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## LGC's Garden Party hits a home run with students, parents

By Layla Choi

On April 30th, 2008, the high-energy "Garden Party" was held at Linton Global College's English Café. The event sought to promote friendly relations between LGC students and their parents as well as students with different majors on the HNU campus. During this year's event, a large number of students performed various singing and dancing routines, while the LGC faculty performed a skit entitled, "Pojangmacha-Plus-uh!"

Lucy Jung, a junior at LGC, told *Global Horizons*, "The 2008 Garden Party was even more wonderful than last year's because of the participation among so many people, and the creativity of the performances was enlarged." Jung has attended three such Garden Parties and clearly felt that 2008 "took the cake."

At this year's event, students, parents and faculty members could enjoy numerable student performances. In addition, there was also an outdoor exhibition of still photos and a



The LGC faithful gather at the party

large screen digital photo presentation set to music from Professor Anthony LoBaido's Photojournalism class. These factors combined to make the atmosphere of the Garden party richer and provide a thoroughly enjoyable evening for all.

The parents of several LGC students were given photographs taken by LoBaido and his students.

Following dinner and a barbeque, the student groups held their performances, which were clearly the best part of Garden Party. These singing and dancing events immediately caught the attention of the au-

dience. Six groups performed musical, dance and a cappella segments which showed their creativity and talent. A feeling of harmony between the students and all in attendance was the result.

Group Five's performance showed the well-thought out collaboration between the elder and younger students. They won the award for the "Best

Performance," while many onlookers were also filled with praise for the pop dance routine of Meredith Baek. Many were moved by Christine Ikiat, an exchange student from Uganda, and her solo performance. The dancing of Louis Choi also electrified the crowd.

The LGC Garden Party provided the chance to build friendships and show off the students' life to the visiting parents. In 2009, the Garden Party will probably be even better than this year's event – multiplying both participation and creativity. ■ GH

## The first Korean astronaut: Yi So-Yeon soars to the heavens and returns

By Feng Dong

On Saturday, April 19, 2008, the Soyuz capsule which carried South Korea's first astronaut, Yi So-Yeon, landed safely in northern Kazakhstan.

After training for a year in Russia, Yi (Korea's second choice to fly) successfully traveled into outer space with two other astronauts from the U.S. and Russia. By doing so she became the first astronaut (male or female) in the history of Korea. Yi also participated in eighteen scientific experiments while in orbit around the Earth. The Soyuz capsule

landed 20 minutes later than the originally planned time and 420 kilometers from the intended landing site.

According to various media reports, Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said the condition of the crew, which featured bioengineer Yi, American astronaut



Astronaut Yi So-Yeon

Peggy Whitson and Russian flight engineer Yuri Malenchenko, was satisfactory. This despite the fact that the three had been subjected to severe G-forces during the re-entry. In fact, the re-entry was quite dangerous and Yi's life hung in the balance. Through God's grace, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Yi returned to Incheon International Airport and was greeted as a true Korean hero. ■ GH

## Indiana Jones Comes to Korea: Anthony C. LoBaido Falls in Love with HNU-LGC

By Lauren Kim

Anthony C. LoBaido arrived in Korea on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 as a new full-time professor. His posting to Hannam University is a vital part of the major transformation of HNU-LGC's original core conception.

Beginning in Tampa, Florida, (where LoBaido had just completed a book about university teaching for Atlantic Publishers in Ocala, Fla.) his journey to Asia passed through Taipei to Thailand, (for his ROK visa) and then back to Taipei, before reaching his final destination -- Korea. LoBaido was brought to HNU-LGC by Dr. Graeme Webb to teach photojournalism and several other communications courses, as well as to co-advise *Global Horizons*.

In a candid interview with *Global Horizons*, LoBaido said he's "Looking forward to learning the Korean language, continuing my photography as well as polishing my courses in areas such as global journalism, ethics, mass communication and globalization. I'm really excited about all of the excellent students."

Professor LoBaido has lived an extraordinary life. He has worked and traveled in over 40 countries crisscrossing the continents -- including Guatemala and Nicaragua in Central America, Namibia and Botswana in Africa, Jordan and Lebanon in Middle East, and Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos in Southeast Asia.

Akin to a real life "Indiana Jones," LoBaido formerly taught as a professor at Baylor University in the United States.

LoBaido is a human "journalism story factory," having published over 300 stories and columns on *WND.com*, which has over eight million readers per month. He's experienced adventures which are

usually the stuff of Hollywood movies and romantic novels. LoBaido has published stories about his time at the British Army jungle warfare training in Belize, photographing the 54,000 elephants at the Chobe Nature Reserve in Botswana, the plight of Israel super spy Jonathan Pollard, retracing Lawrence of Arabia's World War I trek, as well as making a pilgrimage to the Biblical Noah's Ark near Kars, Turkey.

Through his journalism articles and



Anthony C. LoBaido drafting his article "Holiday in Cambodia"

exciting Blog, LoBaido has brought together a wide range of stories, adventures, dreams and aspirations of the peoples of planet Earth for his readers to enjoy. These stories are augmented by the *National Geographic*-caliber photos he's taken all around the world.

While listening to his teaching philosophy, it quickly becomes clear that Professor LoBaido doesn't teach only mass communication and photojournalism, but moreover the value of ethical behavior and seeking to live

a life that brings glory to God. His soul is deeply humanistic and humorous. He's funny and even silly at times, singing little songs and giving his students various nicknames. Yet LoBaido often tells his students, "Life is work, work and more work."

For instance, he readily tells stories about his former university students in St. Louis, Missouri; "Erin Rogers, Jennifer-Michelle Markheim, Drew Hamilton and the 'Liv Tyler clone' Andrea Angel," who were, LoBaido says, "Model human beings caring for sick parents -- talented and beautiful inside and out whilst always remaining humble and kind." A true bond has been created and LoBaido says his former students will always remain a part of himself.

In a similar fashion, LoBaido has already been blessed with a cadre of new Korean students whom he readily says are, "Friendly, happy, less rushed and less stressed out" compared with his students in other places.

"You couldn't ask for a better boss than Dr. Webb. The secret of LGC's greatness flows directly from him.

"When I saw the students working together at the Garden Party, preparing the food, barbecuing, the singing and dancing skits, the photography displays ... well right then and there I fell in love with LGC. Koreans are a truly talented and decent people. I'm becoming very attached to the students in only a short period of time. As teachers we are here for the stu-

dents and their parents. It's really that simple," LoBaido told *Global Horizons*.

LoBaido loves teaching just as he loves journalism. "Traveling, writing and photography are like breathing to me," he said. Additionally, Professor LoBaido tries to make his classroom a unique haven, where he seeks to maintain, "That certain level of intensity, excitement, and enthusiasm." He tells his students, "If you don't look back in four months and say; 'This was the greatest experience of my life,' then I will have failed you. And I don't intend to fail!"

Professor LoBaido also told *Global Horizons* he has high hopes of starting his own ESL TV show on KBS right here in Techo Valley, as well as using his teaching skills to strengthen the Armed Forces of the Republic of Korea. He quoted Woody Allen as saying; "Eighty-five percent of success is just showing up."

Asked about what LoBaido means to HNU-LGC, Professor Louisa Lau-Kim said, "If I were to compare LGC to a kingdom, and our faculty members were royalty, Anthony would almost certainly be the royal Court Jester. He is always happy. He brings laughter wherever he goes. I for one am definitely glad he joined LGC. Our students will benefit greatly from his vast experience as a journalist and as a Christian educator."

Although he'd never admit it, in a matter of weeks Professor LoBaido has proven himself to be a gifted photographer and dedicated teacher who never tires of motivating his students to achieve great things. Truly, Anthony C. LoBaido is pioneering a whole new world of possibilities for the students and parents of HNU-LGC. ■ GH

## Meet Zhang Meng Yuan, Chinese Exchange Student

By Russell Kim



Zhang Meng Yuan has come to Hannam University-Linton Global College from Nanjing University in China. Most HNU-LGC students just call her "Kelly."

Zhang's brilliant smile and kind and humble attitude gives others a nice first impression of her. Zhang is majoring accounting at Nanjing University. She is now taking a wide variety of classes in Linton Global College such as "Quantitative Methods," which focuses on statistics.

Zhang can be referred to as "Mobeom" (Korean for "good thinking") because she's always concentrating on what our professors say during their lectures. She's very sincere while in class.

The semester is flying by, and it has been three months since Zhang's life in Korea began. Since ancient times, China has interacted with Korea in many aspects, including the cultural and political realms. What Zhang thinks about Korea from a Chinese person's point of view is interesting to say the least.

"Not only are the economy and technology of Korea developed, but

also the environment has the appearance of grace," Zhang told *Global Horizons* in an exclusive interview. She added that the "Korean people are passionate, hospitable as well as patriotic."

Zhang also noted that the people at HNU-LGC are "kind" and that they have "helped her in adjusting to life in Korea" very quickly.

Zhang mentioned that LGC provides her with several benefits. Primarily, since all the lectures are in English, she must speak English -- because she doesn't know how to speak Korean. Furthermore, she's satisfied with the active class style

instruction which includes both student presentations and discussions.

According to Zhang, her roommates are "kind and patient," even if they are not good at speaking English. She explained to *Global Horizons* that they "try to listen" to what she is saying and to understand her.

Zhang added that "life in Korea is impeccable," yet she "misses her parents very much." Through the HNU-LGC exchange student program, young people like Ms. Zhang have the chance to become more independent and grow in their level of maturity. ■ GH

## Student Column: "Around the World and Back"

By Mi-jin Jang [Discusses her time overseas]

I am now a senior at HNU-LGC and also an exchange student at Green Mountain College (GMC) in the American state of Vermont.

Luckily I was selected to become one of five students participating in an exchange program for the first time including students from LGC. I was told it would be a good idea to write down some of my experiences, opinions and other information about where I am currently, so that hopefully some people, mainly my fellow LGC students, might find it useful and/or interesting.

It was one of those typical days of dormitory life in my freshman year when I happened to see a former exchange student of GMC, Eun-ho Kim, through his mini-homepage. Fortunately he was a brother of my friend, Su-min Kim. Su-min showed me some online photographs of Eun-ho and his life at GMC. I immediately fell in love with the college due to its beautiful green and snowy environment. This helped me decide to apply to become an exchange student when I became a junior.

Last year, I was selected to become an exchange student to at-

tend GMC as I had hoped. All the students at Hannam University have the opportunity to participate in an international exchange program. The programs are not restricted to our students unless they are not qualified enough in terms of their GPA and TOFLE scores. I think it all depends on the individual, but LGC students already are in a good position when they apply for the exchange program because they have higher average TOFLE scores than students from other departments.

Even though the size of the school is very small, with an undergraduate population of approximately 750, I was surprised by the international office of GMC, which was well organized. Once I arrived overseas, those at GMC really welcomed me with open arms. The classes are taught by professors who understand current global trends, especially envi-



Mi-jin Jang (center) with her friends

ronmental issues. I have taken some excellent courses such as Negotiation and the Environment and World History and the Environment.

I also got a chance to travel to some other parts of the northeast region, including New York City, Boston, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and on further to Chicago and Las Vegas. One of my best memories was traveling from Chicago to Las Vegas by bus for about four days. This was a very challenging experience for me. I consider my experiences in the U.S. as an adventure. I figured that the opportunities and advantages

that arise from embarking on such an adventure are endless. I had the unique opportunity to engage in several projects and social work. Some of those included participating on the GMC's student team for the prestigious Student Campaign for Child Survival Conference in Washington D.C.

There was also a face-to-face negotiation with graduate students from Nagoya University, creating a website as part of a project in my Negotiation and the Environment class, engaging in founding an institution called the "Inter-Cultural Center," and being a part of a student colloquium.

Traveling and working with different people taught me that the diversity of the American people in regard to culture and religion is unmatched by the typical Korean lifestyle. ■ GH

## Uncomfortable assignment: "The Moment of Death" Chills HNU-LGC Student

By Kay Kim

Last week I carried out an uncomfortable assignment; writing my last will and testament. It wasn't as easy as I expected. I spent countless hours just sitting at a desk. I had an awkward moment while looking back over my past, and started to write my last will and testament.

While reflecting on my past I got very emotional. There were so many regrets which led me to question whom or what I have been living for. I felt like I was a big-time loser.

For instance, I had always wanted to play billiards. I don't know why, but in my eyes, girls playing billiards in tight jeans always looked unquestionably cool. Yet, I never got the chance to be one of them. I dreamed of watching the sun rising on a beach in

Kang-Won province, but that never happened either.

I was eager to find a true best friend with whom I could share everything — a person I could mentally rely on, but I never tried hard enough to make this a reality. That's why I felt

so lonely and hopeless while writing my will. I could have done the things listed above. I had the money, time and energy. But what I lacked was passion — a passion for life. I always thought I had enough time left to enjoy my life



but time wasn't the problem. I didn't have enough passion in me to fully enjoy life.

For 22 years, I have been living my life — at least I thought I have been. But in fact it wasn't my life. If it were, I wouldn't have felt so hopeless while writing my will.

While looking back, I realized that all I have tried to do was to achieve goals set by myself. I dragged myself forward in an effort to overcome my limits. Even though I achieved satisfactory results on many occasions, I missed the most

significant truth in life — enjoying the act of living. I didn't love my life enough to enjoy it in and of itself.

Writing my last will and testament was not the kind of assignment that I was hoping for. Yet it made me realize the way I've been living. And more often than not, my path was not very pleasant. I would not have known that I harbored so many regrets in my life had I not done the assignment. I would have assumed that everything was going well while in fact it was not.

Now I have come to realize that I should enjoy living my life, and when I can fully enjoy living, there would be no regrets when I finally write out my last will and testament. ■ GH



**Hannam University**  
The 2nd Annual Hannam  
**English Cafe**  
**Open Day**

**When** *Wednesday, 28th May 2008*  
*1:00 ~ 5:00 PM*

**Where**  
*Hannam English Cafe*  
*Between Chaplain's Office and*  
*College of Economics and Business*

**Who** *Any HNU student who*  
*is interested in the English Cafe*

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### English Café's Open House

LGC is going to hold its 2nd Annual English Café Open House on May 28th, 2008, between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. We hope all LGC students will come and enjoy the party and mingle with other people.

There will be two major events; a photo exhibition and a speech contest. If there's anyone who wants to join these contests, please contact junior Amy Song.

If you have any questions about the English Café's Open House, please call Jina Chun at 011-9197-4580.

**Chapel Run by LGC**

The Chapel service will be held by LGC students on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Those students voluntarily serving are expected to prepare with all their heart.

# Linton Global College



**Hannah Jung**  
May 3 (Sophomore)

**Kang Seo-jin**  
May 5 (Freshman)

**Hong Seung-eok**  
May 18 (Freshman)

**Song Joon-young**  
May 26 (Senior)

## 2008 International Student Festival

HNU's Center of Korean Language and Korean Studies is holding an 'International Festival' from Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, to Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be an 'International Food Festival' in front of the English Café Garden from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. All Hannam students and visitors are welcomed to join the party.

Events will include a Korean Language Contest that will be held in the open air theater just beyond O-jung pond.

### Interested in a journalism career?

Global Horizons is looking forward to welcoming new members from LGC. You can become a freelance writer or staff member who works through the journalism process altogether. Writing an editorial (or an essay) will be a good chance to practice your writing, meet fellow aspiring writers, and get published in the LGC newsletter. If you are interested in writing, taking photos, designing and editing, then feel free to contact us. ([globalhorizons.lgc@gmail.com](mailto:globalhorizons.lgc@gmail.com))



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