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Have you ever heard of sayings like these? “One will not really graduate from university without being in a relationship” or “A relationship is one of the compulsory courses in college life”. Weather it is indispensable for college students to have a relationship has always been a controversial topic. Some people may assume that relationships for college students are just wasting away their youth, while others may be of the view that people can veritably learn from relationships they have been through. Which side would you choose?

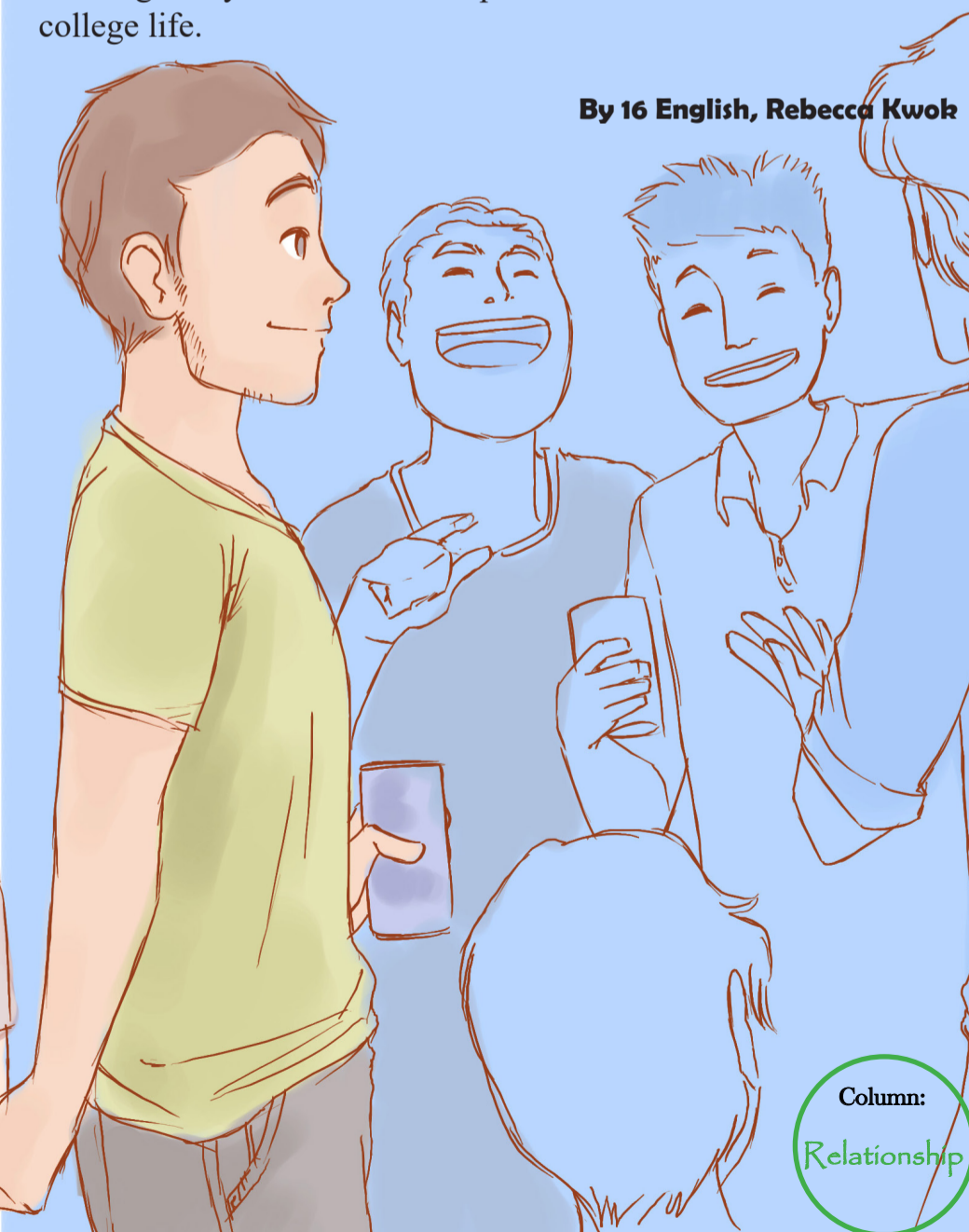
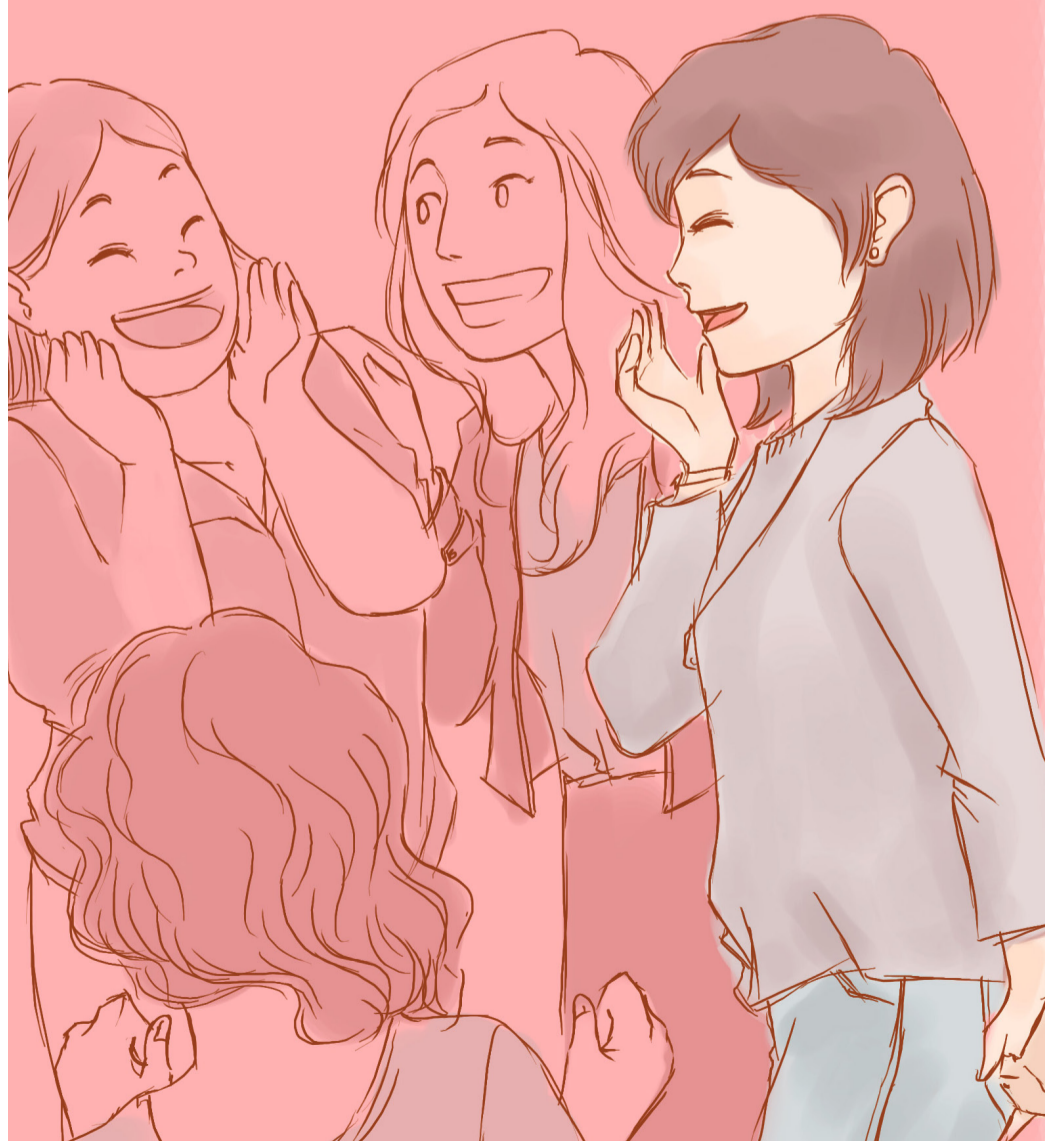
Opponents of college relationship maintain that the time and effort should be devoted to study in college instead of being employed to maintain a relationship. However, they may ignore that being in a relationship itself is a challenging course for us to take. People learn how to listen to other and how to understand their partners from his or her point of view. In other words, we are not just focused in ourselves. We go beyond our own mindset. We get rid of the state of selfishness and egoism. We learn how to take care of another person's needs, and the impact of this whole learning process is enduring in our life whether the relationship lasts or comes to an end. What we learn, what we develop, and what we nurture in the course of the

relationship is the sense of empathy, which plays a critical role throughout our lifetime. In addition, the motivation generated in the relationship is indeed a strong driving force on the way to pursue our dreams. We will not easily give up our dreams because we have someone to accomplish our dreams with. Furthermore, being in a relationship, we have one more sincere friend to share our experiences, our feelings and thoughts with.

How does all of this happen? At the beginning, we may be charmed by someone's appearance. However, at the beginning, so many possibilities are precluded because of our hesitance and cowardice. Be bold at that moment. And be clear on what you are looking for, the same values, personality, etc.. Most importantly, it is the commitment we fulfill in the relationship that make it works.

Relationship will always be a course people are oblige to take. It is just about what time you will embark on the path of learning. Why not start at this point of transformation--beautiful college life.

By 16 English, Rebecca Kwok



Column:  
Relationship

# To Be an Internet Celebrity Is Not as Easy as We Think

In December 2015, a famous magazine called *YaoWenJiaoZi* released a list of ten popular Chinese words and *internet celebrity* (Wang Hong) ranked ninth on this list. Web celebrities are those who become famous because they are admired by netizens (internet users). Online celebrities usually show their talents and share their lifestyle on various platforms such as micro-blog, QQ and WeChat in order to keep their fame. They can use their fame to establish a new type of money-making business of their own. Zhang DaYi is a typical example and she runs a shop on the internet earning quite a lot of money owing to her fame. Internet celebrity has become a popular career in which online stars display their unique talents and have a great number of followers. In addition, the possibility of making a lot of money has attracted many people to this profession. However, to be a web celebrity is not as easy as we think.

Whether you can become an internet celebrity depends on various aspects for example personal appearance, unique skills such as singing, dancing and telling jokes, and the help of internet marketers who coach online celebrities behind the scenes.

The truth is that if you are born with a good-looking face and a slim body, you have a better chance to become a web celebrity. Unfortunately, it is a pity that in order to achieve that great look some people eat little food to make their body slender which is harmful to their health. What's worse, some spend a lot of money to do cosmetic surgery to attract audience, but ultimately, they gain nothing. The majority of the internet celebrities have a set of unique skills that they usually utilize to attract fans. Although we don't know how many times they practice their skills, it is undoubted that they spare no efforts to make a wonderful performance when doing a live broadcast for their fans. Just as Zhou Sijie said, every applause of their fans is a recognition of all the hard work done by internet stars. There are even some strong teams behind web celebrities to support them and give them some instructions. In fact, the reason why Furong Sister, Fairy sister and Fengjie can become famous internet celebrities overnight is that internet marketers make elaborate plans for them to become famous and generate money.

To be a web celebrity means dealing with criticism from netizens which is really not

an easy thing for normal people. On the one hand, the negative comments may give them great pressure and make them feel discouraged. On the other hand, some compliments from fans can make web stars feel complacent. Essena O'Neill who once was a web celebrity in Australia became famous due to her beautiful figure. But she said she was absolutely not the kind of person she portrayed on the internet which was very frustrating because all she wanted was to be herself. As a result, she quit social media to lead a real and happy life.

In short, to be a web celebrity is not a simple thing because it is difficult for people to attract fans if they don't have beautiful appearance or special talents. Besides, it is hard for people to deal with the pressure of netizens' comments. Some may get addicted to the compliment and feel satisfied. Therefore, if someone regards web celebrity as a career, it is advisable to make an effort to work on it. After all, it is not an easy career as we might think.

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Column:  
Career

# Give Novak Djokovic More Time

## — He Deserves That

"For me it felt like the first match I ever played on tour. Very weird. I mean, I just completely lost my rhythm. But I was grateful to be out on the court that quickly after surgery." said Novak Djokovic, the five-time BNP Paribas Open champion, after losing to world No.109 Taro Daniel in his opening match at Indian Wells.

For this defeat, some international media used the title of "Djokovic's struggle continues" and began to wonder if it is a sign that the Serb has walked down the altar completely. But I think if you know about Djokovic and ignore the prejudice against him, you definitely won't come to that same conclusion because he was born to be a world class tennis player.

In 1991, Novak Djokovic played tennis for the first time when he was four years old. When he was seven, the famous Yugoslav tennis coach, Jelena Gencic, met the talented young tennis player. When asked why she chose this little boy, Gencic said, "I knew he would become a champion. It was crystal clear to me. He was focused, conscientious, and above all, talented."

Despite close attention and careful cultivation, his path was not so smooth. In 1999, the Kosovo war broke out. After the war, the sanctions paralyzed the Serbian economy and Serbia's tennis infrastructure and the coaching resources were very limited. In the later training this young boy also proved himself to be a natural tennis player with his unique skills and unceasing efforts. His trainer Nikola Pilic, a renowned tennis coach at that time, made no secret of his affection for him, "From the first day Novak arrived at the camp it was amazing how focused on tennis he was. I never liked predicting if someone would succeed or not, but with Novak I knew he would be the best."

In 2003, Djokovic became a professional player and began his career. In Miami, 2007, he finally broke the reign of the two rivals, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. And after winning his first Grand Slam title – the Australian Open in 2008, he totally became the new king of men's tennis. In 2011, he fulfilled his childhood dream—becoming the number one tennis player in the world. And

after that, his domination of the tennis sphere became almost indestructible.

But no player is able to shrug off the impact of all kinds of injuries on their career and Djokovic is no exception. In July 2017, he announced that he would be sidelined for six months to heal his elbow injury. To be honest, it's not a wise choice to get back to the court so quickly. But I refuse to believe that his days of glory are over, as some people are saying. He just needs more time to heal his elbow and mend his mind. Once he truly comes back, the whole tennis world will be shocked by him again, I believe.

"I miss tennis, games, and I miss standing on the court. It's a big part of my life. But at the same time, I need to work out the best strategy for moving forward with the team." He is very aware of his situation and he is trying to get his timing and rhythm. Let's just be patient and wait for him to get back to the top.

**By 17 Global Law, June Chen**



# PROCRASTINATION

Procrastination seems to be one of the most common features for students on campus. And what is procrastination? In general, procrastination is the act of putting off an essential task until the deadline, which has various forms. For instance, some students don't get up until the last minute, never do laundry unless their clothes smell or don't review unless there is a test.

Actually, most students have a clear understanding of procrastination, the bad habit, which will do harm to their study and life. But few individuals can be disciplined and overcome it. As far as I am concerned, laziness and indecision are two of the major causes. For some students, though they know the deadline is looming, they still tend to make different kinds of excuses for themselves, one of which is that they are busy and tired today. And for others who really decide to start doing homework, it is easy for them to stop because they are distracted by mobile phone or computer games. Then these students plan to put off their tasks until tomorrow, then tomorrow... At last, they just don't finish their tasks or homework until the last minute when it is necessary to submit their product. This is our

own situation that may cause procrastination, but at the same time, environmental factors also contribute to it.

Different from high school, there isn't so much supervision from teachers and parents in university. Teachers don't check if students have finished their homework, nor do parents force them to follow a study

to take some opportunities. The risk of being eliminated is not so distinct in college. So compared with other occasions in one's life, the surroundings of the campus life seem to be the most free and comfortable. As a result, it is easy for students to be lax and get accustomed to delaying their tasks until the last moment.

Procrastination is a bad habit, so as a university students, we should try our best to overcome it. Although it is not a simple process, we could change ourselves step by step from now on.

**By 16 International Economy and Trade, April Huang**



schedule. On campus, students are in charge of themselves, and they are supposed to take control of their own time. Without enough pressure, it is possible for university students to get lazy, which leads to procrastination. In addition, campus life also differs from the career life, and the competition is not very intense, so they don't need to make efforts

Column:

Campus Life



## Amazing Driverless Buses

With technology increasing rapidly, especially the AI (artificial intelligence) technology, our daily lives have been influenced and changed deeply. For instance, Jack Ma has opened some unmanned supermarkets, which surprises people and captures their attention. It is amazing, isn't it? And have you wondered about the Driverless busses that are becoming a reality in our lives because of AI? Just like Iron-man's supercar or the Batmobile in the Batman movies, driverless vehicles

must impress people a lot. There are some driverless buses being tested in Shenzhen lately. Let's take a look at their development.

On Dec. 2, 2017, there were a few driverless buses setting off. These were the Alfabas buses. Of course, the buses still needed a person to start, but it could travel automatically, and intelligently. When the bus started, it informed the passengers that it had entered driverless mode automatically. To the passengers' surprise, it sped itself up, slowed itself down automatically, and was

even able to change its route according to road conditions. "It can stop itself when it sees the red light, the steering wheel can turn itself precisely to let the bus turn a corner. That's surprising and amazing!" A passenger said in astonishment.

In fact, it was the first time in China and also the first time around the globe (according to the Sohu) that a driverless bus travelled without being controlled by a driver on the open road. It was reported by Sohu Tech News that the buses drove themselves

# Why Not Have a Wonderful Travel

One of my dreams is to travel all over the world with my girlfriend because it is interesting and relaxing. I believe that many of you have the same devotion to travel as I do.

There are many benefits and advantages one can get from traveling. Firstly, it helps us eliminate our low mood and reduce all kinds of pressure. If you feel tired and idle why not go on a journey? Secondly, traveling can also broaden our horizons. We can learn about other cultures and gain new knowledge when we explore a new and different place. Thirdly, making new friends. When you travel, you will meet many new people, and some of them may become your close friends. Fourthly, taking trips helps us to improve our communication skills. When we travel, we will encounter various problems that we can't solve by ourselves, so we have to ask others for help. In that process, our communication skills will get better.

According to the distance, traveling can be categorized into long journeys and short excursions. We can choose different ways according to our circumstances. For example, if we don't have enough money or time,

we can go hiking with our friends, which is also beneficial for us. It is also a wonderful experience. If we have enough money and time, we can go on a long journey. For instance, we can travel to a totally unfamiliar city to experience a different life on summer holiday.

If you enjoy traveling, here are some



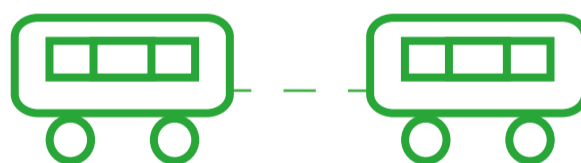
famous tourist attractions that are worth visiting. The first one is Paris, the famous capital city of France. It will be a sweet memory if you take your girlfriend for a walk under the Eiffel Tower, holding her hand. You can also take her to drink a glass of wine in a bar, which will be quite romantic. The second one is Xi'an, the

capital of many Chinese dynasties as well as a multicultural city. In Xi'an, you can experience the city's rich culture and learn about its importance in Chinese history. The third one is Da Li, the exotic fairyland city. In Dali, you can find attractions everywhere, such as Erhai, Dali ancient city and the Cangshan mountains. So you will never feel bored. In addition, traveling to these destinations do not cost too much, which is very suitable for university students.

If you want to have wonderful and unforgettable experiences while traveling on your free time, don't just sit around thinking about it. Take action. Pack up your bags, book your hotel rooms and buy your tickets. Just do it and enjoy yourself.

**By 17 Computer Science,  
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Column:  
Travel



thanks to the Alfabeta intelligent driving system, which was developed by Chinese enterprises independently. The clever system is able to let the bus make a precise reaction on the basis of the road condition and emergency situation through the IPC (Industrial Personal Computer), vehicle control unit and the CAN(Contoller Area Network) on the bus. It was also reported by the Sohu reporter that the Alfabeta buses have undergone a series of experiments such as slowing down, emergency cut-off, parked by stop automatically and all that.

A driverless bus sounds very exciting. If you ask, how about the safety? Don't worry, there is always a driver on the bus in order to

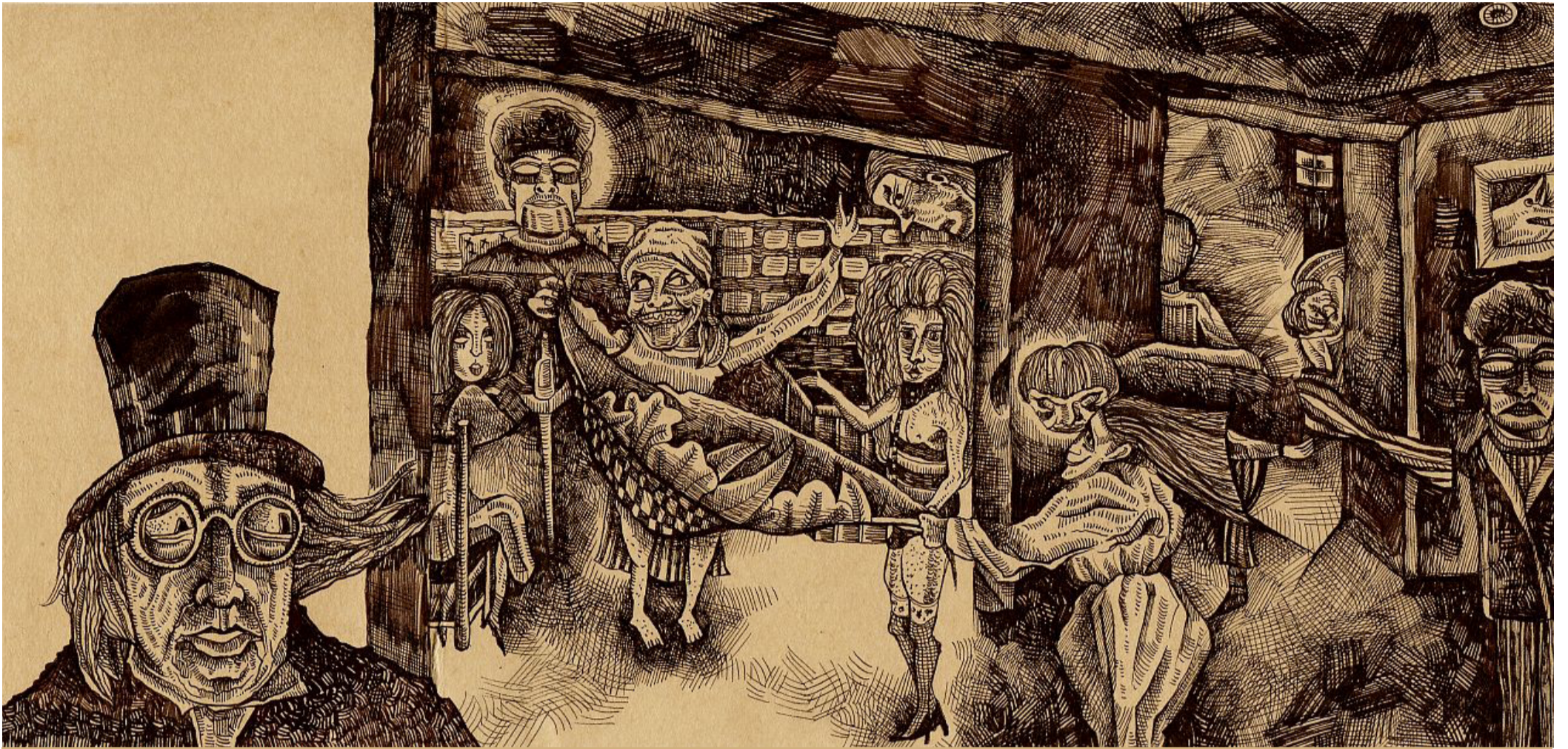
take care of emergencies. What's more, there are 16 laser heads to detect the road situation for safety.

In a word, the Alfabeta is a driving system that is excellent tech. At present, it is still being tested on a 1.2 km road. Now it isn't open for the general public; however, let's look forward to the day that driverless buses are used for the public successfully, and that day will come soon!

**By 17 Public Administration, Quella Chen**

Column:  
Technology





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# Dreamlike

# Solitude

It has been over half a century when Gabriel Garcia Márquez finished his literary masterpiece *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. How can it be such an enduring work? Numerous themes were given to the book such as a book of loneliness and a book of the human condition. However, just because the book deals with the human condition, it doesn't mean that the book is great.

The greatest point of *One Hundred Years of Solitude* lies in its narrative pattern which carries on Kafka's and at the same time, he started his own style as well. In my view, a great book, not like many other good book, are always preferred for its special narrative mode, which attracts others to imitate. And there are two standards

to evaluate if the book is great or not: 1. Breaking new ground. For example, Kafka's narrative pattern is from realism change into another bran-new mode by the time he wrote *The Metamorphosis*. And the modernist styles such as the stream of consciousness, black humor and The Theatre of the Absurd all started from Kafka. 2. Assembles the characteristics. For example, the creation of the romanticism is pushed to the summit by Hugo and the realism is brought out to the most extend by Balzac and Tolstoy.

Obviously, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* does not belong to the first category. This narrative pattern is similar to Kafka (the reason about this has been said in the book named *Discovery of a novel* written by Yan Lianke), the author of *The Metamorphosis*,

whose narrative mode and narrative strategies both are zero cause and effect which means it only tells a result without saying anything about the process.

However, the greatest feature of Márquez's magical realism is semi causality. That is the asymmetry of cause and effect, just like a very small cause lead to an enormous effect or a big cause lead to a tiny effect. So the commonplace between this two narrative patterns is that they both unifying the dream and the reality perfectly. In other words, such as insect-changing human in the novel of Kafka, and the beauty flying in the sky in the novel of Márquez, all these plots are unreasonable, go against our common sense or conflict with our real life experience. All those

things are a combination of dream and reality in the context of literature. It's a dreamlike expression, or a mode of thinking.

This expression is shown in a description for Remedios, my favorite character in his book who is as beautiful as a flower. (At this time Márquez struggled to describe the scene in which Remedios is flying through the sky) He thought it is too difficult to make the big living guy fly to the sky. Márquez racked his brain and several months later he came up with a great idea:

*"Don't you feel well?" she asked her.*

*Remedios the Beauty, who was clutching the sheet by the other end, gave a pitying smile.*

*"Quite the opposite," she said, "I never felt better."*

*She had just finished saying it when Fernanda felt a delicate wind of light pull the sheets out of her hands and open them up wide. Amaranta felt a mysterious trembling in the lace on her petticoats and she tried to grasp the sheet so that she would not fall down at the instant in which Remedios the Beauty began to rise. Úrsula, almost blind at the time, was the only person who was sufficiently*

*calm to identify the nature of that determined wind and she left the sheets to the mercy of the light as she watched Remedios the Beauty waving good-bye in the midst of the flapping sheets that rose up with her, abandoning with her the environment of beetles and dahlias and passing through the air with her as four o'clock in the afternoon came to an end, and they were lost forever with her in the upper atmosphere where not even the highest-flying birds of memory could reach her.*

(From *One Hundred Years of Solitude* written by Gabriel José de la Concordia García Márquez)

At last, Remedios flew away by a gust of wind with the sheet in her hand when she was drying the sheet.

In my view, only Márquez can write such an unbelievable but graceful plot. In the novel world, countless people fly up, but there's no one like her, who can be that sexy and pure when she's flying. The beauty, the white sheet and a gust of wind are all natural and unescapable, but it only comes out by accident. When Márquez was recalling the time he wrote the book, he said, "Finally, I let her fly."

So, back to the conclusion of the commonplace between Kafka's pattern

and Márquez's pattern, what we figure out in this comparison is that making the conception involving the opposite connotations blend together faultlessly is the new part of Kafka's mode created by Márquez, the dreamlike expression named semi causality. That is Márquez, who use a dreamlike expression creating new literary soil in *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, makes difference in his authorship and makes a book great.

**By 17 Computer Science, Jennifer Liu**

Column:

Literature



As we all know, China is the origin of tea with which we are all familiar. As the saying goes, when you get up, you should acquire seven things first, which are firewood, rice, oil, salt, soy, vinegar and tea. But today I am not going to take a look at tea culture.

If you ask someone “Is there any drink that represents Chinese culture?” He or she will probably say “I think it is tea”. Tea is one of the most important drinks in China. But why can tea represent Chinese culture? I think the relationship between the natural function of tea and Chinese traditional culture can give us an answer. From Ancient Chinese people’s viewpoint, the theory that man is an integral part of nature was very important. The tea, growing in the high mountain and nurtured by clear dew, tasted a little bitter but helped people refresh themselves. When people drank tea, they felt they could return to nature. In this way, the natural qualities of tea were combined with Chinese culture. So tea holds a special and important position in China.

Tea culture has a long history and changes over time. In Liang-Jin and Northern-Southern Dynasties, people used tea culture to fight against corruption. In splendid Tang Dynasty, the court called the tea “Qi Lin grass” which meant it could inspire creativity in literature. In Song Dynasty, tea culture is closer to the general public, and today, when people visit their relatives and friends, we treat them to tea. Having a cup of tea has become a way to be social.

We all know a kind of tea named “Kungfu tea” that is very popular in the Chaoshan area. The origin of the name “Kungfu tea” varies from person to person. Some say it takes a lot of time to make the tea leaves. Other say it’s hard to master making tea

if you don’t have enough knowledge and “Kungfu.” I think both sides are partly right. They all suggest you should spend time doing it. In Chinese we call it “Xia Kungfu.” The traditional way to make Kungfu tea is very complex because it has several components like the tea set, water quality, tea leaves and drinking technique. Each component is full of Chinese spirit like recovering one’s original nature and etiquette.

Nowadays, an increasing number of people pay attention to Chinese culture but it’s likely that not so many people focus on tea culture. In fact, tea culture, the product of Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, is an integral part of Chinese culture. Through viewing traditional Chinese culture from the perspective of tea culture, it will be helpful for us to acquire the more comprehensive understandings about Chinese culture.

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