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Recently, a series of pictures of NO.2 Middle School of Hengshui City have aroused a fierce discussion in the society. A teaching building equipped with a metal railing was shown to the public. It is said that the school set up these railings to prevent students from committing suicide.

On September 10th, 2014, a female student of senior three jumped from the sixth floor of the building to kill herself. What's more, a senior three student committed suicide in the same way on March 29th, 2015. What, we may wonder, drew these students to kill themselves at such a young age? The answer probably was the great pressure on studying in the school.

To prevent students from killing themselves, the school installed the metal railing to the teaching building, making it look like a prison now. To some extent, it makes sense. However, the school cannot totally stop such a behavior if they make no change in the education system. After all, students can kill themselves in other ways. In this school, students act just like the robots, always following the same schedule.

Actually, it is impossible for students to change their study life a lot in a short time. Hengshui, a small county, is very famous for its achievements in the College Entrance Exam in Hebei Province in recent years. Every year, NO.2



Middle School of Hengshui City sends many students to several top universities like Tsinghua University and Peking University. This attracts many teachers all over the country to come here to learn its education system and copy it. Hence, in my opinion, it is very hard to change the current education system in Hengshui City.

Besides, there are still many super high schools like NO.2 Middle School of Hengshui City in China. They have very strict rules with students as well as teachers to ensure their concentration on study or work. If students study and live in such a highly stressful environment for a

long time, they will gradually lose their essential characteristics, and only work out the math problems on the exam paper. Even though they can enter a good university, they will fail to adjust to the new environment quickly. Without pressure and control from the school, some students will lose their goals and have no motivation to go on studying. What's worse, some students become addicted to internet games rather than focusing on their study, so they may fail in the exam and even be forced to quit school.

Nowadays, exam-oriented education is popular in China. It is a common fact that the higher the score students get in the College Entrance Exam, the better the college they will enter. Therefore, the schools have to try their best to ensure that students focus on studying and get more points, which does harm not only to the student's growth, but also to the development of the society. Maybe, students can get a high score in this strict system, but they may choose suicide to escape from the great pressure if they cannot deal with the stress correctly.

We should realize that it is

hard to put quality-oriented education into practice totally and change their present situation. Based on this reality, even if the students desire for change and freedom, the school will not allow. Even though the school allows, parents and even the society will not permit. What most people care about is the outcome of the College Entrance Exam instead of those students who have to spend the most beautiful and valuable time of their whole life on this exam. In recent years, the Ministry of National Education has announced several reform measures to the public. However, if we really want to implement quality-oriented education in China, we still have a long way to go.

Suicide n.

the act of killing yourself
E.g. She tried to commit suicide on several occasions.



Tragic Events of Premature Mums

By: 14 Finance
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punishment and ethical opinions are not the best methods of education.

Maybe the young girls in the shocking events should be to blame, but meanwhile, educators and the public should take responsibility for the events. We can improve the education methods of schools, parents and the public so as to ensure children grow up healthily and happily.

Mother, a name of praise and greatness, is a burden for some young girls. On April 17th, 2015, a middle school girl had a baby in a toilet and strangled her to death. Several days before, a new born baby was dropped from the 3rd floor by her 16-year old mother. It's difficult to be convinced that the tragic events happened by accident. There must be some hidden reasons.

Recently, it has been reported online that these girls lacked basic sexual physiological knowledge as well as legal and ethical awareness. For example, they didn't detect signs of pregnancy in time and didn't have proper care after they gave birth to babies. When they abandoned or even killed their babies, they didn't realize that they had committed such crimes as abandonment and intentional homicide. This type of situation also reflects a lack of love and responsibility.

However, we can't place all the blame on these young and ignorant mothers. Educators have partial responsibility for the tragedies. On the one hand, schools don't do a good job of carrying out psychological health education and teaching sexual physiological knowledge to young teenagers who may be eager to learn something about

psychological health and sex. Some schools have offered courses about physiological hygiene but no sexual education on account of shame.

On the other hand, if parents care more about their children, they will not ignore signs of physical and psychological changes in their children. So careless were the parents of these girls that they didn't know what their children had been through until the police informed them! Some girls also said they were afraid that their parents would know about their situation. It's a communication gap between parents and children that they don't learn well about how the other thinks and put forward the problems they have. What if teenagers get along well with their parents and they reach an agreement on some sensitive topics? What if parents and children can solve big problems together? Such tragedies won't happen again.

As a matter of fact, the public should also bear the responsibility of this kind of bad news. Popular opinion screams and spirals over the society when similar events like young girls abandoning or even murdering their newborn children get exposed. Doesn't the big pressure from popular opinion

keep these young girls in invisible chains? They cannot grow up healthily and cannot get free in mind because they over care about their words, actions and the public's opinions. Have the public ever empathized with the young teenagers as they were curious about sex and confused and hopeless after they gave birth to babies? Some may not have. Perhaps it's better to understand the teenagers' feelings, care about and comfort their hurt hearts, and lead them out of the impact of this experience than to condemn blindly them. After all, legal

Strangle vt.

kill by squeezing the throat of somebody so as to cut off the air

E.g. Earlier, Dr Delaney told the court that Tom may have used one hand to strangle her.

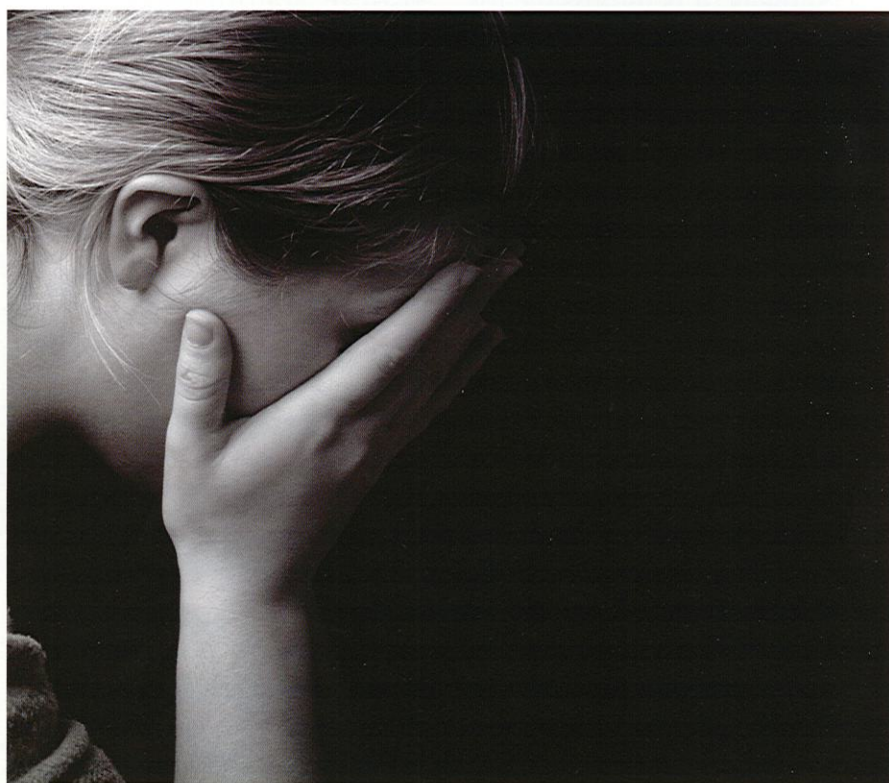
Intentional homicide:

kill someone on purpose

Spiral vi.

move in a spiral or zigzag course

E.g. The aircraft began spiraling out of control.



By: 14 Journalism
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Great Manners on Japanese Buses

As many of us know, Japan is a country which has very beautiful scenery, such as Fujiyama, sakura, the traditional Japanese buildings and so on. However, besides these things that can be seen easily, there are more meaningful details here. I have traveled to Japan and experienced some of them.

When I traveled through the cities by bus, I found that the bus was as clean as a new one. But actually, there is a secret for Japan's buses to remain clean.

When all the passengers get off the bus, the driver begins doing his cleaning. He uses the brush to sweep the dust and the towel to scrub the four wheels. Most importantly, not only one driver does that; others do the same thing. Drivers just use a bucket of water to clean the bus, and they do not pour out the dirty water but instead take it back to the bus for recycle.

One day we went to a park. It happened to rain. When we got on the bus, I saw many towels spread on the ground, the driver standing next to the bus door and



bowing when we passed. At that moment I just felt like I was an actress walking on the red carpet!

What's more, the "carpet" was extended to the end of the corridor of the bus! So amazing! Because of this "carpet", the bus remained clean from the dirt that stuck on the shoes. Once all the passengers arrived, the driver tidied up the dirty towels. At that time, a wave of respect toward the drivers swept over my heart.

Comparing the behavior between Japanese drivers and

Chinese drivers, I was confused: Is it usual in Japan? Many Chinese drivers don't do such things. What makes Japanese drivers do that? To get the answer, I asked Scott, a foreign teacher at Shantou University who lived in Japan for twenty years.

He said what I experienced in Japan didn't sound usual and that the drivers did that maybe because it was the rule of the bus company. Since there are many rules telling them what they should do and should not do, the Japanese

society is very quiet, peaceful and organized.

I didn't understand—if we have a lot of rules, can we also behave well? "I don't think so," said Scott, "The rules make the society organized, but sometimes too many rules will make people sacrifice some freedom, because people need to express their feelings and what they want."

He also mentioned that not all good manners come from the bottom of people's heart, because if they do things for this reason, many people will not obey the rules.

When asked if the Chinese government can make rules to make people obey, Scott said that everyone can make rules but that the hard part is how to make people follow them. It takes a lot of time and money. It depends on how many people think they should obey the rules.

So, the great manners of the Japanese drivers are not coincidental. We Chinese should reflect on ourselves and learn from Japan. Rules are important, but we also need freedom. The society needs balance.

By: 14 English
Vanessa Xu

The Most Beautiful Garden in the World

Do you know which garden is the most beautiful garden in the world? Do you really know it well? The Butchart Gardens is the most beautiful garden in the world. It's located in Victoria, Canada. It's the second largest garden in the world. It's a stately garden which was built in 1904 attracting fifty million tourists every year. It covers an area of twelve acres. There are four parts in Butchart Gardens, including Sunken Garden, Italian Garden, Japanese Garden, and Rose Garden.

The Sunken Garden was a mine originally. Mrs. Butchart wanted to build it as a garden and she made it finally. Mrs. Butchart is the hostess of Butchart Gardens. The Garden has Soil Mountains and it has stone stairs for climbing up the Soil Mountains. Lots of



beautiful flowers surround the Soil Mountains. Lakes are at the hill of the mountains, and fountains flow to the lakes.

The Italian Garden was designed as a Rome royal garden. Trees were designed as balls. There is a star pond, which is

surrounded by flowers, and the frog pond has Italy status inside. The whole garden was designed as a symmetrical structure.

The Japanese garden has a red palace gate. The cherry, lily, maple and other famous flowers are planted in this garden. There are

bridges, rivers, and small pavilions.

The Rose Garden is an English style Garden. It has various types of roses inside. Besides, the Butchart garden has a greenhouse for flowers. There are all kinds of famous flowers which give the appearance of a flower island. What's more, the musical fountains are very beautiful. The fountains can even move with the music and light.

Because of its romantic atmosphere, many people also choose this place for holding their wedding. And people who choose there for their wedding can get two chances for rehearsal.

Although the Butchart Garden lacked management during the Second World War, it has become the most beautiful garden because of Butchart's son's and daughter's effort.

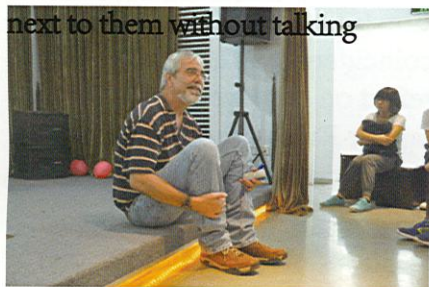
Media Mania: Be an Active Film 'Reader'!

By: 13 Journalism Somer Zhang

Every Tuesday in EAC in the academic year of 2014~2015, a group of students gather together with a teacher named John to watch clips of a film. They are not merely passive audience members who watch films with sleepy eyes. On the contrary, they actively discuss what is behind the film.

The activity of sharing ideas and opinions of films is Media Mania. The term mania is used to describe a person who has a desperate affection for something. Granted, the term is probably an exaggeration here, but it somehow fits. Media Mania has lasted for a few years, making it one of the longest-lasting EAC activities.

Previously, students went to the EAC, sat, and waited for the film to begin--just as they would do in a cinema. The teacher sat next to them without talking



much except for giving a brief introduction to the film. In the Fall Semester of 2013, John Harper took charge of Media Mania. He decided to make some adjustments to it.

Usually, people watch a film just for entertainment, not considering what's behind the screen. "I want students to enjoy themselves. At the same time, they are encouraged to think more while watching a film," John says of his purpose of reforming Media Mania.

Reformed Media Mania focuses more on the in-depth interpretation of films than on the basic description of them. Students are supposed to do their "homework" ahead, watching the film on their own in order to save time for discussion during the activity. Once, when the activity



revolved around the film Spider-Man, John asked several questions, "Who are other heroes in films?" "What kinds of heroes are here in China?" "Who is your ideal hero?" and so on. These questions relate the film to local culture and to the real world, thus inspiring students to think outside the box and to look for the unspoken words of the film.

Bonny Wang, a sophomore English major, has been taking part in Media Mania for three semesters. She said that she watched films just for relaxation before, but now she says, "I pay more attention to every scene and

think about it carefully."

As the organizing teacher, John has a similar experience. Sometimes, he watches films with a cup of tea or coffee and doesn't pay much attention. However, when it comes to films for Media Mania, he is more seriously concerned about them: "I watch them more than one time," John says.

Taurus, a freshman majoring in public administration, found that "John is a funny guy." What's more, he told her a lot about life through discussing films with students.

Voice and Accent Training Lecture Series

Every semester, the Voice and Accent Training course is very popular among us. To satisfy more and more students' needs, the ELC holds the Voice and Accent Lecture Series at the beginning of every spring semester. This semester, four lectures were given from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm on Friday between March and April. The activity attracted a lot of students as well as teachers to attend the lecture.

In the class, teachers gave lessons about vowel sounds, consonant sounds, stress and pauses respectively. After the teacher had introduced the sounds and taught us how to spell the sound correctly, students were always asked to practice with the classmates around them.

Sometimes, they played some games about pronunciation to help spell and practice the sound well. During the practice, the teacher would go around and answer questions from the students. They also listened to the student's pronunciation carefully and picked up the sound that was not pronounced well. Then, they would teach the student how to pronounce it correctly.

Some students may ask, "Why does ELC still hold this activity? We have common Voice and Accent Training courses every week. What is the difference between them?" As for this question, Voice and Accent Team Coordinator Ravi Dutt explained that: "the common course is limited to a few people. In every

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course, we only have 14 to 15 students, no more than 15. But this lecture series is open to everyone, and even teachers can come to attend the lecture. Seven working staff members who work at STU also came to visit the lectures because they cannot take the class, only students can. So we are trying to reach more and more people who cannot take the class." He thought this lecture series had a great influence on students. After taking part in the lectures, some students identified their pronunciation problems and kept consulting the teachers afterwards.

Many students said that they did acquire a lot of knowledge from this kind of activity, especially those who were unable to take the common courses. An

exchange student from Korea, Shin WookJin, attended the lectures. He said, "Pronunciation is very important in learning English, so I kept on taking part in the lectures. In the class, the professor picked up the pronunciation I could not pronounce well and taught me how to pronounce correctly so that I paid more attention when I spoke again the words that I could not pronounce well before."

Generally speaking, pronunciation is very important on the road of learning English because speaking English well is the basic skill of learning English. Therefore, the ELC spent a lot of time and effort on holding this activity to improve students' speaking skills in English and tried to get more students involved. I hope more and more people will attend the Voice and Accent Training Courses in the future.

Running, a Special Way of Charity at STU

By 14 English Vanessa Xu

The second round of Run For A Cause, a charity project held by the Li Ka-Shing Foundation at STU, has given strength to charity again this March.

There were five proposals from which donators could choose and help particular group of people in need. The proposals included sending gas to leprosy camp hill community elders, helping elders and children in TuoPu get their hair cut for free, sending fitness equipment to the visually impaired, sending money to cleft lip and cleft palate children for their medical treatment, and helping schools to pay for blackboards and water dispensers. All students and teachers at STU could choose one of the proposals they wanted to support and then register to be charity runners to raise money for the proposal they wanted to support.

Before the running began, the runners were required to share a link with their friends, which showed that they were runners and advised their friends to donate. Students could donate with their smart cards on the website. Hu Zhouhen, a freshman whose major is electromechanical engineering, obtained more than one thousand yuan. When asked how he could raise so much money, he said, "I sent the link to my friends once a



day and my friends helped me to share the link with their friends, which means not only my friends but their friends helped me to donate. And I appreciated them very much!"

On March 22, 2015, the running day, runners gathered at the Bell of Truth and received their running vests and running numbers. The runners were divided into three groups: competition group, leisure group and walking group, by their choice. The competition group ran first at 9:00 am. The other two groups ran later. Among the runners, there were some international teachers, such as Liz, Dianna, and James McDougall. Even James' son, Colin, took part

in the activity.

Instead of running on the playground, runners were required to run five kilometers along STU. The route started and ended at the Bell of Truth. Zhang Mengqing, a sophomore from the Journalism School, shared her feelings that the scenery along the way was fantastic and the running process helped runners know more about STU because many people did not really know the entire environment at STU exactly. When talking about the running route, she said, "I think five kilometers is ok. As a runner, although I felt a little tired after running five kilometers, I was full of hope and motivation when I thought that I was running for the kind people who helped me to

donate." Besides, there were a lot of signs on the ground to show the way. What's more, volunteers guided runners along the way.

When all the runners came back to the Bell of Truth, the singing performance started. One of the singers was Zhang Xuan, a famous student singer whose major is English. Later, the award ceremony was held. The top ten runners from the competition group and fund-raisers got a prize. At the same time, all the runners could get a memorial bracelet.

During this special charity activity, runners could enjoy the scenery along the way, have a chance to help a charity project, watch the performance and share an unforgettable experience. This charity activity has helped many people in need. And we hope it can be another great success next year.

cleft n.

an opening or crack, especially in a rock or the ground

palate n.

the top part of the inside of your mouth

dispenser n.

a machine or container that you can get something from

leisure n.

the time when you are not working or doing other duties

A Basketball Game Held by Five Associations

By 14 Journalism Jane Lu



Almost all the students of Shantou University know that there is a kind of association called Tongxianghui, which is a type of sodality that consists of students coming from the same towns or provinces. For example, students from Sanshui (a district of Foshan City) will set up a Tongxianghui called Sanshui Association and gather together unscheduled. There are many activities among different associations.

From March 14th to March 22th, a basketball match was held among five associations of Foshan, which are Sanshui, Nanhai, Shunde, Gaoming and Chancheng. The student leaders of the associations said that they held the basketball match to deepen the communication between

The match is a round robin and the five teams are named A, B, C, D and E. In the first round, A vs B, B vs C, C vs D, D vs E and E vs A, with the winner getting into the next round. The team from Shunde won the first prize after six matches.

Liang Guoming, the head student of the Sanshui Association said, "The basketball game made a chance for us to get together, because we have our own classes during schooldays."

Wu Weitao, who is from Sanshui, said that as a sport game, basketball could help them to keep fit.

It's also a good opportunity to make more friends through the

basketball match. "Maybe I can meet a boy, haha!" said Gump, who comes from Sanshui.

Actually, the students encountered some difficulties at the beginning. Because everyone had a different schedule, it was hard to arrange time and find referees. Besides, money was a problem. "It's a big deal for us to allot the awards, so finally we decide to give every team an award for their participation," Liang Guoming said.

The students from these five associations said they hoped that this kind of activity could be held every year, and besides sport games, varieties of activities like singing contests could be held.

Interviewees: Liang Guoming (13 civil engineering)

The Vagina Monologues: Give Voice to Females

By 14 Journalism Jellit Hong

"What?"

She asked as if someone was talking with her.

"You ask me why I take up this job? To earn money!"

Exposed in the spotlight, a girl dressed in sexy clothes was sitting on the chair, cleansing her face

Class" and "Moaning". The scene mentioned at the beginning belongs to the seventh episode: "Sex Worker".

Zhao Yingxian, a first year student in Business School starred in the episode: "Sex Worker" last year. She was the partner of the girl

many people applying to this stage play, but most of them aimed at acting rather than advertising feminism.

Shen took part in every aspect of this stage play last year, including performing in the episode "The Menstruation". In this episode, a

tell. "It's really a great improvement." Shen said.

There are 2 aspects of Shen's expectation about the development of feminism at STU. One is that there will be more people understanding what feminism is. Another is that more

while speaking. When the girl was acting on the stage, the whole audience focused their attention on her, wearing a concentrated expression.

On the evening of December 14, 2014, a stage play named The Vagina Monologues was performed in the Science Hall.



people dare to criticize the phenomenon of gender discrimination. "It's unnecessary to be a professor about feminism, and what we should do is just to remove the prejudice out of our mind."

When asked whether he felt embarrassed they during watching the stage play,

It was held by Orange Community, which aims at drawing attention to the female, the inferior ones in gender issues, and other minority sexual groups.

The script The Vagina Monologues was written by an American writer named Eve Ensler. She starred in it firstly in New York in 1996, winning the Obie Award for "The Best Script Award" in 1997. It has been translated into at least 47 kinds of languages and performed in 130 countries.

Nowadays, about 20 colleges in China are authorized to perform The Vagina Monologues. Since 2013, it is the second time performing this stage play at STU. Compared with the original edition that contains totally 18 parts, the stage play performed last year was formed by 9 episodes: "Say it", "The first Night", "The Menstruation", "Sexual Assault", "My Vagina is Angry", "Bitch", "Sex Worker", "Masturbation

mentioned above who acted as a sex worker and she was role-playing another sex worker.

Besides analyzing the personality of the character with others, Zhao imagined someone who was enchanting in her mind so that she could perform a sex worker vividly. Some lines are sexually arousing, so it was difficult for her to say it at first. She laughed and said, "But after practicing for a long time, I found myself numb and didn't feel shy to perform it."

Although there are some subjects about gender issue at STU, some students find the activities not interesting enough. "I think an activity held by students themselves may be helpful to attract their attention on. It's one of the reasons why we perform this stage play at STU," said Shen Menghan, a junior student studying in Law School. She served as a creator in chief in the stage play in 2014.

Shen reflected that there were

minority sexual group called "transgender" is introduced to the audience. Shen showed that this stage didn't impress her a lot about this group, because before acting in this episode, she had learned something about transgender. "However," she said, "the image of transgender shown in this episode is a typical imagination of the public, so I think it should be a challenge to public perception of the transgender."

After acting in The Vagina Monologues, Zhao found that her perception was changed. In the past, she hardly noticed that there were so many females around her that are deprived of their rights. "It shocked me a lot. We should do something," Zhao said.

Some audience reflected that the first time they watched this stage play, it was hard to understand and just found it funny. But after watching it again, they understood what it wanted to

Zheng Liangshu, a freshman from J-School, said not at all. "Maybe I'm open minded, so rather than evading these sensitive problems, I feel excited to discuss these problems publicly. STU indeed gives me a lot of surprise," he said.

Cleanse v.

clean one's body or parts thereof, as by washing

Script n.

a written version of a play or other dramatic composition; used in preparing for a performance

Feminism n.

the belief and aim that women should have the same rights and opportunities as men; the struggle to achieve this aim

Evade v.

avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing (duties, questions, or issues)



The First Prize

I've never been much of a runner until I came to STU. I used to run, but never as extensively as I do now, and never as happily as I do now.

I started with the track. It can get a little tedious sometimes, of course, but it should be something a runner can endure. Also, if I'm feeling down, counting how many laps I've run is one of the few things that cheers me up and reminds me that I'm capable of getting things done.

Sometimes when I get tired of the same old brick-red on the track, I run around the campus. Usually I run in the late evening. The darkness conceals me and makes it more comfortable. I run along the graffiti wall and I can recall all of my favorite paintings and their spots. And there is the reservoir. Sometimes I run up and down the steps and watch the sweet couples sitting on the dam.

I've walked in the rain a million times now on the campus.

It is total enjoyment. The road lights are dimmed, the people are few, and the air is clean and moist to a delightful degree. I've never run in the rain, though it's something I'd really like to try. Just imagine listening to the raindrops and inhaling the sweetness in the air. That also explains why I don't like listening to music while running. I think it kind of ruins the best part of the run, which is blending in with your surroundings.

It also feels so good to run in the early morning, when everything is still asleep, maybe except for a few early birds. When the weather is right, I go out in my sleeveless and shorts to embrace the morning breeze and look for surprises. There are always surprises in the morning, whether it's a cloudless, immensely blue sky or a stray cat lying on the lawn half-asleep.

Every now and then I get bored with a fixed route and take a



Running on Campus

By: 14 Journalism Feng Xiaoyin

detour. That's how I come to discover some lovely spots that are known to few. For example, there's this big, quiet space behind the library with a spectacular view of the library with all its lights on in the evening. Another secret spot of mine is the barrier-free paths beside the 789 building, which is

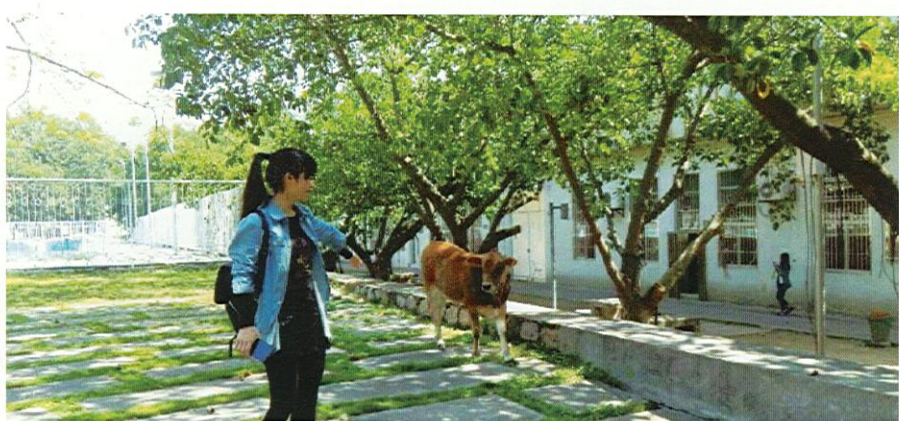
a great place to hide and rest in the middle of a run.

I'm feeling lazy these days but I do enjoy running on the campus. It's the feeling of speed, solitude, and having the whole campus to myself.



The Third Prize Giant Visitors at STU

By: 13 Journalism Li Qixin



With sun shining, wind breezing, rain falling sometimes, the spring of STU is as soft and comfortable as touching baby's skin.

Green can be seen everywhere. What's more, flowers are blooming on the ground, birds are singing in the trees. Every day is a beautiful day at STU in spring.

Besides, the spring of STU is full of vitality. By the time our reservoir becomes grassy, cows have already claimed their space there.

Recently, on a shining morning, surprisingly, the news that three cows had walked out from our lovely reservoir and wondered around our beautiful campus spread on campus, which drew lots of students' attention. Interestingly, people got close to the cows and took some funny pictures with them while the cows were eating or playing around the campus. The three cows were lovely because they had smooth

skin and big bright eyes. They would moo and get scared sometimes because people who came close to them scared them. At other times, they were gentle and concentrated on eating and playing. They were just like three giant visitors who were getting acquainted with STU by walking and looking around. Things like this would never happen on other campus in China. Other students would be astonished if they heard about such weird news.

As we all know, Shantou University is famous for its open atmosphere. Therefore, there is no surprise that it lets kind animals like cows, which are cute and humble, to come. Life at STU is more colorful since we live with many kinds of animals and our friends peacefully. You never know what the next surprise is that STU will give you. Thus, enjoy your life and study at STU. It's full of fun as long as you have two open eyes!



The Second Prize

The Legendary Girls of STU

By:13 Chemistry Lan Haiting

Campus life never means just staying in the library, studying day in and day out, or just killing time in the dormitory, watching soap operas whether the sun rises or the sun sets. It also means learning from the people you meet and the experiences you went through. Fortunately, some legendary girls of STU, whom I've met incidentally, have affected me a lot.

The way that I met L.J. was no less romantic than the plots in a novel. When I was a freshman, I selected the piano class. One afternoon, I glanced through one of the piano rooms when I was going to practice the piano. I found an amazingly beautiful picture--a beautiful girl with waist long hair was completely engrossed in her music, eyes closed, fingers running fast on the keys, sunshine broken into pieces lying quietly on the piano. And I stopped to listen to her music

carefully. Just after a few moments, my emotion flowed with the melody she played, and my heartbeat combined with the rhythm in her music. I knocked at the door after she finished her piece, *D minor fantasia*, composed by Mozart. She was a bit surprised when I came in as she thought no one would pay attention to what she was playing in the piano room. Soon after I expressed my appreciation to her music, she looked more relaxed. I was shocked again not just because of her elegant behavior but also because of her special views and talent towards music. She talked with me about Chopin and Mozart, as well as how she handled the melody. I couldn't imagine that she could spend half a year to understand a piece of music that she loved.

We met frequently from then on. Later, she told me that she had

been a Liberal Arts student before, but that she wanted to be a scientist and had a passion for science, so she changed her major when she was a freshman, from English to Physics, though she had studied art and literature in high school and had little knowledge of physics. And she learned well. I think she is a legendary person with talent, determination and a dream.

Soon after I met L.J., I met another legendary girl of STU, Fish, also because of a chance. On the last day of my summer holiday, I packed a lot of stuff from home to school. On the 39 bus, there was a girl seated opposite to me, carrying a lot of stuff as well. I glanced at her, finding that her difference with me was that her bag was packed like she had traveled a long way. We stared at each other for a second and then I asked, "Did you go traveling?" She said,

"Yes.""Did you go with your friend?" "No, traveling alone." The bus stopped at terminal, I found that she was also an STU student. After that, we ran into each other a few times and she shared her traveling experience with me. She began to travel alone when she was in high school to experience the unknown she wanted to know and to find the meaning of it. She traveled to Xinjiang, Guangxi, Heilongjiang, Mohe, Dunhuang and so on, totally ignoring the social taboos. I envy as well as admire her courage, wisdom, independence and perseverance. Learning by traveling, this legendary girl inspired me to explore the unknown. I am so lucky to know her.

There are also other legendary girls I've met in STU. They break the taboos and create a wonderful life for themselves and make STU different.



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Self-help Travel to Yunnan

Yunnan, an amazing and attractive place which is praised by people all around the world, has caught the sight of visitors for many years. In these recent years, an increasing number of people choose to travel in a different and popular way, which is called a self-help trip. They might travel by motorbike, by bicycle or even on foot. Some guys from STU took a self-help trip to Yunnan. Let's see what they have got from this experience.

The outdoor club of STU, called Snow Leopard, visited Shangri-La on foot last summer. They arrived at Lijiang on 10 August. After buying some goods for the coming eight-day walking trip, they began their hike.

At first, they visited a town called Nilu, and the journey from Shangri-La to this town was really tough. "To begin with, we climbed from the altitude of 3000m to a peak that was at the altitude of 4000," a member said. This hiking almost made them exhausted, but compared with uphill, downhill was more difficult. "Our eyes were full of tears when we finally got down to the town where we would do some interviews and documentaries," said Chen Yuli, the president of Snow Leopard.

Although the following hiking activities were similar, the landscape that went inside their eyes was different. Colorful fall, the holy fall in Nilu where people are not allowed to shout loudly impressed them. And there is an interesting theory in Shangri-La that, if people shout loudly and randomly, the rain water will fall heavily. Though there is no scientific method to prove whether it is true, it conveys the



respect of the locality for nature.

Plus, the members of Snow Leopard went through the original forest where there are many special and strange plants and climbed to the Nanbao prairie where there are many cows and goats walking around. Their experience is fantastic and meaningful, and only at that time could they know how different it is to visit Yunnan on foot.

At the same time, a student called JML from the School of Cheung Kong School of Journalism and Communication tried to travel around Yunnan for nearly 40 days by thumbing a ride as well.

He recommended a global magazine called Lonely Planet to us. "This magazine introduces some fascinating views for backpackers to feel the different sense of traveling. Just as recommended, I went to some unusual places, like Fuxian Lake,

Aliao Mount." JML said.

He told us that he jogged in the vegetation of the rain forest of Xishuangbanna, which was mentioned in the Lonely Planet, and picked some tropical fruit during that experience.

What's more, he said, "there is a park called Manting Park, like an imperial garden, which belonged to the nobility in the old time. In the park, people are able to watch elephant and parrot shows and have a view of some Thai style buildings."

After reading their experience, do you feel the charm of self-help travel? The president of Snow Leopard said, "You can make your own outdoor and field toilets in somewhere with the thick growth of grass after estimating its volume, sleep inside the tent you put up, and eat what you cook when you visit somewhere as hikers." It will lead you to feel like being a part of nature.

Honestly, traveling in this way is less comfortable than traveling on a planned tour, but traveling is a unique experience that we can't copy or learn from others who do it." Believe that planning and visiting by yourself can bring you more," said JML.

Imperial adj.

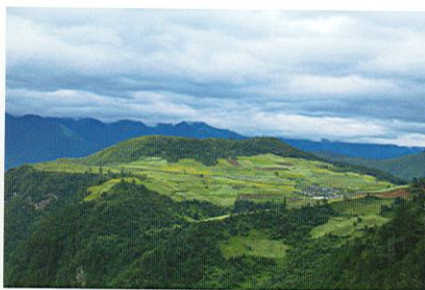
Imperial is used to refer to things or people that are or were connected with an empire.

E.g. The princess, refusing to go without the fabric she loved, would finally break the imperial ban on silk worm exportation.

Estimate v.

If you estimate a quantity or value, you make an approximate judgment or calculation of it.

E.g. I estimate the damage at 8000 yuan.



Come on! Travel with Cameras!

By: 14 Journalism
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Do you know the class named Public Photography of Chaoshan Villages? It's one of the public classes at STU. Aiming to do public service activities, the class uses a special way: taking photos. Confused? Teacher Lin told us that showing the beauty and value of villages can do a lot for the local people. Why? With cameras, you are able to take the best pictures. And when many people can see them on WeChat or Weibo, they may be impressed and try to rescue these villages which are going to disappear.

As a member of the class, I want

to show you one of our practice courses. We went to an antique village called Longhu Guzhai on April 12. At first, we entered a famous building named A-Po Temple. It's said that the temple was built by a scholar for his mother. His mother wasn't accepted by his big family because of her low status, so she couldn't get a memorial tablet after death. Her son, who thought it was unfair to his mother, decided to set up a temple for his mom only. Everyone was touched when hearing the story.

Then, we walked through the streets and interviewed the passers-by. An old woman whose age is over 90 left me a deep impression. She was healthy and talkative. She told us a lot of



stories of the local celebrities and the history of the village. We stayed to listen for about 2 hours.

Before going back, we bought some specialties, such as crunchy candy, Doufang and so on. They tasted sweet. About 4 pm, we said goodbye to the Longhu village.

During the course, we saw, we interviewed, and we took plenty of photos. We formed new friendships. I'll never forget it.

So, if you want to select a public class next semester, Public Photography is a good choice. Join us, and enjoy yourselves.

Status n.

The position of an individual in relation to another or others, especially in regard to social or professional standing.

E.g. Nurses are undervalued, and they never enjoy the same status as doctors.

Memorial adj.

Preserving the memory of a person or thing; commemorative.



Sport

Touch Rugby

By: 14 Mechanical
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Rugby is a strenuous sport. In many people's impression, rugby is a game which requires a strong body. However, do you know touch rugby?

Touch rugby has a number of differences from traditional rugby, including its simplicity (it requires very little in the way of equipment or goalposts), its ease of learning, and the decreased likelihood of injury. As a safer variant of rugby, it's a very popular sport, particularly in schools. At STU, there is a touch rugby club which actually has been established for three years.

Supper Du, a sophomore in the engineering school, who has been a member of the rugby club for

two years, says, "We have a training on every Wednesday and Sunday. We have a coach. He is a teacher at STU and he is from Singapore. Sometimes the foreign teachers play the game with us. So our training can also improve our ability to communicate."

Touch Rugby is not a men-only game. In the game, having a strong body is not the most important thing and it is not easy to get hurt, so it is also suitable for women. In the rugby competition, each group requires four men and two women. In the game, the girl will usually get double the points of men for scoring.

Touch Rugby is a thinking game. It means that in the game,



you should think about how to run, how to avoid people and how to cooperate. Cooperation is very important.

There is a touch rugby competition among many universities, called "City Three". In April it is held in Shenzhen.

In August it is held in Dongguan. In December it is held in Guangzhou.

Supper says, "Next week we'll go to Shenzhen to take part in the game. I think it'll be a wonderful experience." Good luck to our team.

By: 14 Law
Allen Huang

The Progress of the CBA League



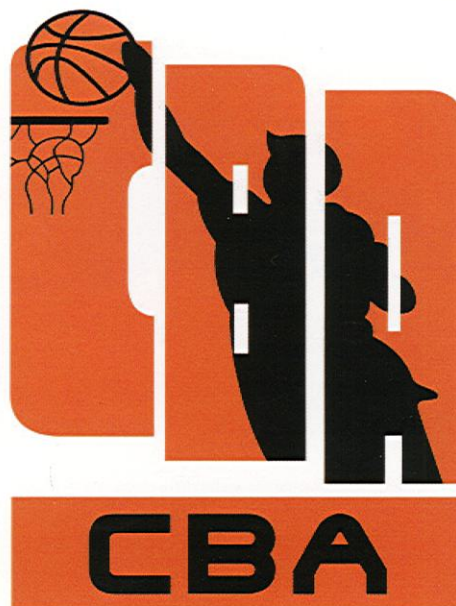
This year is the 20th year of the CBA league. And the CBA league has grown in these 20 years. The game has become more and more exciting. As always, this CBA season was wonderful, and we could see the progress and change of this young league.

There is no doubt that the rookie, Zhou Qi, caught our eyes this season. Born in 1996, Zhou Qi is 2.17 meters tall and his wingspan puts him up to 2.37 meters. He attracted much attention before he got into the CBA league. He played 24 games this season, and he averaged 14.1 points and 3.5 blocked shots in every game. His teammate, Jordan Crawford, said on Twitter, "Our team has a guy who plays like Anthony Davis. It is very crazy! He should be elected by NBA as soon as possible!" Named to the 2015 annual summit of basketball stars united in the world, Zhou Qi is expected to show up in this big event. In the latest issue of the simulation of the NBA draft, ESPN draft expert Richard Fuld ranked Zhou Qi in the first round, pick 27. In the next NBA season,

we are likely to see a new Chinese face.

Besides Zhou Qi, Gao Shang, who is from Guangdong, played very well in the semi final. He scored at the critical moments, and his defensive play was impressive. Guo Ailun, the point guard on Liaoning, also made a lot of progress this season. He was very fast and he improved his shot during this season. He became more and more aggressive. The progress of the young players made us feel excited. We are looking forward to this summer's Asian championship.

Overseas players play an important role in the CBA league. This season, the overseas players also attracted our eyes. Metta World Peace, the overseas player on Sichuan, has a funny Chinese name: "Panda's friend". And his panda basketball shoes also are funny. Unfortunately, he did not play the whole season because of his injury. Xinjiang has two former NBA players, Jordan Crawford and Andray Blatche. Shanghai also had a former NBA player, Michael Beasley.



better and better. At the same time, we hope the Chinese players can learn a lot from the overseas players to improve themselves.

Nowadays, we can watch more and more exciting games because of the progress of the overseas players and the Chinese players. Many people said the 4th game in the semi final between Beijing and Guangdong was the best game in the CBA. The final of this year was perhaps the most intense final in recent years. It was a breathless, down to the wire game. All of the basketball fans enjoyed it. But this is not enough. The audience need more wonderful games and more brilliant goals, more wonderful blocks. The CBA is 20 years old now, and our league is still in progress.

The Guys behind a Basketball Game

Lasting for nearly a month, the basketball games of Sports Festival between colleges caught most students and teachers' attention, and the games showed all the audience how much time and energy the players put into it. At the same time, the organizers also paid a lot of attention to detail.

Assisted by the sports planning department of the student union, a class called basketball club of the sports department held the Sports Festival basketball games. And their job was really not easy.

At first, they had to plan the game schedule. "We needed to divide all teams into two groups and balance their strength, but at the same time, the timing we decided was not acceptable for all teams, so the schedule needed to be considered and altered repeatedly," said Daliks Li, one of

the leaders of sports planning department. The chairman of the basketball club and the leaders of the sports planning department were mainly responsible for making sure the game proceeded on the right track and for dealing with the emergencies. How to deal quickly and efficiently with an emergency, like the teams refusing the basketball court they were offered or the players getting hurt during the game, is very important. The chairman of the basketball club, Bill Zhang, told me that "Emergencies always happen without forewarning, so before the game, we have to list as many of the potential problems as possible and prepare the available solutions for them."

What other members are responsible for is not less significant than the responsibilities

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of the chairman or leaders. Before the game, they had to remind the referees and team leaders to come to the basketball court on time. However, finding referees was not an easy job. "Some of the referees are busy so that we have to connect with other referees which it not something a phone call can deal with," a member of the sports planning department, Larson Lu, said. When it comes to the actual game, they are in charge of updating the score board, recording how many points the teams get, and counting down the last seconds of the shot clock.

During the basketball month, they felt tired but happy. They said what they felt and got from the game were the best treasures they found in their campus life. "Even though the game occupied most

of my leisure time and made me feel nervous and busy, it was good to see the audience and the players enjoy themselves. And during the game, I knew how to deal with emergencies calmly and efficiently. I feel lucky to work for it," Lily Gao from the sports planning department said. In the meantime, they also made friends with players from different colleges and places. Windy Yang said, "I enlarged my social circle in the game, and the student union gave me a sense of home. We helped each other, and even though our leaders were strict with me, I did learn a lot from them and I appreciate it."

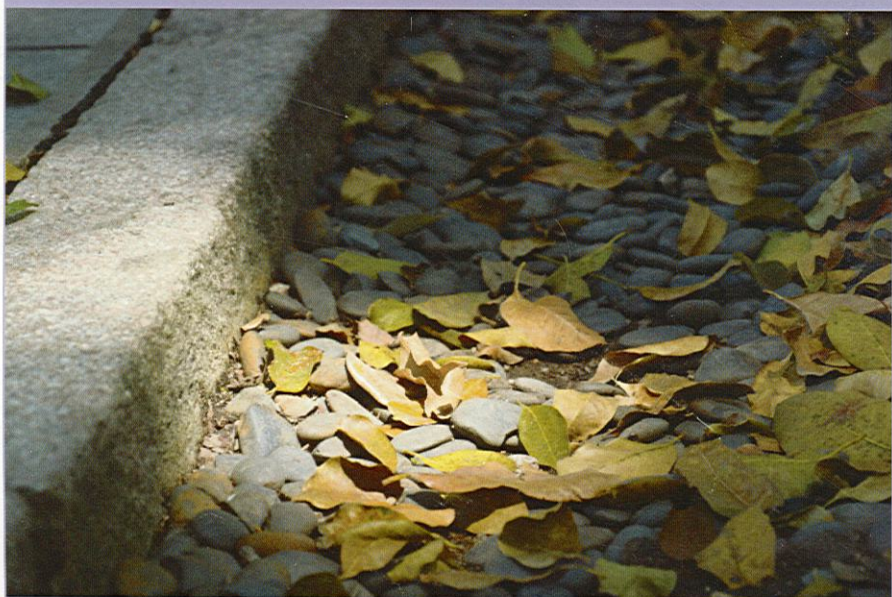
"Next semester, I hope that we can hold more interesting games for all students, not only the basketball games," said the leader, Jimmy Bu. Let's look forward to their activities next semester and hope that they will do an even better job.



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