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DULUTH--Dr. Chester W. Wood, director of Student Personnel Services at UMD, was honored in an unusual manner on his 60th birthday July 20th at a party at Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea.

One hundred colleagues and friends gathered at the faculty club of the University for a Hwan Gap celebration for Dr. and Mrs. Wood and their daughter, Marilyn.

The party also marked the end of the University of Minnesota-Seoul National University Cooperative project which began in October of 1954. Dr. Wood has been serving as chief advisor to SNU during the past year, his third assignment to South Korea.

Korean custom divides life into twelve year periods. Those who complete five cycles celebrate Hwan Gap, which indicates the completion of the usually anticipated span of existence in the Orient and the beginning of a new life. From this time forward, Korean gentlemen historically wear a white costume and a flat horsehair hat and assume a dignified and leisurely status in the life of the community.

Dr. Wood was presented such a costume to wear at his own Hwan Gap party, and Mrs. Wood and Marilyn also wore Korean garb.

Seoul National University President Joong-whi Kwon presented a personal citation to Dr. Wood and a letter of appreciation to the University of Minnesota for its collective help in developing higher education in South Korea. University of Minnesota President O. Meredith Wilson read the citation to the Board of Regents at its meeting in Minneapolis on Thursday (July 12).

During the eight year contract period, 218 South Korean faculty members were trained in the United States, most of them at Minnesota. Fifty-nine University of Minnesota advisers served SNU colleges in Seoul.

Dr. John A. Dettmann, professor of business and economics at UMD, spent the 1959-60 year aiding SNU colleagues develop courses in his field of study.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood and daughter Marilyn will return to Duluth in August following a trip through Southeast Asia, the Middle East and Europe.