Fund to aid Koreans after fatal crash

By Ruth Gerstner

The Korean Students Association has established a fund to assist a group of Ohio State students and their families who were involved in a serious auto accident Dec. 19.

One of those injured, Chulwoo Park, a 28-year-old Ph.D. student in statistics from Seoul, died in a Miami, Fla., hospital on Dec. 29.

Six graduate students from Korea, three of their wives and three children rented a van and drove to Florida over the Christmas break, hoping to see some of the United States. South of Home-stead, Fla., the van went off the road and overturned, seriously injuring four of the passengers.

Two remain hospitalized — Dong-Kwon Park and Minyung Lee. Park is also a graduate student in statistics, and "Baby Lee" is the 3-year-old daughter of Kun-bok and Gisun Lee. Park's wife, Haesun, has been released from the hospital.

Five members of the party flew back to Columbus on Christmas Day, compliments of Eastern Airlines and Uniglobe Prestige Travel. Family members who remain in Florida to be near the hospitalized Koreans are being assisted with shelter and food by Korean students and Korean-Americans in the Miami area.

Also lending aid are the Korean Church of Columbus, whose minister flew to Miami to help; the International Wives Club; the administration of Buckeye Village, where the Park and Lee families reside; and the Office of International Students and Scholars.

Contributions to the "Korean Accident Fund" may be made at any branch of BancOhio National Bank.

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