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CLASS OF 2000 GRADUATES!!



At the Friday, June 2, commencement ceremony, the Class of 2000 became the thirty-ninth graduating class of TCIS. The class of twenty-two graduates were from Korea, the United States, and Sweden. The class distinguished itself academically with the class average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

well over 1100. This is well above the U.S. public and private school average. The class boasted two National Merit commended students based on their PSAT scores and one class member with a perfect 1600 score on the SAT. The class also boasts an internationally recognized high school computer software specialist who was chosen as one of two high school students Korea-wide to compete at the International Science and Engineering Fair held in Detroit, Michigan. The class members have been invited to join scholars at fifty-two different universities and colleges in North America and Korea. These included University of California-Berkeley, Carnegie Mellon University, Boston University, Cornell University, Johns Hopkins University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Pepperdine University, School of the Arts Institute of Chicago, Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, and Yonsei University.



Class of 2000
Front Row (L-R): Jenny Yook, Jenni Bahng, Susie Park, Bea Park, Elisa Rah, Grace Bak, Kathy Daniel, Han Na Lee, Soo Jung Cho, Iris Kim, Staci Youn
Back Row (L-R): John Rhee, Jeffrey Kim, Noory Song, Thomas Cho, James Lee, Ken Ahl, Charles Han, Joe Kim, Do Joon Kim, Daniel Oh, Do Hoon Kim

The class has won a total in scholarships and grants of an amount exceeding \$330,000. The board of trustees, administration, and faculty congratulate the Class of 2000 on their accomplishments and look forward to hearing what God has planned for them. (See the listing of *Class of 2000 Colleges selections* on page 2)



New four-story on-campus dormitory under construction as viewed from the quad in front of the teacher duplex

NEW DORMITORY MAKES RAPID PROGRESS

At the time of printing, the new on-campus dormitory is on or ahead of schedule. The scheduled occupancy date is mid-August. A model room was recently constructed and received high marks. Most of the outside brick work will soon be completed just in time for the rainy season. The indoor construction is also well underway. The four-story building dominates the appearance of the back half of the campus.

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TCIS PLAYERS SPRING DRAMA

PRESENT

Sharon Gresham's, Pat Reed's, & B1 Drama Class



Dinosaur cast members preparing for a "black light" scene

Just when you thought it was safe to go out at night on the TCIS campus, Miss Pat Reed and Mrs. Sharon Gresham had to clone Stephen Spielberg's and John Williams' *Jurassic Park* into *Triassic Park*. This thoroughly delightful and humorous spoof of Spielberg's prehistoric adventure movie contained musical numbers, dancing, dialog, and special effects including black light, power point graphics, and even repelling. Director Pat Reed and choreographers Jessie Settle and Jennifer Bryneart molded veteran actors and new talent into a cast of thirty dancing dinosaurs who would put the New York City Rocketts to shame. Mrs. Tania Brachmayer, Brett Fletcher, and Scott Brachmayer helped create some fabulous special effects. In addition to the actors, a twelve-piece stage band accompanied the numerous musical and dance numbers. Veteran actors and newcomers included Jenni Bahng, Dawn Wohn, Staci Youn, Joe Kim, Joe Oh, Cathy Yoo, Seaton Brachmayer, Josephine Chung, Swan Kim, Tiffany Koontz, Han Na Lee, Soo Jung Cho, Patricia Yu, Kathy Daniel, Grace Kim, Christina Lee, Pamela Hwang, Sasha Kouznetsova, Kimberly Daniel, Natasha Kouznetsova, Jinna Chung, Michelle Kim, Christine Rhee, Shou Bin Li, Hae Seock Yi, Jeff Penn, Sharon Gresham, and Jessie Settle. Members of the stage band were Iris Kim, Patricia Yu, Ken Ahl, Drew Frazier, Sophia Jeong, Maria Lee, Daniel Oh, Tina Lee, Grace Kim, and Ryan Brotherton.



Cast, Stage Band, and Backstage Crew of Triassic Park

CLASS OF 2000 COLLEGE SELECTIONS

One hundred percent (100%) of the class of 2000 is pursuing a college education now or as soon as obligatory military service is completed.

Ken Ahl	Will complete obligatory military service then college
Jenni Bahng	Rutgers State University of New Jersey
Grace Bak	University of Pennsylvania
Soo Jung Cho	Lehigh University
Thomas Cho	University of Iowa
Kathy Daniel	Ouachita Baptist University
Charles Han	University of Illinois-Champaign
Do Hoon Kim	St. John's University
Do Joon Kim	Geneva College
Iris Kim	University of Washington
Jeffrey Kim	Washington University-St. Louis
Joe Kim	Geneva College
Han Na Lee	University of Washington
James Lee	Korea Advanced Institute for Science & Technology
Daniel Oh	University of Illinois-Chicago
Bea Park	Rhode Island School of Design
Susie Park	University of Illinois-Champaign
Elisa Rah	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
John Rhee	University of Massachusetts
Noory Song	Purdue University
Jenny Yook	Purdue University
Staci Youn	University of California-Berkeley



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DR. DON & GINGER McMINN RETIRE AFTER 32 YEARS —

“Well done, good and faithful servants!”



Dr. Don and Ginger McMinn are interviewed by Dr. Penland, headmaster, during the Taedok-Lotte Hotel reception given in their honor

On May 27, the TCIS board of trustees, administration and community hosted a reception to honor Don and Ginger McMinn. Over one hundred faculty, missionaries, students, and friends attended a gala reception held at the Taedok-Lotte Hotel. One of the highlights of the evening was remarks and presentations by the chairperson of the TCIS board of trustees, Ms. Rosalie Bowker; Korea Strategy Coordinator—Korea Baptist Mission, Dr. Dennis Brotherton; TCIS headmaster, Dr. Thomas Penland; and student body president, Mr. Noory Song. Another highlight was the presentation of three beautiful scrapbooks filled with messages and well wishes from family and friends. Don and Ginger will depart Taejeon to move back permanently to the U.S. in July 2000.

The McMinn's arrived in Korea as appointed Baptist missionaries on February 17, 1967. They had sailed from San Francisco to Yokohama, Japan, and then flew from Tokyo to Seoul to complete their arduous journey. They arrived with their one year old daughter, Melanie, and lived in Seoul for two years to study the Korean language. It was during this time that their second daughter, Melinda, was born. In April of 1969, they moved to Taejeon and to the Baptist Mission compound next to Korea Christian Academy (KCA later TCIS) where they have lived ever since. Dr. McMinn has served on the board of trustees since the 1970s. He became the school treasurer in 1978 and has served the school in that capacity without compensation to the present. Dr. McMinn has also faithfully served as a professor at the Baptist Theological Seminary for over thirty years. Ginger started teaching home economics classes at KCA/TCIS in August of 1972. She has been teaching middle and high school home economics and Bible since she first arrived. Their daughters, Melanie and Melinda, started kindergarten at KCA/TCIS in the Quonset hut, the original school building. They both graduated from TCIS with Melanie graduating in 1984 and Melinda in 1986. Melanie met her future husband at TCIS. He was a MK attending TCIS, and they began dating in high school. In 1992, Melinda returned to TCIS to serve as a math teacher and volleyball coach for two years. She also met her husband in Korea while she was coaching at a Far East tournament. Her future husband was coaching another team at the same tournament.

The McMinn's contributions to the international and Korean community have been extensive. Don and Ginger have many memories that they carry with them from their years of service to the community. They remember fondly the great times with their children in co-curricular activities at the school. They also remember sadly the years when many people thought the school should close. However, they are excited about all the growth in the school with new students attending every year and construction of new facilities. They both say their fondest memories are of graduation time. They remember with great emotion the May 1980 ceremony which was held just after their missionary colleagues had been evacuated from Kwangju. Another memory was of the Girls' Far East Basketball Tournament held at TCIS and won by TCIS. They feel most rewarded by the number of TCIS graduates working in the service vocations

throughout the world. They give all the glory to God for all He has done for them. You may communicate with the McMinn's at these addresses and telephone numbers:

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1999-2000 STUDENT AWARDS

- HIGH SCHOOL -

Valedictorian	Grace Bak
Salutatorian	Soo Jung Cho
Leadership	Elisa Rah
Citizenship	Staci Youn
Academic	Jin Young Oh
Journalism	Swan Kim
Drama	Jenni Bahng
Service	Jenni Bahng
	Kathy Daniel
Sportsmanship	Han Joo Choe
	Kathy Daniel
KAIAC Scholar-Athlete	Jin Young Oh
	Do Joon Kim

- MIDDLE SCHOOL -

Citizenship	Linda Chang
Academic	Christine Rhee



**JOIN THE
TCIS STUDENT
SCHOLARSHIP
CAMPAIGN
TODAY!**

*"You could make a difference in
some child's life!"*

We again ask that alumni and friends of the school to think seriously about contributing to a scholarship fund to assist students and families who need a foreign education but are having difficulties raising the tuition fees. The administration has identified several families of students who have attended TCIS for one or more years and may have to drop out due to the strain of medical bills and other emergency needs. As of this date we have received very little in funds from alumni or others friends of TCIS. Please send your tax deductible contributions to:

"TCIS & Friends Scholarship Fund"
(c/o TCIS Address on page 2)



A Step Back in Time to 1974—KCATCIS Campus

Far left & mid-picture: School buildings, dormitory, quad with the old playground, teacher duplex, and gymnasium

Middle Background: Hannam University buildings

Far right: Old Baptist Mission Compound with new houses not yet constructed, PCA Mission house (later the Sneller home)



Cathy Yoo and friend during the HFH Work Camp 2000 in Tagbilaran, Philippines—

"The kids were so adorable. Once we talked to them, they just quickly accepted us as family and started smiling and chatting with us."

WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS — Habitat for Humanity Work Camp 2000

Sweat streamed down their faces and cement covered their arms, but few complaints were heard as the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) 2000 members built houses near Tagbilaran in the Philippines. On March 29, the HFH group boarded a plane in Seoul for Manila. The group spent several days touring and catching a few rays on the beach. Soon after, they began the real purpose of the trip, and they set to work with eagerness. After all, what could motivate them better than seeing their new Filipino friends move into the houses they had built together **with all their hearts**. Teacher sponsors were Jeff Penn, Jessie Settle, Dr. Don Pottorff, Tammy Penland, Rob Scott, Penny Renshaw, and Seung Hwa Park. Student HFH members were Ken Ahl, Christine Aarlaht, Grace Bak, Ryan Brotherton, Sunnie Chae, Mi Youn Chang, Han Joo Choe, Kathy Daniel, Kimberly Daniel, Tyler Frazier, Grace Kim, Joe Lee, Laurence Lee, Jin Young Oh, Steven Pottorff, Erik Sandved, Coraline Scoys, Noory Song, Lee Sun Yom, and Cathy Yoo.

Contributed by Swan Kim (grade 11)



Kathy Daniel (left) and Sunnie Chae (right) during the HFH Work Camp 2000 in Tagbilaran, Philippines—

"Kathy and Sunnie repeated the steps of lifting and layering each heavy cement brick. They worked until they were exhausted, but the hard work was worth it to see two sturdy homes successfully built and dedicated."