

*What I Learned from an American Soccer Match*

By Wang Guan Peng



GUAN PENG AND CHRIS KOCH

After Germany reached a highpoint by winning the Brazil World Cup this summer, more and more people started to follow this amazing athletic activity. I fell in love with soccer from the 2010 World Cup, and I became a loyal soccer fan. I used to have my own team in China and a great campus in my high school. I used to believe that soccer was a universal language in the world and that there shouldn't be

so many differences between Chinese and American soccer. As a loyal soccer fan, our own soccer team's matches were significant to my schedule. Watching American soccer matches provided me with a new way to think and understand the sport as it completely changed the way I thought.

The first interesting thing that caught my eye was the perfect stadium facilities; the pitch was made on real grass, and the seats were full of people who came to enjoy the match on a typical summer

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*Traditional Maryland Crab Feast*

By Li Jian Hui

On September 20th, I attended a crab feast in Wilmer Park in Chestertown. What surprised me was that crabs were packaged in boxes. There were tons of crabs on each table, accumulating as a hill. On the surface of their red shells, there were dark red spices. When I sat down, the smell of the sea and crabs spread across the room and made me feel really hungry.



CRAB FEAST

Most of the crabs in Maryland are blue crabs. The size is not considered big, but the meat of it is adequate. In each fall, delicious crabs are caught and eaten by local families. Crab festivals with amazing food like steamed crabs and crab cakes attract thousands of people from other states every year. In a crab feast, you sit down with piles of crabs on a table while enjoying the wind and the riverine scenery.

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## Soccer Match( Cont'd)

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day. In addition, there was an electronic unit for the commentator to announce live commentaries, which shocked me the most. I couldn't imagine having a commentator in a Chinese soccer match because we organized most of the matches we played. Therefore, we had no spectators, referees, professional sport equipment, and team uniforms. In my opinion, the numbers and names behind a jersey represent the honor, inheritance, and obligation of a player. My dream is that one day, I could stand at the center of the court with the jersey of my favorite team and play as a player of the team. Behind me, there would be a group of cheering fans, and I could be regarded as a hero.



The match began with the blow of the referee's whistle. Wearing white uniforms, our team firmly controlled the match. In approximately 20 minutes of the first half, the striker got the ball, passed it to a fullback, and scored a header. His goal sent the crowd into raptures. However, the guest team soon made amends by scoring 10 minutes later. The first half ended in the result of 1-1. The penalty given by the referee broke the tie in the second half, as our striker conceded a penalty that made us take

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the lead. Later on, our striker scored again. His goal was a masterful twister from 30 yards. This goal finally brought us a victory.

After the match, I chatted with some players and our head coach. I was jealous that they could play in such a perfect soccer facility and atmosphere. While I was chatting with them, I read the smiles on their faces that remind me of the experi-

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## Crabs (Cont'd)

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I grab one of the crabs and glare at it. I notice that it is a small size and the shell on its back is supple after I weigh it in my hand. The smell of the spices is so strong that I can no longer smell the fishy smell from seafood. "Interesting," I think. "I hope that this is a good choice." I break the shell off with my hands and the inside of the crab is right in front of me. Everything becomes so clear: the gill, intestine and brains become exposed, and that poor crab is under my control. An unbelievable feel-

ing is rising from the bottom of my heart and mind: conquest. I can do whatever I want and it will not be able to do anything to me in return. I keep watching it, in silence. Although the crab is dead, I can feel the crab resisting my power. As I glare at my plate, I begin to empathize with the crab and respect it. This is unbelievable: I am scared of a crab that I am going to eat. "This is stupid", I laugh, and clean out the viscera of the crab.

The sweet taste, the quality of the meat, and the perfect balance between meat and spice makes me feel so satis-

fied. At that moment, I forget I am sitting outdoor and next to the river. At that moment, the balminess I feel is like I am swimming with crabs and making fun with them in the sea. Suddenly, I come back from the sea and I feel like I am talking with family of crabs and their kindness make me relaxed and clam down. However, my feeling changed. This time I am flying, with crabs! I could see crabs are flying with me! The laugh of other people pulls me back to reality.

Did I dream? From only one bite of the crab? I can not believe it, but it was a nice trip.

## Tips for Living in the Dorms

In Washington College, dorm life can be very fun, as long as you know how to use the services in the dorm. In the dormitory, we have a laundry room, and a television. Some dorms have kitchens, vending machines, and videogame devices. In this article, I will introduce the college's different facilities, and provide advice regarding living in the dorms.

First, I will talk about the resident assistant (RA), known as the most important component in the dorm. An RA provides us with help whenever we need it. Their rooms are usually very easy for us to find because they are very conspicuous with a unique label on the door, which is very different from the other labels on the rest of dorm rooms.

If you are sick and the health center is closed, go find an RA. Every RA has a medical kit in their room, and the medicine is provided for free. Also, if there happens to be an emergency in which the RA cannot assist you with, they will find someone who can.

Additionally, if you have an argument or fight with your roommate, your RA will try their best to help you and your roommate overcome the problem. I advise you to take advantage of one of the school's best resources by talking to your RA whenever you need help.

Food must be a concern for many students. In Washington College, we have a huge dining hall in Hodson Hall. On the first floor of Hodson, there is a coffee shop and a snack bar. They are open very late everyday to feed anyone who is feeling hungry

when the second floor is closed. The second floor is a buffet that offers diverse cuisines and deserts. Swipe your student ID card and fill your plate with food. If you do not have enough time to finish your meal, you can ask for a take-out box. Although the food in this college is distinctive and delicious, it will be difficult to eat the same meals for four years. Fortunately, there are several different kinds of restaurants near



SOMERSET HALL



TYPICAL DORM ROOM

By Zhu Ming Yi

our campus. Walking along RT.213, you can find domino's pizza, China house, Mexican food, amongst many other fast food restaurants. In Chester-town, there are many coffee shops and restaurants. Every September at the bank of the Chester River, there is a crab feast in which you can eat as many crabs as you'd like for a price of 27 dollars. Additionally, if you live in a dorm with a kitchen, you can cook. At Eastern Hall, the kitchen is at the basement, and in Chester Hall a kitchen is on every floor.

Third, laundry cannot be ignored because no one wants to wear dirty clothes everyday. In every dorm, we have one or two washers and dryers. In order to use those machines, you need a laundry card and your own laundry detergent. A laundry card can be bought in the bookstore or in the machines at the first floor in Hodson. When laundry cards are sold out at the bookstore, you must pay 10 dollars to buy a new card in the machines. In addition, you can add money to your card at both of those places.

If the washing machine is busy, you can use the machines on the other floors of the dormitory. If all the washing machines in your building are busy, it is the time for you to do some exercises for your muscles; you have to carry your clothes to another dorm and use the washing machine there, or you can wait for them to be available.

## My Trip To Washington D.C.

By Prateek Kejriwal



PRATEEK AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDING

My plan to visit Washington D.C. was quite well planned or rather decided back in India itself. Since I would be staying in the United States for four years, I felt the need to see the President's White House. After all, it is home to President Barack Obama.

But really, my purpose for visiting Washington D.C. was to meet my relatives who live there, as they would assist me with shopping for winter clothing.

My journey to Washington D.C. started on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. I boarded the college shuttle on Saturday at nine o'clock in the morning. Because it was the first time I experienced traveling in a metro, I was feeling very nervous and excited to see how a metro goes underground and hear the brash noises it produces as it travels. The journey from New Carrollton Station was a memorable first experience on the metro as it offered a comfortable, exciting and special adventure.

My next destination was the New Metro Center in which I had to change from an orange line to a red line. The journey was successful due to the assistance of my friend, Justin, who is a very kind and helpful guy. I had to get down on Tenley Town station, but ended up in Groove Station due to my carelessness and bad

luck. When I became aware that I had gotten down in a wrong station, I felt petrified and nervous. Fortunately, there was a cop who helped me with directions to get on a bus that would lead me to my actual destination.

When I reached Tenley Town Station, my relatives had not arrived yet. Therefore, I had time to roam around. While I was walking, the sight of two Maserattis caught my eyes. The start of my shopping experience at Washington D.C. was



THE WHITE HOUSE

speedy and expensive. After taking selfies and pictures of those amazing engineering marvels, my relatives had finally reached.

The majority of my first day there was spent in the mall, in which I was supposed to buy clothes for winter. For lunch, my family and I ate at California Pizza Kitchen where the food was good and delicious. For the rest of the evening, we were roaming around Washington D.C and saw many different colleges and universities.

My last day in Washington D.C. was historic as it was spent on a tour ride to almost all of the monumental buildings. The day started with visiting the President's house, which is also known as 'The White House'. There were several tourists who came to see it, and most of them were Indians! I was really happy to see many Indians after a long time. After taking some selfies and pictures with relatives, we went to see the Washington Monument, which was very simple and sober but at the same time very spectacular. Next was the

Thomas Jefferson Memorial, which was incredible in terms of infrastructure. After that, we visited the National Mall, which seemed familiar to 'Victoria Memorial' a museum in Calcutta, India. This monument was so large in terms of size that we were able to see it from a very long distance. We also saw the Smithsonian museum on our way back home.

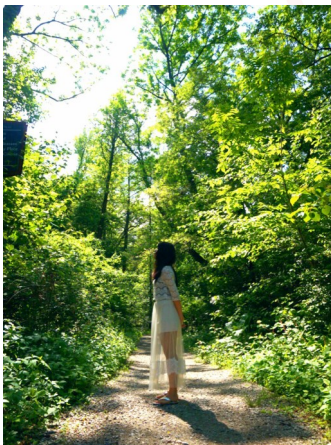
All in all, this trip was very exciting and will be in my heart forever.

## Visiting Philadelphia

By Bai Jing

Philadelphia is one of the oldest cities in America, and the biggest city in Pennsylvania. There are many universities and colleges, beautiful parks and famous museums in Philadelphia.

In my trip, I chose two universities to visit: Drexel University and the University of Pennsylvania. The mascot of Drexel University is the dragon, also known as Mario the magnificent. The library I visited had four floors and was always occupied with countless students studying. Drexel University is known for their massive multi-purpose fitness facilities, such as indoor swimming pools, a fitness center and basketball courts. The buildings in the



FAIRMONT PARK

universities expressed a baronial theme that emphasized its captivation.

Next, I visited Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; known for one of the best business schools in the world. Because the



CHINESE AND JAPANESE FOOD IN CHINATOWN

University of Pennsylvania is among the top 10 universities in the U.S.A I have taken interest in one of the good qualities of the school, and it is that they have a very strong learning atmosphere. The campus life in University of Pennsylvania portrays the students' studious and intellectual characteristics and their active involvement in all areas of college life including their social lives.

After touring the campus, I visited the Love Park, a plaza located in the center city of Philadelphia, known as Pennsylvania. The park is a romantic place for couples and visitors to take photos in and explore. It is also recognized as one of the three best skate parks in the world.

The last place I visited was the Fairmont Park, one of the largest urban green

spaces in the country. This is where people have barbecue parties in and ride their bicycles. Fairmount Park is a very



JING AT THE WHARTON SCHOOL

alluring and beautiful location for people to relax in and enjoy the fresh air.

Finally, I enjoyed the delicious foods offered, such as Chinese and Japanese food. Sashimi and Udon are my favorite Japanese food. The hot pot is a traditional Chinese food in China, so I was very surprised and grateful that I could eat it in Philadelphia. There were many different kinds of food in Chinatown, but I did not have enough time to taste them all. Trying all the food-options will be one of the reasons I want to go back to Philadelphia.

It is a pity that I did not go to the famous museums, as I heard that there are a lot of prominent and diverse museums with beautifully displayed art. Besides the

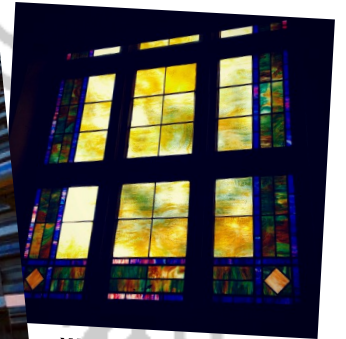
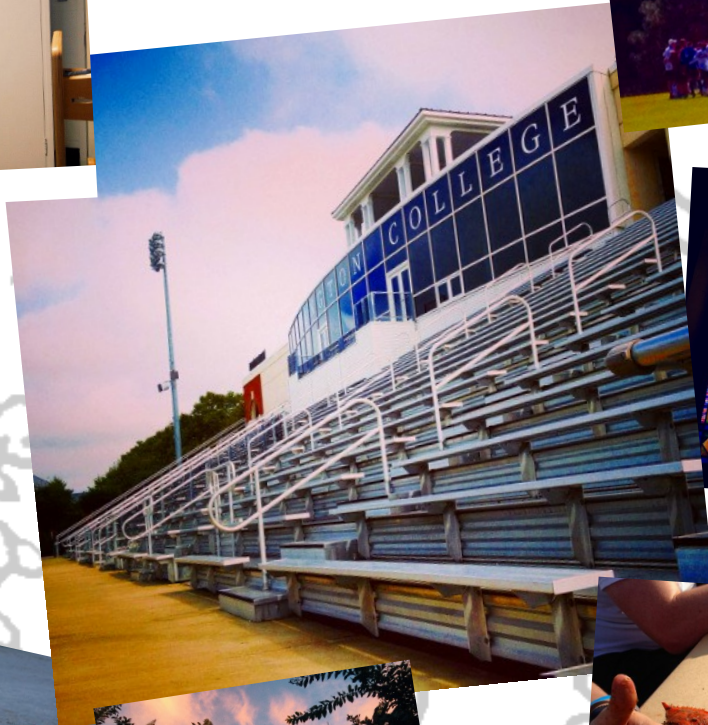
art, Philadelphia is a good place for shopping. Unlike New York, Philadelphia was not very crowded, but included many stores and captivating graffiti-art and sculptures in the streets. Additionally, no taxes were charged for shopping. Because one trip is not enough to explore all of Philadelphia, I hope to return and discover the places I have not visited yet.

All in all, Philadelphia is a great place to visit for people who are searching for a getaway and a fun experience during the holidays.

*Life at Washington College*



DORM ROOM



WILLIAM SMITH HALL



STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON



CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA



CASEY ACADEMIC CENTER



JIAN HUI, MING YI, SARA, YUE YI & GUAN PENG



CRAB FEAST



CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA



JEFFERSON MEMORIAL



WATCHING SOCCER



## Library Life

By Hou Zhe Hao

If you ask a student, “Where are you living in your free time in college?” Most of students will tell you, “In the library.” Nowadays, the library is a student’s second dormitory: when they do their homework, make a study group, or read books. Therefore, the library in the college is a useful and important place for students. Of course, if you want to study in the library, you should get some information about your library.

In the Washington College, Miller Library is a three-floor library between the William Smith Hall and Hodson Hall. Students enter in the first level, and when they come in, they can see a reception in the middle. On the reception’s left, there is a computer room and a staircase. If students want to use computers, they can use them in the lab. Also, students can print their papers there, but it isn’t for free. On the right of the reception desk, there are some desks and bookshelf for students who want to do their homework or read some books. Sometimes students say, “There are not many books here.” In fact, there are more books in the ground level and second level.

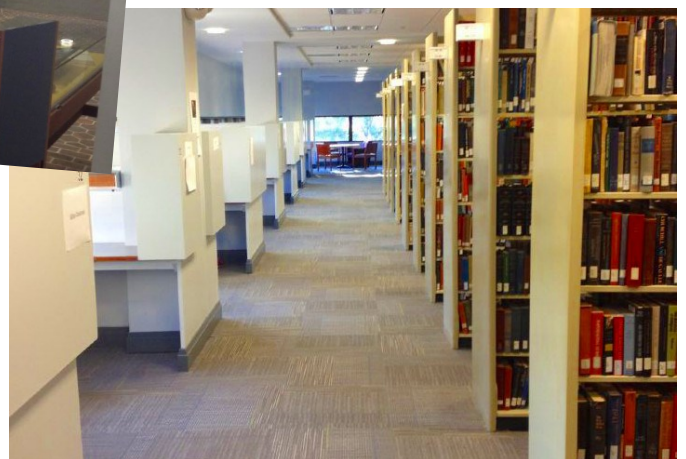
We all know people must keep quiet in the library because we cannot disturb other people. However, if students want to make a study group or discussion, they must go outside. Actually, on the second level, students can make a group and discuss in some rooms. Of course, there are many single rooms for single person if they don’t want to be disturbed. So, don’t worry, if you have too much homework, go to the library! If you want a quiet place to read or study, go to the library! If it is late, you also can go to the library; our library is open until 2 a.m. on school days.



MILLER LIBRARY



RECEPTION DESK



LIBRARY STACKS AND STUDY CARRELS



## *Dinner with My American Host Family*

By Zhu Xing

Five weeks ago, I said good-bye to my family and then spent more than 12 hours in a flight with three huge suitcases. I realized that I was on other side of the Earth when I got my feet on the ground again. I yelled in my mind, "Washington College! America, here I am!"

I packed my bags, got my student ID card, handed in my immunizations, listened to the speeches. In a daze, international orientation was over. Consequently, classes began.

I was disappointed that I could not be exposed to the real American life because of living in the dormitory and eating at the school cafeteria, unlike some of my friends who are living with their host families, which is perfect because they can learn the

difference between our culture and American culture. Fortunately, another student from China, Claudio, and I were assigned a host family by the Global Education Office during orientation.

Both Claudio and I got an email from Mr. Jim Block and his wife Penny. We met at a coffee place called Sam's to have some coffee and get acquainted with each other. We talked about our families, our experiences, and our feelings about the first week of classes. In addition, we chose when to meet next.

Last Saturday, Mr. Jim picked us up and took us to their house to have dinner together. It was a very cozy and beautiful house. We were eating biscuits and drinking apple cider while chatting. We talked about

Claudio's history class and my literature class.

When dinnertime arrived, we had squash, corn, salad and dessert. Before this meal, I thought apple cider was apple juice and squash was pumpkin. I realized that there are many different table manners. In America, people often eat like a buffet, as they put food in their dishes before sitting by the table. However, in China, we usually place plates filled with food in the middle of the table and help ourselves. Before my meal at Mrs. Jenny's house, I disliked American food. However, Mrs. Jenny's meals were so delicious that my attention was on the food and not on the conversation.

After salad, we had some apple pie, ice cream, cookies and hot tea. Since Claudio is from the south part of China and I am from the north, we differentiated our cities when describing our hometown. We wanted to show a more complete and vivid China, but our vocabulary limited us a lot.

Sometimes, we needed to check the dictionary on our phones or explain the words



APPLE PIE & ICE CREAM FOR DESSERT

for them. They were very patient with us.

Mr. Jim said he understood because he had a similar experience. He mentioned that they had taught in a country where people spoke Spanish. He felt very uncomfortable because he could not understand others. He liked talking to himself in order to improve his Spanish.

Moreover, he had taught many international students during his teaching career, and he always encouraged his international students to read the NY Times newspaper online, and watch more English movies in order to improve their English.

That day we chatted very late, but I feel that I got a lot of useful advice and encouragement from Mrs. Penny and Mr. Jim. I am glad I met them here.



DINNER WITH HOST FAMILY

## My Favorite Buildings on Campus

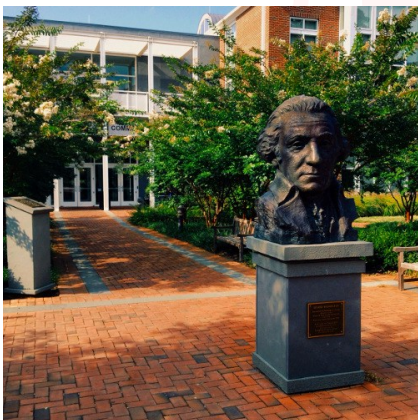
By Qin Yue Yi

Washington College's campus is full of youth, vigor, passion, and dreams. Before I came to the USA and started my college career, I never thought that I would have a chance to live in such a beautiful place. Living in a campus that combines both classic buildings and modern facilities makes me feel relaxed and proud at the same time. When I first came to this campus two months ago, I felt overwhelmed about the functions each building had. In addition, it took me a while to discover where the buildings were located and what facilities they offered. Therefore, I personally think it would be helpful for the new students who see the campus for the first time to be introduced to the functions of each building. Throughout this article, I will provide descriptions of several of my favorite buildings based on my personal experiences.



### East Hall

East hall is the dormitory I live in that contains a lot of international students. It is an old and classic building that is located in front of the campus green. Every time you enter this building in the back door, you are able to enjoy the pink clouds' afterglow throbbled in the sky during sunset. I personally think that the best part of East Hall is the big common room in the basement. Not only can students cook food there, they could play PS4 games or raise a party as well. This welcoming basement provides students an opportunity to temporarily escape from the academic workload and communicate with different people from different places.



### Hodson Hall

Although I usually do not have dinner and have two meals every day, Hodson Hall is one of my favorite buildings in campus. You can enjoy various kinds of delicious foods in the second floor while watching sport matches or enjoying the beautiful views through the windows. The Common room in the first floor provides students a place to play table football and snooker. In addition, there are students who like to sit on the couches, watch TV, eat snacks, and chat with friends online. You can always find some new topics about Hudson Hall! This is a place for entertainment, which could explain the reason why massive numbers of people love this hall.



### Johnson Fitness Center

Johnson Fitness Center is also a place I like to spend my time in. The fitness center has a full range of fitness facilities. There are always a lot of people who come to the gym, regardless of their size and health. While you are exercising on the machines provided, you can watch various channels on the wide range of TVs, or listen to the energetic music. The Fitness Center is a great location to release stress and mental exhaustion from tedious assignments and work. In addition, it is a great way to meet new people.

When it comes to the topic about the buildings in our campus, there are always sufficient topics to talk about. These are my favorite buildings, and I am looking forward to learning what buildings you love the most.

## Interview: Professor Brian Scott

By Lou Ding



BRIAN SCOTT

Chair, Economics;  
Adrian Reed Associate  
Professor of  
Environmental Science  
and Studies

### BASIC INFORMATION

Q: How many years have you been a professor in College?

**A: I've been a professor for a total of 12 years. I've been a professor for 7 years in WAC.**

Q: Why did you choose to teach Economics?

**This is the best subject I have learned as I enjoy the subject, find it interesting, and it is easy for me.**

### PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING

Q: What do you think is your most attractive aspect as a professor?

**A: I tell students good and funny stories to help them understand academic and**

**abstract concepts.**

Q: What kind of personality do you value most in a student?

**A: I enjoy teaching students who work hard, preview and review their work, listen to the directions provided in class, and take good notes.**

Q: When do you think is the best time period for classes?

**A: Between 10 am and 11 am because students are not sleepy and hungry during that time.**

Q: What time-length is suitable for one class period?

**A: 50 minutes for basic subjects, and 1 hour and 15 minutes for upper subjects. Upper subjects require more time because the syllabus is more extensive and professors need to include more information.**

Q: How long do you prepare for a class?

**A: Although it's not hard to prepare for a class I have been teaching for years, 1 hour for a chapter is suffice.**

Q: How long do you need to spend on grading test papers?

**A: 5-10 hours for around 100 students.**

### THE WAY TO STUDY ECONOMICS

Q: Study Economics require what kind of ability that is different from other subjects?

**A: Students need to know**

**clearly about the academic concepts and be able to relate them to daily life.**

Q: What kind of issue should we focus more and study more when studying Economics? (What's the main chain in Economics?)

**A: Graphs relating to the market change, you need to understand how the markets change by see the graphs.**

Q: For giving a test, what kind of aspects you need to think? (explain)

**A: Definition, the interpretation of graphs. Also use what you learn to solve economic problems.**

Q: What suggestions you can give to help students learn your subject?

**A: Pay attention professor, book, be active to talk and communicate.**

### STUDENT BEHAVIOR

Q: How can a student know that he/she understands the concepts of economics?

**A: The best way is to teach another student who is totally unfamiliar to this concept, and when you find problems teaching, you will know what you need to work on.**

Q: How many hours do you think a student should spend on studying in order to get an A in your class?

**A: Between an hour and a half would be suffice if the student memorizes, uses flash cards, and copies notes to study every night before class.**

Q: How long should a student spend on homework?

**A: Between 5 and 10 minutes is enough for my homework paper. I focus on simple and basic concepts for the papers I assign.**

Q: College life is different from high school. What suggestions can you give for freshman to successfully adapt in college?

**A: Set up a life Schedule, learn how to manage your time economically, make friends, help each other, and be active in your social and academic life.**

Q: what kind of job can we have if we decide to study Eco as a major?

**A: To be honest, economic graduates are like philosophers. Therefore, they can have any job in any field. If you can get a PHD, you can be a banker, government worker, and a professor.**

### LIFE VIEW

Q: What is the best thing you enjoy teaching in WC?

**A: I love teaching students, especially spending time with 18-21 years old students. They are pretty interesting.**

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### Soccer Match (Cont'd)

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ences I had when I was playing soccer in China. Although we do not have such a great pitch in my hometown, we still get the courage and happiness by playing soccer, which is exactly the same as in the USA. Watching the match makes me feel proud of my college, and it enhances my understanding of the soccer.

### Interview: Yang Yi Ling

By Zhao Shu Hong



YANG YI LING

Major:  
Biology

Academic Standing:  
Sophomore

Q: Why did you choose biology as your major?

A: I chose it because I think

it's interesting.

Q: What's your dream job, and why you choose it?

A: Although I don't have a dream job, I am considering becoming a doctor because I want help people.

Q: Why did you choose Washington College?

A: I chose this school because it's one of the oldest schools in America.

Q: Have you joined any clubs?

A: No, I haven't.

Q: Why did you not join any clubs?

A: I am so busy and I have lot of things to do. I have no time to cooperate in club activities. However, I might join some

clubs in the future.

Q: What type of clubs are you interested in?

A: I'm interested in sport clubs because I want to practice playing new activities.

Q: Do you think computer games are bad for students?

A: In some cases, playing videogames might distract you from your homework and make you forget about your academic priorities. Therefore, I think it's bad.

Q: Do you think you are comfortable in the United States?

A: In the very beginning, I felt uncomfortable. However, I've become used to the food, weather, and culture.

Q: How often do you go back

to China?

A: I go back to China once every year- specifically during the summer holiday.

Q: Do you know Ebola?

A: Yes, I have heard of this virus that has seriously affected several countries in West Africa.

Q: How should we protect ourselves from Ebola?

A: It's so hard to say because there are no licensed vaccines.

Q: What do you think about genetically modified food?

A: In China, people might be scared. However, I don't care about it much since it does not have any effect on the food I eat.