



longer to read the Eagle than Korean newspapers, but maybe if we read what was going on in this community we wouldn't be so passive.

"Most Korean wives stay home and study and we become more passive. But to change, the situation must be fifty-fifty. Our attitude toward the community must change and the community's attitude toward foreign students must change."

Being misunderstood is frustrating for the Korean students, and Dukmin says he became depressed because he couldn't explain to a mechanic what car part he needed.

"I couldn't think of the English name for the car part," he says. "I was frustrated because I couldn't explain myself. But you can bet I know every name of every car part in my car now."

Finances are also a problem for Korean students. Most receive some money from their parents and have a research assistantship in their department in order to make ends meet.

Obviously, their stay in the United States isn't without drawbacks, but the Korean students say they will miss aspects of American life when they return home. Koom says she will miss the independence of the American people who do what they want, even though she doesn't understand why they dress the way they do.

Duk-jin says he'll miss the free time he has in the United States when he returns to Seoul.

"In Korea we have a lot of gatherings," he says. "Before we go home, after work, we go drink and play. If friends want you to go with them you better go with them. Here you can say you have something to do. Your time is more your own."

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