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Stories You Need to Hear English Festival 2012

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December is here, and the blazing events of the English Language Center's English Festival have caught public attention. The winners of the thrilling semi-final competitions in Speech, Debate and Singing will represent Shantou University to compete against Jinan University from Guangzhou, South China Agricultural University from Guangzhou, Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University from Suzhou and Seoul National University from Korea.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road!

The festival will begin with an extraordinary Opening Night Party at 7pm on Friday with a showing of The Wizard of Oz in a decorated Great Hall. The Wizard of Oz is significant and meaningful for many older Americans because it reminds them of their country and childhood.

The movie narrates the story of a girl named Dorothy who is blown by a tornado to the strange and miraculous land of Oz. On her way down the yellow brick road, she meets a Scarecrow

without a brain, a Cowardly Lion and a Tin Woodman. Can they succeed in fulfilling their wishes? Will the Wicked Witch of the West get them all? To find the answer, come watch!

Show the World My View

During an inspiring competition of prepared and impromptu speeches at the English Festival Semifinals, eight contestants enthusiastically displayed their capacity for rhetoric under the theme of "Stories the World Should Hear." In the end, Hailey Ren, Russell Zeng, and Irene Chen were selected to go on to the final competition.

The 10th annual English Festival Intercollegiate English Speech Contest will take place on December 8th at 7:30 pm. Come to the Great

Hall and be inspired!

Make Your Point!

A thrilling competition was held at the Debate Semifinal about whether violence should be used against extra-terrestrials if we knew they existed

and they were to visit Earth. Two outstanding debaters, Sophia Huang and Gabriella Li, were selected to compete in British Parliamentary format with students from Seoul National University, South China Agriculture University, and Jinan University on December 9th. If you have not experienced British Parliamentary format debates before, do not miss it this time!

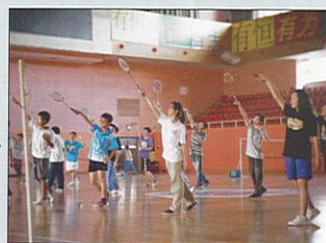
The Voice of Shantou University

On November 4th, beautiful music filled the Great Hall as 12 talented singers showed off their vocal gifts in the Singing Contest. Hazel Wu, Coco Yuan, Elena Liu and Russell Zeng were chosen to move on to the finals. The EF Final Singing Contest will take place on December 9th at 7:30 pm in the Great Hall. Different styles of song will be presented by contestants from Shantou University, Seoul National University, South China Agriculture University, Jinan University, and Xi'an Jiaotong Liverpool University.

During breaks in the contests, the Creative Expression Club, advised by Basia Krupa-Ryan, will bring various brilliant shows for the audience including music, dancing, short skits and more.

Don't miss the English Festival Finals from December 7th to 9th!

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Students concentrate on practicing basic serving skills.

Master Your Racket!

by He Dan 12 Business



Beginning their first adventure with the *Shantou University Badminton Association (STUBA)*, freshmen are stretching, learning how to grab a racket, practicing footwork—all essential techniques to be mastered on the court. Founded in 2004, the *STUBA* has recruited over 70 new members this year. According to the interviewee Chen Chuyi, “pleasure combined with pain” is what best describes her badminton experience as the captain of the *STUBA* and a member of the school badminton team.

“It’s simply so much fun!” says Chen, a smile suddenly flashing across her face. Described as a cozy family, the *STUBA* not only provides a platform for badminton lovers to show their techniques but also acts as fertile ground for cultivating deep friendships. Extra activities other than playing badminton, like getting together for a night snack and organizing a traditional soup gathering are also popular in this big family. Apart from this entertainment, competitions are also what the badminton lovers live for. This

year, plans are being made for the Alumnus Cup, the Opening Cup and a visit from the coach of the national badminton team. The first Alumnus Cup, which is part of the Student Society X Plan series, welcomes all STU students to take an active part. You can check it at <http://notes.stu.edu.cn/>.

Membership to the association is 40 yuan per semester. Although it’s a lot in total, the budget is still tight, which worries the *STUBA* leaders. Due to a lack of funding, the *STUBA* cannot afford to hold more badminton competitions on the campus. The expenses are divided among the application fee to the *Shantou University Society Association*, the training cost for the student judges, the consumption of badminton shuttlecocks and the rental of the badminton court.

The leaders of the *STUBA* understand that problems always exist, and that it is the attitude towards the difficulties that initiate changes. They are ready to

take on any challenges that get in the way. Passion for badminton is the source of the motivation and the strength that makes the players stronger. “If there weren’t any badminton at STU, many people wouldn’t see so much enthusiasm and transformation in their lives.” says Chen, who gave an example of how one can be totally different on and off the court, because badminton activates one’s character. Members of the *STUBA* can be so addicted to exercise that they are eager to play badminton day and night. In all, this is what the spirit of sports is all about.

For students looking forward to getting more information, the training schedule is: 2pm to 4pm on Wednesdays, and 4pm to 6pm on Thursdays and Sundays.



10 Art Liu Zhenxuan

Coach Xu demonstrates correct footwork to students.

Have Fun with No Harm

by Ruan Shurong 12 Journalism



“Touch!” shouted the boy, who had just tagged the shoulder of a girl with the rugby ball. Yep, the STU Touch Rugby Club game was on. The club was founded last Spring, and is now giving its best shot to recruit new players. To get more information, Shantou Beat interviewed Ally Munn, a foreign teacher from the U.S., who was once a player on her university’s rugby team.

A small survey made with students here shows that most of them have previously perceived touch rugby as a violent sport. However, Ally expressed her disagreement, “They are probably mistaken. Actually, touch rugby is all about running and touching, which has nothing to do with harming at all.” She

also explained that the rules are highly simplified. The following is a general idea about the rules given by Ally and the club leader, Ouyang Weihao. Supposedly, if you are one of the defense players, then your duty is to tag the person with the rugby ball, preventing their ball from reaching the try-line. To avoid being tagged, the player with the ball must pass it to his or her teammate, and the ball can only move backwards. Finally, if they can assure the tagging in the try-line, they score, or your team switches to the offense. Briefly, compared with the original British rugby, touch rugby means there is no need to tackle and



provided by Touch Rugby Club

Both the defense and the offense have seven players each. There are two 20-minute rounds in one game.

no one will easily get hurt. For this very reason, touch rugby is widely recognized as a formal international sports event.

Our school touch rugby club usually launches its training on Sunday afternoon from 4p.m. to 5p.m. in the stadium.

First, they practice some basic moves. After the warm up, a live match takes place. Meanwhile, Coach

Wang Jiajun and Ally both give formal guidance to the club members.

The Touch Rugby club is now open for students who would like to learn a new sport, share exciting moments with boys and girls altogether, and especially get chances to compete with teams from other universities. Since all the members are at the same level, it could be a good choice to have fun.





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7th Heaven Café: A New Brew at STU

by Ren Heyin 12 Journalism



If you want to have a cup of coffee, a rest, and look forward to reading a book by afternoon tea, the 7th Heaven Café is a good choice for you.

The 7th Heaven Café opened on October 19th and is located in the first floor of Building 7, where you will see its colorful decorations. It is open from 1:00 pm to 10:30 pm. You can have high-quality fresh-brewed coffee, tea, desserts and even ice cream. You may also bring your laptop there to get online and have a relaxing afternoon.

Standing outside the café, you will be attracted by its red pearl curtains. After walking in, you can see pretty postcards and sticky notes stuck on the wall. There are books available to read on the bar shelves.

A 6-student team runs the café. They are all juniors who come from different departments and have had a close relationship since they were freshmen. The leader, Liu, is from art school but he is successful in business. Although they have to spend their spare time running the café, a task that can be very demanding, they think it is worthwhile because of the praise they received from the customers.

Sit under the sunshine, drink a cup of coffee, read a book and you will find what true life is—go to Building 7 and have a try!



Pop and Locking: The Third Guangdong Best Dance Crew

by Chen Meiling (Sissi) 12 Public Administration



Shantou University was selected as a competition venue for the Red Bull “Hip-Hop” U-Style. Mars Crew, STU’s hip-hop team, was one of the teams. To know more about the competition and Mars Crew team, a reporter Shantou Beat’s Sissi caught up with Luo Zhongmin, the leader of Mars Crew.

Sissi: Hey, Zhongmin! Can you tell us about the latest hip-hop event that came to STU?

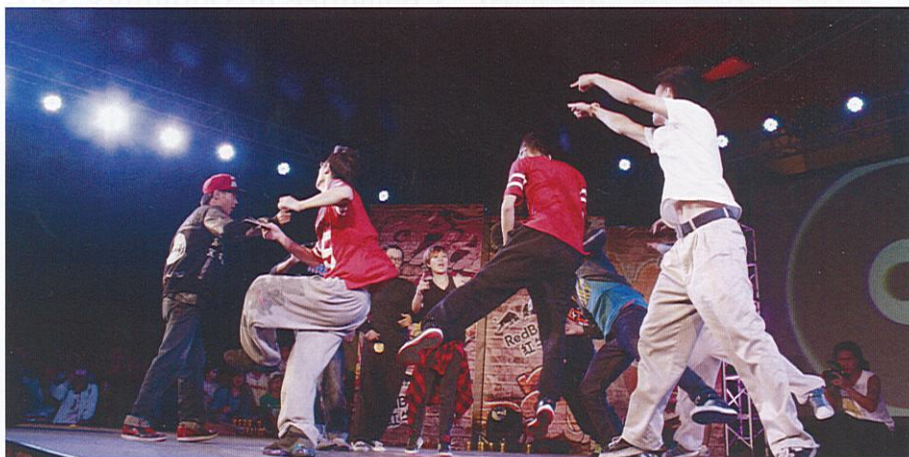
Luo Zhongmin: Sure! There was a dance competition called Red Bull “Hip-Hop” U-Style on November 3rd. The organizer was the Guangdong Dancing Association, while Speed Crew was the undertaker. Our group, representing STU, was playing the role of co-organizer.

S: That sounds pretty cool! Could you give us some more details?

L: The audience was able to enjoy four types of dancing: Single Battle, Team Battle, Freestyle Battle and Group Dancing. To begin with, Single Battle consisted of one-on-one Dance Battle—poppin’, lockin’, hip-hop and jazz. Five-on-five breaking Team Battle had no restrictions on dancing types. As long as you had a team of five participants, you were alright. Then, with Freestyle Battle, one-on-one was nearly the same as the rules with Team Battle. The last one was Group Dancing. Here, a team of at least two competitors competed with a themed dance. There were about 30 to 40 teams there, all of them from the Chaoshan Area.

S: What did your team take charge of?

L: Planning and preparation! At the very beginning, we had to make posters and recruit staff for the committee. Next, we reserved sites for performances as well as organized training workshops for the staff. We had to go to the spot and make everything ready in advance.



Chen Peiying 11 Journalism

Contestants showed off their exquisite and superb dance moves onstage. Dancers from all over Guangdong participated in the competition.

S: Wow, such a tiring experience, but you guys must have learned a lot from it.

L: Yes, you are right! Being a part of a pretty good-sized commercial event, we did witness the real process of how a commercial event operated from the very beginning to a successful ending! We gained loads of precious experience through this, especially when coordinating relationships with the sites.

S: The dancing match in November was unimaginably fabulous, all teams spared no effort on performing. Regrettably, Mars Crew did not win the competition. Are you still satisfied?

L: Of course! Because of the competition, people at STU started getting interested in knowing more about hip-hop culture.

S: Apart from this competition, are there any events involving hip-hop that are fit for all those hip-hop fans at STU? As far as I am concerned, most of them have very few opportunities to learn hip-hop.

L: There is a hip-hop class held by us for them to learn dance moves. They can meet a group of expert players here, called Six Point Crew, from whom they are able to have a deeper understanding of hip-hop culture. We’ll also have a lecture about hip-hop which will take place in mid-December. Huang Yu, the commander of disabled people dancing team, will introduce the origin and development of hip-hop culture, a his dancing experience will be shared as well. Moreover, to promote hip-hop culture in a more attractive way, we intend to gather the Flash Mob to dance together. Keep an eye out for it!

Currently, the dance club are busy preparing for their performance during the English Festival from December 7th to 9th. If you are fond of hip-hop dancing, how can you miss the lecture and this year’s English Festival?



Luo Zhongming 11 Math

Members of the Mars Crew pose during the Red Bull “Hip-Hop” U-Style competition held on STU’s campus on November 3rd.

Take me away, Little Green Bike

by Su Rui 12 English



Have you ever been to Holland, a place renowned for its bicycle culture? Perhaps not, but most likely you do know some cities in China have already put the "Public Bike Project" into practice and have already achieved some goals. Amsterdam, the capital of Holland, started its public bike project in 1965. At first, the project failed, because they had no organized management system for the bikes. They carried on the plan and afterwards they made some adjustments and finally succeeded! Now the bicycle is the most popular medium of transport in Holland.

Cycling is a good way to travel around the city, as it is convenient, cheap and enjoyable. Moreover, cycling is beneficial to everyone not only in the city, but also in universities. Using bicycles, people can not only reduce both gas emissions but also save energy.

Being determined to protect the environment and offer some convenience to students, the

Committee of Dormitory Self-Management has carried the "Public Bicycle Project" out in May, 2011, a plan which was actually applied in March 2012. The bikes they offer are partly donated by senior students and partly abandoned bikes. The committee painted the bikes green; thus the name "little green bike." There are more than 60 of these little green bikes around campus.

The little green bikes were starting to be used in November. However, there are still some questions that need to be addressed. How will these bicycles be kept working properly? Where should the students park these public bikes? How will these public bikes be managed? If you spot some problems or have any suggestions, you can contact the Committee of Dormitory Self-Management at 11wjli2@stu.edu.cn.

As STU students, we should pay attention to the project. This project will contribute to a more "green" and convenient lifestyle.



Su Rui 12 English Major

Creative project—over sixty little green bikes would be put into use on campus, which is convenient for teachers and students at STU.

Find a Good, Safe Deal: Bus Information at STU

by Zhang Zijun 12 Chinese



Many bus information companies advertise themselves on campus before big holidays, and they attract many STU students. However, lots of students do not know about the quality of their service and doubt if it is safe to travel with them. Shantou Beat asked several students about their experience with some of these bus companies, and here is what we found out.

Three People Trip

This bus attracts customers with a low price—55 RMB or 50 RMB per person if there are three or more people. However, many passengers complain about its lack of comfort and bad service. "I could not fall asleep all night!" Edward Cui, a freshman English student blurted out. "The driver drove too fast and the bus was uncomfortable." According to him, the bus driver did not arrive at the scheduled terminal and let them off ahead of time. Other interviewees mentioned similar problems. Some said they would travel with this company again because of its low price, while others would not recommend taking it again.

Lujiacheng

The price of this bus company is a bit higher than Three People

Trip, but it wins some good comments. Three interviewees said they would travel with it again. Shanshan, a student from the Medical College, thought highly of its comfort, but her classmate Chuchu disagreed. However, they both agreed that the driver did not drive too fast. Another advantage of Lujiacheng is that it provides buses to Shenzhen to satisfy someone who wants to travel there on holidays.

Anybuy

The price of Anybuy is between 60 and 70 RMB, and many people thought it was passable because of its comfort. However, Zack He from Liberal Arts College complained, "The driver returned after being on the road to Guangzhou for an hour when he discovered someone had not gotten on the bus, which

was a waste of time," said Wang Chenyang, a sophomore Economics student. "The speed was too fast and, it was a little bit dangerous. It only took me five hours to get from Guangzhou to Shantou."

Muscle

The price of Muscle, as well as comfort and speed are acceptable, but the service is a little worse. "The bus was eight hours late, and it disturbed our plan," Huang Linfeng from Arts College said. "However, it was the national holiday that day and the traffic on the high way was horrible, so I think it is reasonable."

Yunda

Like many other bus information companies, its price is acceptable but its comfort is not good enough. However, interviewees spoke highly of its service and its speed, so they will choose this bus company to travel with again.



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One of the chartered bus advertisements.

Students in STU Have Talent

Tasting Moon Cakes and Getting Paid

Tang Anshi (09, Art), who earned 3,000 CNY during 2 months of this summer vacation, is starting his business again. This time he is a businessman selling bus tickets. At the same time, he put up an advertisement at 789 building to promote his moon cakes.

How does he strike a balance between his studies and business? "I focus my attention on my business, but I won't drop out of my study. I think there are lots of things to do besides study at university. We should catch every available chance to practice our skills."

Different from the majority of students who cooperated with

by Li Xiaona 12 Journalism

businessmen off-campus, Tang Anshi runs his business on his own. For example, he himself chose the moon cakes that are suitable for students—the perfect combination of reasonable price and good taste. To do so, he went from one factory to the next in Shantou tasting moon cakes and comparing prices. Though things he faced could be more difficult than the difficulties of those who simply contact students and businessmen, he takes pride in himself, treasuring those experiences and hopes to keep having more of them in the future. "Small profits and quick returns," he said, "our business goes on well in this way."



Tang Anshi



provided by Li Qiang

A mobile rack that makes it easier to watch video.

Building a Bridge Between Creativity and Practicality

Li Qiang, a freshman law student who built a bridge model on his own when he was a high school student getting his talents in creativity.

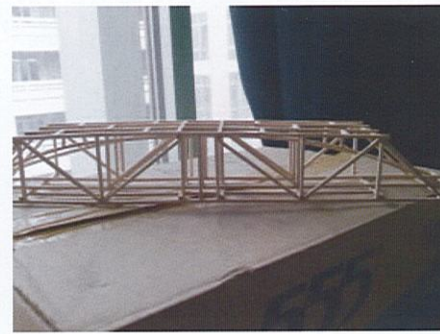
To take part in a competition at his high school, he decided to build a bridge model. All things are difficult before they are easy, however. "At the beginning, I had no idea what it could be. To look for inspiration, I observed some real bridges and got some necessary knowledge about physical force analysis."

After he had a rough idea about the bridge, he got into trouble again. This time his biggest challenge was how to make his plan into a reality. "It is a hard task challenging your fingers. If you cannot manage it, you will make mistakes. But practice makes perfect! It took me 3 days to finish my first bridge, and one day for the second one. At the finals, I spent 3 hours finishing my work, which was my best."



Li Qiang

His bridge, weighing 22 grams, can bear the weight of 30.5 kilos. However, that he can't stand on his "masterpiece" really upsets him.



provided by Li Qiang

This bridge model was created by Li Qiang when he was in high school.

Asked what made him different from ordinary students, he said, "Interests and practice," and claimed that good ideas always come when practicing. What's more, a minute observer has an easier time finding a good way to create something.

Besides working on his bridge, he made an egg carrier when he was in senior 3, aiming to take part in a national competition. Now he is fixing his attention on making life more comfortable, and he is trying to make a mobile rack that would make it easier to watch video.

A Tradition Cut Short

by Yin Chuanyou 11 Computer Science and
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Street barbers are the symbols of a past era. From the 1950s to the 1990s, street barbers were popular among people and could be seen all over the street. In the past, a barbershop was usually just a place under some trees. Some chairs, scissors, a razor and a mirror were almost all of the shop. Despite the simple tools and low income from haircutting, barbers were willing to make a

modest living through their hard work.

Years ago, most Chinese people had a low standard of living. It was difficult for people to make a living. In such a situation, some of them took up their scissors and became a barber. They just did some simple haircutting to earn a little money to support their family. Although they worked very hard and had little money, they still felt happy and satisfied. They would not complain about the difficulties in their life and they would focus on what they already owned.

However, as people now are eager to show their personalities more through appearance, different, bizarre and dazzling

hairstyles are in great demand. It turns out that it is an overwhelming undertaking for scissors to finish this kind of job nicely. A large number of street barbers have closed and gradually given way to new salons.

Li An, a 56 year-old street barber, decided to close his barber shop because the business makes it hard to maintain his family's life. Giving a perm, dyeing hair, or other such demands that are favored by most youngsters cannot be done with scissors. He has devoted his whole life to his barbershop. He does not want to abandon it, but he might have no choice. Another interviewee, Quan Liqiang, also told us that young people think that street barbers' craft is inferior, so these youngsters seldom have their hair

cut in this kind of barbershop.

This phenomenon reflects the change of public values. Technique seems to rank in first place and diligence is no longer important. It seems that everyone wants to be a millionaire and become famous. Many people dream about it every day, but never put it into action so they achieve nothing, and just complain about their life. In the end, they might even lose everything they have.

Everyone should learn from the street barbers. They are hard-working, have no fear of difficulties and cherish the present. The spirits behind street barbers is diligence and a positive attitude towards life—two values that should not be lost.



Yin Chuanyou 11 Computer Science

The elderly still often go to street barbers to get a haircut.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU WEAR

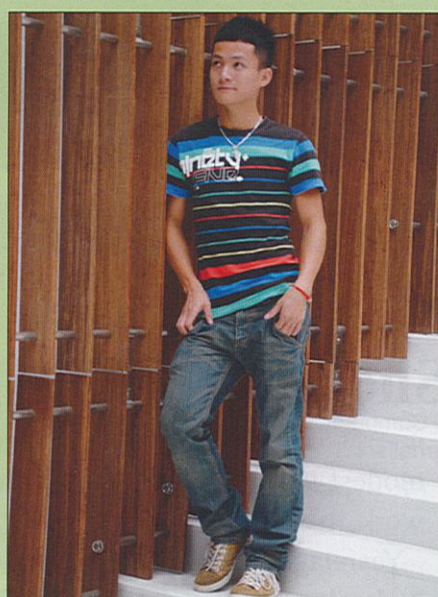
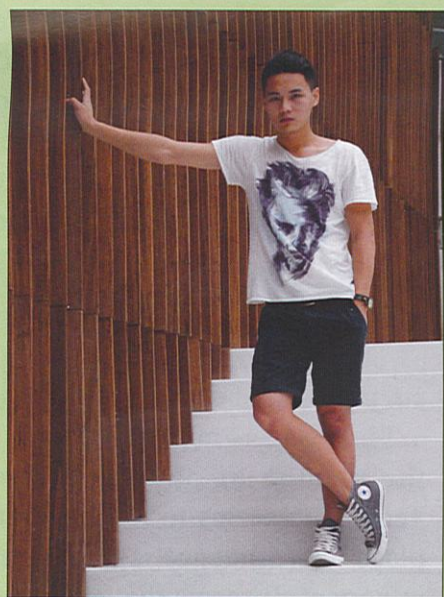
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Styles of dressing go with individuals. Over time almost everyone develops a preferred style of dress—this style is usually a reflection of their inner personality. It's important that the clothes you wear make you feel happy, express who you are, and fit with your personality, goals and lifestyle.

Vintage

Women look more elegant and charming with clothes that call to mind a past era. Most people who like vintage style clothes act in a more mature way.



Leisure

The best things in life are simple and comfortable. When people dress in leisure clothes, they show signs of optimism and friendliness.

Adorable

Girls are more attractive when they wear adorable clothes. Those who love such a style give an impression of cheerfulness.



Taste Authentic Chaoshan Cuisine

Many students in STU come from different places, and have to take long journeys to get on campus. After a few hours of driving, everyone is tired and wants to have a tasty meal to release the pressure of the road. However, it is generally believed that the food in the canteens is not that satisfactory. So, let me introduce you to some good places for meal in Shantou.

Above all, let us seek out delicious food from the Jing Ping District, where STU is located. If you want to go to Muluo Street, you can take bus 17 and get off at the Jing Ping District stop, 10 meters away from Muluo Street. On this street, there are a lot of snacks. Being full of local flavors and ingredients, it will always be surprising and attracting to the passersby.

Additionally, let us take bus 39 to the Expo Centre and go above Wal-Mart where the fifth floor is all about food—there is a great number of restaurants for you to choose from. I assure you can find a tasty meal there!

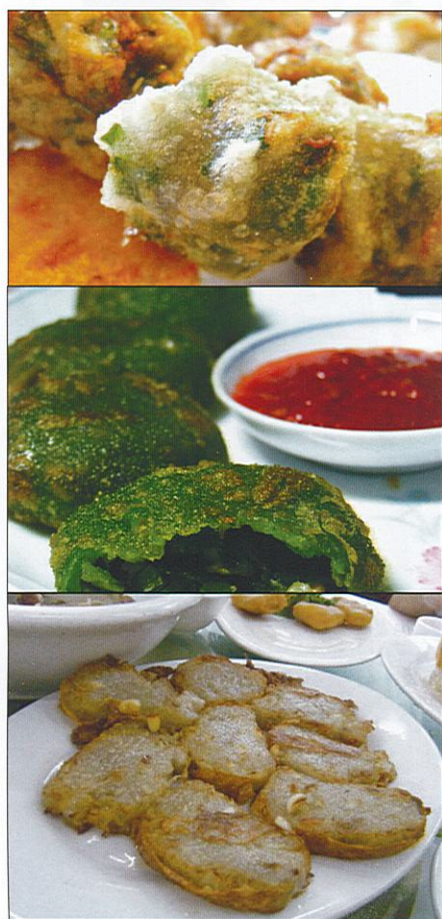
Moreover, we can go to the countryside to enjoy nature. The first place I will show you is the Zhongxin Resort. To get there, take bus 39 to the Zhonglv Station and then change to bus 33 and stay on it until the last station. In the resort, you can enjoy the sea, play with your friends in the beach, and eat at one of the delicious seaside restaurants.

Do you have a passion for seafood? Here is another touristic attraction I am pleased to introduce you: Namow. Take bus 21 to Riviera Gardens and then get on bus 105 until the last

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station, Laiwu Ferry. After that, you can arrive at Namow by ship. Although it takes a long time to get to Namow, you can not only have a giant feast on seafood but also enjoy its charming scenery. In Namow, there are also many restaurants, but one of them is special due to its appearance that is like a ship. This restaurant, called Cape No, reminds us of the movie with the same title.

There is a lot of yummy food in Shantou, if you want to taste it. I suggest you go out for a meal with some local people. Hope you can all have a nice meal!



via meilibay.com

These delicious and tempting Chaoshan stacks will have you craving more.



To Trick a Classmate...

by Xu Ying 11 Economics

Thirty-six Tricks of Prank, a video directed by Zeng Changmian and her classmates, aims to both entertain STU students with traditional Chinese culture and also spread its comedy all over. Interestingly, it has attracted lots of students' attention.

These art students used traditional Chinese elements, the so-called *36 stratagems*, which are familiar to us and have been used before as a series of tricks to fool students. For example, a trick called "honey-trap" concerned a beautiful girl pretending to be carrying a heavy, but actually empty, box. Then this girl would ask a boy for help. Obviously, the boy found the box light and let the girl know this fact. For entertainment purposes, the girl resolutely held that the box was very heavy and asked someone else for help. When the game was over, they announced to the boy that the box was empty. Many other tricks were played as well.

According to Zeng Changmian's feedback, one of the planners of this video acknowledged that this video was successful. A large audience arrived and watched it when being shown on a small stage. Both the actors and the actresses came from our school and the scene took place at STU. So, the video was appealing to most people's lives. It took two weeks more to finish this video up. They really worked hard to entertain students at STU by doing something memorable. The director of the video, Zeng Changmian, commented: "Watching so many students come here and see the video, I am really proud of our work."



Zeng Changmian 10 Interior Design
Students pose with balloon decorations while preparing the stage.

Tips on Saving Money

by Zou Kaixin 12 Business Administration



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A one hundred yuan bill folded into the shape of a gold ingot.

Have you ever found that it takes a short time to spend the money you just got from your parents? Have you ever felt guilty when you found the goods you bought are of an ephemeral use? Have you ever wished to be helped by someone who is an efficient money manager? Here are some tips to tackle these problems.

A. Keep a record of your daily expenses

Keeping a record is like installing a tracker into your daily expenses. It will definitely lower this feeling of being guilty for buying those cute (but useless!) products.

B. Open a savings account

Put your money into an account and remember to check on the sum every month so that to remind yourself that as a college

student you probably still rely financially on your parents.

C. Do not carry much cash

Carrying just enough money to afford a meal can restrain you from the temptation of purchasing infatuating things.

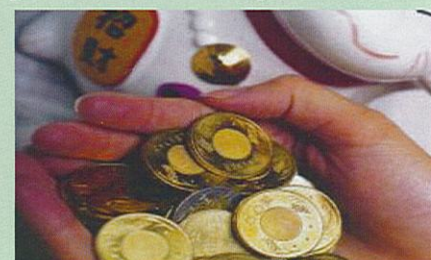
D. Save changes

Develop the habit of inserting coins into your wallet or your little pink piggy jar. If you keep doing this even for a week, you will find a windfall of cash falling from the sky.

E. Spend smarter

Take these standards into consideration: the application, the price, the quality, the purpose of buying such a product and the cost-effect ratio.

If you adhere to applying these tips for a while, you will find out that your money stays in your pocket for a bit longer.



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A penny saved is a penny earned.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

by William Wordsworth
collected by Xie Jinghua 11 Chinese

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced;
but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed and gazed but little thought
What wealth the show to me had
brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils

THE MOST IN THE WORLD



A. The biggest coffee cup in the world was created by PuertoRicoIsCoffee.com on October 9th during the 2011 "Coffee exposition" held in Puerto Rico. Its volume is 12,847.69 liters.

B. As of November 30th, the Korean song "Gangnam Style" had over 800 million views on YouTube, passing Justin Bieber's "Baby" as the most viewed online video.

C. Japanese fashion designer Yuichi Watanabe created the world's highest Mohawk. His hair is 115cm tall—a feat which took him 15 years complete.

D. A man in Centralia, Kansas made the most blindfolded shots in 2 minutes of all time: 37.

E. The smallest newspaper: These are pieces of the newspaper Terra Nostra, created by Nova Gráfica. The area of one page is 463.14 square millimeters.

F. Steve Petrick has the largest collection of Harry Potter memorabilia. He has 609 Harry Potter items in his house.

G. The biggest smile was made of 3,737 people, and was created by ITM University in India.

H. Mostafa Ismail is from Egypt, and has the strongest arms in the world. The circumference of his biceps is 64.77 cm.

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