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## Remembering Junik



There was a boy, little outwardly but strong at heart, who used to say he wanted to be a songwriter, poet, and translator. He liked listening to music, singing songs, reading books and writing. He also liked English so much that he decided to continue studying it at a university. He certainly was here at KCU and he was with us at the English Department, for the past several months. As though it had been a dream! Looking back, he must have been an angel who came down to see and feel the world of humans. When Prof. Axon sent an anonymous poem she found on the Internet, I felt that it was a little story of Junik Park, himself.

God looked around his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the Earth,  
And saw his tired face.  
He put his arms around him  
And lifted him to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that he was suffering  
He knew he was in pain.  
He knew that he would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb.  
So he closed his weary eyelids  
And whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose him  
But he didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with him  
The day God called him home.

Junik is remembered by many of us, both teachers and fellow students: "He was cheerful, humorous, responsible, and academic. He was ready to accept challenges. When he called me from the hospital, he said he wanted to come back to school.... We hope to present him with an honorary diploma." – Prof. Youngran Park, "Despite the physical disability, he was dignified and confident at the English Speech Contest. I thought he was incredible." – Hayoung Kim (English, sophomore), "Junik did his best in every activity. He didn't leave until the end of the speech contest and participated in the photo-taking session. He was inspiring us and I used to think that I would live life to the full just like him." – Jungsook Yu (Department Assistant), "The last time I saw him was when I was an actor for the English play this year and he was in the audience. When our eyes met, I asked how he liked the play, and he said it was good. I thought we were going to have many more chances to talk to each other later." – Haseung Jung (English, sophomore), "We took the same course in the spring semester this year. He was active and ardent in the group work." – Hojin Lee (Child Welfare, senior), "In the course in reading, we were on the same group. He was enthusiastic in asking questions and answering in class." – Dayeon Woo (English, freshman), "He was physically uncomfortable, but he did overcome the disability. I wanted to learn his invincible spirit. He was the winner of life." – Mikyoung Kim (Welfare Ministry & English, junior), "Junik was always with his mom, whose devoted love and care was impressive. I regret that I couldn't have many chances to talk to him. I never thought he would leave us this soon." – Sandeul Lee (English, freshman), "When I saw his portrait at the funeral parlor, he was giving the most radiant smile I'd ever seen." – Hyeeseung Jo (English, freshman), "Junik was good at explaining things. I thought he's cut out for a teacher. Everyone loved him." – Hannah Lee (English, freshman), "He and his mom were together and they looked on the same wavelength. When I come across him, he was the first to say hi." – Seungho Shim (English, freshman), "I was his helper last semester, and he was warm and friendly to me. I can't believe that he's not with us anymore." – Jaehwan Yoo (English, sophomore), "He was respectable, and so was his mother. He was passionate about learning, always sitting along with his mom at the very front of the lecture room. The room looks empty without him now." – Sanghwa Lee (English, freshman), "I realized I didn't have to worry about his disability when I saw him attending all the classes and events of the school. I feel sorry that I couldn't have a chance to say goodbye." – Sehee Yang (English, freshman),



“When I think about Junik Park, two images come to my mind. First, I remember him on the stage during the Speech Contest delivering his speech, and so being an inspiration for all of us. Second, I remember his smiling face, during our Drama Festival, when he won the last raffle prize. In his wheelchair, and even if he was not feeling well at the moment, he still came to the play, unlike other students, to encourage the actors and his fellow students.” – Prof. Marianne Axon

Junik had an exhilarating life, albeit short: he was admitted to the English Department, KCU, in March 2014. As we all assure, he was active in and out of class. He was 19 when he came to us first and he was still 19 when he left us one day in fall the same year, after a few weeks of illness in hospital. First, it was a cold that later developed into asthma. By the time he recovered from the asthma, the virus attacked his feeble heart, which led to his sudden death.

Even though he left us so soon and early, we will remember him every time we have class each semester with blooming flowers and with dazzling fall foliage on the

campus. On the wall of my office, I still see his poem that he wrote at the spring festival of the school. He was awarded the first prize in the “three-phrase poem” contest which required that one should write a poem with his/her favorite professor’s name. Each phrase of the poem was supposed to start with each of the syllables of a selected name – there are usually three syllables in Koreans’ names. He chose my name, 안영란 (An, Youngran), and went, “‘안녕’이라고 말하지 마세요, 영원히 우린 함께 해요, ‘란’ 그대와 함께여서 행복해요” (*Don’t say goodbye, Let’s be together forever, I’m happy being with you*). Yes, we were happy together!

We know that we will remember Junik ever after with his bright smiles and enthusiasm for learning. If someone asks me some day, “So, who was Junik?”, I would respond, “If you happen to see a person with a splendid smile, you are seeing him. If you encounter a person who’s eager to learn with limpid eyes, you are meeting him.”

Prof. Youngran An

## ‘Travelling Echo’ Plans on Dominating Europe through Global Theme Travel

*KCU gives more opportunities for its students to go abroad and experience globalization.*

Upon entering the year of 2013, KCU has started many new programs for its students. Those who took interest were in a hurry to take part in them. Among the programs that caught the students’ eyes the most was Global Theme Travel.

GTT a.k.a. Global Theme Travel was first introduced by the Global Exposition, which took place on September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup>. The exposition itself didn’t attract a large crowd but when Global Theme Travel was introduced, many students signed up.

GTT picks two teams applying for Europe/America and two teams applying for Eastern Asia, and then supports the four teams by giving scholarships. On the Europe/America side, each team member receives 1.5 million won and 700 thousand won for Eastern Asia side. The team consists of four to five people and a written plan must be submitted in order to sign up. The judges decide how to pick those four teams out of all the contestants using the submitted proposals. A well written plan would include the main theme, information on team and members, which countries they are travelling, what they plan on doing in each country, and calculation of travel expenses. Also, it must be educational overall, and KCU students must be able to gain something from it.

About 20 teams applied for this program hoping they could travel abroad and experience a world outside of Korea. Overcoming the tough competition, four teams cried in happiness being chosen. Out of the four, a team called ‘Travelling Echo’ (탐방아리 in Korean) has taken one of the spots.

Travelling Echo consists of five people, four English majors and one Child Welfare major. The members are Woo Dayeon (freshman) who is the leader, Yoo Ja Eun (sophomore), Mo Minhee (junior), Yoon Hanui (junior), and Lee Hojin (senior). These five have gathered on the common goal: to learn about Europe while spreading the Korean culture.

To start off, they chose England, France, and Germany as their travelling route. Then, they found universities with Korean or Korean-related studies majors in each of the three countries. Travelling Echo wanted to begin their quest by communicating with those who are closest to them, and meet other university students with whom they can relate. With the help of English major professors, they sent e-mails to University of London, Université Paris Diderot, and Universitat Hamburg. In the e-mails, they introduced themselves along with the purpose of why they want to visit and what they plan on doing at their school. From Univ. of London, the team has already received a positive reply. From Université Paris Diderot, there was a reply but apparently there is a need for a change in schedule which the team is still currently working on. Once the date for staying in Paris is finalized, the team will answer to the received reply. Unfortunately, the reply from Universitat Hamburg has yet to come and the team is still waiting.

As of now, Travelling Echo has finished buying the tickets for a round trip and is revising their plans into a more specific and detailed blueprint to hand it in for the finalists’ deadline. Each and every member is very excited that it is becoming more

realistic as time passes. They are hoping that they can do well while they are over there. The team leader, Woo says, "It is actually tiring and hard because there are lots of things to prepare before we go. But I believe that my team can pull through and the effort that we're putting in now will prove to be useful later on. I trust in my friends and that is why I know we can overcome all this."

탐방아리 Team:

Dayeon Woo, Hanui Yoon, Hojin Lee, Jaemun Yoo, Minhee Mo

## Dreamers of KCU, Challenge Globally!

The global fair took place at EnC café (language lab) in the Creation Building from September 30<sup>th</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>. The exhibition was sponsored by Korean Christian University. Many of the KCU's students with enterprising minds took part in the global exhibition. The purpose of the event was to allow students to access all the information related to a variety of global programs, and to encourage them to grasp the opportunities. Among them were Working Holiday, KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency), student exchange programs, and global volunteering programs.

Apart from these well-known programs, the school presented a very special program called "Global Theme Travel." With the program, students have a chance to spend time in foreign countries. Then what is so special about the program? Students find the program very helpful because the school provides support from 700,000 won up to 1,500,000 won. A team consisting of 4 to 5 K.C.U students with(out) a professor can apply to this program. The first step is to make an application including specific plans: the destination, places to visit, transportation, the total expenditure, and so on. Once they have been chosen, the teams will fly to their destinations. After the trip, the teams should submit a report, and give a presentation on the trip. Hayoung Kim is a sophomore majoring in English. She said, "I heard many students are applying for this program. Since it's highly competitive, my team may not be selected, but I am still

looking forward to it." "Global Theme Travel" was by far the most popular program of this year. Regardless of the relatively complex application form that the school has required, 20 teams have given their best shot. Only 5 out of 20 teams will win the chance to spend a great vacation outside the country. Unfortunately, it is uncertain whether the school will hold the same program next year.

A majority of students have made some positive comments about the global fair. Mikyung Kim (Welfare Ministry & English), a junior student and a staff member of the fair, said "It was such a valuable experience to take part in this program as a staff member. Also I was glad that KCU hosted the global fair, so students would have more chances by participating in this exhibition." Another student named Hyunjung Yang (Social Welfare), a sophomore, said "I have been always interested in doing volunteer work, and by this time next year I will be helping children abroad." KCU's global fair was arguably the best chance for students who are in need of global experience. It helped students to widen their horizon of viewing the world, and led them into potential opportunities. Good news is that the exhibition will be held every year, hopefully with even more programs.

For further information, please refer to the KCU's Global Fair website: <http://cafe.naver.com/kcuglobal>

Haseung Jung, Hayoung Kim

### 2013 English Drama Festival

The play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* starring the students of the English Department was staged on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Everyone involved in the play spent the spring and summer together, dreaming the same dream.



 NEWSCLIP

## Reasons Why People don't Buy Houses

Investment in real estate, before experiencing the financial crisis of 2008, was very lucrative in Korea. Prices went up every year and the apartment installment market was active also. Then, due to the subprime mortgage fiasco, the Korean market was attacked, causing business stagnation in the real estate markets. As a matter of fact, I am living with mother who has a license in real estate sales. Thus, I experienced these things from her indirectly. When the real estate market was active, there were many people in her office and heavy trading took place as well. Nowadays, the rate of trading in the real estate market has taken a nosedive, and also a strange phenomenon started to appear in Korea. In short, it means that the lease price of a house is higher than sales price of a house.

### How did it happen?

We can consider the reason as the change of recognition. Real estate was a symbol of increasing property until the subprime mortgage bubble popped in the U.S. real estate. However, we are faced with the possibility of prices decreasing rather than increasing. The time of rapidly developing economies and high interest is gone. Many would rather take back rental money instead of buying the house. In the case of the owner, receiving deposit and depositing was lucrative, but now the rate of profit is low with only interest because of the low bank rate. Monthly rent then became more than a key money deposit.

### Then, why were home loans going bad in spite of the low interest rate?

A low interest rate and increase of money supply are

connected to economic expansion. These factors can create a trap of liquidity. The main reason for falling into a trap of liquidity is that the economic subject, such as family and enterprise, don't spend money producing or consuming, thus predicting that the economy would be aggravated. The enterprise doesn't like investing money and families reduce consumption, so this brought the stagnation of practical economies. This is the real condition that an interest rate cut doesn't reflect real economy. This reason is caused by the fact that whenever the economy is faced with crisis, companies reduce the number of regular workers and increase the number of temporary workers. The problem, however, is that workers' salary does not increase in pay even though the profit of company dramatically increases. Small business owners are becoming overwhelmed by larger corporate enterprises. As a result, middle class is decreasing at a rapid speed and the "absolutely poor" are increasing, meaning that the chances to get houses start disappearing.

### What policy should the government carry out?

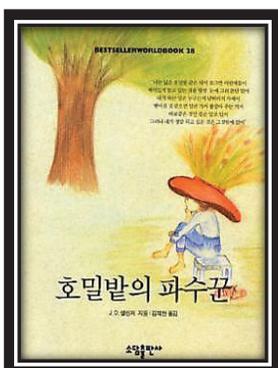
The problem in our economy is that the price of living is getting higher annually but the real income can't catch up with it. For the housing market to improve, real income should match or exceed the growing inflation. Also, an increased opportunity to access affordable home loans should be provided for newly married couples and small income earners. At last, speculation of real estate should be kept in order not to cause the real estate bubble to happen again.

Hyeonuk Park, Geonjae Kim

 BOOK REVIEW

## The Catcher in the Rye

*Growth does not come without 'privileges' of the youth: dream, departure and wandering.*



These days, there is a significant topic about youth psychology. Teenagers are confused by the nitpicking of families and by the modern society. Also, they are concerned about changing trends or preparing their goals. Because of this, adolescents need to learn about being optimistic about their future success, and believe in their abilities. Related to these contents, there is a book that will help the youth understand more about themselves.

The novelist, Jerome David Salinger was born in New York and spends his life in seclusion. He didn't expect that he would have a lot of success with his novels. However, in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, he published many books and he eventually became a best seller. He is best known for the book he published entitled "The Catcher in the Rye."

This book is the story of Holden Caulfield who is the main character staying alone in New York. In this story, Holden failed most of his subjects and was expelled from the private school. He was sick and tired of the hypocritical world of adults and had antipathy to the snobbish life of

the middle class. Then, he decided to stay in New York for four days until his parents got the expulsion notice. Actually, he



dreamed of protecting pure children like his younger sister Phoebe, and his younger brother Ellie. He wanted to be the catcher in the rye, but the real world is tough. He said, "What I do is if anyone will fall from the cliff, go ahead and hold them. I got to know a stupid line, but what I really want it is to be like the catcher in the rye." At last, we take story and return to the Holden of one year later, the one who was telling us this story. He's clearly in therapy for getting "sick" in some way. He says he's supposed to go back to school in September, but he's not sure whether or not things will be any better this time around. He concludes with a desire that he hadn't told us this story at all, since it makes him miss all the people he'd met.

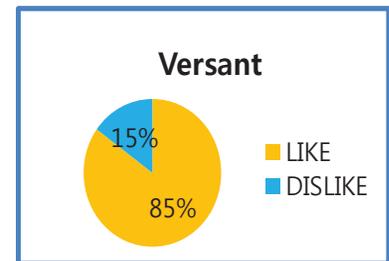
The reason why I choose this book is to tell the readers to look back to their lives and consider if they may be one of the people like Holden. Do not consider your life negatively. Also, the reason why I recommend this novel is that you can learn to think critically about the world around you and gain knowledge about global views and political thoughts.

Sehee Yang

## Versant English Test

What is "Versant"? It is a test that shows the examinees' English level as well as the predicted scores on TOEFL or TOEIC. This test has been spread out to many countries such as America, China, and Japan with increasing popularity. Recently, KCU has adopted this test as part of one of school's programs and 164 students from all grades took this test.

Out of 164 people, 50 of them were interviewed in order to know more about the test and how it was viewed. According to the results, 85% approved of this test while 15% disapproved.



The 85% who said the test proved to be useful was that it showed their English level in

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a short amount of time. It was nice because it did not take too much of their personal time and the results showed the points where they need to improve. Also, the test was convenient because it was all done on computer. Not only did the grades show their achievement in English in academics but in daily life as well. However, those who did not like the test stated that it was a waste of time. Mainly, they felt that the grading system was flawed. Out of those 15%, some remarked that the grades were different from their previous grades. They felt that their grades from Versant came out either too high or too low, thus reducing the trust level of participants.

Even though there were two sides regarding the satisfaction of Versant, both sides agreed that certain elements of the testing process needed improvement, which turned out to be about the facilities, not about the test *per se*. The first element that needed to be improved was the headsets. The sounds were unclear and too low to hear. The second problem was the microphones. The microphones did not work well and could not recognize the voices or answers. The examinees had to keep on repeating their answers which tired them out. On the internet, there were also surveys saying that their scores were miscalculated due to the malfunction of the testing gears. The third and final problem was the testing environment. The sounds of other test takers were the cause of decrease in concentration and mishearing of the test questions.

Overall, the contents of the test showed efficiency in displaying an individual's English skills. If only the environment and the testing tools would improve in quality, the results would have improved. As a whole, KCU's trial in using the Versant gave many splendid results and room for improvement for future use. After going through trial and error at KCU, the test might just become popular among the students here, as well.

Hyunwoo Jung, Hojin Lee

## Visualize Your Ability

Modern society places great emphasis on grades, the level of university, and TOEFL scores. However, more and more university students are participating in international activities such as volunteering abroad, taking part in the contest and being involved with



“supporters.” The supporters program is very popular and attracts interest among students because they can meet new people and experience creative things. Some of the participants can also get the chance to do an internship at companies. Supporters are not loved only by the students but companies, as well. They like it because they can find highly qualified employees. They can also promote their company through students. For these reasons, recruits for this program are overflowing. There are several key areas to this growing opportunity:

#### AK mall MVP Supporters

☞ Duties & Responsibility: MVP Supporters provide a real marketing experience. This program is divided into three parts of application, i.e., Online Marketers, Viral, and Power Blogging. Viral is about making images. Participants also take part in meetings, doing missions for a team, and making events. The working period is 4 months.

☞ Benefits: The company provides lectures that experts teach, and helps you meet a mentor. The best 3 people get a chance to go abroad. AK Mall also gives money to do personal activities. Finally, the best person has the opportunity to earn an internship at that company. Some of them get a job through it.

#### WFUNA Supporters

☞ Duties & Responsibility: The group will be selected to assist WFUNA (World Federation of United Nations Associations) and their international secretariat's work in the region by providing programmatic advice. Most of the supporters' work focuses on developing and planning programmatic contents for upcoming youth programs in Korea (Youth Forum: Korea, Youth Camp: Korea, Training Program at the United Nations, etc.) You also provide innovative ideas for potential youth programs that WFUNA can engage in. They also need workers to promote WFUNA's presence in Korea through various SNS and media platforms. The working period is 4 months.

☞ Benefits: Basically, all the people who take part in the supporters continually do mentoring. These mentors help by giving career building advice from WFUNA's international secretariat. The first WFUNA supporters group will receive a

hand-signed certificate from WFUNA's Secretary-General after successful completion of its term. One outstanding student will receive a special scholarship to participate in WFUNA's training program at the United Nations. That person also has an opportunity to meet WFUNA's leaders including the Secretary-General, President, and Vice-President.

#### Amore-Pacific Beauty Point Supporters

☞ Duties & Responsibility: This supporters activity is concerned with experiencing Beauty Point. You have to participate in beauty classes and festivals as a marketer. The company also wants to publicize their merchandise.

☞ Benefits: They offer all of Amore-Pacific products for nothing. There are also camping plans with experts who specialize in that field. The best supporter is given a chance to do internship at this cosmetics firm.

Here are the three websites that may help in getting more information:

AK mall MVP Supporters:

<http://cafe.naver.com/akmall1>

WFUNA Supporters:

[www.wfuna.org](http://www.wfuna.org)

Amore-Pacific Beauty Point Supporters:

<http://www.facebook.com/APbeautypoint>

Hyunjung Yang

## Prizewinning Essays

*The 1<sup>st</sup> English Essay Contest, November 2013*

### The Worst Past for the Best Future

Learning about the past has a certain value for those of us living in the present. Since we are living in a fast-changing society, the old values are being neglected, and the new values are replacing them. Students no longer want to learn about the boring history. Their parents and even teachers don't encourage them to study history. Maybe there is no room left for history, for it has nothing to do with monetary value. Indeed, learning about the past doesn't guarantee

one's success. However, this tendency may have some harmful effects on us.

Firstly, our disregard for history may cause crucial problems. A Hitler-like person can possess evil thoughts in his mind and try to realize them. People who forgot about the past can be instigated by the one; consequently, the people would gladly take orders from him and practice madness without any notion. The one is not always a person,

yet it could be a government, a political party or an organization. Terrible wars, massacres and discriminations can be prevented because we are able to judge the things happening around us more objectively by knowing our history.

For our new generation is suffering from a long recession, we are prone to depend on the most radical political forces. A majority of the newly elected leaders around the world are often inclined to support fascistic policies. They seize citizens' freedom and purposely cause war menace to reinforce their power. People get confused and don't know where they are going. The worse the situation turns into, the worse leaders they rely on. They are like the blind and only history can be the indicator of the right path for them. Like this, our generation is in need of education in history, or else the war cloud hanging over us will soon develop into a real war.

Lastly, the most important thing is not to know the past,

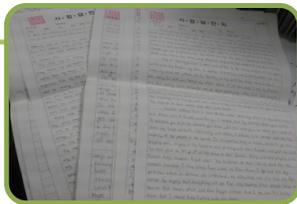
but to know the right one. Countries show tendencies to fabricate the past, thus sugarcoating their faulty history for their own national interest. Textbooks are being manipulated and the media is brainwashing viewers and readers. Young and immature students are easily influenced by their teachers, and some irrational teachers are planting dangerous and radical thoughts in their young minds. And when they grow up, they are most likely to reenact the same lunacy. The happenings in George Orwell's novel "1984" are not fiction anymore. They are being realized at this very moment.

In conclusion, learning about the past and its history is highly beneficial to us, for we can make the wisest decisions all the time. We can be impartial and neutral with the aid of the past. A brighter day would be waiting for our next generation. After all, the worst past will turn into the best future.

Haseung Jung



The students all gather to take part in the Essay Contest.



The essays are submitted.



The judges who are the professors of English Department take their time with their evaluations.



The prizewinners all line up for pictures.

## How to Deal with Stress

People have different ways of escaping the stress and difficulties of modern life. Some read, some exercise, others work in their gardens. Then, how should we deal with stress? I would like to introduce three steps of managing stress, especially in human relationships. In the first step, you should find one thing or more that you can really enjoy. Second is to recognize that nobody can be like you. And the final step is to be in a person's shoes.

The first step is known to everybody. Do what you like and forget the reason that drives you distracted. This method is the best way to escape stress in a short term. As I mentioned above, you can read, go hiking, cry out in a singing room, eat as much as you want, or you just can sleep all day long. After you finish your treatment, you could feel some stress has subsided.

The second step is for those who have been hurt deeply so that they cannot even practice the first step. The second step is admitting that we are different in various ways. It gives you a lot of stress when realizing that other people cannot be like you, they don't understand you, or they even don't care because they don't think they have to. Even though you

already know the fact that every person is different, you get a huge shock when you are faced with the situation. You may get angry and say that how they could talk to you like that and treat you that way. However, acknowledging how different we are from one another and laying down our stubbornness will eventually help us relieve stress.

The final step comes after the second step. There is an old saying. "Always put yourself in other people's shoes. If you feel hurt, the same can hurt other people, too." You should realize that each one of us is different and can be distinct in ways of thinking process. Then, try to be in that person's shoes. Some people could ask why. Why do you have to be so thoughtful to the one who hurt you? What for? I would like to say that it is because you can be in the exactly same situation, or in the end, the one that hurt you may eventually understand you. So, be in that person's shoes.

Some doctors say that stress is the root of all diseases. Frankly speaking, I am recently dealing with stress in human relationships. At first, I was too angry to handle my feelings. But after following the first step and second step, I am now in the final step. Being in that person's shoes is very hard to

me, but I'll keep trying. I recommend that you follow the three steps as a remedy for your stress. Do what you enjoy,

admit that people are different in all aspects, and put yourself in the other person's shoes.

Jiyoung Moon



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