

# RFID increases convenience at library

By Lim Ye-ju

University Library has successfully established the Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) system over the winter vacation. Students are able to use this system to borrow and return books starting from March 2.

RFID is a system that allows wireless data flow. The system consists of a 'reader' which comprehends and transfers information and a 'tag' which stores and provides information. In the case of University Library, small chips which store specific information such as the title and the author were inserted to each book. By doing so, the information is transferred automatically to librarians' computers through the 'reader' when borrowing or returning books.

The system carries many advantages. For the library, it offers

a more efficient way to organize books. With the adoption of the RFID system, the library can easily track materials, decreasing the number of missing or stolen books. For students, they are now able to borrow and return books through Self-Check In/Out on their own. Also, students are allowed to return books 24 hours daily through Self-Return Machines situated in University Library, Ewha Campus Complex and Student Union.

"Through the new RFID system, we hope to increase the service satisfaction enjoyed by students," said Chung Yeon-kyoung, the director of the University Library. "We also hope to expose students to a larger information database."

To mark the establishment of RFID system along with 130th anniversary of Ewha, University Library has held a special event. From March 2 to March 8, to the

130th user of Self-Check In/Out, Central Library will grant 50,000 won gift voucher and a gift set which consists of an eco-bottle, memo cube and a portable battery.

130th and 1300th users of each Self-Return Machine receive with a gift set. Both students and faculty were eligible to participate.

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A newly renovated RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) system enables students to return their books more conveniently.

Photo by Kim Kyung-min

# Ewha opens parent portal web site for parents

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The school launched a parent portal Web site (<http://parent.ewha.ac.kr/>) specifically dedicated to parents of Ewha students on March 7. The Web site provides information related to school and students' lives at school.

The new web site is for those parents who sign up for the service and go through information certification process. Those who are verified as parents of Ewha students are officially signed in to use services.

The new site provides mostly their children's academic records

including grades, scholarship awards and internship programs. However, the amount of information regarding students made available for parents is limited to the categories their students allowed to be accessible for their parents.

Parents who signed up for the service can also acquire diverse information about the school including receiving guidebooks and newsletters on major school events, checking and printing the tuition bill and being notified of school programs for parents.

The school said that such launching was to provide more

convenience for parents. There have been many requests for a Web site which was expressed during annual survey and at events for parents.

The school announced that it will also actively reflect parents' voices collected through "parent portal" into school policies.

Parents of Ewha students showed positive responses towards the school's such decision.

"I think it will provide a lot of convenience for parents, especially those of freshmen," said a mother of a freshman who wanted to remain anonymous. "Since my daughter is an only child, I am not familiar with the university system and how

things are run. I think the parents portal will be a great helping hand in this situation, so I will definitely sign up for the service."

However, some students voiced concerns that such Web site can potentially affect the rights and privacy of each student.

"It does not seem valid for the university to give rights to view student information to parents," said Yoo Ji-sun, a senior majoring in English and English Education. "After all, we are all grown ups. Whether a student shares school information with her parents or not should be up for her to decide."

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# Course registration frustrates foreign freshmen

As a result, during the first course registration period, Hu, like many other foreign students, chose classes that were too difficult for her.

"I think the most critical change the school should adopt is to arrange the foreign student orientation before the registration period," Hu said. "That way, we will have a better understanding of what classes we should register for during the first registration period."

However, that solution may not be as simple as it seems.

"Regarding the orientation date, there are many things that we have to take into consideration," said a correspondent in the OIA. "We try to adjust the schedule to best fit the majority's immigration dates, because these time schedules are tightly bound to the student's finances as well. We also schedule the orientation after the moving day of the school dormitory."

The OIA explained that although there may still be room for improvement, the OIA has been constantly working to better support

foreign students.

"For instance, we have expanded the number of majors that provide separate orientations for foreign students," the OIA said. "This way, we are able to take time to explain the specifics of each major to the students in detail."

Also, the OIA recruited several foreign students who went through the same distress in their freshman year to help foreigners with the course registration. These students spend time in the OIA office and

the ECC to help students who come with inquiries about their registration process.

"Because the foreign students know more about which course is better for foreigners, this new process works out very well," the correspondent said.

At the orientation, the students were told not to worry, that they could adjust their selected courses during the registration confirmation and change period from March 3 to March 9. However, due to the

nature of the change period, foreign students have to compete for courses that have not yet reached capacity. Thus, foreign students have difficulty registering for the mandatory classes and courses with high popularity. The OIA, aware of such difficulties, encouraged students to go seek the professor in person to ask for expanding the enrollment capacity.

Every year, more and more foreign students enroll in Ewha. This year, 130 foreign students enrolled, 17 percent higher than last year. As the campus expands into a more globalized community, the school has constantly been making appropriate changes, such as opening more English lectures.

"As I have said before, the OIA is a dynamic workplace, and providing better support for foreign students is in our best interest," the OIA said. "I hope that our constant actions can help more students, and students will actively use the OIA for their needs."

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## In Brief

### Briefing session held on Foodservice Professional Track

EWHA Nutritional Sciences and Food Management Foodservice Professional Track held a briefing session at Room 318 in Human Ecology Building (Morris Hall) on March 3. The session aimed to provide information on Department of Nutritional Science & Food Management and enrollment for the food service industry track. Participants were provided with brochure and snacks, and a prize lottery was held as well.

### PRAME Ewha Creative Academy and Center for the Performing Arts holds festival

PRAME Ewha Creative Academy and Center for the Performing Arts held a dance festival under the title of "2016 Seoul Body Festival: Dance, Soma and Healing" at Samsung Hall in the Ewha Campus Complex on March 8 and 9. The festival was made up of lectures given by various experts including associate professor Cho Ki-sook (Dance), as well as interactive programs where the participants could make use of their body movements.

### Ewha Music Institute holds public lecture

#### "What is a music curator?"

Ewha Music Institute's Ewha Music Curator School held a briefing session and public lecture "What is a music curator?" at Room 201 of the Music Building on March 8. Professor Chae Hyun-kyung, head of the Ewha Music Institute and director of the Center for Arts & Culture Education, defined what a music curator was to attendees.

### Ewha Womans University Museum displays masterpieces

Ewha Womans University Museum is holding an exhibit named "Masterpieces from Ewha Womans University Museum" from March 2 to the end of this year. Masterpieces by various Korean artists were displayed under four categories: sketches and calligraphy, modern art, ceramic art, and metal craft. Masterpieces will be displayed in turns, and the exhibition will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except on Sundays and holidays.

### Ewha Womans University Alumnae Association holds bazaar

Ewha Womans University Alumnae Association held a bazaar from March 10 to March 12. It took place at B4 of Ewha Campus Complex on March 10 and 11, and at the 8th floor of Ewha-Samsung Education Culture Building on March 12. The bazaar was open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and sold clothes, shoes, jewelry and nut products.