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Turning More To Student Welfare II

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One of the hot issues of the election campaign at Korea university is that students must take their share in all the school affairs such as deciding on curricula and appointing faculty members.

Despite the prevailing tendency toward welfare of students, it is still also true that candidates in major Seoul universities are well categorized as two mainstream groups which traditionally have led dissident student activities.

Candidates following PD (People's Democracy) theory contend that people's liberation be achieved through concentration of the people's power into a political one. Those pursuing NL (National Liberation) put emphasis on national unification to be achieved independently by "forcing all the legacies of imperialist America out of the country."

Yonsei's Im Hon-tae who follows the NL line admitted that the popular

support for the student movement dwindled since the prosecution and other law enforcement authorities launched a massive crackdown early last year on student activists, who were classified by law-enforcement officials as Juchesasang-pa or those followers of North Korean leader Kim Il-sung's juche (self-reliance) ideology.

Im set the goal of next year's student movement to drawing widespread backing from the people before crushing the government's plan to introduce a parliamentary cabinet system as a tool to "perpetuate its reign over the country" and to join the United Nations separately from the North.

Kim Sang-mun, a Yonsei candidate who belongs to the PD line, meanwhile, said that he would try his utmost to politicize all the power of the labour class.

"The deceptive unification policy of

the government must be stopped by democratic labour forces which have been suppressed especially by the government's declaration of war on crime at this time," the candidate also said.

A spokesman for the Korea University's student council said that it was very hard for the candidates to attract the attention of student voters to the election itself.

To make the statement more convincing, Kim Sang-mun complained that "I could have spent less money in printing tens of thousands of copies of pamphlets and other materials for the campaign if students had paid more attention to our voice, at least to the joint speech sessions."

"Overall, candidates now pay more money than their predecessors in preparing various materials for election campaigns mainly because students lack interest in election," he said.

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