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Current Employment Survey of STU Graduates



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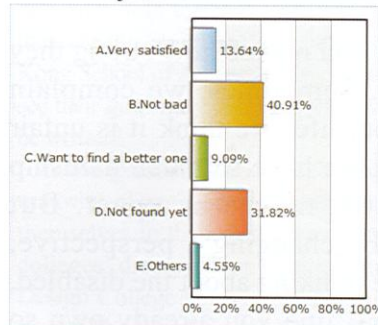
Some university students are confused about their futures, especially their careers. This article describes the current employment situation for graduates this year. Hopefully it can help them to decide what direction to take.



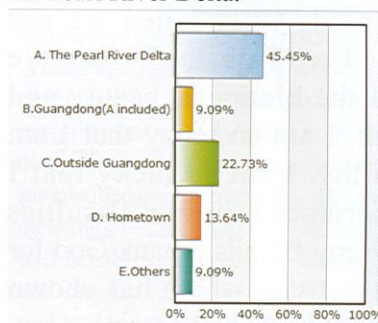
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The first batch of post-90s students will graduate from school and join society. What's the current employment situation? Has everyone found a satisfying job? What are their expectations or assumptions? To learn more about these questions, we did a survey of 23 former STU graduate students with different majors and from different hometowns. The following are the survey's findings.

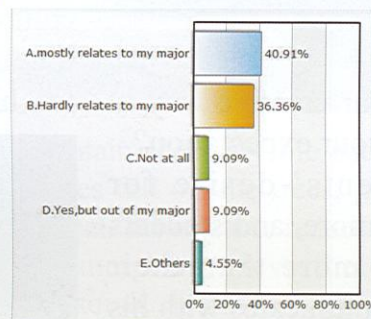
1. What do you think of your job?
More than half of the students are satisfied with their jobs



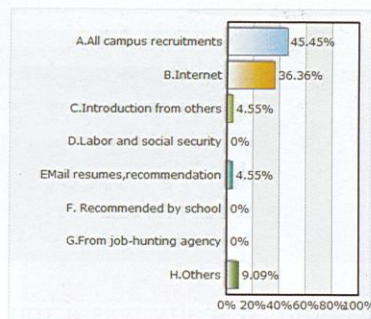
2. Where do/will you work?
About 45% of the graduate will work in the Pearl River Delta.



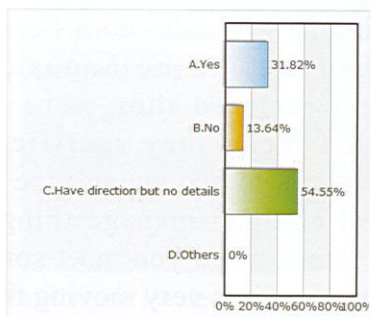
3. Do you think the knowledge you learned in university is useful in your job?
About 80% of the students felt the knowledge they acquired was useful in their jobs. For this group, about 40% said, this "useful knowledge" was learned in classes taken in their major.



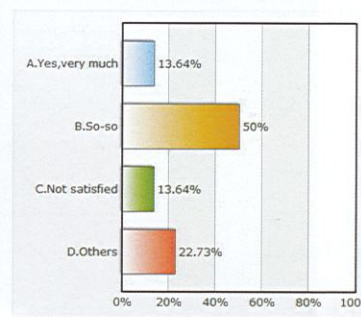
4. How did you get your job?
There are many ways to get a job. Some are recruited in various ways, but the Internet is also another important way to get a job.



5. Do you have a plan for your career?
More than half of the students say they have a plan for their career but others still don't have a detailed plan.



6. Are you satisfied with your salary?
As for the salary, half say it is so-so and the percentage of those who describe themselves as "very satisfied" compared to those who say they are "not satisfied" is very close with a 14% difference.



Finally, the survey asked: "What is the parting advice to your junior school mates?" Here are their suggestions:

1. There are too many things you should learn, so you should not waste time
2. You should decide what you want to learn in the future as soon as possible and devote yourselves in that field
3. Make a detailed plan for your job
4. Make good preparations
5. Knowledge and practice are both very important
6. Focus on the tasks before you

There is an authority survey on the current situation of employment done by the Central Committee of the Communist Youth League School Department and the Peking University Public Policy Institute. The result shows that about half of the graduate had signed their works or had not signed the work though they had the intention. 15% or so in all did not want to work as soon as they graduate. The percent of those who had not find a job goes to about 27%.

What's more, the survey came up with a conclusion that about 76% of the participants convinced that job-hunting is a necessary experience of life. The majority can understand the tough situation of the job hunting and their optimistic attitude are beyond expected. There is also a conclusion related to us. 64.09% of the participants hold a belief that university students should attach more importance to the comprehensive training of self-ability and the adjustment of their state of mind.

We can really learn something from the two surveys. We should believe that the knowledge learned in our major is quite important. We should value our time and focus on the tasks in front of us so that we can make good preparations for our future career. So, everyone, work hard for you yourself from now on and let us work hard together.

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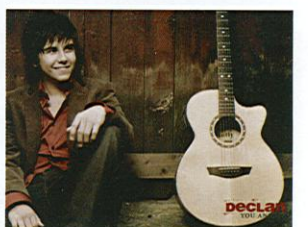
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Teaching Creatively: Filipe De Souza Innovates with Microblog Techniques



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Filipe Gets Technical

Many teachers are looking for more appropriate methods to apply to their teaching and hope a creative way of teaching will make a difference among their students. Filipe who comes from Brazil is an English teacher in Shantou University. He is a good example in this area. He uses micro blogging to communicate with his students and also ask them to hand in their homework by micro blogging. Then he will check what they wrote and correct it.

It is really a novel way of teaching and I asked him the reason why he choose this way of teaching. What does he think about the advantages of micro blogging? He said that most students nowadays use a micro blog, and it is extremely convenient to use outside class; you can do your job

anywhere and anytime.



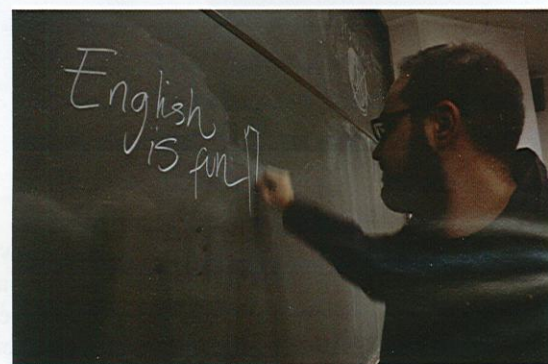
Filipe De Souza

How about the effect of your creative way in your class? Does it work to your expectation?

He answered that students' desire for knowledge counts for much more, and students know themselves clearly more than their teachers do. So he often communicates with his students by micro blogging, and giving them tasks and an opportunity to do something that interests them. They enjoy themselves if they care about what they do.

I also interviewed some of his students

by mobile phone. One of his students said the creative way of teaching actually makes sense. It is quite close to our daily life, because a lot of people have micro blogs today. The most important thing is that the relationship between Filipe and us is closer than ever, and we communicate with each other more frequently. Kevra, a sophomore, thinks teaching by micro blogging is a creative way as well. He told me his classmates would definitely like to discuss some controversial vocabulary or sentence together. So Filipe's creative way of teaching win students' heart.

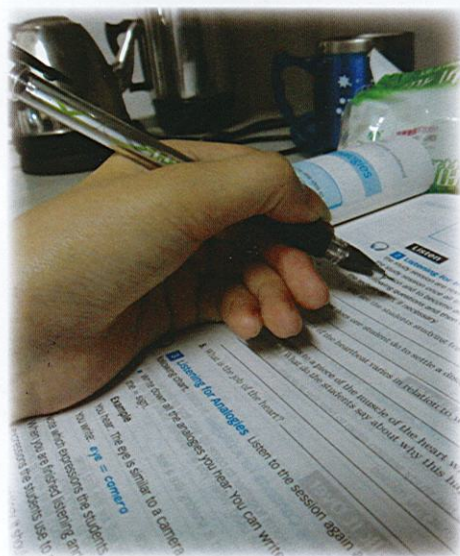


Filipe at the Blackboard

If I Were Disabled, What Would I Do?



Written/photo by 11 Economic Xu Ying



Our business school organized an activity this semester whose theme was "life education". We experienced lots of games such as "Through the Life and Death

Nets," which was a game that assumed your life was threatened and you had to climb a net. Of course, there were many other games about life throughout the life education. But one of the games left me with a deep impression. It was "If I Were Disabled". It was assumed that we were disabled for four hours and we needed to live as usual. I performed as a girl who had no right hand. In other words, I had to eat and do my homework without the help of my right hand. I have to say it was so hard, because most of us eat as well as write with our right hand. It took me three times longer than normal to have supper. Not to mention writing, since I couldn't

even begin. It really was a rough process. I couldn't eat or write. I couldn't wash my clothes. I couldn't...

However, I also experienced true friendship. When I couldn't eat or write, my friends consistently helped me. To be honest, I hadn't realized they were so kind. I mean they sacrificed four hours to accompany me in case I couldn't manage things. You know, when you meet some difficulties, it is very moving that there always are friends right there next to you.

Hence, I deeply respect in my heart those who are disabled but working hard by themselves. Only by experiencing disability

can you realize how strong they are. Sometimes, we complain about life. We think it is unfair that we have so much hardship that it makes us upset. But just by changing a perspective, like thinking about the disabled, you'll find you already own so much such as a healthy mind and body, friendship and all the other things we take for granted. Only when we are faced with obstacles can we feel the kindness, beauty and truth. I am so lucky that I am healthy. I am so lucky that I experienced those difficulties with my friends. Thank God for this activity which has shown me how truly lucky I am.

STU Campus Bursts Into Springtime Colors



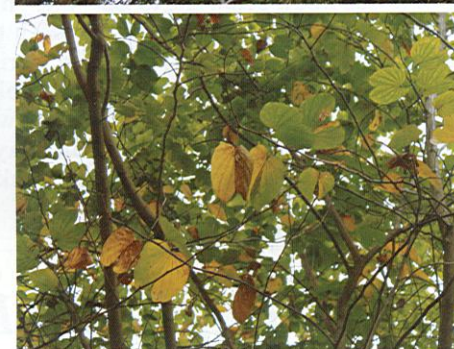
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As spring comes, trees take maintain necessary life energy, so on a green color in the north. leaves fall off the trees, just like However, at STU, the leaves turn animals hibernate to reduce energy yellow, dry out, and then fall in consumption. Nevertheless, in succession, leaving fallen leaves all the south, as autumn and winter over the ground. Why do the leaves seasons are still warm, trees can fall off the trees in spring? absorb enough energy from nature In the cold season of the north, trees to carry out the photosynthesis, reduce heat dissipation in order to so leaves don't fall off. As spring

arrives, trees begin to absorb water. The original old leaves having completed their 'mission', will turn yellow and withered, and then fall down. What is amazing here is that you can see once the leaves fall down, new buds come out on the top. This is the metabolism of nature. What's more, those trees whose leaves fall down in spring are called mahogany. Originally, the hometown of mahogany is in Africa. Half a century ago, mahogany made its home in Guangdong. Since Africa begins to enter the dry season in spring and autumn every year, plants would rather sacrifice the leaves to decrease water evaporation, so does mahogany. Considering its "genetic memory", we can conclude that fallen leaves in spring is a normal phenomenon.



Graduate Exhibition, Graduate Season



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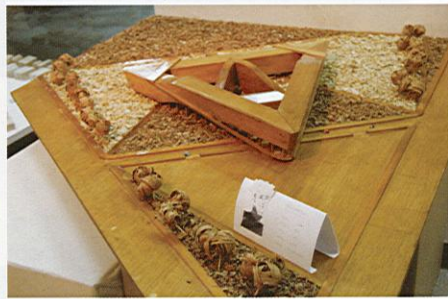
Have you ever caught a sight of a group of students on campus, who are always in blue jumpsuits with traces of paint and stains? Yes, they are the senior students from the Cheung Kong School of Art and Design. If you come to see their graduate exhibition you will definitely be wowed!

As the graduate season is coming, the vast majority of senior students at the STU busy themselves in their dissertation. Unlike other colleges' dreary paper writings, the Art and Design College holds a graduation exhibition named The Revolutionary Generation, in which all of the exhibits are collected from graduates. The exhibition will last from May 9th to June 13th including two stages respectively displaying the works of the 08 graduates and 09 graduate students in the Art and Design school and Space 8.

There are 128 pieces of works on display, ranging from elegant original books to the magnificent art sculptures. Wandering in the galleries, you will be obsessed with the stunningly design and impressed by the profound meanings. "Wandering in the galleries, you will be obsessed with the stunningly design and impressed by the profound meanings." said by Huang Yitong, 08 Public Art Students, proudly looked at his masterpiece: A big white



toothbrush. He described the model as the embodiment of warm: "I'm eager to blow up the details in our life which will work as a reminder for people to appreciate the tiny and common things around us." To show their perfect works to the public, the graduates devoted themselves to the preparation day and night. "I had to work with metal all the day and carried heavy materials by myself." Zeng



Xiaoliu, 08 Public Art said, "Owing to the last stark art I do at the STU, I pour my heart in this project and hope to reap an unforgettable memory in my life. My work is a statue to express an abstract theory of illusion." Since the term began, these senior students have been preparing for the exhibition, including designing and creating the works, writing reports, preparing for the oral defense and the display.



On STU's Tulip BBS, a post titled "Should the basketball court near EF be removed?" was one of the most popular items, attracting 33 comments. Students from outside usually play basketball early in the morning on these courts, which disturbs many STU students living near E and F dormitories. Should there be a rule about how early the court can be used? Should the school enhance more regulations on it?



"It doesn't matter."

Because they take the need for a quiet environment into account, many universities do not build basketball courts near the dormitories. However, this reporter found a few students who held neutral or negative attitude towards having rules about when the basketball court could be used.

"It's an endless disturbance."

To many students' surprise, there are five basketball courts located near the E and F dormitories, meaning that students near the court will be disturbed. Girls in the dormitories near the court say that they respect other students' rights to play basketball or take exercise there. After all, the courts have been there for years and if they are just empty spaces that are not used, that means wasting resources. On the other hand, the residents of the nearby dormitories are tired of not being able to study or rest without being constantly disturbed by noise from the courts.

On every weekend morning, at about 7 o'clock, many students wearing uniforms play basketball on this court. They yell, laugh, shout as well as they chat with each other. It seems that they lose sense of the time and forget that there are students living in not far away as they just enjoy themselves.

Many STU students complain that they have been disturbed by this noise for a long time. Some say they often go to bed late in the evening because they have had to finish their homework or work on film clips or writing projects. They look forward to being able to sleep a little later on weekends and relax while the noise made by the basketball playing always wake them up early on the weekend mornings.

Xu Tingting(08 Arts) observed that the previous room attendant asked the public security to leave them away, but after that the students returned.

To make matter worse, there were disputes between STU students and those from outside schools. Wang Yanan(11English) said that she and her roommates tried to put up a sign on the door warning the students from the other schools not to play basketball in the court early in the morning, the sign was ignored. While they persuaded the students not to play basketball on the early morning, consequently, they complained with each other.

Students want the endless disturbance to come to an end. It's urgently necessary to have regulations stipulating hours that the courts can be used and requiring that players respect the rights of others. "The opening time should be useful when the door is locked because that way students from other schools won't be able to get into the court when it is not supposed to be used", declared by Wang Yanan(11English). They also pin their hopes on the STU administration which they believe should do all it can to balance the use of the court as a recreational facility with the need for a quiet and comfortable environment by students in the nearby dormitories.



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Shuai Fangjing (11 Economics) says that she is not bothered by the noise from the basketball court. "Seniors in my dormitory are ready to graduate and go out to find jobs, which mean that there is one person living in the dorm. Sometimes the noise can help me get rid of my nervousness and fear generated by the silent environment."

For students who do not live near the basketball courts, the issue of having a regulation about when the basketball courts can open is of no significance because the noise from courts either can't be heard from their dormitories. Besides, they spend little time doing exercises on the basketball courts as they prefer to play or exercise elsewhere.



Linking Chinese and American Students across Distance through Skype

On April 17th, at 8 o'clock in the evening, five students from STU's Business College spoke directly with students at an American college through Skype at the Center for Independent Language Learning (CILL) in Shantou University. Like QQ, Skype allows people to talk to and see each other through an internet connection.

The students are all taking Amy Chastain's Advanced English for Business Students class. Through the Skype connection, the students at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia. According to Ms. Chastain, a teacher with the English Language Center (ELC) who developed the idea, the conversations on Skype help both the Chinese and American students get to know more about how business is conducted differently in the two countries.

"This program is really a good

Amy Chastain (center) with four students from her Advanced English for Business Students class.



opportunity for us to broaden our horizon," said Tracy, a participant. "Through direct communication, we can know what we want easily." Tracy described the topics covered during the Skype conversations as questions related to business such as the current rate and market in two countries and those related to their colleges and personal lives.

"Obviously, there are some clear distinctions between the American students and our Chinese students," she explained.

"For example, when it comes to the use of holidays, the first word they came up with is 'internship,' which seems so far



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away from our college students under Grade four. I think they have wider horizon than us towards different questions, maybe because they are more tended to find opportunities to get into the competitive market."

When asked about her expectations for this program, Tracy pointed out that the device was not satisfying, which could sometimes make the voice unclear, and she hoped to talk about more in-depth questions with the American students if the connection is still working next semester.

Students in Milledgeville, Georgia, who spoke to STU students about what they think about China



Children's Smiles Are A Reward



Written by 10 Chinese Lin Cuilin
Photos by 10 Art, Zhou Hao

In Chenghai district of Shantou, there is a primary school called Huibin for migrant workers' children. Four teachers from the Art School organized forty students, including me, from different departments to help them prepare a literature and art joint performance for the coming Children's Day.



I never cared about this group of people before I entered Shantou University because my classmates were always local Chaoshan people and I didn't have a chance to get in touch with people outside the Chaoshan area.

I gradually realized there was a boundary line between local people and migrant



workers when people around me talked about relevant problems. For example, some classmates from other provinces said Chaoshan people were exclusive. I thought I should do something to change this kind of extreme opinion.

Maybe the children of migrant workers feel nervous since they are in a strange



environment. In addition, most migrant workers have to work outside all during the daytime, thus they don't have enough time to take care of their children. Children spend most of their time in school, but the school is not able to provide entertainment for them. I am sure the literature and art joint performance will refresh the children's life.

There were programs of performances including dancing, songs, dramas, sign language performances, fashion shows and Chinese Kongfu performances, etc. Also, there was an exhibition of paintings which were drawn by children in the performance occasion. From April 22nd, every Sunday we went to Huibin to teach or guide them to perform. The time of the performance was scheduled on May 27th. What comforts us is that the children are so hard-working that they master the skills so quickly.

Beijing, Here We Come!



09, PanGuli, marketing management

SIFE stands for "Students in Free Enterprise", which is a special, international organization for college students. SIFE's official website introduces that SIFE brings together a diverse network of university students, academic professionals and industry leaders around the shared mission of creating a better, more sustainable world through the positive power of business."

On April 10th, Chaozhou Ceramic Rebirth Project (CCRP) and Fenghuang Tea Project(FHTP) won the Southern China SIFE Competition, so they were able to



compete with other universities in national competition in Beijing on June 5th.

The manager of CCRP, Gary Pan(Pan Guli, 09 marketing management) said:" I was nervous and excited when I was taking part in the competition in Guangzhou, but fortunately, I think our project is better than Ji Nan University, Guangdong Pharmaceutical University and Zhuhai Campus of Beijing Institute of Technology. In the end, we won the prize indeed." The CCRP solves a big problem in the ceramic industry, that's exactly the particular thing in so many projects in STU. This kind of problem is hard to solve even for people who are experts in the ceramic industry, but in fact, they did it, and they are going to do it well! Meanwhile, CCRP is an environmental project. It turns waste into treasure. So Gary is



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Photos provided by Huang Haiyang & Pan Guli

confident and proud of CCRP, and he is looking forward to Beijing for the national competition.

Another manager of FHTP, Huang Haiyang, is pleased with his project because "First, the project is full of characteristic communication in Chaoshan. Second, it obtains big economic benefits, making the highest profit in so many projects." However, Huang said his team met with a large amount of difficulties. For example, the most difficult problem is traffic. Fenghuang Mountain is located at a remote point, so in order to arrive there, they must go through a sharp and narrow mountain path by bus. It is very hard and dangerous, but those difficulties composed an unforgettable and colorful song in the end. "I am supposed to spare no efforts to prepare for the national competition in the future for my teammates and myself. It is the responsibility!"




"SIFE is an interesting and challenging organization that you never know what unforeseen circumstances and challenges you will face. We love to deal with it and enjoy the moment we cope with the difficulty!" Gary and Mao Xueyu (10, engineering technology) said.

They are students in STU, but most of all, they are the energetic members of SIFE!



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Do You Know How to Look Great This Summer? Here Are Some Suggestions!

Photos by  11 Journalism Li Suizhi  11 Chinese Xie Jinghua  11 Inorganic Chemistry Shi Yanrong

Simple is beautiful.
Solid-color dresses
bring you a simple
and good mood.



Shorts and skirts are
always a favourite of
young girls! Jeans are
never outdated. Red
is one of the most
popular colors this
summer.

Floral skirts bring
you the most sweet
summer memories!



Wearing stripes makes you
look thinner. A denim jacket
and jeans is the most relaxing
look for the summer.

Want to be a sexy
girl? Wear a long
dress!



“Before the End”: A Film About Different Choices, And Hopefully No Regrets

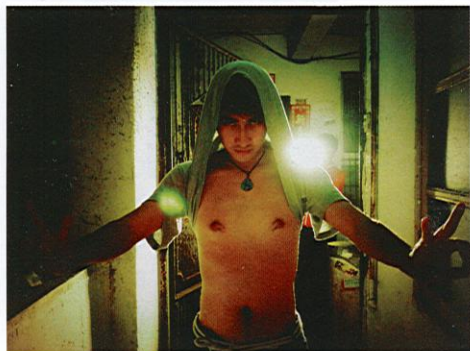


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Li Suizhi

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Hong Yu



June is coming, which means hundreds of students will leave this lovely campus and go on to new lives. Recently,



a group of students from the Journalism and Art schools have been busy producing a graduation film called “Before the End.” The director is WenShipei, a graduate student from Journalism school. His aim is to describe the living situation of the graduates in a humorous way by this movie. Before the end, what do you want to do?

The story is about three typical men, Ye Chen, He Zheng and JiangYuanbo. Ye Chen is an optimist and dreams of being a director. He wrote a drama several years

ago but did nothing after that. Before graduation, he finally makes up his mind, to pursue his own goal for himself! He will be a director, leading his team to perform play his dramatic play in a deserted theatre. In his eyes, it does no matter how the drama was going. Whatever the result, just follow your heart, know what you really desire to do, and do it. This time, the only thing he wants is to leave without any regrets.

JiangYuanbo, the second character, is confused about his future. He listens to his parents to study for the civil service examination. Though this is not his original plan. However, he has no plans. In the end, he plays a role in Ye's drama and wants to look for his interest in it.

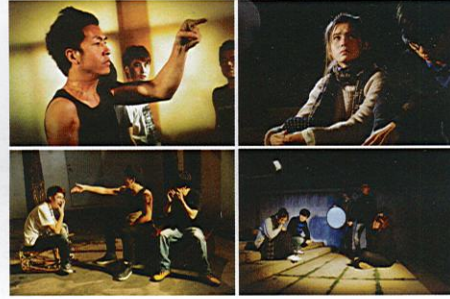
The last character, He Zheng, has no courage to propose to a girl he has a crush on. He is very sweet but shy and he doesn't even know how to smoke until he meets her.

How does the movie end? How is Ye



Chen's play? Does JiangYuanbo find a goal? Does HeZheng get his girl? You can discover the answers when “Before the End” is shown. The movie premiere will be held at the Public Theater, Chenghai district in June. After that, the screenings are properly going to be held at School.

It is easy to lose ourselves when we're at a university. Four years can be very short for those who have no plans or dreams. Before the end, if you have any regrets, what would you want to do to make up?



Audience Reaction to “Titanic” in 3D

Written by 11 Medicine Tom
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Titanic 1997, directed by the world-famous director James Cameron, has won him a lot of fame. It has become a legend of romantic stories. It carries a lot of tags such as “romance”, “moving” and “sadness”. It really makes a profound influence on the audience.

Based on a true disaster on 15th April 1912 when the unsinkable Titanic hit the iceberg causing 1517 passengers' death, “Titanic” tells a moving love story, in which a man devoted his life to his lover by persuading her to survive while he himself drowned in the sea.

To commemorate the famous ocean liner and the people who lost their lives April 15, 1912, Titanic has been re-mastered in 3D for theaters.

On 10th April 2012, the “Titanic” in 3D came to meet its Chinese Titanic fans. It was predicted that it would create another thrilling box office legend and boost film markets. And really it did. Millions of people have come to the theater to enjoy both the beauty and shock created by 3D technology.

Driven by great curiosity about the release of this classical and romantic movie, John decided to go to see the “Titanic” in 3D on May Day. After coming out of the theater he said, “It is really amazing and wonderful. And thankfully it retains most of the classical scenes of the original one which moved me to tears. You know, I just could not help crying.” Later John added, “you know sitting still for 3 hours used to kill me. But time flew quickly when we watched the Titanic. Amazing huh?”

Amy who is a dedicated fan of Titanic said, “Every time I watch Titanic, I ball my eyes out. I just cannot imagine how pure love like this is. (love between Jack and rose.) If I want to get married with someone, Jack is on the top list of my choices.”

When asked what attracts her most, Amy said “everything”. For a further explanation, she compared the relationship between herself and Titanic to a sweet couple. “How could you criticize the flawless when you fall in love?” she posed the question with a sweet smile on her face. Some fans even write their first thoughts in their blogs after seeing the re-mastered 3D movie, I loved it.” The 3-D did add a new dimension to it, but even though I saw it 7 times the first time around; the magic all came back. I still cried at the end when she let Jack's body sink into the ocean, and smiled when they showed the pictures of all of Roses' accomplishments. She actually did everything in life that she and Jack talked about.”

However, there is no perfect masterpiece in the world. And “Titanic” is no exception. Some complain that they are so fed up with the boring intolerable classical music. “It is not good, I left the theater half-way through the movie. It's awful.”

Though the music may get on your nerve, it is worth watching.

Director Lian Ming Zhi Talks about His Film, “52 Hz”

Written by 09 English Literature Wayne
Photos provided by 08 Journalism Zeng Shuru



Wayne: Hey Ming Zhi. How do you do? Can you tell us the meaning of the title in your latest film, “52 Hz”?

A: Fine. The title came from a scientific discovery in 1989. A kind of special whale was found out at that time. This kind of whale could not communicate with other fellows well. So it was lonely all its life. The cause for its lifelong solitude is its special 52 Hz frequency, which is much different with other kinds of whales. little bit sharp but it is so fresh for the audience.

“52 Hz”

“Persistence is the most important quality a director should have.”

W: Akechi, compared with other films you made before, what is different about your latest film, “52 Hz”?

A: Hmm, all the films I made before were concerned about the lives of students. For the audiences, they were accessible and attractive. But the film I am making now is much different from them. It is about the lives of some adults who are surviving in a highly competitive society. You may find that this film is a little bit sharp but it is so fresh for the audience. “52Hz” is the last film I direct at STU; I will make every effort to make it the best.

W: Akechi, in your direction of this film, what is the biggest challenge?

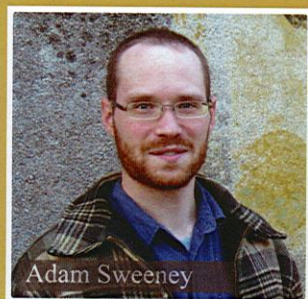
A: Well. To manage the whole team and make every team members work professionally is a big challenge for me. Communication is also a big problem for me. I have tried my best to make everybody positioned in the right place and inspire them to work actively. In making this film, I paid lots of attention to negotiating with all members of our team. It was hard but rewarding. At first, as our preparation

for the film was not made very well, some actors and actress felt disappointed and complained a lot. However, under the great effort we made, our communication got better and we began to work like a professional team. That was wonderful! W: Okay, Akechi, last question, what are your suggestions for the students who want to direct a film or who want to be an actor in a film?

A: Persistence! I want to tell them persistence is the most important quality a director must have. It is easy to lose our passion and give up shooting. But persistence can help you to go through all kinds of difficulties or challenges. To be a good director, you must have it.



Adam Sweeney's Advice Column



Don't know how to balance study and extracurricular activities? Worried about your relationship with your girlfriend or boyfriend? Shantou Beat advisor Adam Sweeney would like to help. Send your questions to shantoubeat@163.com. You may be pleasantly surprised with the answer to your problem in STB's debut "Advice" column. We ensure your privacy and appreciate your participation.

Shirly always finish both her homework and job on deadline. Before the date, she does not want to do it even though she has free time. What's worse, every time she makes up her mind to do it, it always fails. For example, if she has free time, she would rather surf the internet or eat food to kill time than working. She feels terrible but she can hardly change it. What should Shirley do?

Response to Shirley:

Firstly, congratulations, Shirley, for finishing all of your work. That is more than some students can do. I guess that you feel terrible because you are always stressed and rushed as you try to finish your assignments with no time to spare, and you know you could get a better grade if you gave yourself more time. If you want to start earlier, here is some advice: First, break each task into small parts. Then decide how many parts to do each day based on your schedule and when the assignment is due. Put your schedule on your desk or wall where you can see it every day. You must do precisely what is on your plan, nothing more and nothing less. You simply must make yourself do each day's task first, then play later. And if you can't do it yourself, ask your roommate to ask you every day if you are doing the work on your schedule. If you aren't, your roommate can remind you that you are failing to achieve your own goal or you can think of some punishment for yourself.

Near is a little bit frustrated because his English is so bad. He likes English, he does. But, he can never speak English in front of others. He really envies someone who can talk with international teachers, which he always sucks at. He often goes to EAC for participating English activities although he seldom talks. How can he go through it?

Response to Near:

Near, it sounds like you are ashamed of your English speaking. You should be proud of yourself for going to the EAC activities. You have the desire, you have the passion, maybe if I tell you a little secret it will help you feel less shy. Those students you hear always talking to the foreigners often don't speak English very well, either. We foreigners are professional teachers who are skilled at understanding less-than-perfect "learners' English." The next time you are at an EAC activity, talk to the teacher and see if they can understand you. I bet they can. And I bet your English isn't much worse than anyone else who is learning English. Learning English is about making mistakes, it's about experimenting and testing yourself to see what you can communicate. We foreigners are here to help you. Trust us that we know what you mean to say and don't be afraid that you look foolish. Take advantage of these safe and comfortable opportunities to try using English for real communication. It's also OK just to listen sometimes. But when you want to talk – talk. Saying nothing is the only foolish thing you could say.

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STU Students Name Their Favorite English Songs



By 11 Inorganic Chemistry, Shi Yanrong

A few students in the STU have been interviewed by Shantou Beat, and following are some of their favorite English songs.

1. Someone like you

—Adele Laurie Blue Adkins

"Sometimes it lasts in love but sometimes it hurts instead."

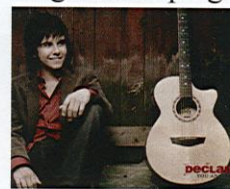


Recommended by 11 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Zhu Shuo

2. Tell me why

—Declan Galbraith

"When so many need somebody, we don't give a helping hand."



Recommended by 09 Applied Chemistry, Hu Huan

3. Tomorrow

—Avril Lavigne

"Tomorrow is a different day."



Recommended by 11 Applied Physics, Ma Yuhui

4. When you believe

—Mariah Carey

"There can be miracles when you believe."



Recommended by 10 Design Creation and Research of Chinese, Song Linxia

5. I have a dream

—Westlife

"I'll cross the stream, I have a dream."



Recommended by 11 Business Administration, LiQiang

6. You are my angel

—Zhou Meixin

"In the snow my heart won't be cold."



Recommended by 08 Electronic Engineering, Xu guangqin

7. Disguise

—Lene Marlin

"Have you ever told someone something, that's far from the truth."

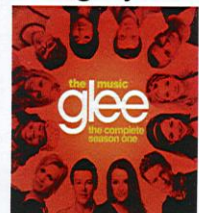


Recommended by 11 English, Li Xiaoling

8. Alone

—Glee Cast

"How do I get you alone?"



Recommended by 10 Clinical Imaging, Zeng Jieying

9. Wish You Were Here

—Avril Lavigne

"Form the first time I laid my eyes on you, I felt joy of living."



Recommended by 10 Inorganic Chemistry, Tu Na

10. Don't you remember

—Adele Laurie Blue Adkins

"Hope that you find the missing piece to bring you back to me."



Recommended by 11 Journalism, Chen Shaoling