Grade objection system to be implemented starting this semester

By Huh Ryun-jung

Last semester, Kim (alias), a junior from the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, was notified of her final grade just a few days before the grade correction period deadline. She had found out about her final grade on EUREKA Portal without prior notification of her assignment and final exam scores. Since her grade was uploaded at the last minute, she was unsure about whether she could still make a grade correction request. With questions about her scores unresolved, she accepted her final grade without objection.

Similar to Kim, there have been students who wished to make a grade correction request but were unsure whether the school's administrative schedule permitted them to do so. Thus, in order to enhance the credibility of the grading process and students' convenience, the Registrar will implement a grade objection system from this semester. The new system will supplement the former grade correction system, which enables students to modify incorrect grading result from professors' clerical mistakes.

Like the grade correction system, the grade objection system will only accept requests related to clerical errors, such as entry errors, miscalculations, or confusion between names. However, it differs from the previous system in that it has a designated objection period and allows students to check grade changes in real time.

If a student finds one's grade to be different from her expectations, she may submit an objection to the professor during the designated grade objection period. The professor may then review and correct the student's grade if it contains apparent errors such as calculation mistakes.

"Previously, students had to contact their instructors individually without knowing whether they would still have time left to change their grades," said Han Min-young from the Registrar. "Without a designated objection period, some students tried to change their grade after the grade correction period deadline in the past."

In addition to the introduction of an official grade objection period, students will be able to check their updated grades on EUREKA Portal immediately after the professor makes a grade correction. Before the introduction of the grade objection system, students were unable to check their reconfirmed grade until two to three weeks after making a correction request.

In order to make a grade appeal this semester, a student may make a grade objection by contacting her course instructor by June 29. Then, if the professor decides that he or she has given an incorrect grade due to administrative errors, the Registrar will withdraw the grade confirmation of the course. Grade correction by the professors may continue until July 4. Meanwhile, students will be able to check their modified grades through EUREKA Portal. During the process, students' grades may be subject to change due to other students' grade objection until the deadline.

"The grade objection system is part of the school's effort to improve its administrative services since president Choi's inauguration in 2014," Han said. "In order to simplify procedures and increase students' convenience, the Registrar introduced the online leave of absence application service and simplified the process for the declaration of intent to graduate. Our staff will continue to promote students' convenience while following school regulations."

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Celebrating Ewha 130th anniversary In celebration of Ewha's 130th anniversary, the office of Chaplain held "Ewha Remind Chapel," where graduates could reminisce about their time back in Ewha.

Successive accidents threaten campus safety

By Kim Hye-won

Recent accidents on and around the campus have increased students' worries regarding campus safety. Lately there have been two car accidents on and near the campus during the third week of May in which two Ewha students have been injured. As students came to hear of the accidents, they are raising voices of sympathy towards the injured students and concern regarding campus safety.

Around 9:40 p.m. on May 17, a student got severely hit by a truck near campus. The student was walking up the hill near Daeshin Church at the entrance of the Engineering College and got knocked down by a truck that suddenly came up from behind. The truck was allegedly approaching the church.

With the help from people around the scene of the accident, the student was immediately transferred to a nearby hospital. Currently, she is getting treatment for a femur and finger fracture. The police is currently conducting an inquiry to determine whether the accident occured due to the driver's negligence.

"The school is thinking of several ways to help the injured student," said Lee Hee-jin, a deputy head of the Office of Coordination.

First Sleepless in Library "One Night Two Days" is held

By Huh Ryun-jung

Ewha Centennial Library held Sleepless in Library "One Night Two Days" from May 27 to 28. It was the first library program at Ewha to be held overnight. The event began at 9 p.m. on May 27 and ended at 6 a.m. on the following day.

The occasion was organized to give students an opportunity to enjoy unique activities at the library. Due to the popularity of the event, the first-come, first-served basis registration for the event ended in just 25 hours with 130 students participated in the gathering.

The event was composed of diverse programs including a lecture, quizzes, and group activities. As for the group activities, the students had to choose from reading, movie-watching, or calligraphy camp.

Sleepless in Library "One Night Two Days" started with a special lecture given by professor Lyu Chul-gyun from the Division of Convergence & Interdisciplinary Studies. Titled "5 Stories of Stories: Tales of 5 Meaningful Books," the lecture offered a typological theory of narratives, examining how each type of subject matter brings together an identifiable range of thematic or narrative components.

Then, professor Lyu introduced Story Helper, the first storytelling support software in Korea. The tool was made by Ewha Digital Storytelling R&D Center in collaboration with NCsoft, an online video and mobile game development company. Lyu related that Story Helper uses a database of existing works to help people generate ideas and write stories necessary for production of media such as novels, movies and dramas. As an expert in the field of digital storytelling, he explained how stories can be created through artificial intelligence.

At the end of his lecture, he recommended five books to participants such as *Confucius: The Man and the Myth*.

During the warm-up activity of Sleepless in Library "One Night Two Days," students are actively participating in quizzes to receive various prizes.
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