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## Editor's pen



My name is Choi Ji-Young and I am the editor of The DEL MEDIA's current magazine for the English Department.

While it is my wish to see this publication progress into a magazine, it will have to suffice as just a big and ungraceful newspaper for now.

For the moment, that is not important. What is important is what DEL MEDIA has to offer to you: challenges. We have only a limited knowledge about any aspects of our life, whether it is campus life, thinking about society, interviews and school news, or whatever. There is only so much people will allow themselves to hear because of whatever "scene" they may be in or because of what they were brought up with.

Whatever the case may be, there are a lot of stories that are out there that we just don't know anything about until we encounter them and read them with an open mind.

This is nothing new as it is true for a lot of people. I hope this publication will be a step to recognize "university student adventures" and, hopefully, challenge some of your ideas about what a "good" article is and, perhaps, isn't.

There are many features I wanted to bring to this publication. I hope that you will take the time to go through the articles and see what is on writers' minds. But for the most part, have fun with the newspaper because that's why I'm doing it!

Anyways, enough talk. If you've read this far, you're a better person for it (just kidding). At any rate, take a moment to look around and check out the articles. Once you discover something that you find curious, I congratulate you.

And I want to thank to Prof. Kim Jin-OK, and Prof. Carol D' Audney, who helped generously on editing the articles and gave me good instruction.

And, thanks also go to our lovely and beautiful members, Miso, Yumin, Yeonji, Sua and Lee Kyeong-sun. It couldn't have been done if they hadn't helped me. Thank you guys!

I want to welcome you once again and thank you for taking a moment to check out this publication. I believe that it will be well worth your while. Enjoy!

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### ■ Leaders of the English Department!!

Some students of the English Department are very hectically preparing for an upcoming festival, athletic meetings and an academic festival. They are the leaders of the Students' Association for the English Department and consist of a treasurer, a secretary, a chairperson, a physical education director and an assistant to the female students. Even though they are busy with studying, supporting their juniors and preparing all sorts of events, they have performed the work assigned to them faithfully.

#### Interview with the Chairperson

"At first, I didn't realize that being a representative for one group could be as hard as this. Administering for the students, from seniors to freshmen, and controlling them, I realized how important the role of leader is. Working as a leader is worth a great deal. My colleagues and I had some tough experiences, but we endured them happily for our fellow students.

Every activity and event on the campus is made up of students' conduct. I am merely leading students as an assistant. I hope many students take part in campus events with us and make joyful memories.

Although 1 semester has quickly passed already since I took on the role of chairperson of our Department, I promise I will do my best to be a responsible, nice leader. Thank you!"

Kim Su-A/Reporter/shinhwa4205@hanmail.net

### ■ Greetings from Prof. Yeonman Kim

Hello, all. I was asked to write a brief introductory bio about myself as a new faculty member of the English Department. However, I am not really new and already know most of the students at the Department. It's already been almost a year since I began working here at Hanbat National University. I have been extremely enjoying working, studying, and interacting with you.



As most of you probably know, I teach American Novels 1 and 2, History of American Literature, English Prose, and the like. My academic specialty is American Fiction, especially contemporary American fiction. I'm also interested in environmental literature, science fiction, and postmodern art. But most importantly, my goal for teaching in the classroom is to help students improve their general English skills.

I usually stay at school from early morning til late at night during weekdays, and my office (Room 212, Building 9) is open to all of you. So, you are welcome to stop by my office whenever you need to see me. Or, since you belong to the Internet generation, you may drop a line or two at my Web site ([www.hanbat.ac.kr/~20091016](http://www.hanbat.ac.kr/~20091016)) and say "hi."

## Travel to Chiangmai (Interview with Prof. Carol D' Audney)

Prof. Carol had a trip to Chiangmai, a small city in Thailand. Here is an interview about it.

### Which places did you visit in Thailand?

I've been to Thailand many times, but I had never been to Chiangmai. So I did not go to Bangkok, just to Chiangmai and around there. Chiangmai is in the northern part of Thailand. I didn't go south on this trip.

### How long was your trip?

4 weeks.

### What was your most memorable experience?

There were several things, but one was Zip Lining. Zip Line is in a dense forest with really tall trees. You have a harness with straps, a hook and a wire. The wire connects from the top of one tree to the top of another tree. You fly between the trees. It's called a Zip Line.

### How did you know about it and things in Chiangmai?

The Zip Line adventure was very well advertised. Anyone going to Chiangmai would find it hard to miss. I bought a travel book on Thailand and looked on the internet and I talked to lots of people who have been to Chiangmai. Also, I have a very good friend who lived in Chiangmai for 12 years or so. She made me want to go because she would talk about Chiangmai fondly.

### Is Chiangmai a small city?

Yes, pretty small. It's not like Bangkok. I walked everywhere all the time, and sometimes many kilometers each day.

### Did you visit only Chiangmai?

Chiangmai and some little places north of there. The Zip Line adventure was just one day, and then I went back to Chiangmai. I also did a three-night hike in the mountains northwest of Chiangmai. That was fun, too. We rode on elephants and swam under a waterfall with really cold water. The day was really hot, so it was nice. And we visited little Thai villages and we went bamboo rafting. Big bamboo poles are tied together and we just sat on it and went down the river. It was fun, too. The last out-of-town activity I did was to go north where I stayed on a sustainable living community. This was maybe the best thing. The community practices organic gardening and they don't use any pesticides. They are experimenting with sustainable building materials. They are trying to create industry for very poor Thai people that are also good for the earth.

### What kind of community is it?

There are actually three communities who work together loosely. They build accommodation from mud. They don't use trees or woods. In America it is called "adobe". Mud and dry rice straw are mixed with water to make bricks. After the bricks are dry, a house can be built with them.

### Did you participate in building?

No, but I slept in one of the houses. They weren't building when I was there. But I did an organic vegetarian cooking course. In the morning, we would go to the gardens and choose the vegetables and prepare the food. We learned how to make tofu, which I had never done before.

### Is the organic vegetarian cooking course for visitors?

Yes.

### Did you make other foods?

Of course. That was just one thing. We made at least three dishes for lunch and three dishes for dinner for four days. We made a lot of things. We made tom yam soup, fried bananas and curries. I learned how to make 3 special pastes for curries.

### Which is your favorite dish?

I like green Thai curry. (She showed it to us.) It doesn't smell spicy, but it is.

### Do you like Thailand?

Yes, I do. I wouldn't say it's my favorite place in the world, but the people are very kind and nice. The food is very good. Thailand is pretty comfortable to visit, because Thailand's economy is heavily reliant on tourism. They want lots of visitors, so they make it easy for us. It's easy to travel. It's easy to find where to go. There's lots of information in English. It's easy to find places to eat by yourself. It's easy to understand the menus. Almost all of them are in English, so it's a very easy place to visit.

### How was the traffic? Was it bad?

No, Chiangmai is not that big. It's not like Bangkok. Chiangmai is interesting because it's exactly a square in the middle. It used to have walls around it. It's an old city. Still, there are big gates. The old city is really lovely. There are many small streets with winding little alleys and interesting old buildings, markets and all kinds of things. Getting around by walking was usually fine. It's easy to do so but if you didn't want to go to walk, you could get a "Tuktuk". It's like a motorcycle with a seat in the back. It's really cheap. In a tuk-tuk you can get to events in the farthest places in the city. Everything is very cheap, actually. I like Chiangmai much better than Bangkok. Bangkok is too noisy and crowded.

YeonJi Jung/Reporter



## 10 Ways to Successful Campus Life

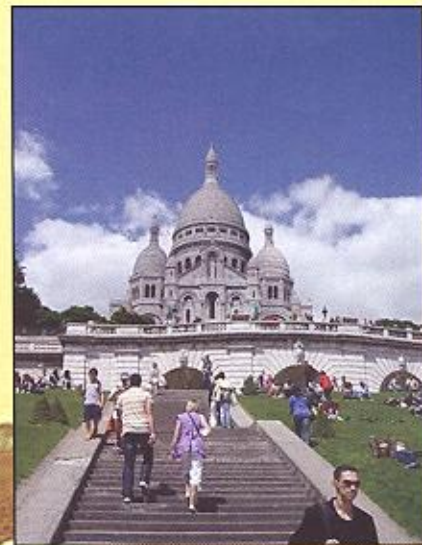
Look here, all you freshman and sophomore students. Maybe you don't know how to handle your long campus life. As a senior, with graduation ahead, I'll give you some tips that will be lightning for your foggy school life. And I guarantee you, if you practice them after reading this article, you will achieve a successful finish to your campus life.

After graduating from high school and starting university, too much freedom is waiting for you. Now, maybe you would know about that freedom. Enjoying the freedom is a good thing but it is important to manage this.

Actually it is not easy to know the seriousness of "you have to make a plan" before you face graduation and getting a job. Don't be absent from school when you are a senior. Please, be ready beforehand.

10 rules the worth campus life for you.

1. Grades are important!
2. TOEIC is also important, too!
3. Do many activities in and out of the university.
4. Get some qualifications.
5. Participate in school programs.
6. Go to the Department office frequently.
7. Utilize your vacation well.
8. Establish an idea of time.
9. Go traveling abroad.
10. Don't waste school recklessly.



Moreover, you should manage your free time well in school. The best thing is to use your time to memorize words, read novels or review your class books. It is better than doing nothing.

Don't forget. The most important thing is to follow the 10 rules above. The last thing I'd like to add is: Cheers for your successful and effective campus life!

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Never



Ending



There was everything in NEPAL  
Peace – 2nd Global Challenge, PUMASIA  
Photo by Kyeong-Sun, Lee/kstiming@empal.com



And



Love



## Life Experience in Middle Earth Made Me Strong / Hwang Su-Yeol

(Junior Student in English department)

Have you by any chance heard of middle earth? It is the name of a place in the famous fantasy novel entitled "The Lord of the Rings". It is the basis of the most successful film in this century, as well.

The reason I mention this? The film was made in New Zealand and I stayed there for one year with a 'working holiday' visa.

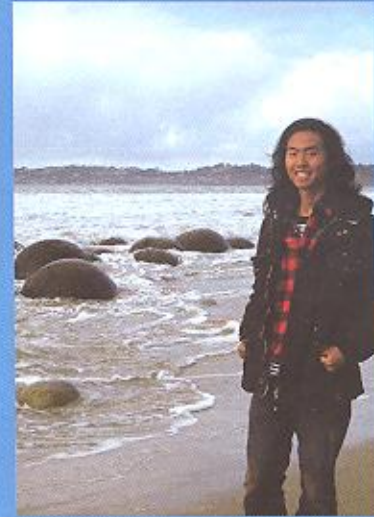
I had heard the term working visa for the first time in 2006 when I was in my 2nd year of university. We can work legally with the visa meaning that we can make money and travel at the same time. It sounded very tempting to me. So, I planned to try and started to save money to book a ticket to New Zealand from the beginning of 2006 and it took me nearly one year. During the preparation, I searched for information on the internet such as how to get the visa and how to book an airline ticket. It was my first flight.

Truth to be told, I was quite confident about using English because I thought that I was able to communicate with our foreign professors in English with little problem so I was eager to use my English in the real English world. I learned that my expectation was completely wrong from the very beginning of the journey. On the flight to New Zealand, I could not even understand what the captain said. Everything was brand new for me; people, languages, landscape and culture. I was thrilled, excited, and a bit anxious.

It was almost like a survival challenge to make a life in a new atmosphere. I was totally alone and I did not even know how to make a phone call home or to make a simple soup. I had to be tougher than ever.

I didn't take a language course in New Zealand because I had confidence as a student of the English Department and I didn't have enough money to enroll in a program. First, to improve my English ability, I started to keep a diary in English from the very first night of my new life and I can proudly say that I skipped it less than 5 times during one year. Secondly, I tried not to use Korean as much as possible. The only time I needed to speak in Korean was when I called my parents once a week. Also, there were not many chances for me to meet other Koreans.

Thirdly, I used my circumstances. I read a book written in simple English and watched TV shows even though I did not understand them. I always questioned myself like 'How do I say this stuff in English?' It helped a lot.





I had to work very hard for a living. In fact, I struggled with financial problems all the time. I wasted lots of money when I had no idea about the differences of currency. I filled my car with petrol, I bought groceries and paid for accommodation regularly, and I traveled. It was not easy to live without any financial aid. I would try to save money if I could but I couldn't. So, I worked harder than anyone.

It could have been a disaster from a different point of view. I changed my thinking saying 'Do not be afraid of spending money here. I'll consider it as a tuition fee for my life' and it worked. I did not care too much about money and the stress had gone. I enjoyed my life after that.

I had met a lot of friends from all over the world. We worked together, had a party on many nights and we made great memories. That is the most unforgettable thing.

I found something out about myself after one year in New Zealand. I did not know I am quite good at cooking and I even enjoyed it! My English ability got better than before without noticing it. Besides, I learned I could be stronger than anyone in any situation.

I was stuck after completing my military service and I did not know how to find my way. I would have liked to find an answer before I departed about what I really want to do for my life. The bottom line is, I still don't know but I'm working on it. I realized one thing, challenge helps us to see the way to an answer.

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## Movie Review (Serendipity)

Director – Peter Chelsom / Starring – John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale

Jonathan and Sara meet when they try to buy the same pair of gloves at Bloomingdale's department store. Sara and Jonathan meet repeatedly so it feels like destiny. When Jonathan suggests an exchange of phone numbers, Sara rejects his suggestion and proposes an idea that Jonathan write his name and phone number on a \$5 dollar bill, while she writes her name and number on the inside cover of a used copy of *Love in the Time of Cholera*. If they are meant to be together, she tells him; they will find their way back into one another's life.

Scene : Jonathan who tries to buy gloves, concedes and lets Sara have them. Sara gives him some coffee to thank him.

Jonathan : This will work. This is quite a coffee.

Sara : But I'm serious about the check. It's the least I can do.

Jonathan : Well, thank you, but, see; now I have to go find something else for my girlfriend.

Sara : Oh, they were for your girlfriend.

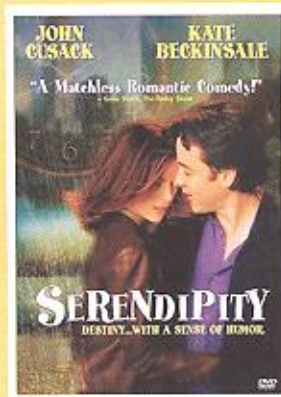
Jonathan : Yes, they were.

Sara : Oh, I can't accept them then.

Jonathan : Well, you have to. Otherwise, you won't treat. Really. Let me tell you something. This is the ultimate blend to drink. Where did you find this place?

Sara : I first came in because of the name. Serendipity. It's one of my favorite words. Serendipity is the luck some people have in finding or creating interesting or valuable things by chance.

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## Short Comments for us from Prof. Carol D'Audney

### Using Movies to Improve Your English

Several students have asked me to recommend movies to watch to improve their English. What they really want, I think, is a list of movies with simple vocabulary, easy to understand accents, slow, distinct speech and very little slang. Guess what? I don't know of any movies like that. Movies can help to improve your English, though. Here are some suggestions.

1. Choose a movie genre you enjoy. This is really important because if you enjoy it, you will be entertained and stay motivated.

2. Watch the same movie several times.

→ First, watch the movie with Korean subtitles so you understand the plot, setting and dialogue.

→ Watch it again, this time with English subtitles. If you don't catch some dialogue, replay that part again.

→ Note down vocabulary and slang to be looked up later.

→ Say some of the dialogue out loud. Listen several times for pronunciation, intonation and inflection. Pay attention to the context in which the dialogue is spoken.

→ After several viewings, try watching the movie without any subtitles. Concentrate on understanding the dialogue. Gain confidence that you can understand it without subtitles.

3. Watching the entire movie at the first viewing, then just watch 20 minutes or so at a time. It takes a lot of concentration to listen carefully. Don't wear yourself out. Keep it fun.

4. Plan to spend a few weeks working on one movie. Repetition is useful but watching daily may be too boring.



Enjoy the movie and don't worry if you don't understand every word of every line. I don't!

## How the Term "Humanities" Originated

(Paraphrased from John Maynard's lecture to the English Dept. Hanbat National Univ. on March 25, 2009)

The term 'humanities' is today used broadly to speak about the study of literature, the arts, philosophy, and sometimes even history. Yet the definition began much more narrowly. In the West, the humanities were associated with the Renaissance (about 1400–1600) when people had renewed interest in the knowledge of the classical world of the Greeks and Romans. It was the study of the classical world during the Renaissance, much of it language study, that allowed the recovery of the knowledge that had been lost in the Dark Ages (about 500–1000) and Middle Ages (about 1000–1400).

Renaissance students, who used Latin, called their study *litterae humaniores*. The literal meaning is human literary study but it really referred to classical studies. That is, the concern was with philology, the knowledge of language and words, more than with human life. A class of people developed during the Renaissance, called Humanists and they, too, were less concerned about humans than with specific kinds of knowledge about the Greek and Roman worlds, including their literature and arts. This concept of humanities continued for a long time in the West and was exported to cultures where the West had an impact.

Certainly the study of the Classics, Latin and Greek, was central to what students did in the West, including most parts of Europe and the United States until almost the beginning of the twentieth century. Eventually the humanities started to include other areas of study, for instance the study of our own languages and literatures, in Departments of English, or French, or Spanish. Studies of fine arts, music and philosophy were included. And, finally, the West began to study the wonderful, rich cultural heritages of non-Western countries, such as those of China, India, or Korea. Today, the study of humanities in the United States brings in to its field all the new ideas that have developed in the world since the Renaissance.

The importance of English in Korea is definitely on the rise and there is no doubt about that. For Korea, which lacks in natural resources and is hugely dependent on foreign investment and trade, English is essential since it is what connects us to the world. So the role of English in the Korean economy is also definitely significant but we must be cautious as we say this as the economy should not be examined alone since it is correlated with other sectors of a country. Paul Kennedy an American declinist, argued in his book, *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers*, that the growth of a nation is a threefold one: simultaneously to provide military security, to satisfy the socioeconomic needs of its citizenry and to ensure sustained growth. The growth of an economy must therefore be accompanied with a balanced growth of political, cultural, environmental and social sector. Even a rival theorist, Joseph Nye, criticized in his book, *Bound to Lead*, the declinist view by reinterpreting the concept of power: hard power: military and economic power and soft power: the attractiveness of a country's culture, political ideals and principles. He also emphasized the importance of a balanced growth of the two different powers as demise in one will bring down the other. As you can see from these examples, economy does not stand on its own but rather stand together with other sectors of a country: social, political, cultural, environmental and so on. We therefore need to see the big picture here as we talk about the role of English in the Korean economy. Thus, the function of English in the Korean economy is much greater than you may have previously predicted as economy is interconnected with other prominent sectors of a country such as political and cultural sector.

To begin with, English has played an essential role in spreading and rooting liberal democracy in Korea. Liberal democracy has not only enriched our economy with market economy but also with democracy which has influenced many fields of our country. It was what transformed a war stricken nation with a per capita income of only U.S. \$67 in 1953 and a gross domestic product (GDP) which equaled that of countries in the sub-Saharan region into the world's 13th largest economy just 60 years after the founding of its new government. English was the key factor that allowed many scholars and leaders of Korea to be educated in the U.S. Those who were educated in the U.S. with new ideologies and culture played a leading role in spreading and rooting liberal democracy in Korea. English is more than just a mere communication tool. It is a gateway to new culture, spirit, ideology and much more. This ideology that was brought in with the help of English is now our fundamental policy and it has so far created incalculable amount of economic benefit not to mention the fact that it is a decisive factor that differs the South from the North.

In addition, for Korea, the cultural sector is an extremely prospective field if English could be properly adopted to sell our cultural products. First, already the so-called 'Korean Wave' has swept across Asia and it has brought a tremendous amount of economic benefits. Second, international events like the 1988 Seoul Olympics, 2002 World Cup and many international conferences are great ways to advertise Korea to the world and it has actually boosted up our economy also. According to the Union of International Organization, Korea, having held 268 international conferences, was ranked 15th in terms of the number of conferences. Third, currently tourism in Korea is on the rise mostly due to the Korean Wave but still it is very little known abroad and it suffers from being very low profile. If we can provide abundant information about Korea in English and with the help of a better marketing strategy of tourism industries and Korea Tourism Organization, tourism here is bound to rise. Benefits we can obtain from the above cultural products are not just limited to short term economic wealth but it extends to increase of soft power which can bring about incalculable amount of benefits in the long run. These cultural products will have a deep influence on foreigners' consciousness and furthermore change their perspectives on Korea.

As shown, the role of English in the Korean economy is actually much more than just the conventional thought that its usage is only limited to business and trade. Economy is interconnected with other areas of a country such as political, cultural, social, environmental sectors. Therefore we need to closely examine other fields if we are to look into the economy. Political and cultural sectors which seem quite unfamiliar to the economy are actually the engines of the economic growth and the role of English in these two sectors are tremendous. This conclusion was reached after briefly looking at just two other sectors of Korea. Imagine the influence it will have if we look at Korea as a whole.

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Once, I dropped by the bookstore in the University of British Columbia. My guide professor Jin Ok Kim, allowed one hour to see and buy the books in which we were interested. The books and the school supplies were very good. It was really amazing. However, they were so expensive that I couldn't buy all of them. I only bought one book, Musical Drummies, which was really fun and useful to me to study and enjoy music. I was more attracted to Jazz music so that I wanted to study further. I broadened my vision and perspective to experience different music and culture through this trip.

It was a really instructive, amusing, and fantastic experience that I went through in Canada. Hopefully, I will go there again, if I can. Also, I really want to see my home-stay family and my lovely Canadian friends. I want to go abroad to study and to get more experiences someday. Finally, I thank my professor Ok and my friends who traveled with me.

DongHo Kim : It was my first trip abroad so I had many expectations before I went. I could learn about cultures and people in Canada. Especially, I appreciated my kindly host mother. She helped me to live comfortably in Canada and I called her "Canadian Mother". I think meeting her was one of the best things of the trip.

IlHwa Her : At first, I worried about my activities in a foreign country but then I realized that I have to change my attitude and thoughts. The experiences, which I gained from visiting Canada, have encouraged me in many aspects of my life. They gave me fresh innovation and the feeling that the challenge of facing something new is an attractive temptation.

Yun-Kyoung Shin: I went to Vancouver Island University last summer for my study because Hanbat University and many professors gave me a chance. When I stayed there I got a lot of experiences. I met different students who came from other countries. There were many students in VIU. I lived with a Canadian family. At first, I was afraid of them but they were very kind and friendly. When I was there I went to the Rocky Mountains. I saw Lake Louise, Bow Falls, Columbia Icefield, got on the Gondola, and a Snowmobile. It was very magnificent. The mountains were great! I learned many things about Canadian cultures, lives, and education. I would like to thank Hanbat University and Professor Jin Ok Kim. My skills improved and I acquired a lot of information. We will never forget those experiences. All students ! Have ambitions! Thank you.



## WOULD YOU PLEASE ATTENTION HERE?

### 2009 English Department Events

- \* Prof. John Maynard's lecture (New York University Faculty in English): (3/25)
- \* Intensive English Program at Canada Vancouver Island University (6/24 ~ 7/22)
- \* Job Strategy Festival (10/29)
- \* Participating in the programs for Job Search (11/10)
- \* 2009 English Department Festival (11/20)
- \* Winter English Camp (12/14 ~ 12/18)
- \* Global Challenger Program (12/15 ~ 2/28, 2010)



### WANTED

We, Del Media, look forward to meeting freshman and sophomore students who want to join in the media group of Hanbat National University.

No examination will be given.

Welcome everybody.

If you have any questions about DEL, you can contact us through phone or e-mail.  
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## Welcome everybody.