

2015 George Washington Birthday Ball

By Xu Bin

George Washington's Birthday Ball is a complex affair with fantastic decorations and a large dance band. Black tie or theme costumes were encouraged. This year's theme was in celebration of the New Orleans festival "Mardi Gras".

Since one week before birthday ball, I heard people around me talking about the kind clothing they will dress, and the weather on party day. Even the people in China House, they also asked me, "Do you plan to join the birthday ball?" I'm not overstating, it seemed that everybody were all expecting the coming of birthday ball. I was confused about why people were obsessed about the party, what's the glamour about the American party.

Unfortunately, the weather on that day was not too good because of the low temperature, all the walkways turned into ice. I will never forget how hard it was to walk on the way to the party with my leather shoes. When I saw a girl slip and fall down, I was so happy I was not a girl, who needed to wear high heel shoes.

Whatever bad mood on your way, when I saw the lighting before the fitness center, bad moods were all gone. The party was scattering every corner in fitness



center, the most wonderful part was the party in basketball court. People under the dim light were showing me different position and feelings. Sometimes party looks like a calm bar, ladies and gentlemen were holding nice champagne, and whispering some ambiguous words, and these words that you seldom open your

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Spring Convocation Ceremony

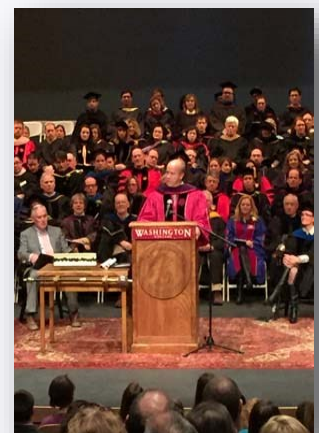
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The George Washington's Birthday Convocation was the most dignify and solemn event I have ever attended. I was astonished by the beauty of auditorium and vigorous responses of the host and audience. The meaning of the convocation is to honor behavior of influential people and hoping to inspire the current students. Therefore, the most important part of the convocation must be the noble people's presence. The school invited several prestigious people, including former Irish Prime Minister Patrick "Bertie" Ahern and U.S. Congressman John Delaney.

If you have watched the television series *House of Cards*, which describe a story about how a congressman gathered power in American government and finally became president, you would definitely come to the convocation, because there was a real one, Congressman John Delaney.



Rep. John Delaney

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mouth and say it when the dawn coming or the light opening.

It was peaceful and relaxed, being slightly drunk covered all the embarrassments and contradictions. Sometimes feeling like a high bar, everybody was dancing in the center of the basketball field without any constraint. Girls were taking off their high heel shoes and twisting their beautiful bodies, or holding their partners, singing loudly and screaming very high. I was trying to speak normally with my friends and they just pointed their ears and showed me they could not hear my voice. I was speechless, so I took off my suitcoat and my leather shoes, and put them in the corner and joined the dance. Actually, I did not know how to dance, so I tried my best to wring my clumsy body, and mixed into the group. Dancing in this party was relaxed and a pressure outlet, that is I thought holding a party to help students ex-



Jiahui Zhu & Bin Xu at Birthday Ball

pand the scope of social activities.

As the party was in full swing, more and more people chose to join in the dancing army, and the light-like qualities gave the party a very exciting atmosphere. I was feeling tired after I joined the dancing group for almost half an hour, and I picked up my suitcoat and my leather shoes and walk around. The decora-

tions in this party required a lot of attention. Using different color strips of cloth to make the roof, and lights made these strips give people with the magic feeling, and so many tables showed a lot of desserts, and people wore their masks to give the party with secret feeling. I known everything was the original performance.



Mardi Gras Mask

Convocation Ceremony (Cont'd)



Former Irish PM Bertie Ahern

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Other honored guests included Norris W. Commodore, a former IBM Credit LLC executive who helped IBM establish business practices and operating procedures for worldwide organization development. I was impressed by the accomplishment he had made, and also, never judge a person through their appearance.

The most important event was the medal presentation ceremony. In addition to Patrick "Bertie" Ahern and John Delaney, who received honorary degrees in law, Professors Martin A. Connaughton and Michele Volansky were honored for their work shepherding the College's self-review process for its re-accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Industrious and unflappable Accounts Receivable Manager Debra Bergen, and diligent coach of swimming

team Kim Lessard, who has coached for a quarter century, were also honored. Most impressively, the restaurant worker Adrian "A.J." Blake was awarded the President's Distinguished Service Award. A.J. is a guy you can meet everyday, he always greets guests with an infectious smile and a ready "fist bump" in the dining hall.

Many other well-known people gathered in the Washington College convocation for celebrating Washington Birthday Ball. As Interim President Griswold said in the beginning of convocation, "The convocation itself is not important, but the people who attend the convocation make it more meaningful."

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Downtown Chestertown

By Li Honglu

Washington College is located in Chestertown, Maryland, one of the earliest communities on the Eastern Shore. This town is full of history, situated along the banks of the Chester River with Chesapeake Bay a few miles away. Therefore I have a chance to experience American life in the small town. Chestertown has a very small population and it is the county seat in the Kent County. Here I am going to show you some special buildings in this small town.

The first building I would like to introduce to you is the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. This church is almost the physical cornerstone of the Chestertown plan, and in this building an important new spiritual cornerstone was laid.

racks the whole room looks like filled with wooden book racks, every racks are filled with books, some books looks like filled with history. If you are looking carefully you will find out the painting on the wall. These paintings increase the atmosphere of this local bookstore.

By the way, people who first time come into the Bookplate are impressed about something here not usual for a bookstore, the owner also sells pottery from Asia, this is why the name of the store is "Book" and "Plate."

The third traditional building in Chestertown is the Kent County Courthouse. One of the most important acts in establishing a part of Chestertown in 1706 was the provision for a court



The Courthouse



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

On November 9, 1780, a small group of Anglican clergymen convened with the rector of Chester Parish-the Reverend Doctor William Smith-to adopt a new title which would signify the break with England: The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. That term has been put in use ever since.

The second one is a second-hand bookstore named the Bookplate, a traditional used bookstore in downtown. The Bookplate is totally distinctively with other bookstores in our minds. This is the only second-hand bookstore in historic Chestertown. But the Bookplate is not only a normal bookstore for local citizens, but also like a social space for them. When you come into the Bookplate their atmosphere and physical characteristics will be the best advertisement for this local bookstore. When you just come into it, book

house. The earliest known plan of the town shows the 18th-century courthouse in the center of a large area of public ground with Emmanuel Church in one corner and the cemetery of the church yard is using most of the rest.

Above all, you can see these wonderful buildings in the Chestertown, shows the art and science also the ability of the designers. More than these, come and see the nice environment around these buildings, you will be amazed about that. People in Chestertown are always quiet and peace, if you walk down the street, most of the people is very friendly to you. I believe live in this town could live longer, it is a type of enjoying the life, isn't it?

Professor Interview: Adalbert Mayer

By Zhu Jiahui



ADALBERT MAYER

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from a big state school or private university, or you can choose to go to the art college. But in Germany, there is just one type of college and university.

Q: What is a fun thing when you teach students?

A: When I create a topic and let student discuss it, I found they have different opinions and they research together, and show me their research. I liked listening their different points and I really like this discussion process.

Q: I am a student in your class, so can I ask you what was a difficult assignment in your master degree programs, or what were the subjects?

A: When I went to graduate school, we had a lot of different math problems. And I struggled with them. I have a degree in math and a degree in economics, so I spent a lot of time to solve math questions.

Q: You speak English very well as a German. What are the best ways to help international students speak English well like you?

A: By talking: the first time I came to America, I was an exchange student and I had a German roommate, and that was not helpful to learn English. You need to figure out English

Q: Could you introduce yourself at first?

A: My name is Adalbert Mayer. I am professor of economics and I have been in Washington College almost 5 years.

Q: Why did you choose to teach in an American college?

A: I came to America because I liked the American textbooks and I read a lot of American culture, and I liked the American education.

Q: In your opinion what's the difference from the German education system and American education system?

A: I think the big difference in America is the many different kinds education you can get,

grammar, and catch all the chances to talk and practice your English in a natural way.

Q: You got a very high education in economics in the U.S., why did you choose to be a teacher and not a businessman?

A: I like learning, and I really enjoy teaching in this job, and I like to share my knowledge with my students.

Q: Do you feel you are younger when you stay with young people?

A: Yes I really enjoy this, they have fashionable topics, they always positive; I feel like I am always 18 years old.

Q: Could you talk some about study skills?

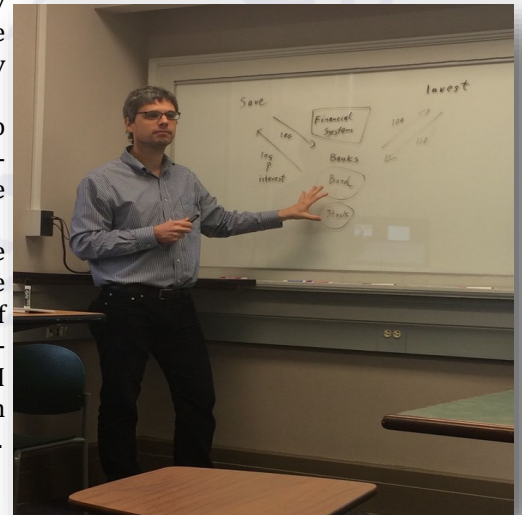
A: I think the general things is you should try to study the thing you most need now, even if it is unpleasant to do. You should try to think what's the most important thing do, even if it is not very fun.

Q: What was your feeling the first time you taught international students? What's different from an international student and a German student?

A: I never taught German students before, so I don't really know, but the first time I taught in the U.S., I didn't feel the difference in German students and international students in school. I do know, one thing I realize that all the groups in different country group, they have many differences. We have a lot of styles: Chinese style, American style, Thai style, and a lot, so I think the differences are more important for me.

Q: If some international students do not understand your questions, how do you explain them?

A: I try my best to use some very simple words, to help students use dictionary and figure out the meaning of my question, or I give them an example.



Professor Mayer

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Student Interview: Mohammed Abu Dalbourn

Q: What is your name? Where are you from?

A: My name is Mohammed Abu Dalbourn and I am from Jordan.

Q: What your is major? Why?

A: I am an International Studies major with a regional concentration on the Middle East. I was always interested in this because I grew up in the region and wanted to make a change in it.

Q: Can you describe your campus life?

A: I am a resident assistant (RA) in Kent Crossing. I enjoy my job, and I always try to get my residents involved on campus. I also practically live in the library as I am always doing work there!

Q: What was your impression of life in the U.S. when you first arrived?

A: I enjoy the freedom of living on my own without anyone to tell me what to do all the time. It taught me a lot, especially how to be self sufficient and independent.

Q: How did you adapt to live in the U.S., how much time did it take?

A: It took around a month for me to be used to the place. The biggest difference is that Chestertown is a small town whereas I lived all of my life in the capi-



Dalbourn & Han

tal of my country so I am used to the city life. I walked around here a lot so that I feel like I belong to the place more.

Q: Do you miss home? How to solve it?

A: I do, but this is my sixth year living in residential dorms since I went to a boarding high school. So you can say I am used to it right now. However, when I feel homesick, I simply get myself busy with other things so that I do not think about it. I may listen to Jordanian music, and I would call my family and best friends.

Q: Which is your favorite aspect of Americans?

A: I like their patience when someone is not too comfortable with the language and that they would correct us if we say something wrong.

Q: What is something you dislike in Americans?

A: They criticize the clothing of people from other cultures. It is mostly here in Washington college. Students make comments about the way international students dress, as in they are always dressed up or too dressed up for the occasion. I do not think it is the case in DC or NYC simply because it is more diverse there.

Q: What is the difference between food in US and Jordan?

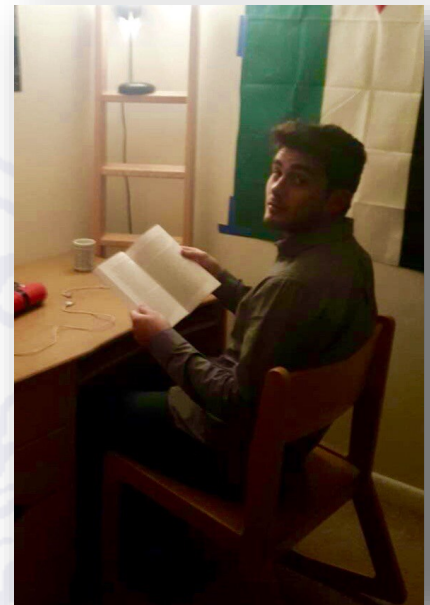
A: In Jordan we eat more rice and bread and lamb. Here the food is more like pizza, burgers, and meats like pork which is not widespread in my culture.

Q: What is the difference between the way of education in US and Jordan?

A: In Jordan the education system is more focused on teaching for an exam, as in memorizing to get the best score possible and then forget about it after the exam. Here they focus more on how you think rather than what to think.

Q: How often do you go back home?

By Han Shuyang



Dalbourn is reading

A: I fly home every major break.

Q: How long was the longest time you live in the US? what was the feelings when you return?

A: Five months was the longest time I stayed here, and I missed home so much and I felt great when I went back and saw my family and friends again.

Q: Will you stay in the United States or return in the future? Why?

A: I am still not sure. I like it here, but I also do not have anyone here. My family is in Jordan and that is where my heart is. I am going to evaluate my choices when I graduate.

Q: What is your biggest change after you came US?

A: I grew up way more than I expected. I became way more mature than I was before.

Q: What things did not change at all after you came?

A: I still do not drink!

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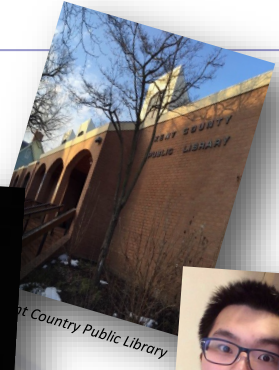
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Yukie & Jojo at CSU Event



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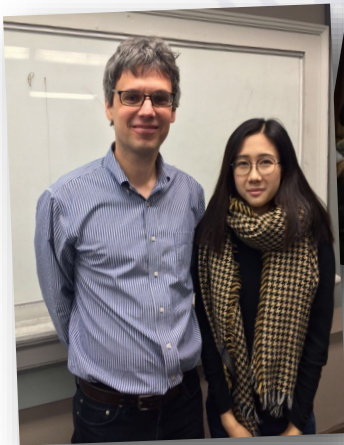
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Chinese Food



Students Making Lanterns



Professor Mayer & Jiahui



Buffet at CSU New Year Event



Honglu is making Jiaozi



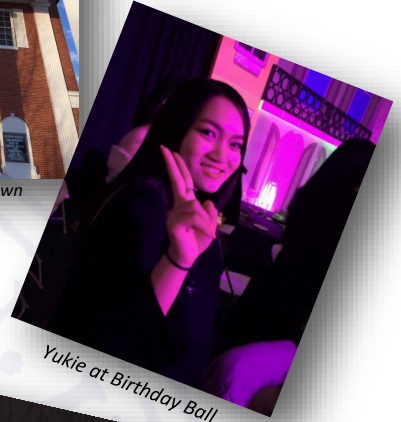
Dalbom & Han reading together



Sara & Yukie at CSU Event



Honglu in Chestertown



Yukie at Birthday Ball



Birthday Ball Site



George Washington Birthday Ball



Yukie & Jojo



Han & Dalboun



Birthday Ball Scene



Honglu & Hank at Birthday Ball

CSU Chinese New Year Event

By Han Caiyun

The Chinese New Year is the most significant traditional festival in China. When it is coming, we always prepare many things to welcome the new year. Why is the New Year so important for Chinese? Because spring is coming, and the new round of sowing and harvest season begins. People have many reasons to welcome the holiday. They believe that the new year can bring luck and dislodge misfortune. New Year is a family reunion holiday, and it is very similar to American Christmas. However, some people cannot go back home to celebrate with family.



Traditional Food for the New Year

Because I am studying in Washington College, when the Chinese New Year was coming I could not go back to China. But I was still happy, because the Chinese Student Union had a party: CSU New Year on 19th January at 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. There were over 150 visitors who were Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arab, and American. The Chinese Student Union's members were 26 Chinese students who prepared Chinese food, music, crafts and traditional activities.

The New Year "must do" thing is dinner with all the family members getting together. So CSU made food such as sesame tangyuan (a cake made of glutinous rice flour) and pork & napa dumplings, etc. Also they bought food in China House with vegetable fried rice and Szechuan bean curd w. Meat, etc. There are around twenty kinds food and ten kinds snacks, which like buffet.

Also I saw around twelve American and Chinese people make lanterns that used red and gold paper. They made around 10 lanterns, some of which they took, and some of which they hung. The lantern signifies unity, health, luck, wealth and safety. Also most of the time we use red and gold paper that represent luck. The lantern already represents China. Most Chinatowns have many lanterns on the street. In addition, members of the Chinese Student Union taught visitors how to make paper cutouts, which are so important and we should do every year. Paper cutouts depict myths, legends and Chinese operas. Also birds, flowers and Chinese Zodiac creatures are very popular paper cutout designs. While eat-

ing dinner, we watch CCTV's New Year Gala programme. The Gala started at 8pm and ended at 12:00 when the New Year arrives. By the way, after that, parents will give red envelopes (lucky money) in the evening with good wishes for their kids growing healthy in the coming year.

In this year, members of the Chinese Student Union and visitors watched the programme together in the party. The Chinese New Year Gala included the best singers, musical groups, and acrobats who appear on the show each year. The party finished at 7:00pm.

The New Year has become increasingly internationalized. Every local reflects the differences between Chinese and Western culture, and also constantly promotes integration of complementary ideas in Western and Chinese culture. The New Year does not only mean the beginning of the new year, also it carries people's wishes through the new year. We hope the desire for a better life in new year will come true. Happy New Year!



Making Lanterns at the New Year's Party on Campus

Traditional Chinese New Year Eve

By Xu Jiahong

The Chinese New Year Eve is a festival when family members get together to celebrate the New Year, which is my favorite day in the whole year. The Eve will convene all workers who work in other cities to make journeys to reunite with their families; this is the reason people are eager for the festival. During the festival we usually paste couplets, which are two lines of verse, usually in the same meter and joined by rhyme, that form a unit, hang the lanterns, make dumplings and enjoy a hearty dinner with the closest relatives in your life.

To begin with, we paste couplets on the door, which is a sign used to protect us in the New Year. Couplets are used neat and sophisticated texts and combined the background that about your wishes in the future into express our excellent wishes, which is our unique literature form. Every New Year, both urban and rural area in every family must choose some red couplets affixed to the door to increase the festive holiday atmosphere. Also, in the same time, some people have paste the character 福 “Fu” on walls, doors and doorposts around the houses, the character 福 “Fu” refers to the blessing of sustenance for people who long for a happy life and wish for a better future. In order to fully reflect this wish, some people even stick 福 “Fu” inverted on their doors, which means that happiness and perfect fortune have come, because in Chinese the inverted word means “arrive”. By the way, some Chinese still like to write couplets by themselves. However, we prefer to buy couplets directly in supermarkets nowadays.

After pasting couplets, we make and hang lanterns before the Eve comes. Our Lanterns are made up by painting, paper cutting, paper models, barbed joints and other technology to make them. Also, we usually produce them by using each bamboo, wood, rattan, straw and horn. In the beginning, people hang red lanterns symbolize a sense of reunion and to create a festive atmosphere during the annual Lunar New Year, which is another Chinese traditional festival held in big cities. Later, lanterns became a symbol of the Chinese festiveness. So we use lanterns on New Year's Eve to create the sense of happiness. Also, we used it to



defend the evil in the past.

Every year during the New Year's Eve in my hometown, which is a tiny village, there will be a sea of red lanterns, which makes a perfect atmosphere for greeting the New Year.

What's more, making dumplings is an indispensable part of enjoying the New Year's Eve. To the New Year's Eve night, one of the most important activities is that the whole family makes dumplings together. According to the history, eating dumplings was widely accepted in the spring festival in the Ming Dynasty. Ancient Chinese people paid great attention on the limits, especially the boundaries of the New Year, so at this time people should engage in some rituals to pray for the coming year of good luck, then eat dumplings.



New Year's Dumplings

Last but not least, the New Year's Eve is not a simple festival for us. To be honest, nothing can be more important than eating a substantial dinner with our families. Not only the delicious food, but also our parents finish their whole years' work to sit with us and enjoy the dinner. This attracts us to be eager for the festival. That's why we love to have festivals, I guess.

Valentine's Day: Celebrating Love

By Zhang Yansong

Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated on February 14th each year. Nowadays many countries celebrate Valentine's Day even though it is not a public holiday in most of countries.

There are a lot of stories about the origins of Valentine's Day, but generally people think that after St. Valentine was executed on February 14th in A.D. 270, people called that day St. Valentine's Day. Saint Valentine was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry at that time in Roman Empire. During his imprisonment, he fell in love with the daughter of jailer and she took care of him in the jail. Before he was executed, he wrote her a letter and signed "Your Valentine" at the end of the letter. Therefore, people called that day "Valentine's Day" to memorize the great love of St. Valentine.

Different countries celebrate Valentine's Day in different ways. In the United States, if a man says to a woman "Happy Valentine's Day", it does not mean that he loves her. It is just saying hello to others at that day. People are likely to send gifts to lovers such as chocolates and flowers—especially roses because roses represent love. In the United States, about 190 million Valentine's Day cards are sent each year. In recent years, Valentine's Day is more and more commercialized and gift-giving day. The average spending on Valentine's Day is increasing every year, from \$108 in 2010 to \$131 in 2013.

In Japan, the girl gives chocolate to the boy that she loves as a gift. Then the boy gives something back to the girl at the White Day if he decides to accept the

love of that girl. The White Day is celebrated on March 14th each year, which is one month later than Valentine's Day. This is the result of the speculation of Japanese businessman in 1965.

In China, people celebrate Valentine's Day as well, but most of them are young people. In Chinese, Valentine's Day is called "Lovers' Festival". At first, there was no Valentine's Day in China, but with the commercialization, many markets are on sale at that day and sell the couple things such as couple rings, couple clothes and couple shoes, so more and more young people celebrate Valentine's Day.

The "Chinese Valentine's Day" is "Qixi Festival", which is celebrated at the seventh day of July of the lunar calendar. There is a beautiful legend about the origin of Qixi Festival. Long ago, a man called "Cowherd" who was diligent, brave and honest fell in love with a beautiful girl called "Weaving Maid" who was a fairy and the youngest of the seven princesses of the Queen Mother of the West. They had a boy and a girl.

However, it is not allowed that a human being falls in love with a fairy. Then, the Queen Mother captured weaving maid back to the heaven. The two lovers can only see each other once a year. According to the legend, the star Altair, which is called the Cowherd Star in Chinese, and the star Vega, which is called the Weaver Maid Star in Chinese, are normally separated by the Milky Way, which is called Silvery River in Chinese. "Cowherd" and "Weaving Maid" are only allowed to meet by crossing the river on the seventh day of the seventh month of the lunar calendar. Nowadays, Chinese celebrate Qixi Festival to memorize the beautiful love between "Cowherd" and "Weaving Maid". Especially young girls wish for a beautiful love at that day.

Wherever you are, Valentine's Day is a sweet and romantic day. I wish you a wonderful love!



The Irish Holiday St. Patrick's Day

By Li Guo

St. Patrick's Day is a very popular holiday in the U.S., first celebrated by Irish immigrants, but now popular with Americans of different ethnic backgrounds. On St. Patrick's Day, people wear green hats and celebrate with shamrocks and other symbols of the holiday. St. Patrick's Day commemorates a missionary who took Christianity to Ireland and that day is very important for the Irish.

There are two origins of the festival. The first one states that the Irish patron saint, St. Patrick, was born in Wales in 385 A.D. Until the age of 16, he was not a Christian, and he did not expect to become a saint. At this time, his village was robbed by thieves and he was sold as a slave. During the grim days of detention, his relationship with the Lord began to slowly rise. Six years later, he escaped to a monastery and studied for 12 years. In this period of time, he realized that his mission was to let more people who did not believe in God become a Christian. Then he produced a strong impulse to go back to Ireland; he wanted to let his own countrymen all believe in God, but he was hired the abbot father, until two years later he was sent to Scotland.

St. Patrick's mission was very successful, which angered Celtic teachers of Druids. They arrested St. Patrick many times, but every time he escaped. He preached footprints all over Ireland, presided over the numerous monasteries across the country. He built numerous schools and churches. These helped him finish the faith in Jesus Christ to the Irish national ideals.

The second one legend states that in



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432 A.D., St. Patrick was dispatched to Ireland to persuade the Irish of Catholicism. After he landed, local angry pagans attempted to stone him to death. But St. Patrick faced it, immediately removed a three-leaf clover and illustrated the three persons: father, son, and holy spirit of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. The Irish people were deeply moved by his eloquent speech and accepted St.

Patrick's grand baptism of the Lord. After he died, the Irish commemorated him on the day of St. Patrick.



2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade, New York City.
Image courtesy of New York Daily News.

The symbols of the holiday are shamrocks and leprechauns. The shamrock is a four-leaf clover and means luck. The leprechauns are from Irish legends and tales, they are the fairy's shoemaker, and they like mischievous people. Legends state they hide a tin of gold in the tree holes, and the people who want to have that gold will follow the sound of Leprechaun's hammer. When they find them, they ask them to tell the location of the hidden gold.

In America, on St. Patrick's day people usually go to parades, church picnics, and other activities. Irish people like wearing Shamrocks in the United States, with the Irish flag colors, green and orange, to decorate a room. On this day people usually drink beer and eat corned beef together with their friends and family (Corned beef is beef preserved with salt). They wear green clothes and give guests Shamrocks decorations.

On St. Patrick's Day, Irish bars are always packed with customers; even other various bars are a lot more busy than usual. During the holiday season, the bars will also sell special beer, colored green. The green beer is very popular; the taste is unique, and sales are very good.



A Shamrock, or 4-leaf Clover.
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Q: Do you have culture shock when you teach international students?

A: This is not the first time I mix with international students; I was a exchange student before, so I really enjoy to share different cultures with different people.

Q: Could you introduce a person who has a very important meaning for your life?

A: That's my wife, she is very important in my life. She spends a lot of time with children, that is not a very easy things for her, and we share life together.

Q: How's your life in America?

A: Good, I am happy. I have been in America a long time, so I am used to living here. I never had a real job in Germany, so I know probably more about here than Germany.

Q: America is a good place to major in business. Will you let your children learn economics or business?

A: I think they should do what is good for them; maybe economics is not a good major for them. One thing you need to do in the college is to know yourself and to choose a major. I am happy studying economics, but I also know this major for other people was very horrible. So I will support my children to choose a major which is right for them.

Q: What is your idea of a "free country"?

A: Where children can get a high education, and have their own opinions. The ability to use a new vision to know this world. people get favorite job, or still work on the way to dream.

Q: What was your feeling the first time you saw Washington college?

A: This school has a very long history, and I really like this educational environment. All the people here are very kind; this peaceful place offers students a very good atmosphere to study.

Q: Tell me about your roommate.

A: Shuyang Han is from China. He is an amazing friend. He is fun to be around and always happy whenever I see him which makes me feel happy. He adapted so quickly to the culture here and his English improved impressively.

Q: Do you support communism?

A: I think every country should be free to have whichever system they are more comfortable with, and that is derived from their culture. I am not with communism but I am not against it either. I am not with capitalism as well.

Q: You are a very successful RA. What is your secret?

A: I treat my residents in a mature way. They chose to live in Kent Crossing because they think they are ready for the big step in life which is living in their own in apartments. I treat them with respect and they respect me in exchange.

Q: How do you think about the cultural clash?

A: I think it is a vital issue that any person traveling to a different country might face. It is hard to avoid but at the same time it is possible to emerge victorious. One should always take the good things from a different culture and hold on the good things from his own.

Q: What is your future vision?

A: I would love to become a diplomat and serve my country's foreign policy.