

Latest News

By Zero 五葉臨

At the beginning of the semester, did you find any change in the school? In the summer, the school has reconditioned the dorm building by giving students a better living environment. In addition, many repairs will be finished in recent days, such as the rest rooms in Ren Wen Guan. We will have a better and newer rest room soon.

This semester, there is also a new platform on the homepage of the English Department. This on-line platform is for students' English learning, and also, you can talk to teachers directly on it. By the way, the NPUE news will be displayed on the platform, too.

Here comes the best news! Chatting time starts! Everyone can go to the English Department to sign up and have a chat with one of our teachers. Different teachers have different times. Don't forget to take a look at the timetable.

Here comes the last piece of good news! Recently, the result of the application about the educational curriculum has been published. There are seventeen students, graduate students included, who have obtained the opportunities to take the curriculum. Also, the sophomores got the greatest average grade of the Chinese basic ability. They are beyond all of the other departments. Congratulations to them!



REBUILD THE WALL, DELIGHTED OR BLIGHTED

By Simon Ye 葉清輝

Have you ever visited the city wall built by Qing Dynasty in Hengchun in 1873? If not, you must hurry because it may collapse anytime.

If you are beach goers who plan to bask in the sunshine and sink into the tide, you won't miss Kenting; however, few people notice what district it belongs to, that is,



Hengchun. Located in southern Taiwan, Hengchun has fine weather and Taiwan's most

valuable cultural treasures, the city wall.

According to Hengchun's State Manuscript, Hengchun Old Town was occupied by the Han Chinese during the Dutch occupation in the 16th century. After the Lin Shuang-Wen uprising against the Qing Dynasty in 1786, the Qing Government banned Han Chinese settlement in Hengchun for many years. It was not until the Mudan Incident of 1874, when the Japanese army invaded Taiwan making a difference in the population of the local aboriginals. The Qing Dynasty then realized the significance of protecting the southern coast of Taiwan. The developments during that time period brought prosperities and developments to the city, such as the city wall.

Encountering several typhoons and

The Annual English Camp Needs You!!

By Susanna 楊慧如

Do you love to play games with kids? Are you lacking a plan for this winter vacation? Do you have a passion for teaching English? If your answer is yes, do not hesitate to join us. The annual English camp is going to run from January 27th until January 29th at Chian-Jin Elementary School. We will practice awesome performances, draw fancy posters, and prepare fun games together. In addition, you can gain English teaching experience. You will also learn the value of friendship, and the cooperation with others. This English camp is really a special experience to fulfill your life. Do not miss this chance of a lifetime.

Contact us if you wish to join.

Junior: Joe Hsiang

Sophomore: Annie Li

earthquakes over the ages, locals mended the wall with artificial arts, for example, the mix of marbles and bricks on the wall, the rebuilt roof, and the passages.



Through ages' of destruction, the city wall is now patchy and decayed, so the governor and scholars from the Ruins Preservative Program agree that the wall must be retransformed back to its original flavor. As the locals say, without the roof, the city wall has no power to defend decline, and thus it may be blighted. The wall is significant for locals and Taiwanese for its background story, reminding us the path our descendents had stepped through. Behind its brilliant formation, the city wall represents Taiwanese firm spirit.

<http://blog.xuite.net/xcutepipi/xcutepipi/23829967>

"SWEEPING THE KOREAN TEAMS, TPA WINS THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP."

By Johnny Chang 張仲科

Yesterday, the TPA (Taipei Assassins) finally defeated the world ranked number one team, Korea, and won a million dollars in the online game world championships. They did not just win by luck. For the past two months, the members of the TPA spent almost fifteen hours a day training skills in a small room.

In order to pay full attention to training, most of them dropped out of university and did not speak to their relatives. Eventually, their hard work paid off. The TPA won the world championship and their record will remain in the history of the game.



UNVEILING OF IPHONE 5 CAUSES THE DUMPING OF IPHONE 4S

By Hanson 李翰昇

Apple's brand-new product iPhone 5 will be released in October, and this has created a form of currency because lots of Apple users will decide to dump their old smartphones such as the iPhone 4S and iPhone 4 at a low price. The iPhone 5 is much lighter but bigger than the old smartphones. Not only those who use Apple's products will want to sell out their processed smartphone but those who originally used other brands such as Samsung, Nokia, and Sony will also want to sell. These types of second hand smartphones are usually sold for about \$2,000NT each; however, after the news about iPhone 5 had been published, people can now buy these



second-hand smartphones for about only \$1,600NT. This is a good news for those who just want to have an iPhone 4S or iPhone 4.

Apple has release the new iPhone 5 in October this year, and people can just purchase them in advance this month but they still won't know on what date can get the brand-new product. Maybe people will have to wait until November.

THE DIRTIEST MAN IN CHINA



By Carol Huang 黃慧君

A comedian called Little Shenyang is booming in satirical mimicry. In his shows he blends verbal sparring, pop music, physical comedy and outrageous costume. Little Shenyang was born in northern Liaoning, where Shenyang is the provincial capital and the origin of his stage name; his real name is Shen He. His mother was an amateur performer (in Satirical mimicry), who brought her little son along to sing at funerals. Little Shenyang's unique voice became poignant and had a high-pitched tone. After Little Shenyang became well known, he attributed much of his success to his master Zhao's support (Master Zhao is also a talented comedian).

The success of Little Shenyang shows that sexual humor is coming out of the closet in China. His sudden success also reflects the shifting standards of taboo issues in Chinese society. At Little Shenyang's performances he combines "yellow content" (dirty jokes, and sex-related topics) with traditional dress. In one recent show he wore the imperial style silk robe with a pink Hello Kitty backpack. Little Shenyang will also cross-dress by wearing gender bending costumes (sparkly hair bows, women's blouses and a sports bra). His costumes have become one of his symbolic features while performing.

No matter how weird his dress or effeminate his movements are, this phenomena indicates that the notions in Chinese society have changed. In the past, those vulgarities could not be performed on the stage. Little Shenyang is now a popular icon and his shows are spreading to every corner of the nation.

3 TIPS TO MAKE YOU HEALTHIER!

By Agnes 黃瑋琳

Do you want to be healthier? Recently, health issues have been wildly and seriously discussed. Here are 5 little tips for your health, starting with:

First, water, water, water! Always keep this in mind! Remember to drink as much as water as possible, water is the most important thing for our body. Water is the source of life, without water, our body cannot function

normally, and do not wait to drink water until you start to feel thirsty, that means your body is already dehydrated. Sometimes you feel hungry but it's not hunger, it's your body's dehydration alarm ringing, which makes your brain confused. Water can purify our body, and it's better than drinking sodas, bottled juice or any other sugary beverage. So make sure to drink 2000 C.C of water per day and get rid of those other drinks.

Second "Moving", here we are not talking about how much exercise you have to do or what kind of stretching could help you shape your body line. What we have here is: whenever you have a chance to move, then go for it, get active! Like walking, for example, If you are going somewhere and it is not that far, you can walk! Don't take

the bus or ride a scooter. Plus walking is good for the environment; it can greatly decrease pollution from CO2. Walking has as many benefits as you can imagine, it prevents chronic disease and accelerates your metabolism. It also strengthens your immune system. So stop saying that you don't have time to exercise, you can start with walking, even just 10 minutes a day.

Third, try to get enough sleep! According to the latest research, if you add one more hour to daily sleep, you will lose 14 pounds a year. In addition, regular sleep is good for clear thoughts and stable concentration.

These are 3 ways to stay healthy. Next month, I'll talk about food and attitude. So, stay tuned!

By Eating Chu 朱蕙婷

As a student living in Pingtung, one question has always bothered me, that is, "What should I eat today?" Student Restaurant? No, I'll only eat there on a rainy day. Restaurants in front of the school? Maybe I'll eat there if I don't have too much time to eat. So, finding a new restaurant is a big issue between my friends and me in our daily lives.

Recently, I found a restaurant called "Pin Love". The first time I saw it, I loved its name. It's a good name because it means "to taste happily" in Chinese. It's just like a hint for guests, saying "You'll have a wonderful meal in here." Walking in, I found that the color of the room was so bright and the decoration was simple but elegant.

As for the menu, there are many kinds of food, divided into three parts: main dishes

(hamburgers, sandwiches, toast, bagel, noodles, pasta, rice dishes) side orders (salad, soup, a bowl of fruits) and drinks (coffee, juice, tea). So far, I've never had a bad dish. Everything is delicious and I think the price is fair, too.

It's a good restaurant for you to try!

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FOOD REVIEWS/ CRITIQUES OF LOCAL RESTAURANTS



Pin Love — To Taste Happily



SALVADOR DALÍ EXHIBITION MOVED TO KAOHSIUNG

By Angela Huang 黃巧菱

The famous Exhibition of Salvador Dalí will be moved from Taipei to Kaohsiung. It will open on Oct. 20th at Kaohsiung Museum of Fine Arts. With sponsorship from Media Sphere Communication LTD. and Bureau of Cultural Affairs Kaohsiung City Government, over 100 works from oil paintings, golden objects, fashion furniture to sculpture by the prominent Spanish

surrealist artist will be shown during this time. The exhibition will run from Oct. 20th 2012 to Feb. 17th 2013. It will be the last exhibit in Taiwan.

Now, there is some good news for NPUE students. NPUE students can buy cheaper tickets for only 160 NT dollars. This is lower than the ordinary ticket price by 90 NT dollars. Students who are interested in this exhibition shouldn't miss this chance.

BALCONY TV: MUSIC WITH A VIEW

By Ann Wang 王辛安

They are not the Beatles, Eagles or Radiohead but they are great because they are indie and contemporary: they are the newest of the music world and might be the next big thing. These people from around the world can now be seen on the balconies of Balcony TV, a music platform where you can find good everyday music. Balcony TV London: "Balcony TV is a leading daily online viral music show that features bands, [and] musicians on balconies around the world."

Being one of the twenty thousand subscribers of Balcony TV on Facebook, all I could say is that it really has a big heart. Everyone has a heart on Balcony TV. The shooting crew in separate cities, the players in separate cities and audience from all over the world, everyone is a music lover. Loving the performances is the very reason why people stay tuned here. Everyone has a heart here to stay, and you would be so sure about this when you see the smiling faces with closed eyes from the screen or smell of Peace in the air.

Balcony TV is definitely already another Strawberry Fields for certain fans. The only difference is that we are underground. We might not gather to remember famous people like John Lennon; however, rock music fans like me are getting together for the new-born Rock and Roll.

Key Performances

1. Goodbye by Everest Cale: This is the song I want to see it live, strongly, fragiley, beautifully sad. "Dom...! Dom...! Dom...!" I love the end. And I love the balcony of The End from Brooklyn.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkeQhNUuEc>

2. Beach Street by Tides Waves Winds: Not having an EP when they were shooting this.....score! College students just like me..... what am I doing here?! Last but not least, they have a romantic name, Tides Waves Winds—the guitar in Beach Street sounds just like tides, waves or winds.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARwVkz7nFU>

3. Looking for Love by Jacob Jeffries Band: Pop music for the morning ah. Coffee makes my heart bumps messily so I'd rather drink some milk or orange juice. Or, 'looking for love' is the hot milk in the morning...calms me down while tender sunshine comes in through the window beside bed and falls down on my writing desk.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLcifyPNew8>

One NIGHT IN Kaohsiung

By Sherry Lu 呂雨璇

If you get a scooter and a map, where would you want to go?

One Saturday in September, my roommate Ann and I went to Kaohsiung to see a small music concert by the Forest at the Dream Mall. We thought we could have a small adventure in Kaohsiung by celebrating the new semester and a new title- Seniors. In order to save the transportation cost, we decided to ride my scooter to Kaohsiung. We left Pingtung at around 4 o'clock in the afternoon. First, we arrived at Kaohsiung Train Station and got a map. The first stop we went to is the most famous night market in Kaohsiung – Reifeng night market. However, it was still too early and there were very few vendors there. So, we walked around the night market and tried to find something to eat. Watching people setting up their stalls, we sat in a corner and ate Mong-gu BBQ for dinner. After dinner, we looked at our map and went to the next stop, which is also our main target of this trip - the music concert!

I love the nightlife in Kaohsiung. On the way to the Dream Mall, the wind blew on my face and I could breathe

the fresh air and freedom. Diverse lights, fancy buildings and some cool public art works decorated Kaohsiung at night. People live there and make the city come to life. The Forest was a three-piece band with two guitars and a tambourine. They only played for thirty minutes, and then the concert was over. Since the concert ended early, we went window-shopping at the Dream Mall and took some stupid and funny pictures.

Then, we did some shopping in Shinkuchan, and we rode through Liu-He night market at around 1a.m. At the end of the market, we found the way to the Love River. We walked and talked along the river and enjoyed the beautiful view. We talked about the future, friends, life and everything. There were some other people sitting there and chatting, and they were sharing their own stories with friends and strangers.

Kaohsiung at midnight is like a fancy amusement park, just open for us. Crowds disappeared and there were only a few cars and scooters driving on the wild road. Mysterious people walked in and out of the luxury Star Place at 2 in the morning. Ann and I decided to stay at a 24-hour coffee shop until dawn



This is my roommate, Ann. We were heading to the next stop.

because it was safer for two tired people riding a scooter back to Pingtung. People in the coffee shop were very interesting. Some of them looked tired, like Ann and I; some looked dressed up and were in a good mood, like they just left a night club; some were sad and drunk; some were alone. We ordered some snacks and read the magazines in the shop, and of course, we talked about the people in the shop. We tried to guess what happened to those people and the stories behind them.

Finally the sun came up; we rode our scooter back to our dorm in Pingting and slept all afternoon.

Have you ever had a trip that was special and memorable? I called this little adventure

“One Night in Kaohsiung.” I considered this 14 hour trip a mark and souvenir for myself being in the last year of my college life. The whole point of this trip was to follow our hearts and not be afraid! It takes some courage for us to do this, and I think this is the same in our lives. We sometimes need courage to follow our heart instead of following the path that somebody makes for you. What about you, are you ready to take your own adventure?

"THIS I BELIEVE"

By K2 郭宜庭

This section is based on a 1950s radio program hosted by American journalist Edward R. Murrow. Americans from all walks of life shared the personal philosophies and core values that guided their daily lives. "This I Believe" was revived in 2004 on National Public Radio in America and aims to "encourage people to develop a respect for beliefs different from their own."

At NPUE, the show is used as a tool to encourage students to express their own personal beliefs. This week's featured essay was written by a member of the junior class, K2.

I believe in friendship. It is an abstract word but it describes a real feeling in everyone's heart. Could one imagine how strongly friendship is involved in our lives? I sincerely believe it is the bonds of friendship that make people understand more about love, trust, respect, and companionship. Most important of all, true friends have taught me how to laugh at things that frustrate me, and true friends

have comforted me when I felt extraordinarily upset.

Somehow, I recall one of my best friends who once told me to love my parents. I still remember it was in September of 2000 when we met each other and then became friends. Her home was near mine; therefore, I went there quite often. One afternoon I was invited to her home as usual, but I thought I came at the wrong time. My friend's parents were having

a quarrel and it seemed like it would not stop soon. At that time, both of us were too young to understand what exactly caused the fight. I never really figured it out until four years later. I heard that she was moving to another city because both of her parents had died.

I felt overwhelmingly astonished and wanted to comfort her, but she told me not to feel sorry for her. Instead, she told me to try

to treat my parents well. I have done my best to follow her advice since then. After all, friendship taught me to accompany her when she needed me most. I think good things are hard to come by, and so are true friends. Gratefully, I am so glad to have had some people treat me like true friends do.

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