



GLOBAL VOICES

Changing Seasons and Student Lives

By Miao Xin

By late March, 2017, the winter seems completely finished. Washington College went through a short spring, then the summer of 2017 stealthily came. In Washington College, there are beautiful landscape and subtle season



Spring Blossoms Turn to Summer Leaves

changes which create a special campus life. The time goes faster than anyone can image. It decidedly caught the tail of

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My Amazing Trip to Cuba

By Matsuda Yoshiki

Cuba is a small island country located in the northern Caribbean. Recently, the number of tourists visiting Cuba is increasing year by year. More American have visited Cuba, especially since the United States and Cuba restored diplomatic relations in July 2015. In 2016, indeed, more than four million tourists visited Cuba (Cuba Business Report, 2017). During spring break, I went to Cuba with my Japanese friends. I would like to share some trivia that I found in Cuba.



Classic Car in Havana

First, a lot of classic cars are used in Cuba. One day, I walked

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semester and say “good bye” to the short spring. It is close to the end of semester and the end of the 2016-2017 education year for me. It is the crown of the academic year. Everyone on campus seems to be busier than anytime.

In March, the weather seems unpredictable. Yesterday may be a sunny day, then tomorrow the snow drifts down with students’ joy and surprise. I heard there was not much snow in Chestertown or Maryland. Maybe that is why nature gives people a surprise snowfall.

After March, the weather gradually changed and temperature tended to increase. Spring arrived during early April. On campus, there was a full-of-vigor scene. The weather is warming up and the wild geese came back from south with their honking and V-shaped flying formation. Flowers bloomed after one rainy night. The pink, white, red, and slight green blossoms filled the campus surroundings. However, the Sakura outshone all others. Its tiny petals, combined as clusters on the branch, drifted down with the gentle breeze. They are like young girls who wear white skirts with their sunshine smiles dancing. Bees and butterflies were working hard to gather honey from the flowers. Students could see spring scenes after classes, going out of dormitory or just going for a walk. The vivid pictures actually brought a better mood to us.

However, beautiful things seem to be a short moment. As the temperature increased, the Sakura cherry blossoms existed for a very short time, which was about two weeks. The green tender leaves had been appeared along the scattering cluster. I lived in Kent Crossing Apartment, thus, every time back to dormitory I went through a cemetery. There are flowers that bloomed busily after Sakura faded. Maybe because of the blessings of ancestors in this land.

During April, the temperature increases continually. The flowers had been overwhelmed by green. In a few weeks, the semester will be finished. Students are getting busy with their final ex-

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Snowball Viburnum Blossoms

ams and papers. There are usually many students in library after eight P.M. My roommate, Xiuyuan Wang, sometimes complains about the papers, but he is working at it until the middle of night. Some of my friends are planning their summer trips; some of them are talking about taking classes during the summer; and some of them are thinking about finding a job during the summer holidays. It is a busy time!

Some students will graduate from Washington College and some students will enroll in on September. It is an end but also a new beginning!

Cuba (Cont'd)

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around the old city area, which is one of the most famous place to visit. I could see more than half the cars driven on the road were classic cars there. Most of them are used as taxis and tourists take them. We took cool one and tried to have a conversation with the driver.

However, it was so hard to communicate with him because he spoke only Spanish. I needed to speak with gestures. In addition, I noticed the meter which displayed how far the car had run indicated 941,489 kilometers. It is about 24 times as far as the distance around the earth. It surprised me a lot and I found people in Cuba took good care of their cars.

Second, Cuba is good place to enjoy liquor. The first thing to note is that the drinking age in Cuba is sixteen.

Therefore, people who cannot drink in the United States can drink in Cuba

if they are over sixteen. I was seventeen, so I enjoyed drinking good Cuban liquors, such as daiquiri, mojito, and crystal sky, which is the Cuban domestic beer. In addition, there are many street stalls which sell the liquor at a low price in a city area. It was very easy to buy liquor, so there were the days I drank too much and suffered from a hangover. In the case of drinking in Cuba, be careful of drinking too much. However, I recommend to drink ice-cold beer after all-day walking. It must be the best drink in the world.

Third, there are many flea markets in a city area. Each market has vendors who each run one specific kind of shop. Some shops sell Cuban traditional instrumentals, and others sell colorful accessories. I think the flea market is the best place to buy souvenirs of Cuba because it has everything famous in Cuba.

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Yoshiki & His Che Guevara Cap

The Reason of I Study Computer Science

by Liang Charles Ji Yuan

Nowadays, computers are more and more important in our daily lives. We use computers for playing, studying and working. Because computers become more and more popular, there are more and more software for us to use. Computer science is a major that teaches us how to live simpler.

When I was a child, I had a super talent for playing with computers. When I was 5 years old, my father bought a computer. After I met the computer, I thought everything had changed. At that time, my father and my mother were so busy. They had no time to play with me, and I found I could easily play computer games, better than my father and mother. They didn't know how to download or install a game for me, but I knew. My mother was so surprised of my talent of computers. She asked me If I would like to major in computer science in the future. And I remember her words until now.

I think computers are my second life. I played a lot of different computer games for 17 years. When I was lonely, I played computer games to make more friends. When I was sad, I played computer games to make me happier. When I was happy, I played computer games to share happiness with others. The computer was always with me. Because of that, I wanted to know more about it. I wanted to learn more about it. I wanted to design a computer for myself.

Somedays we cannot live without computers. So I wish I can make computers better one day.

Finals Week is Finally Here!

By Li Jiahao

Hi, it's finals week and I believe everyone is working so hard to achieve a better GPA in the end! For me, I have four classes this semester. They are CSI 100: Basics of Computing; BUS 112: Introduction to Financial Accounting; ELL 102: English for Academic Purposes I; and GRW 101: Exploring East Asia.

For CSI 100: Basics of Computing, I have to do a final project. It is about making your own program and running it on Python. I decided I will be doing what one day working on a farm looks like. My idea came from when I was visiting Washington D.C, I passed by the country side, and I saw lots of farmers working in the fields. So I want to make a program to show how they farm their fields.

For BUS 112: Introduction to Financial Accounting, I will have an exam on paper and a team project. This final exam contains all the knowledge I learned from my previous sections which are 4 parts: Financial Statements, Transaction Analysis, Accrual Accounting, and Income, Internal control and Cash.

As for the team project, we will have four members as a group; each of group will be given a name of a company, we will analysis this company's income statement and calculate if this company is gaining money or losing it.

For GRW 101: Exploring East Asia, our professor, Dr. Oros, gave us an essay paper and a presentation as our final exam. For the paper, I can write anything that is related to East Asia politically. For me, I choose to write about North Korea. There is much to talk about in North Korea, such as how

their social lives are affected by their leader, what kind of state North Korea looks like, and how their policies work. There are so many things to write about, but I am limited to 2000 words on my final paper. As for the presentation, I have to talk about the stuff I wrote in 12 minutes; luckily, I have finished my presentation already. It was a rough night

for me before the presentation, knowing I had to talk publicly for 12 minutes. I couldn't sleep because I had to practice my presentation over and over again! I wonder if anyone else shares the same feeling with me?

For ELL 101, English for Academic Purposes I, I will be doing the same tasks as explore East Asia, a final paper and a presentation.

Fortunately, I only have to write 1200 words and make a 6 to 8 minutes long presentation. It was a much easier task compared to my GRW class. I already picked my topic and finished my paper. My topic was how iPhones are the best smart phone, but my Professor was not happy with the topic. Wait, What? Right, over the years, there have been so many students writing and presenting the same topic in this course. It's too common, because there is nothing new to write about. So, let me warn you, do not pick the topic which your professor thinks is too usual. The topic might be chosen by other students in the past years.

So, That's all my classes and what my finals looks like. Do you consider yourself lucky when you heard about my finals, or are my finals too easy when compared to yours?



Students Studying for Finals in Miller Library

My Favorite Actor: Bruce Lee

By Chen Zheyuan

When people talk about Chinese Kung Fu, the first person that comes to their minds is Bruce Lee. He was born in San Francisco, California, United States, but was raised in Kowloon, Hong Kong. He pioneered the world-wide revolution of martial arts and is also known as a master of martial arts, pioneer of Kung Fu film, the first global promoter of Chinese Kung Fu, and the first Chinese actor of Hollywood. The contribution that Bruce Lee had made to Chinese martial arts is extensive. Because of his enormous influence on Kung Fu, many people in the United States think everyone in China knows how to play Kung Fu.



*Bruce Lee from film "Fists of Fury"
Retrieved from <http://www.wikipedia.org>*

Kung Fu played a large role in Bruce Lee's life; he never stopped practicing Kung Fu. Bruce Lee started to learn Kung Fu when he was seven years old. To make Lee stronger, his father taught him Tai Ji Quan which is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Because of his passion for Kung Fu, Lee began to learn Wing Chun under his teacher, Yip Man at the age of sixteen. When he attended Seattle Washington University, he still focused on Kung Fu; he even organized a group which is called "Chinese Kung Fu Team." Later on, Lee created "Jun Fan Gung Fu Institute" and defeated the black champion, Sander Neem. As his Kung Fu institute gradually became prosperous, he started to set up more in other states.

The biggest effort that Lee made in the field of Kung Fu is the creation of Jeet Kune Do, and "One Inch Punch." Lee created a modern Chinese Kung Fu that is internationally recognized across the limit of martial category which is called Jeet Kune Do.

This means instead of restricting the martial arts to the Chinese perspective, Jeet Kune Do mixed world martial arts together; Wing Chun, boxing, and fencing are regarded as the main forces which are able to combine the essence of Lee's Jeet Kune Do that "abandon the traditional form, express self sincerely." "One Inch Punch" is also remolded from an action in Wing Chun, and it is an advance skill in Kung Fu. It is used when the attack target gets close, or an action will be finished in a moment. The warrior moves his arm quickly and contracts the muscle, then uses the brief strength to exert an explo-

sive power.

Bruce Lee is known as a Kung Fu master, but his great popularity comes from his films and television programs. "First of Fury," "The Way of the Dragon," and "The Game of Death" are some famous examples of Bruce Lee films, and they all have a great reputation in both the United States and China. However, "Enter the Dragon" gained the most attention when it was released in the United States, and it beat many great Hollywood blockbusters. This is how Kung Fu films were born in Hollywood.

Bruce Lee's career achievements have a great influence on film and culture; his story and experience have been made into several movies. He is not only the first famous Chinese actor in Hollywood, but also created his own martial art which earned many followers around the world. Additionally, he also helped Westerners learn about Kung Fu, and at the same time, made the action movies that became one of the mainstream film genres in Hong Kong.

Student Photo Collage



Small Town Chestertown



Disneyworld



Aerial View of Campus



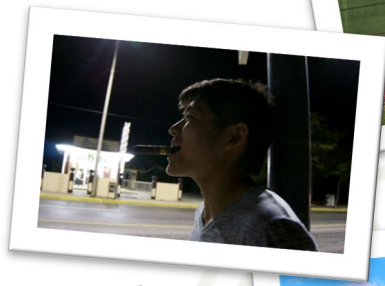
Yu Menglong at Epcot Center



Nighttime Street in Havana



Aerial Photography by Wang Zihao



Cuban Cigars



Yu Menglong & Friends



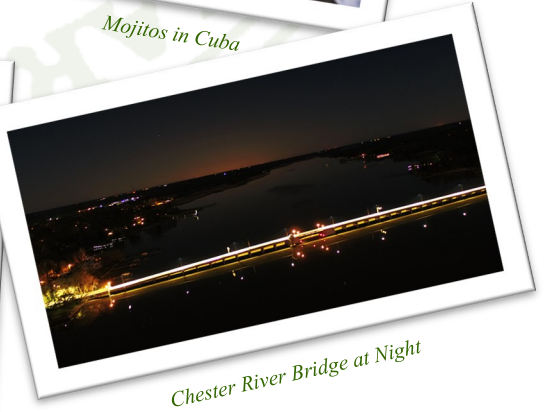
Blue Skies Over Chestertown



Mojitos in Cuba



Chestertown at Night



Chester River Bridge at Night

The Career Development Center

By Chen Xuhan

Another graduation day is coming! The seniors now are facing one of the most important challenge in their life, that is to plan their career life. In our Washington College, there is a center to help us with all aspects of this process including self-assessment, career exploration, career experience and job search or graduate school planning. I would like to introduce the Career Development Center, a place that can help us to make a better preparation for our career.

Most students think job hunting is not something to worry at fresh man, so many of them wouldn't start until junior or senior. The fact is we can start to prepare since we step into the college campus. In freshmen, we should create a college central account. Write a resume and Career Center can help us to critiqued. Another fact is ignored by many students is that, our social media is affecting our career. The first time we make important decisions, we usually feel helplessness and nervous. We hope someone can give us ideas and information. But our friends are not experienced at this as well. However, the Career Development Center offers a course named FOCUS 2. It is a comprehensive career planning program that provides guidance and information to help us make important decisions. The earlier we start, the more options we will have.

During the second and third years at college, we can start our network. It is important to have our network not limited on campus but also off campus. As a college students, besides having a good grade, we should also start to make efforts for the future. At the end of the sophomore year, we should declare the major as well. There is a web page subsid-

ary or career center named *What can I do with my Major?* It has a list of all majors offered by Washington College; by clicking each of these links we can see the possible job options for different majors in different areas with strategies. With this page, students will have a better understanding of the major they are planning to choose and what kind of career they can expect. In the senior year, we will face the final decision making. Either go graduate schools for further education or start to work. It will be good for both ways to have helped from alumni who can provide information about specific occupations in chosen career



The Career Center's Career Fair

fields, insight into the expectations of the professional work environment, resources for identifying experiential learning opportunities, and suggestions for building a professional net. There is a program named Path to Passion Program, host by career center to help us connect with those alumni. And if some students are planning to go graduate school, they should start to prep for graduate school exams. There are specialized academic programs in Premedical, pre-Law, Nursing, Pharmacology and Engineering to help students in those majors to get a better grade at graduate school exams. Overall if we have any problems on career, career center is good place to go, they can help us with the process from job searching, writing a resume, to prepare a interview. The Career Development Center is located beside Goldstein Hall, and the office hours are from Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. You can reach them both by email or phone, their phone number is 410-778-7890.

The Quantitative Skills Center

By Jiang Juntao

The Quantitative Skills Center is here to help students in any course with an academic question in Washington College. In the quantitative Skills Center where they have students come for help from Math, Computer Science, Physics, Business, Economics, Chemistry, Biology, and Psychology Statistic class and so forth. It has covered most of the courses we have in Washington College currently. If you have any confusion and aren't sure, you can just stop by and ask. The Door is and always will be open to you and the people in the Quantitative Skills Center will do their best to help you.

The page of Quantitative Skills Center can be found on the website of Washington College, www.washcoll.edu. Come to the bottom of website, there you can see "Quickly Find—Offices & Services." All the services you are looking for are on the webpage, like Residential Life, Public Safety, and the Quantitative Skills Center. The link to the Quantitative Skills Center is on the bottom right side. In the Quantitative Skills Center, there are three different methods to fit different tutoring situations.

First of all, if you really have a lot of confusion on your assignments or some specific questions, I recommend you make a one-on-one appointment with a tutor who is trained to help you with your specific course needs. Since you have some specific questions or problems on assignments, in the appointment page, you can choose a specific course which you have problems with. By the way, the appointment is open during a variety of hours through

the week Monday to Friday. All this information you can notice in left side page of the Quantitative Skills Center's homepage. Click the button "Make an Appointment" and then you are able to choose appropriate timing. Tutoring hours begin at 9:30 am and end at 5:30 pm. A specific course and the name of the tutor is listed as well. Don't be hesitant to make an appointment, the tutors in the Quantitative Skills Center are all trained and friendly.

Students can also get help by visiting during the Drop-In Sessions. If you are just looking to site and do homework and ask questions, you should come to Drop-In Sessions. A daily drop-in hours is from 12:30 to 4:30, Monday to Thursday. For more specific courses and week-end schedule, you can visit the page of Quantitative Skills Center for more details. Feel free to join drop-in sessions, they have tutors with a wide range of backgrounds during these sessions to cover all of your needs.

The last option is the Evening, Course Specific Drop-In Session. Calculus, Statistics, Physics, and Computer Science are most popular courses that students ask for help in. To meet their demand, Quantitative Skills Center provides evening sessions for these specific courses. You are welcome to come and sit to do your homework so you can ask questions as they come up. More importantly, when you have tests these hours will also serve as test review sessions.

Ultimately, if you have questions about your homework, Quantitative Skills Center can be your first option to solve your problems. For more questions and details, you can contact the Director of Quantitative Skills Center, Matthew Kibler. The contact information is all in the website.



Two Views of the Quantitative Skills Center

An Interview with Prof. Selin Balci

By Yu Wenqi



Selin Balci, M.F.A.

Q. How many years have you been teaching at Washington College?

A. I've been here since 2014.

Q. Do you like teaching at Washington College?

Yes I do; the learning environment is great here. Also, the students are very creative here.

Q. Do you like to teach photography or to be a photographer?

A. Both, I can say.

Q. Why did you choose to become a photography professor?

A. I am not only a photography professor; I teach design and art history classes, too. Overall, art takes my attention and teaching this passion is my life.

Q. What do you like best about being a professor?

A. When my students are accepted to Master's programs or find great jobs, I feel very happy for them!

Q. Please describe your teaching style.

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My Trip to Florida and Disney

By Yu Menglong

Last year, I went to Disneyworld with my friends. It is the largest of the world's Disney theme park, with an area of 42,000 square acres. There are four themed parks, Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Disney's Hollywood Studios, and Disney's Animal Kingdom. My classmates and I are quite excited, because we have seen a lot of Disney movies before, and those cartoon images. Disney world has many small themes related to their cartoon characters.



Menglong Yu and His Friends at Disneyworld

In the Magic Kingdom, the most fun ride is the Space Mountain. Every time there are a lot of people lining up. One of my friends got the group fast pass, so we did not wait too long to play. The inside was dark but very beautiful. We felt excited even though we haven't played, because we heard the other players' yelling. Sitting on the ride we could only see the people around us and that beautiful sky with stars. After the car started, I seemed to be in the universe shuttle. The ride was running fast and the stars around were shining. When the car was on the slope I thought, "What will happen later?" When the car was running downhill, the downhill also turned. I was nervous and excited. It was very interesting, and sometimes I was thinking about whether I really came to the universe. They also have firework in the night, and it is very beautiful.

You can see a lot of animals that are usually not seen but you can find in the animal kingdom. The places where the animals live are realistic. I am happy that animals can have a safe and peaceful life in the Animal Kingdom. Of course, not only get closer to those animals with the tour guide inside a realistic big truck, you also can sit down and see a beautiful show with your friends. The Festival of the Lion King is very interesting and the music makes me excited. Many dance and acrobatic movements are accompanied by the

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Interview with Prof. Balci (Cont'd)

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A. I combine fine arts and photography in my teaching.

Q. What is the best way to study for your class?

A. Taking photographs every day, using the camera, and practicing more and more.

Q. What do you consider to be one of your greatest achievements, and why?

A. In 2010, I received the competitive gallery fellowship from the Hamiltonian Gallery in Washington, D.C., which represented my work for two years in D.C. and at art fairs such as Scope Miami. Towards the end of my graduate degree, I received the highly competitive College Art Association (CAA) Professional Development Fellowship in the visual arts; I was the first time recipient in the Art Department at University of Maryland.

Q. What motivates you to do your best ?

A. Deadlines!

Q. What is your teaching philosophy?

A. Helping to develop creative thinking skills is the central point of my teaching philosophy. While creativity cannot necessarily be taught, I aim to help students to develop these skills. I like and look forward to transform the class environment into a “thinking place,” where I can also use my own experiences more effectively.

Q. Where did you go to university, and why did you choose it?

A. My first degree is in science from Istanbul University. My second one is a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) from West Virginia University and my Master of Fine Arts (MFA) is from the University of Maryland. I think just the location affected my decisions. I was living in these town at the moment.

Q. What was your major? How did you decide on it?

A. My BFA was on Intermedia/Photography because I always liked photography. I just wanted learn more.

Q. What strategies did you use to be successful in college?

A. Study hard and create more!

Q. What other academic subjects interest you?

A. Two-dimensional design, black and white photography, installation art.

Q. What are some of your hobbies?

I am a certified yoga instructor. During summer times I teach yoga classes. Yoga is not only a hobby but my life style.

Q. If you could suggest to read one thing before I graduate, what would it be? Why?

A. What Are You Looking At?: The Surprising, Shocking, and Sometimes Strange Story of 150 Years of Modern Art, by Will Gompertz. He explains modern art very easily.

Disney (Cont'd)

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emergence of every classic cartoon image. The performers' clothes are accompanied by a lot of African style. The whole stage is colorful, and wonderful things are too much there. I have some video of my own film If you want to see it, of course you can also find high-definition video from Internet.

The most fun at The Hollywood Studios is the jumping machine, called The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror! We were sitting in the elevator, and up and down together with the elevator, each floor had a surprise. In one of the floors, the elevator moved forward and we passed through a lot of images. There was a feeling through time and space. At the end of the day, the elevator went down from the top floor quickly. We all felt very excited, and some girls were scared so much.

The Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow, called EPCOT, was my favorite place to go. EPCOT's World Showcase included Morocco, France, Italy, Japan, Canada, UK, Mexico, Germany, China, Norway, and America. A lot of National Pavilions are there; you can find what you like to eat there, and anything you want to see there. Here was a good place for people to spend money!

I like Disney. The buildings are very beautiful, and there are many places to play. Everyone is free to go anywhere they want to go. We are all like kids when we are in Disney.

Cuba (Cont'd)

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Especially, Almacenes San Jose Artisans' Market is the best. There are hundreds of vendors. Some of them sell unique goods such as Cuban traditional paintings and mysterious wooden statues. Also, there are some kinds of goods associated with Che Guevara, who is a hero to Cubans. He is known as Cuban revolutionary who fought to oust the dictator Batista who controlled Cuba at that time. I bought a cap which imitates the cap Che used to wear and a T-shirt that a picture of Che's face is printed on it in the center. They are my favorites.

Thus, Cuba is an attractive and unique country. I can promise that a trip to Cuba will never disappoint anyone.

MAY 2017

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