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Edward J. Baker

EDWARD J. BAKER: A JOURNEY OF 40 YEARS

Ed's connection to Korea began in 1966, when he and his wife, Diane, traveled to Korea as part of the first Peace Corps group to go to Korea. Korea Institute Director Professor David McCann and his wife, Ann, were members of the same group. After teaching English at the College of Education at Seoul National University from 1966 through 1968, Ed stayed on to work for the Fulbright Commission for another two years. It was during this time that Ed met Professor Jerome Cohen from the Harvard Law School who was visiting Korea. Ed had been at the Yale Law School for two years, and Professor Cohen encouraged him to come to Harvard. After a semester at the Harvard Law School in the fall of 1970, he returned to Yale to finish his degree.

Ed's interest in Korea brought him back to Harvard in 1971 after passing the bar exam, to enter in the Regional Studies-East Asia (RSEA) program, and then in History and East Asian Languages (HEAL). He returned to Korea on a Fulbright for dissertation research, and spent another two years in Korea doing research on the Japanese colonial period.

Upon returning to Harvard for a year, it was again Professor Cohen who influenced Ed's path, this time introducing him to the staff director of the Investigation of Korean-American Relations which was about to be undertaken by the Subcommittee on International Organizations of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on International Relations. He worked for the Subcommittee in Washington, D.C. as a Korea specialist for the duration of the investigation, 1977-1978.

After serving in government for two years, Ed finally returned to Harvard, this time for good. While at the Harvard-Yenching Institute from 1981 to 2005, in addition to broadening his interests to include higher education in the humanities and social sciences include China, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, Ed maintained his connections with and dedication to Korea, particularly after becoming a member of the Korea Institute Executive Committee in the early 1980s.

At that time, in the early days of the Institute, Ed recalls that the priority was, as it remains today, to strengthen, broaden and deepen Korean studies at Harvard. Chinese studies and Japanese studies were both already well established. There was a clear need for faculty in modern Korean history, Korean literature and in the social sciences. There was only one faculty member, Edward W. Wagner, who taught Korean History. And despite the fact that Mr. Kim Sung Ha was doing a good job in the Korean section of the Harvard-Yenching Library, there was a constant concern to support and develop the Korean section. In fact, an entire Korean studies program had to be developed, but the Korea Institute and Korean stud-

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From the Director, David R. McCann



It seems hard to believe, but I met Ed just about forty years ago. As members of the first Peace Corps group to go to Korea, in 1966, we spent three months in Hilo Hawai'i studying Korean language five hours a day, and waiting for the 'heuristic' approach of the training program to make sense. It seemed that whoever was running the program thought it would be a good idea to let the trainees' demands shape the curriculum, so we spent the time outside of language class going to the beach during daylight hours, and to a local bar serving Mai Tai's once the sun was down.

Ed was a year or two older, and married. He and his wife Diane wound up in Seoul, and stayed on an extra year after our two-year assignments had ended. We encountered one-another again in graduate school at Harvard, where I had gone into the M.A. program, taken a year teaching in New Hampshire, and then transferred into the doctoral program. Ed arrived there in History, having completed a Law degree at Yale. He spent a part of the summer at our house studying for the Massachusetts Bar exam.

These events seem to have settled into a faintly 'historical' atmosphere, with something of late Chosŏn about them. In the long interval between historical and present time, I knew of Ed's diligent ef-

forts for Amnesty International, as well as his staff assignment with the House committee investigating the early round of the sorts of political shenanigans that seem to have returned once again to plague both Houses. During the two decades when I and my wife Ann—also a K-1 Peace Corps Volunteer—and our daughter and son were in Ithaca New York, Ed began working at the Harvard-Yenching Institute. We knew of his interview trips throughout East Asia each autumn, and of his efforts to help secure sanctuary for Kim Dae Jung. We also heard news of Ed and Diane's own children, Hayden and Beth, their growing up and out, like ours.

Those interview journeys had two sides to them, of course. In Korea, as in other Asian countries, Ed met the leading scholars of the day, and came to know, over the years, many of the political leaders in Korea. He would stay in touch, and initiated the invitations to Seoul National University Professor (and Harvard Ph.D.) Paik Nakchung, and then the poet-activist Ko Un, which enabled them, like Kim Dae Jung some years before, to spend a year at Harvard. And when the scholars from Korea and elsewhere did come to Harvard as H-Y Fellows, Ed found a myriad ways to help them feel comfortable here, and to enable others in the community to meet them, and share their

expertise. He remembers all of them. Just ask!

But this demanded not only dedication on Ed's part, but time and energy—especially the weeks and weeks of those annual interview journeys. We all know that Ed has a story to tell, of Korea's democratic reform in the two and one half decades since 1980, and even further back into the first years of the Park regime in the 1960's. Parts of the story emerged in his Op-Ed pieces in the New York Times and elsewhere, or in lectures he presented. But if there is one unalloyed good to come of his retirement as Associate Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, it is the thought of the chapters of that story at last coming in for a landing on the screen of his computer, then making their way into a book. Ed doesn't think much of the title I suggested during one of our lunches together over at Charlie's Kitchen, *The Kim Kode*, but readers of our newsletter, among whom are many admirers surely as enthusiastic as I, will no doubt come up with something better.

In the interval, to Ed, and Diane, Beth and Hayden, their own families, including the Bakers' three grandchildren, on behalf of the Korea Institute and the entire community of Korean scholars at Harvard, present and past, I do extend the very warmest wishes, with Thanks for all the many things Ed has done for us.

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ies had no funding and no means, not even office space at that time.

As Ed observes, many significant changes for the better have taken place since then. Not without its growing pains, the Korea Institute over the years has been transformed into an organized and purposeful center, with thoughtful and thorough administrative leadership from Carter Eckert and the current director, David McCann. Many interesting visitors come to the Institute, and new vital programs, seminars, talks and gatherings take place regularly. Fellowships, grants, and research opportunities are available to students. The Korea Institute has become a center for Korean studies and the focal point for Korea at Harvard University for Korea, for which countless thanks are due to our supporters, friends, and dedicated faculty, staff, and students.

As for the 'wish list' from the early years, we now have a professor in mod-

ern Korean history, and in Korean literature (Korea Institute newsletter, Autumn 1997, vol. 4, no. 1, "McCann Returns to FAS"). Funding for a chair in the social sciences has been raised. With the dedication and leadership of Mr. Choong Nam Yoon, the Korean section of the Harvard-Yenching Library is now the foremost source of Korean materials outside of Korea (Korea Institute newsletter, Spring 2005, vol. 11, no. 2, "Mr. Choong Nam Yoon Says Farewell"). The Korea Institute even has its own office space and staff, now centrally located on campus in the newly constructed Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS). Although the Institute still does not have permanent funding comparable to Harvard's other international centers, it is an established part of the University, with a promising and bright future.

For Ed's future, although he is now retired from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, he plans to continue as a consul-

tant to the Institute, traveling extensively throughout Asia (Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam) every fall to conduct interviews. There are preliminary plans to teach and conduct research at Hanyang University on Korean political history since the 1960s. Ed also plans to write a book on this period of Korean political history as seen by sympathetic foreigner with considerable first hand experience and many Korean contacts in the democratic movement. Finally, the Korea Institute is pleased that Ed, in spite of his very busy retirement plans, will continue as a regular Executive Committee member.

Ed recently gave a talk at the Kim Dae-Jung Library in Seoul, Korea, entitled "The Rough Road to Democracy in Korea, 1960-1992: The Observations of an American Friend." The full text of this talk is on the Korea Institute home page:

👉 www.fas.harvard.edu/~korea/

KOREAN STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE 2006

The tenth annual Korean Studies Graduate Student Conference brings together the most promising young Korean studies scholars from around the world to share their academic work with the community at Harvard.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 9AM-5PM

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12 Quincy Street, Harvard Yard

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The Harvard Korean Studies Graduate Student Conference acknowledges the generous support of the Korea Foundation.

THE EDWARD WILLET WAGNER MEMORIAL FUND



The Korea Institute is pleased to announce the establishment of a permanent fund in honor of the late Professor Edward Wagner (1924-2001). The Edward Willett Wagner Fund will be used to support Korean studies at Harvard and to advance scholarly exchange between Harvard and Korea, especially in the area of Korean history. Donations can be made directly to the Korea Institute. Please visit our homepage for more information:

✉ www.fas.harvard.edu/~korea

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we announce that Dr. Jiha Hwang, former Director of the Korean Language Program, passed away on October 28, 2005, after a long struggle with cancer. He leaves behind his wife, Hyunok Park, and two young daughters. We extend condolences to his family, colleagues, and friends.

Korea Institute Events

Fall 2005

10/13/05 | H. Mack Horton | Professor and Chair, Dept. of East Asian Languages and Cultures, UC Berkeley | Colloquium (Co-sponsored by the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies) | *Distant Envoys of Our Great Sovereign: An Eighth-Century Japanese Poetic Journey to Silla*

10/20-21/05 | Conference | *The Northern Region, Identity, and Culture in Korea*

10/25/05 | Stephen W. Bosworth | Dean of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University | Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations | *The U.S. and South Korea: Where We May Be Going*

10/31/05 | Kim So-young | Professor and Documentary Film Director, Department of Cinema Studies, Korean National University of the Arts | Film Screening and Lecture (Sponsored by the Dept. of Visual and Environmental Studies (VES), Harvard University; the Harvard University Korea Institute; and the Korea Foundation | *"I'll Be Seeing You"*

11/8/05 | Alexis Dudden | Sue and Eugene Mercy Associate Professor of History, Connecticut College, and Advanced Research Fellow, Program on U.S.-Japan Relations | Colloquium (Co-sponsored by the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, and the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies) | *The Apology Knot: Japan, Korea, and the United States*

11/9/05 | Ashton B. Carter, Michael Ignatieff (The Kennedy School) and **Sung-Yoon Lee** (Korea Institute) | The Kennedy School Korea Caucus and the Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations, Korea Institute (co-sponsored by Medecins Sans Frontieres Group, Harvard) | *The North Korea Dilemma: Nuclear Diplomacy or Human Rights Engagement?*

11/10/05 | Jongsoo James Lee | Assistant Professor, Department of History and Political Science, Manchester College; Associate in Research at the Korea Institute Colloquium | *Korean Division & Reunification After World War II: New Perspectives*

11/29/05 | Nicholas Eberstadt | Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations | *Economic Implications of 'A Bold Switchover' in DPRK Security Policy*

12/1/05 | Seung-Hee Jeon | Post-doctoral Fellow, Korea Institute, Harvard University | Colloquium | *Writing War: Trauma and Truth in Pak Wanso's Korean War Narratives*

12/6/05 | John Park | Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, The Kennedy School, Harvard University | Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations | *China's North Korea Policy: Implications for U.S.-ROK Relations*

12/8/05 | Chisato Hotta | Visiting Scholar at the African American Studies Program at Boston University | Colloquium | *Rethinking the Minority Experience: A Cross Cultural Study of Koreans in Osaka and African Americans in Chicago, 1920-1945*

12/13/05 | Erin Chung | Assistant Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University | Colloquium (Co-sponsored by the Program on U.S.-Japan Relations, and the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies) | *How Citizenship Policies Impact Noncitizen Political Participation: Japan's Korean Community in Comparative Perspective*

The Korea Institute acknowledges the generous support of the Korea Colloquium by the Korea Foundation and the Min Young-Chul Memorial Fund.

The Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations

by Sung-Yoon Lee

The Korea Institute launched a new seminar series on October 25, 2005, the "Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations," with its inaugural speaker Stephen W. Bosworth, Dean of The Fletcher School, Tufts University, and former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

The Kim Koo Forum at Harvard, established with the generous support of the Kim Koo Foundation, will supplement and enhance Harvard's existing Korean studies program by inviting experts in both the academic and policy circles in the fields of diplomacy, security, cultural relations, and human rights to address some of the most pressing issues facing the U.S. and the two Koreas today.

At the heart of the relationship between the Kim Koo Foundation and Harvard's Korea Institute lies Kim Mee, the granddaughter of the national hero Kim Koo, and her husband, Kim Ho Youn, Chairman of Binggrae and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Korea to Mongolia. It was art, the renewal of family friendship over fifty years old, and a common love for Korea that first brought Chairman and Mrs. Kim to Boston and Harvard University in November 2000.

Chairman and Mrs. Kim came to Boston to meet Maia Henderson, the widow of the late Gregory Henderson, who had served in Korea with the U.S. Embassy in the 1940s, and also in a second tour as cultural attache in the 1950s and early 1960s. In Maia Henderson's possession were four grand scrolls written by Kim Koo and given to the late Gregory Henderson more than half a century ago. Also in Maia's possession was a beautiful bronze bust of Kim Koo's daughter-in-law (Kim Mee's mother), that Mrs. Henderson had made in the early 1960s. In anticipation of the opening of the Kim Koo Museum and Library in October 2002, Mrs. Henderson wished to donate these items to Chairman and Mrs. Kim.

One of four scrolls contains the following characters: "Korea U.S. Friendship Equality Cooperation" (please see "Han Mi Chin Sun Pyeong Deung Ho Jo" kimkoomuseum.org/kimkoo/files/kimkoo_newsletter_001.pdf). Kim Koo wrote these words in January 1949 as a statement of principle and wish for a new relationship between Korea and the U.S. And it is in this spirit that Harvard's Korea Institute is launching, with the support of the Kim Koo Foundation, the Kim Koo Forum on U.S.-Korea Relations.

For the Kim Koo Forum schedule, please visit the Korea Institute's website:

www.fas.harvard.edu/~korea/kimkooforum.html

New Fellowships in Korean Literature

The Korea Institute is delighted to announce that the International Communications Foundation (ICF) of Seoul, Korea, has granted new funding for graduate student fellowships. The International Communications Foundation (ICF) Graduate Student Fellowships in Korean Literature at the Korea Institute will be used to support Harvard graduate students whose research focuses on translations of Korean literature. The main purpose of this initiative is to provide funding to foster the growth of young scholars working on Korean literature and translation. The Korea Institute gratefully acknowledges this generous gift.

Reconfiguring Korea: Roger Marshutz's Photographs of Pusan, 1952-1954

As the Korean war (1950-1953) drew to a close and South Korea began to rebuild, American GI Roger Marshutz was stationed in Pusan to photograph U.S. reconstruction efforts. In his spare time Marshutz also wandered the streets, documenting the daily life of Korean civilians. *Reconfiguring Korea* offers both an official and unofficial look at U.S.-South Korean relations, as well as a portrait of a country in the midst of enormous political, economic, and cultural transformation.

The exhibit opened on February 15, 2006 and will remain on view through August 2006.

The Harvard Film Archive (HFA) will be screening a series of films, from March 6-17, about the Korean war in conjunction with the Peabody Museum's exhibit. More information is available on the HFA home page: www.harvardfilmarchive.org

Harvard-Yenching Summer Closing

Between June 9 and July 7, 2006, the first-floor stacks area at Yenching Library will be closed due to a construction project. The following collections will NOT be available:

Western-languages collection (including oversize works), Japanese LC collection (including oversize works), Japanese HY oversize works from J 6040.6 - J 9991, Chinese LC collection from PL2677 to ZA4082, and all oversize Chinese LC works. For more information, please visit:

hcl.harvard.edu/info/admittance/index.html#hyl



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Harvard Conference on The Northern Region, Identity, and Culture in Korea

by Jungwon Kim

The third in a series of conferences on the northern region of Korea, "The Northern Region, Identity, and Culture in Korea," was held from October 20th to 21st, 2005 at Harvard University's Center for Government and International Studies. In keeping with the international representation of the previous meetings in June 2004 and in February 2005, conference participants came from Japan, the United States, Canada, Kazakhstan, and South Korea. The discussions provided an important impetus for enhancing scholarly interest in how the northern region of the Korean peninsula developed and changed both domestically and in its international relations since the Chosŏn. period (1392-1910) up to the liberation era in 1945. It also illuminated the critical role the region played in the modernization of 19th to 20th century Korea.

Lack of academic interest in northern Korea has been of concern over the years, but active research in the region has also been limited due to a paucity of materials as well as restrictions imposed on conducting research in the area. Since the majority of research has been limited to southern Korea, not only is there a lack of adequate understanding of the northern region's uniqueness but there is also no specific consciousness of differences extant within the region. This academic conference is a first bold step in an attempt to overcome the repeated problems by introducing new research that can broaden the perspective on northern Korea's identity and culture by discussing its history, which is shaped by the diversity and transformation of the region, as well as literary and linguistic expressions unique to northern Korea. It also attempts to provide a path for scholarly exchange encompassing history, culture, society, language and international relations.

The third conference had many stimulating papers that went beyond mere observations of images. The papers emerged from diverse materials such as rare documents from late Chosŏn, accounts of everyday experiences during the colonial period, and non-Korean views on northern Korea in the late nineteenth and the early twentieth centuries. On the one hand, one cannot deny the geo-political uniqueness that northern Korea established through endless confrontations and interactions with other ethnic groups. At the same time, papers indicate that the diversity and dynamics existing within the region deserve more attention. Although the focus of the conference was limited to northern region of the Korean peninsula, the conference addressed larger issues that reach beyond the simple regional boundaries by

examining the endless exchanges and processes of development in human society.

A large number of American scholars, specialists in Japanese and Chinese studies, such as Professors Elizabeth Perry of Chinese politics and social movement, Peter Bol of Chinese history, Mikael Adolphson of Japanese history, Wesley Jacobsen of Japanese linguistics, participated in the conference and provided thought-provoking analysis and critiques to papers. This demonstrated keen interests in Korea on the part of our Japan and China colleagues and how research on northern Korea is not limited to Korean studies. And, senior scholars in Korean studies such as Professors Gari Ledyard and Vipin Chandra contributed insightful comments. A number of Korean participants noted that the depth of studies reflected in the papers and discussions made them reevaluate the level of western scholarship on Korean studies.

A number of logistical elements contributed to making the conference a success. The Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS) at Harvard University completed the 3-year construction project to open its doors to a state-of-the-art facility in September. This conference was the very first international conference to be held in the main conference hall, which attracted more than usual attention from international studies community. The simultaneous English and

Korean interpretation provided by Harvard students was superb and allowed the presenters and audience to communicate seamlessly, leading to lively discussions. Moreover, ample time between sessions in the elegant and comfortable space adjoining the conference room provided opportunities for discussions in a more informal setting.

Professor Sun Joo Kim plans to review the papers and publish an edited conference volume. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts of Science, in recognition of the scholarly importance of the project, assigned valuable office space in the building. This was instrumental for the conference and will be so for further development of the project in the future. Under the leadership of Professor Sun Joo Kim, project director, with the skills and devotion of the student assistants, and with the sponsorship of the Korea Research Foundation and the Korea Foundation, Seoul, Korea; and the Asia Center, the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and Korea Institute at the Harvard University, the conference was a great success.



Conference organizer Sun Joo Kim and participants, Gwi-Ok Kim (Hansung University), Yoo-seung Jang (Seoul National University), Nae Hyun Kwon (Korea University), Soo-chang Oh (Hallym University), and Min Jung (Hanyang University) (left to right).

We have moved!

The Korea Institute is back on campus in our new quarters at the South Building, Center for Government and International Studies (CGIS). Please note our new address. A report on the CGIS building project can be accessed at:

‡ www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2005/11.10/05-cgis.html

E-mail Outages at Harvard

If you have tried to contact the Korea Institute by e-mail and have not received a reply, please send a fax or telephone the office. Harvard's e-mail service has been sporadic for several months and may not be reliable for some months to come. E-mail being sent from Asia has been particularly affected.

The sporadic e-mail service outages have "plunged the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) back to the dark ages of the early 1990s" as reported in the *Harvard Crimson*:

Larry Levine, the chief information officer for FAS, explained that heavy use of the e-mail system has caused it to slow down. "Ever increasing usage loads on the FAS e-mail systems...have severely challenged these systems." In addition to excessive traffic, the network was also plagued by Denial of Service attacks, which impede e-mail system performance. Harvard's IT staff is "working literally around the clock" to calm the electronic waters, according to Levine. While service will continue to improve, Levine said long-term solutions will be some time in coming.

‡ www.thecrimson.com/article.aspx?ref=511150



At this year's Korea Institute Fall Reception were (left to right) Sang-Suk Oh (Director of the Korean Language Program), Sun Joo Kim (Associate Professor of Korean History), Carter J. Eckert (Yoon Se Young Professor of Korean History), David R. McCann (Korea Foundation Professor of Korean Literature), Susan Pharr (Edwin O. Reischauer Professor of Japanese Politics), and Wesley Jacobsen (Professor of the Practice of the Japanese Language).

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