

Pfeiffer Hall undergoes complete renovation

By Kim Hye-won

A complete renovation of Pfeiffer Hall was finished on Aug. 24 after two months of construction. The construction replaced the infrastructure of various facilities and office devices in the building, and relocated the major administrative offices.

The primary reason for initiating the renovation was due to general deterioration of the facilities.

"It has been around 80 years since Pfeiffer Hall was first established," said Ryu Ji-yeon, an official from the Office of Facilities Maintenance. "Thus, many facilities were highly

deteriorated. For example, numerous cases of water leaks have been reported. Many officials agreed that updating the power system and various facilities was in urgent need."

The old air conditioning units and heating equipment were discarded and replaced by gas type air conditioning units and a heating system, which are more energy-efficient. Around 200 fluorescent light bulbs were replaced with LED lights in order to improve lighting and conserve energy.

Because the building's roof, made out of wood and copperplate, was vulnerable to insulation, insulation

reinforcement construction was also done.

Due to many complaints about ineffective partitions used in the office area, the office environment was rearranged to have more open-space, for better cooperation and communication among workers.

In addition to the renovation, several administrative offices of central administrative agencies, including the Academic Affairs team and the Research team from Ewha University-Industry Collaboration Foundation, were moved from their previous locations to Pfeiffer Hall.

According to an official from the Office of Coordination and

Planning, the purpose of the relocation was to enhance business efficiency by integrating major administrative offices into one building and promoting more active communication between departments.

The renovation of Pfeiffer Hall, however, is still not fully complete.

"As a part of a state-subsidized business, we will begin another construction work for a general renovation of the building's facade," Ryu said. "The construction will be carried out this semester and continue on to the following winter vacation."

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In Brief

Ewha Instagram is newly introduced

Communications made an official school Instagram account to commemorate the second anniversary of the school Facebook account on Sept. 11. Ewha's Instagram account will share life on campus with students through pictures and videos. Also, posts about school events will be available. The account is (<http://www.instagram.com/ewha.w.univ/>) and the Instagram ID is "@ewha.w.univ." The school's Instagram is not only for Ewha students, but also anyone who wishes to visit the account.

Library tour organized by Ewha Library Supporters

Ewha Library Supporters held library tours from Sept. 16 to 25. The tours aimed to help undergraduate students, graduate students and international students learn how to utilize the library services. Six tours were given in total: two in Korean, two in English, one in Mandarin and one in Japanese. Over 40 students participated in the library tour service.

Innovation Ewha Lecture Series for fall semester begins

Content Planning & Management has launched the Innovation Ewha Lecture Series for the fall semester. The first lecture of the series, "Korean Music, Korean Instruments, Finding Our Sound," was presented by Korean Music professor Kwak Eun-ah on Sept. 16 at Emerson Chapel. The series consists of six individual lectures concerning music, art, dance and sports. Students who are interested in attending the following lectures must sign up via the Web site (<http://goo.gl/forms/LM1hQ8TRmz/>).

Ewha Institute for Biomedical Law & Ethics holds symposium

Ewha Institute for Biomedical Law & Ethics held a symposium under the title of "King vs. Burwell, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Unconstitutional Judgment" at Room 103 in Law Building on Sept. 5. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is a law passed in America in 2010 and was used in the King vs. Burwell incident. The symposium aimed to figure out the implication of the enactment of this law.

Ewha Music Institute holds special lecture

Ewha Music Institute held a special lecture named "What's a Music Curator?" at Recital Hall in the College of Music on Sept. 17. The lecture served as a briefing session and an open lecture to help Ewha Music Institute recruit their 8th participants. The lecture explained what music curators do, and skills that are needed to become music curators.

Major-related Community Service Contest held for first time

By Huh Ryun-jung

The school's volunteer services team announced winners of the Major-related Community Service Contest on Sept. 21. Through the contest, seven teams were chosen out of 24 teams that applied. The winning teams will receive financial support and guidance from the university from September to February 2016.

The contest was open from Sept. 1 to 15 to all major-related community service programs organized by Ewha students that are either currently operating or will start their activities. Held for the first time this year, the contest aims to encourage students' participation in community activities by using skills from their major studies.

"We wanted to promote major-related community service programs

at Ewha," said Jang Hee-jin from the school's volunteer services team. "Also, the contest will give students the opportunity to apply what they have learned in their majors to actual society."

Through the contest, teams from five different majors including Korean Language Education, Brain & Cognitive Sciences, Pharmacy, Human Movement Studies, and Special Education were selected.

As for the volunteer group from the Department of Korean Language Education, it will hold Korean writing sessions for multicultural students. Likewise, Ewha Sports Education Club from Human Movement Studies will teach students by holding physical education classes. The team from Brain & Cognitive Sciences will visit a children's center and nursing homes to stimulate people's brain

activities through games.

Meanwhile, the two teams from the Department of Pharmacy, MS (Medical Society) and Salt Society, will provide free medical services to those in need. The two teams consisting of students majoring in Special Education will each launch programs for disabled children and their families and people with developmental disabilities in the local community.

As the contest focused on programs associated with students' majors, applicants had to specify how their programs are related to their majors, courses that they have taken, and the school curriculum. In addition, they had to explain how their programs will contribute to society.

Based on the submitted proposals, the volunteer services team selected groups based on the programs'

relation to the participants' majors, the specificity and sustainability of the submitted plan, the number of team members, and plans to secure the budget.

For the seven selected teams, the school will fund up to one million won depending on the program. Also, school authorities will hold a meeting to instruct teams on using financial support from the school and examine the students' community service programs.

In mid-December, the volunteer services team will conduct an interim evaluation to check the groups' progress and see if the groups are carrying out their activities according to plan. In February, the teams will conclude their projects by submitting a report on the outcome of their community service programs.

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School opens new reading room for students with disabilities

By Lim Ye-ju

Starting this semester, students with disabilities can use a newly made reading room specifically designated for them.

Previously, the reading room for students with disabilities was situated in the University Library. For more convenience, however, the reading room was moved to a room on the third floor of the Ewha Campus Complex (ECC), which used to be the YBM ECC Notebook Zone.

"We have decided to move the reading room to the ECC for easier access," said Hwang Hee-jeong, a member of Support Center for Students with Disabilities. "Compared to the University Library, ECC is much closer to other lecture rooms and has convenient facilities, so it would take less time to get to the reading room."

Along with the change of location, high-tech devices were also introduced to help students. Previously, the reading room was equipped with a braille printer, an electric magnifier and several

computers. This semester, new assistive technology devices were added, including a computer with Optical Character Recognition (OCR) and a big monitor.

"We understand that these devices may be unfamiliar to students," Hwang said. "Therefore, we are planning to arrange students with disabilities helpers, who are going to explain how to use these new devices. Also, the helpers are going to support disabled students' learning and commuting."

Students with disabilities helpers are selected every semester to aid students in their campus life.

Their main duties are to attend the same classes as the students with disabilities and quickly type the content of the lecture into a document so that students with disabilities can always go back to the notes to help their understanding.

Moreover, the helpers are each assigned to students with physical disabilities to aid them in moving to various destinations.

As the YBM ECC Notebook Zone was replaced by the reading room, the only place that students can now



New reading room for students with disabilities is furnished with computers and equipments for their more convenient use of reading room.

Photo by Kim Kyung-min

use their laptops in reading rooms at ECC is Ewha-Shinhan Notebook Zone.

"The reading room for students with disabilities was made for the educational purposes of such students, and is vital for the

diversity of campus life as well as special educational needs," Hwang said. "We hope that other students understand the necessity of this change and be considerate to students with disabilities."

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