This particular program spoke about what a visiting student might expect to find in Korea. The singular visual impression says Sutherland, was “the sight of the show’s host eating a raw octopus while the tentacles were still wriggling.”



Ian in English Café

“To tell the truth, before I came to Korea, I thought the Korean people were going to be pretty strange,” Sutherland told *Global Horizons*. Yet his ethnocentrism, as is the case with most travelers around the world, eventually began to fade away to a certain degree.

During our interview, Sutherland mentioned how a *Brave New World* of culture was open-

ing before his very eyes. He described the uniqueness of our maverick ‘On-dol’ floor heating system – that jewel of Korean technology in which hot water pipes are literally installed under the floor. Next, he mentioned our wonderful Korean food; especially “Dak-gal-bi” which tastes so delicious to his palate. Sutherland even likes “Kimchi,” a staple dish so important to Koreans that it will be taken into space on future missions by our heroic astronauts.

Of course it should come as no surprise that Sutherland also commented on how “LGC students speak English,” and how all the students have to work so hard at mastering that *de facto* global language.

Truly we live in a globalized world. One is reminded of the line; “Toto, we’re not in Kansas anymore,” which Dorothy said to her beloved little dog in the classic film *The Wizard of Oz*. ■ GH

Freshmen Highlights

by Nathan Song (Photo by Nathan Song)



Five LGC Freshmen and Prof. LoBaído in front of English Café

As 2008 has unfolded, Linton Global College has welcomed 41 new freshmen, including 23 male and 18 female students. These eager students are starting their first semester at LGC's new faculties and are quickly making new friends. Spring is now beginning to bloom and this will only add to the positive mood on campus.

Global Horizons interviewed five LGC freshmen in an attempt to get a sense of how the freshman class is adapting to life on campus. Those students are Elisha Choi, Azalea Jin, Jenny Oh, Brigiette Oh and Tina Jung.

Azalea Jin told *Global Horizons*, "I've heard about LGC from one of my friends." Jin is

interested in speaking English. "I am personally interested in speaking English. It will be also great opportunity to be around LGC as I work at improving my English."

"I found LGC information from the newspaper. It was important information [and helped me] get into LGC," added Elisha Choi.

The English-friendly environment is one of the major strengths of LGC. All LGC faculty members try to provide the best environment for our students to practice their English-speaking skills.

"I was pretty surprised that LGC students are speaking English very naturally when they have conversation," Brigiette Oh told *Global Horizons*.

"Living in the dormitory, which has English Only Policy (EOP), is exciting and that improves my English a great deal. Because of this I am satisfied with what LGC provides for us," said Tina Jung.

Jung also added; "I was touched by how the [older students] have been treating us so nicely. LGC is a unique college because they provide 100 percent English-language courses with two interesting majors; Global Business and Global Communication & Culture. And LGC has very professional English-speaking faculty members from all over the world." ■ GH

Impression of Hannam University and LGC

by Feng Dong (Photo by Feng Dong)

Traveling from Nanjing to Daejeon is not a particularly long trip, but the end of the line reveals an extraordinary different life. Actually this is the first time that I've been to another country, so my curiosity, nervousness and excitement have permeated my very being. I imagined my life at Hannam University while still at home. And now I am finally here!

The campus is not too large so as to make you feel lost. It is also well organized. Trees standing tall and regal line both sides of the main street. The lawns are still yellow from the chill of the long winter, but I can visualize what they will look like when it gets warmer. They will be green, living and dynamic. What's more, all kinds of flowers will bloom during the course of a single night and decorate the campus like a colorful garden.

Every time I come into Linton Global College, I feel as though it's a big, warm family. In this department there are many foreign students from all over the world. There are also professors from the UK, U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Iran, Hong Kong and Germany. We have classes and activities together with Korean students who are both friendly and warm-hearted. This reminds me of what a great educator once said. This wise person stated that a great university should have both professors and students from different parts of the world, and that we should see different colors of skin and hair on the campus.

Here at HNU-LGC, we have different nationalities and we communicate using different languages. Of course we dress and live in different ways. We have the chance to experience a



Feng Dong hails from China

variety of cultures and learn how to respect the culture of others. However, we are all still a part of LGC, which is like a surrogate family for everyone. During less stressful times we can simply drink a cup of coffee, study, as well as read books in the English Café. Also, we're constantly making new friends. I firmly believe our students



2008 LGC Garden Party

The Fourth Annual LGC Garden Party is going to be held at the English Café garden on Wednesday, April 30th, between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.!

will have a great and unforgettable experience that we'll remember the rest of our lives. In the end, HNU-LGC and the English Café are warm and fun places because of the people who inhabit them. ■ GH

Day of Decision: Korea's New General Election

by Layla Choi (Photo from National Election Commission Homepage)

Returning to the political arena to fight it out after four years, 18 members of the national assembly will contest for power around the nation on April 9th, 2008. Citizens 19 years of age and over will have suffrage. The voting time will span from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Voter identification will be required.

Meanwhile Lee Myung-bak, the new president of Korea who rose to power in 2008, (and made the cover of *Time*), is ready to spell out his new policy line. For this reason he will need assistant assembly members who can support his policies while remaining a **voice of the people. Lee's political future and that of his party is attached to gaining ground in the upcoming election.**

The biggest issue in the general election is the idea of building a new canal. Like the Panama Canal and the proposed Kra Canal in Thailand, the would-be Korean canal is a massive industrial undertaking. It is also a project not without controversy. Public opinion suggests the country is divided on the canal issue.

Despite the important issues the voters will face in this election, turnout may not be as high as many would have hoped for. According to the election administration committee's survey of questions put to

eligible voters, the upcoming election may find a 10 percent lower turnout than the 17th general election, which saw 58 percent voting.

One HNU-LGC student, Kim Miri, told *Global Horizons*, **"The election seems to be important, but many [citizens] are not familiar about [the various] policies and statesman. Yet we need active participation ..."**

For this reason, the election administration committee has put forth a policy that gives various incentives to voters in an effort to promote voter turnout. ■ GH



A National Election Commission Voting TV Commercial

Linton Global College



Layla Choi
April 1 (Sophomore)

Emma Jang
April 8 (Freshman)

Scott Park
April 14 (Junior)

Amy Lee
April 14 (Sophomore)

Tina Jeong
April 15 (Freshman)

Carlton Kim
April 17 (Freshman)

Jackson Lee
April 20 (Sophomore)

Terrence Kim
April 22 (Sophomore)

Tom Kim
April 27 (Sophomore)

Angela Yu
April 30 (Freshman)

LGC New Logo and Slogan Contest

The 2008 Student Council is holding a new logo and slogan contest. The winning logo and slogan will be used as the definitive symbol and mantra concerning LGC. The council is anxious to see the creativity of our students. Any member of our LGC family can turn in their inventions by Friday, April 18th. They should be printed on A4 size paper and can be submitted to anyone on the Student Board. There will be prizes awarded to the winner. For the logo— 50,000 Won in cash and 25 meal tickets. For the slogan— 20 meal tickets. Please contact: Woo Eun-jung at 010-8810-4168

2008 LGC Garden Party

LGC's Fourth Annual "Garden Party," is going to be held on Wednesday, April 30th, at the English Café. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. The Garden Party will feature LGC students living in the dormitory. The students will be divided into seven groups as they prepare their various singing and dancing performances. You'll find plenty of tasty food, entertainment as well as a great atmosphere as LGC's energetic faithful gather together. Please come and join us!

MEMBERS WANTED

Global Horizons is recruiting LGC students interested in writing editorials. You can choose any topic and your work doesn't have to be very long. If you are interested or have questions, just contact us. (globalhorizons.lgc@gmail.com)

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