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SCNU is colorful in fall

The SCNU campus is very colorful in the fall. The summer, which was hotter than ever, has come to an end and fall has arrived. The trees are turning

red and yellow. A gentle breeze is whispering in the trees. The landscape of fall is easy to see in SCNU. Leaves start to turn red and yellow in

various places at SCNU. The SCNU students enjoy taking walks and having dates with their lovers. After quite a hard summer, SCNU and SCNU students can begin to feel an autumn hue.

Reporter Baek, Hyeong-woo



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The hidden heroes of SCNU

Our gratitude to the efforts of staff

In our society there are lots of people who achieve their dreams and praise our university. These people give us various job information and lectures of their successful stories. They also contribute towards scholarships for SCNU students. But what about the heroes who support us from behind the scenes, the heroes we can't see?



First we have an interview with KIM SUN-JOO who works in SCNU Main Library as a librarian. For 25 years she has taken charge of book rental, and has done her best to make finding information as easy as possible for the students. She said that she feels a sense of satisfaction while helping students use the library, which has a mass of information. But she said that the "development of e-books is lowering the use of the library by 10% every year. I'm so sad about it". And she said "I would be grateful if the students thought about the librarian's situation. I also hope students remember our efforts and the good work we do and not just the few small mistakes. I know e-books are convenient but I would like to ask the students to use the library instead of e-books, join our extensive reading event and other competitions. Finally, there is also an information guide book for

foreign students. Please visit here as much as you can."

The other people who can be called heroes in SCNU are the ADT caps security guards. They manage and protect the university clubs and lecture rooms, plus many other facilities. We also have an interview with SCNU caps employee, JI DAE-HUN. He works 24 hours a day, every other day. He said it's hard to check all the facilities of SCNU but feels it's worth it. A particular inconvenience, he said are when "Students don't close or lock the doors of the university properly. Every night at 12am, we mobilize to shut down the opened door. It again could cause a delay in real emergency situations. Windows are especially a problem, wind and bugs can raise the alarm. So I hope that the last visitor checks the door well." And he has a message to students, "I want students to not focus

on study too much.

Just do their best in every moment and make lots of good memories. Getting a job through lots of study is sad because they won't have any good memories of university life. We can't turn back time. So I hope students spend time not only studying, but also with their friends and family or meeting new people through activities."

There are many more heroes such as the cleaners and repairmen who manage the university facilities, the people who work in the university cafeteria, and so on. In our life we always forget how much we are blessed and should be thankful to others. Why don't you start saying thank you to those hidden heroes who help us to focus on our study and university life?

Reporter Bae, Ban Seok

Interview

Students concerned about future

Lee Joo Hyang
counselors working in HRDI



What program do you provide in HRDI and who is it targeted towards?

HRDI is divided in to a job and student counselling department. In the job dept. we give career planning and development programs, mock interviews, résumé and cover letter consulting, image making, job advice, job Expos, help with job searches and give special lectures from seniors. In the student counselling dept. we give individual course advice, psychological inspection, group counseling, workshops, run campaigns and help with student life. We are a student-centered dept. so students are our target.

What is the most commonly asked question from students who are worried about their future and what is your advice?

Instead of the questions "what job do I get? or What should I do for a living?", this question was asked a lot, "I don't know what I am interested in. I don't know who I am". They don't know who they are when they try to choose a course or get a job. Come to think of it, they don't have the confidence in anything they do. They feel everything is too hard and so they can't choose, they lose confidence. But everybody experiences these kinds of feelings. Our parents, friends, professors, even I feel this a lot in my life. I hope students don't feel guilty with normal experiences like "I'm too indifferent about myself, what did I do before now?" Instead of that it's better to ask for a hand from others for help, visit the student counseling room (third floor of student union) and share your concerns.

Are there any other student's concern that are not about the future?

There are many kinds of worries; study, relationships,

military, feelings, home, dating. They range from small problems to serious ones. But the solutions are not that different. In fact, the people who come to the counseling room just need someone to listen to them and some sympathy. The counseling room is not the place where you give a solution, you listen and you give sympathy. When we listen and feel empathy about a student's story, they find the solution themselves in their own mind. They also face up to the reason why they can't do what they want to, it's hard but they gain confidence and they figure out a solution. Isn't it amazing? There is a solution, even in a worried mind.

What do you want to ask or say to encourage the students?

I don't have anything special to ask of the students. Whether a student is doing well or not, I don't want to ask for more from them because they will do their best in their life. So I just want to cheer them up and encourage them. You are still doing well!

Reporter Bae, Ban Seok

Go at the scene

Danger zones of SCNU

SCNU students are defenseless against their own safety. It is easy to see the danger zones around SCNU. There are also danger zones with in SCNU.



Crosswalk without traffic lights

SCNU students pass the crosswalk dangerously among fast cars. There are crosswalks without traffic lights in front of SCNU main gate. Although some cars wait for students to cross the street, most cars pass through it. The scene of students running so as not to be late is especially dizzying to see.

Construction site

There are several construction sites on SCNU campus. There is construction to install an elevator in process in the E2 building. Construction to make a natural substance drug lab is beside the college of pharmacy. The University

and the constructors have come up with safety measures; however they seem to be insufficient.

Dark location

There are unsafe places after the sun sets on campus. There is no exception to this problem in SCNU. There are dangerous places behind the engineering college and the bridge to Hyundai apartments. The areas are so dark and quiet, this is especially more dangerous because people are more likely to offend. SCNU manage a patrol system to prevent crime, however the measures are unsatisfactory.

Reporter Baek, Hyeong-woo

Remember the name, Comfort women, again

The Japanese government's sincere apology is needed

Last December 28th, Korea and Japan came to an agreement about the historical problem of the Japanese military; however this excluded acknowledging the victims of sexual slavery. The government stated that this was an irreversible agreement. On September 1st, the Japanese government sent 10 billion won to The Foundation of Reconciliation and Healing. Because of this agreement, we can't demand an apology from Japan for their treatment of comfort women.

Gim Bok-Dong, one of the victims expressed her anger and said "we were a sex slave for the Japanese military without our will at a tender age. For many years we suffered from them and barely came back to Korea alive. How can we ease our mind with that compensation? We just want an apology and remorse from the Japanese government, but the Korean government is trying to force us to take the money and comply. We can never do that. 10 billion, even 100 billion can't change history." Politician Chu Mi-ae said "The Foundation of Reconciliation and Healing is insulting and defaming the victims. The victims didn't agree to this. 10 billion won without any apology from the Government of Japan is also humiliating to the victims. In addition, the Japanese government stated that the 10 billion won was not compensation but is money that is used in support of humanitarian work. We can see that Japan tried to avoid the acknowledgement of forcing the compulsory mobilization of sexual slavery.



Comfort women are the people who were forced to be sexual slaves for Japanese soldiers in comfort facilities which were made after the Manchurian Crisis. Since this incident and up until 1945, when Japan was defeated in the Pacific War, Japan forced Korean girls to be sex slaves for soldiers so they could carry out the war more effectively. After liberation, the women who were in comfort facilities were left behind or even killed by Japanese soldiers. The victims were forced to find their own way back home to Korea after Japan's defeat. The survivors suffered lots of after effects, both mentally and physically. Therefore the women took painkillers and other drugs, which led to addiction. The victims were also afraid of Korean society and the stigma and disadvantages that would come with being a comfort woman.

The Ministry of Gender Equality and Family also tried to contact and force the family of the victims to accept the money when the victims themselves had rejected the cash. Show that Japan has no regret and it goes beyond all reason. After the

(Source photo: Ministry of Gender Equality and Family)



deposit of 10 billion won from Japan, they requested the demolition of the monument to comfort women and the end of the World Cultural Heritage of comfort women.

It was not only the government of Japan but also other Japanese organizations who disagreed about the construction of the monument to comfort women. In fact, the project to build the monument to comfort women in the overseas sister cities of Hwaseong and Suwon, not only did the Government of Japan, but also members of local government and citizens were encouraged by Japan to disrupt the building of the monument to comfort women. For the people who went away earlier, the ones who couldn't come back, the forgotten victims in other countries and for the survivors we must never forget this. If we keep looking on with folded arms, this kind of action from Japan will be repeated and we can't find our rights in our own country. It's not other's business. We must not forget the victim's dearest hope.

Reporter Bae, Ban Seok

Honbab and Honsul culture



Honbab (eating alone) and honsul (drinking alone) are not new words anymore. Also, honyong (watching a movie alone) and honhang (travelling alone) appear more frequently. New words are continuing to appear. According to a residential conditions survey

in 2014, single households came to 4,800,000 out of 18,000,000, that's 27%. This is an enormous increase compared to single households of 9% in 1990. A survey conducted by Saramin career site said that 1593 adult men and women aged between 20 and 30 were asked whether they are a 'myself' generation, 52.5% respondents said they are 'myself' generation. Restaurants and bars that people can visit and enjoy alone are increasing rapidly, as well as products for single households. TV programs about single life are also gaining more popularity, Honsul Couple (TVN), I Live Alone (MBC) and Age of Youth (JTBC) are all drawing positive responses from the audience and favorable comments. But the single culture has negative sides too. There are social problems such as a low birth rate, aging and divorce. Actually 33.8% of single households have never married, 52.4% are widowed or divorced. Social systems are also not prepared for this change. It seems that healthy life styles and social systems should be prepared to settle down this new culture.

Reporter Baek, Hyeong-woo

Critique of Suncheon Cinemas

There are three movie theaters in Suncheon. There is one CGV (located in Jung ang district) and two Megaboxes (located in Sindae district and Pung deock district). These three movie theaters have their own merits and demerits.

CGV's location is very good, compared to the other theaters, because Jung ang district is down town Suncheon. There are many people, so the accessibility is very good. CGV is a very big company (includes cj), so there are many discount benefits. There are many movies showing at CGV, so the variety of choice varies. Megabox in Sindae district is well known for a multiplex over a large area. There are many restaurants and places to hang out. Many couples choose this place for their dates. The seats at Megabox, Sindae are comfortable because the theater has tables in their auditoriums, which makes it possible for their customers to put their food and beverages down. Finally, there is Megabox in Pungdeock district. The price of this theater is very

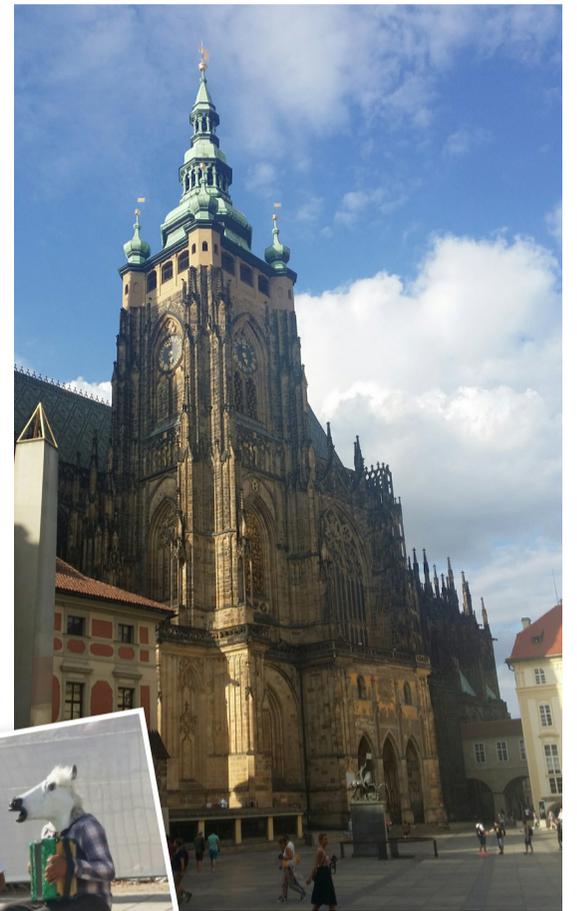
cheap (8,000 won), and if you are a Suncheon National University student, you can buy the tickets for the royal seats for only 6,000 won. This theater insists that they are a premium theater, so when you buy royal seat tickets they are a recliner.

But, there are also demerits. CGV's ticket price is expensive (10,000won). Surely, this price is not cheap. Seats at CGV are very uncomfortable. There is no place for many items, and the seats are so hard. Sindae Megabox demerits are also price, the same as CGV (10,000won). Other cons are location. Sindae district is far from most major residential areas or down town, so accessibility is bad. Finally Pungdeock Megabox, the appearance of the building is so old that many first time audiences get lost in the building or are confused by the floors. Also around the theater, there is no place to hang out or take your date.

Reporter Shin, Jae Heock



TRIP



Most people try to find this answer before starting on a trip. Perhaps it is caused from the habit of solving questions during our school days. However you can get caught in a trap. The answer of travel is not found in a mathematical equation. The answer comes naturally if you are just faithful to every moment. Don't try to find the answer in order to get it.

From a familiar place to a strange place

Traveling is a journey from a familiar place to a strange place. The beginning of travel is moving from Korea to Europe. In this time, unfamiliarity is superior to excitement in a strange place. Something new like the landscape, food and people can be uncomfortable. However people may find the truth during travel. People can adapt to the surroundings. Sometimes a strange place may become familiar. Travelers can even be mistaken for a local.

Austria, Country of Music and Art

When people set foot in Austria for the first time, they are fascinated by magnificent and historic

buildings. There are beautiful places like the Palace of Scheonbrunn, St Stephen's Cathedral and Mirabell Gardens in Austria. First of all, the recommendation is to go around various small streets and alleys. The buildings of Austria have a long history, so it has beauty in its architecture. If people walk around here and there in Austria, they can be fascinated by music and art. There are many artists and musicians along the streets. They exhibit works of art and hold galleries. Even if you don't go to a museum, you can see diverse works of art. Also don't miss the Music Film Festival. You can enjoy watching opera videos with live recordings at city hall.

Czech Republic, Romantic Country

The Czech Republic is a graceful and romantic country. It is tiny so therefore good for traveling around the country. Especially the buildings that represent the history of architecture, like Prague Castle and St. Vitus Cathedral. However above of all, you should try the beer. The Czech Republic is number one in the world in beer consumption. There are various beers such as Pilsner, Budweiser and Velvet.

The answer exists in your mind

The answer of travel cannot be gained easily. Don't worry about trying to find the answer, you will become stressed. Just walk around your surroundings and see, feel every moment. The answer will appear by itself.

Reporter Baek, Hyeong-woo

MUSIC



We love pop

There are many Koreans who enjoy pop-songs. So many pop stars are popular in Korea. Every individual has different taste in music style and artists, so popular pop songs can vary. Besides this kind of popular pop songs, there are many meaningful songs with good intentions. One example of this is 'Not Alone' by Linkin Park. Recently, there was an earthquake of magnitude 5.8 in Korea. So I want to introduce this song.

When the 2010 Haitian big earthquake happened, the rock band Linkin Park released this song to encourage the victims. All earnings of the song were given to the victims. The song is well known for the lyrics and music video. The lyrics of the song are, roughly, that when you are in misery, I'm always with you, so never give up. These sensitive lyrics with a sentimental melody make this song popular. The song is also well known for the music video. The music video's mood is so dark and sad, which matches the melody. There are many specialists who insist that we are not safe from earthquakes of magnitude 6.0 or over. So, the value of the song rises.

Reporter Shin, Jae Heck

