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**Korean Students Association**



FIRST YEAR  

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ESSENTIALS

2003 - 2004

# Guide to Fort Lee

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<p><b>GAGOPA NJ Music</b> 2011 Lemoine Ave. #301 201-313-9509 Noraebang... offers up-to-date japanese, american, and korean songs.</p>	<p><b>DAE MYUNG KWAN RESTAURANT</b> 270 Broad Ave. 201-592-8993 Chinese/Korean restaurant. Excellent jjambong</p>
<p><b>RESTAURANT FORTE BADEN BADEN</b> 2139 Hudson Terrace 201-592-1127 BEST FRIED CHICKEN!</p>	<p><b>GATEAUX BAKERY</b> 321 Main St. Recommendation: Mocha cake, vegetable bread, and chestnut bread.</p>
<p><b>TAEJO GARDEN</b> 1616 Palisade Ave 201-947-9902 This roomy restaurant has great service and offers all the favorite Korean dishes</p>	<p><b>SO KONG DONG RESTAURANT</b> 130 Main St. 201-585-1122 (One of the few places that serve decent Soft Tofu dishes)</p>
<p><b>TOH TOH WHA RESTAURANT</b> 421 Broad Ave. 201-592-7020 BEST jjajangmyun in town They have everything dduckbokgi to kimchi gimbab.</p>	

KSA members relaxing at the KSA anual BBQ



Brilliant and innovative KSA advertisements

**Tips from a KSA Board Member**



**Eileen Lee CC '05 (Programming Officer)** likes to hang out on St. Mark's Place (8th Ave b/w 2nd and 3rd Ave.) where you'll find tattoo and piercing parlors, a bigger Kim's Video, and a variety of restaurants, especially the better Japanese restaurants in town. [esi2002@columbia.edu]

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## KSA Events in September

Thursday, September 4th: **Freshman Mixer**, 8pm @ 555C Lerner

Friday, September 12th: **Chusuk BBQ** (time & place TBA)

Thursday, September 18th: **KSA Party**, 10pm @ Camel

> for more info, visit [www.columbiaksa.org](http://www.columbiaksa.org)!

# Koreatown

**Korea Way**, located on 32nd Street and Broadway, is the center of the Korean community in Manhattan. There, you will find Korean restaurants, bars, karaoke, clubs, salons, music stores, and other Korean businesses. The following are some recommended spots in the

**Gam Mee Ok**

Known for its sullungtang (beef soup) and kimchee, especially as a post-party treat.

**Kum Gang San**

A wide variety of Korean dishes on the menu, including Korean BBQ. Open 24/7 and great for big groups.

**Dae Dong**

Best naeng myun (buckweat noodles) on the block.

**Woorijip**

Packaged, pre-prepared Korean foods sold for cheap in a cafeteria-like setting.

**Han Ah Reum**

Korean grocery that is not as big as the ones they have in Jersey or LA, but as big a Korean market you'll find in NYC.

**Mandu Bar**

Delicious Korean dumplings and dduk bbok ee for those who want Korean cuisine on the run.

**Koryodang**

This Korean pastry shop, a legendary chain in Korea, makes its way into America as a chic-looking café

**Blue**

This widely known drinking lounge may be pricey and mediocre, but there's something about the dark lighting and laid-back atmosphere that facilitates a great time for all who come.

**Zen X**

Where you go if you don't go to Blue. Similar to Blue but may pretend to be more upscale.

**The Third Floor**

This class upscale café/bar is good for a romantic getaway (corner of 32nd St. and 5th Ave.)

**Coo-Coo Bar**

Opened in mid-2003, this bar/lounge has big cushy seats that make it ideal for a 5-8 person group outing.

EAT EAT EAT !!!

ONCE YOU'RE 21...

**Tips from a KSA Board Member**



**Stephanie Lee SEAS '06 (Programming Officer)** loves the dim sum at SHUN LEE (43 W 65th St.) but warns that it can be "quite expensive sometimes."

Be on the lookout for famous celebrities there as well. Stephanie also enjoys parties at CLUB CREAM (246 Columbus Ave.) and suggests that you get on a guestlist for reduced admission. [s121768@columbia.edu]

**Tips from a KSA Board Member**



**Jason Maeng SEAS '06 (Historian)** recommends Carmine's (2450 Broadway) for its large portion Italian dishes that are perfect for big groups. He also

thinks the Amsterdam Billiard Club (344 Amsterdam Ave.) is a great pool hall, especially on Thursday nights when four people can play on a table from 11pm to close for only \$22. [jjm2053@columbia.edu]

# Welcome Class of 2007!

## The Korean Students Association (KSA) of Columbia University (CU) welcomes the Class of 2007.

KSA at CU is a Korean cultural interest organization and is one of the largest recognized clubs on campus. Annually, KSA programs include cultural, political, social, and community service events to integrate the KSA community of Columbia and spread awareness of Korean culture.

Our year culminates with the production of the Culture Show (CS), one of the university's most-attended productions, in which students from our membership take part in a fashion show, dance (cultural and contemporary) and vocal performances, drum troupe, acting, and the technical production of the show. Preparations for this production begin in the fall, so be on the lookout for Culture Show auditions and interviews.

KSA is looking for first years who are interested in working actively with the KSA board as freshmen representatives for the 2003-04 academic year. This is a great opportunity to meet others and get plugged into the CU community. If you would like more information on this, please email [kas@columbia.edu](mailto:kas@columbia.edu) or check out [www.columbiaKSA.org](http://www.columbiaKSA.org).

This booklet contains advice from students who have already been through the first year experience. Although simple and brief, it contains some information that you may find useful.

**Freshman Mixer!**

Thursday Sept. 4th  
8pm @ Lerner C555



**Activities Day**

Friday Sept. 5th  
11am on College Walk

Visit [www.ColumbiaKSA.org](http://www.ColumbiaKSA.org)!

As First Year students at Columbia University, you will be bombarded with all kinds of website addresses in the first few weeks of school. One website that we would like for you to remember is [www.ColumbiaKSA.org](http://www.ColumbiaKSA.org), a brand new website that keeps you up to date on what's going on with KSA and offers other valuable resources such as job and internship listings, cultural events around the city, and Korean courses you can take at Columbia. Be sure to check it out today!



Look for helpful tips from **KSA Board Members**

**Tips from a KSA Board Member**



**John Jung CC '06 (Secretary)** satisfies his chicken and ribs cravings at Dallas BBQ (27 W. 72nd St. and other locations). He also likes to stroll to the Paris Theater (W 58th St. b/w 6th and 7th Ave) and check out the sophisticated movies they play there. Lastly, John suggests that you "develop a good relationship with your dean; he or she might take you to lunch." [jj2078@columbia.edu]

Name, School (CC/SEAS), Class, and KSA Position.

Suggestions on restaurants, places to hang out, and/or school-related advice.

Contact Information

# In the Neighborhood

## Dining & Snacking

**Pinnacle** 115th and Broadway  
24-hour pizza, soup, sandwiches, and drinks (including coffee for all nighters); say hello to the Korean owner, a very nice gentleman.

**M2M** Next door to Pinnacle  
This Korean-run food mart serves sushi, sandwiches, and also sells a variety of Asian food products; craving any Korean cookies or bread? Get them here.

**The Mill** 112th and Broadway  
The lone Korean restaurant in the neighborhood, The Mill offers tasty dolsot bibimbap dishes.

Tips from a KSA Board Member



**Michelle Oh CC '06 (Vice President)** likes Saigon Grill (91st St. and Amsterdam Ave.) and says it is "a first year's best bet at a quick escape from campus dining" because it's "close, the food comes in large portions, it's very reasonably priced, and it's good!" She also recommends the Gopdol Bibimaps at the Mill if you have a sudden urge for Korean food. [mo2057@columbia.edu]

## Other

**Kim's Video**  
114th and Broadway  
This Korean-owned video store is widely known around Manhattan for its vast collection of videos domestic and foreign, studio-made or independent, contemporary or classic. A membership at Kim's is a must for any film lover.

**Song's Stationery**  
111th and Broadway  
This small Korean-owned stationery offers a variety of lottery tickets and calling cards as well as cheap stationery items.

**Windy Corner**  
113th and Broadway  
This Korean-owned sporting goods store specializes in stringing racquets and also sells equipments for various sporting activities.

Tips from a KSA Board Member

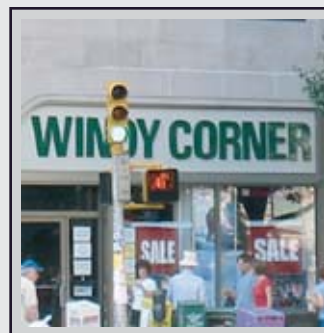


**Josephine Kim CC'06 (Publicity Officer)** likes to split a "big delicious sushi plate" with a friend at Hakata Grill (48th St. b/w Broadway and 8th Ave.) or their hot soba noodles. She also loves to dance on the bar at Soha (111th and Amsterdam Ave.) [jsk2017@columbia.edu]

Tips from a KSA Board Member



**Terrence Lai CC '06 (Publicity Officer)** likes the restaurant and café combo of Bimmy's (W. 15th St. and 10th Ave) for its inexpensive lunch menu and location in interesting Chelsea. He recommends "the T-Giving Bimmy, a wrap filled with turkey, stuffing, and cranberry sauce." [tml2006@columbia.edu]



## On Campus Dining

Already skeptical about what they serve you at John Jay? Use your dining dollars at these various locations instead.

**Café 212 in Lerner:** sandwiches and other quick foods.

**Ferris Booth in Lerner:** they serve Korean lunch boxes here sometimes and sushi made by Korean guys

**Uris Deli at the B-school (Uris Hall):** a different variety of sandwiches, soups, and snacks

**Lenfast Café at the Law School:** they grill burgers or chicken sandwiches for you; great outdoor seating

Tips from a KSA Board Member



**Jina Suh CC '05 (Vice President)** loves the Japanese food at Tatany 52 (380 52nd St.), which she claims is "100 times better than Tomo's." As a Jersey girl, Jina likes the romantic atmosphere and riverside view of Hoboken, which you can get to by taking a PATH train (\$1.50) from K-town on 32nd St. [jas2010@columbia.edu]

Tips from a KSA Board Member



**DJ Park SEAS '06 (Treasurer)** boasts that he does something "different almost every weekend," but if he had to pick a favorite, it would be going to the Comedy Cellar, where he once saw Chris Rock perform standup. As for classes, DJ warns that "morning classes blow." [dj2067@columbia.edu]

## Academics

**CULPA!** Want to hear what other students have to say about your professors? Easy or hard grader? Workload? Bald? [www.columbia.edu/~msd39](http://www.columbia.edu/~msd39) - bookmark it and read up on it before you register!

**Be aware of the add/drop deadlines.** They're different for CC and SEAS. If you miss the add/drop deadline, don't freak out. You can go to your dean and petition to add/drop. The university generally allows you to do this only once a semester.

**First Year Sophomore Academic Advising Center (FYSAAC)-403 Lerner.** At Columbia, you will have one dean who will do general advising with you for the first two years. Become acquainted with your advisor early so you can hit him/her up for recommendations later on.





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