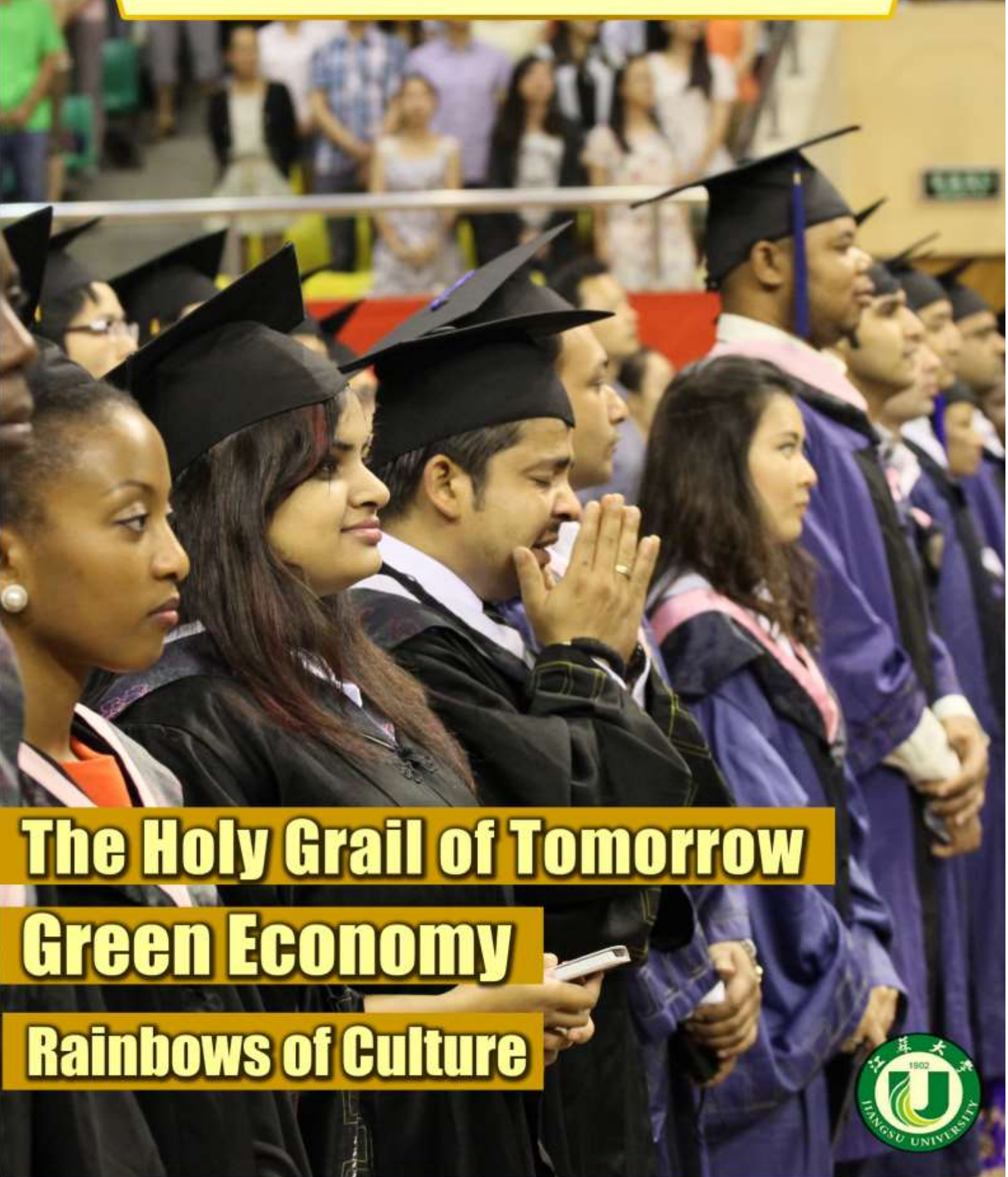


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Call it a platform for reflections or a repository to reminisce all the nostalgic and the 'Oh! When was that?' occasions that transpired this spring semester, *The Olive* has once again fulfilled its mandate. As the new Editor-In-Chief, taking over from Mr. Caleb Kesse Firempong, I wish to extend a hearty welcome to our esteemed readership in the third edition.

Propelled by the inclusion of new faces to the team, the major events alongside great achievements by individuals, groups and companies affiliated to OEC could not go unnoticed.

While reporting live with pictures @theoliveju on Instagram, the presence of the team as an official media partner of the college was conspicuously portrayed during the colourful International Culture Day. Our quest to capture some life transforming and motivational Conferences, and Seminars as well as the special Scholarship Awards ceremonies has been fueled by the important lessons derived from such events.

The emergence of technology with computing and its required expertise coupled with the need for a green economy culminated the choice of the programme and research in focus respectively.

Interspersed with social-life articles, a health related subject has also been included to offer a *balanced diet*. What's more, this edition reports a survey conducted by *The Olive* Research Unit on transportation for overseas students. The findings of this spotlight are worth noting.



Editor's MESSAGE

Previous editions have up-closed some distinguished personalities including students and professors.

In recognition of staff members who have been working tirelessly to serve the college, the team took some time to know more about the indefatigable *Wang Laoshi* of the OEC office. It is certainly a must read!

Your suggestions, critique and expression of interest in the work of the newsletter have been received with pleasure.

Harmonizing these inputs has lead to yet another successful story of *The Olive*. All stakeholders – students and staff alike, are still encouraged to offer any available support.

As we get up to speed with the contents, become more keen-eyed over the text and pictures, let us learn something new, have fun and laugh more to ease up the accumulated stress if possible, while we put on the innovative thinking caps for the next edition.

A wonderful reading pleasure will be our delight.

E. Omari-Siaw
Editor- In -Chief

It is appreciated in most quarters that experiencing a happy life in a foreign country could be linked to the learning of the language. International students could recount their challenges in communication when they first came to China. Knowing a little about the culture stands you in good stead with the indigenes.

This is not just peculiar to China but also other countries. It is therefore heartwarming to see students make an effort to learn more about other cultures, particularly languages, to better their lot.

The growing international Diaspora at Jiangsu University offers us a great opportunity to reduce the steep learning curve for foreign and local students on campus. Cooperation among students to help one another overcome these barriers offers a fascinating solution.

In this regard, the university recently celebrated its annual International Culture Festival with the idea of building a platform for students from China and other parts of the world to understand each other better. Other activities to foster coexistence and avenues for communication among students have also been instituted. These include Chinese Corners, Chinese bridge Competition, Practical - Oriented Seminars, Career Advice Conferences and Universal Hand-in-Hand Association. I would love to see students of our college take keen interest in these special activities to show their potential and enjoy social life.

This year, courtesy the China Scholarship Council as well as corporate sponsors like A&W and the AISAI Group, the university has been able to offer financial rewards to our hard working and talented students. The arrival of these corporate sponsors on campus signals the next step in the evolution



From the DEAN'S DESK

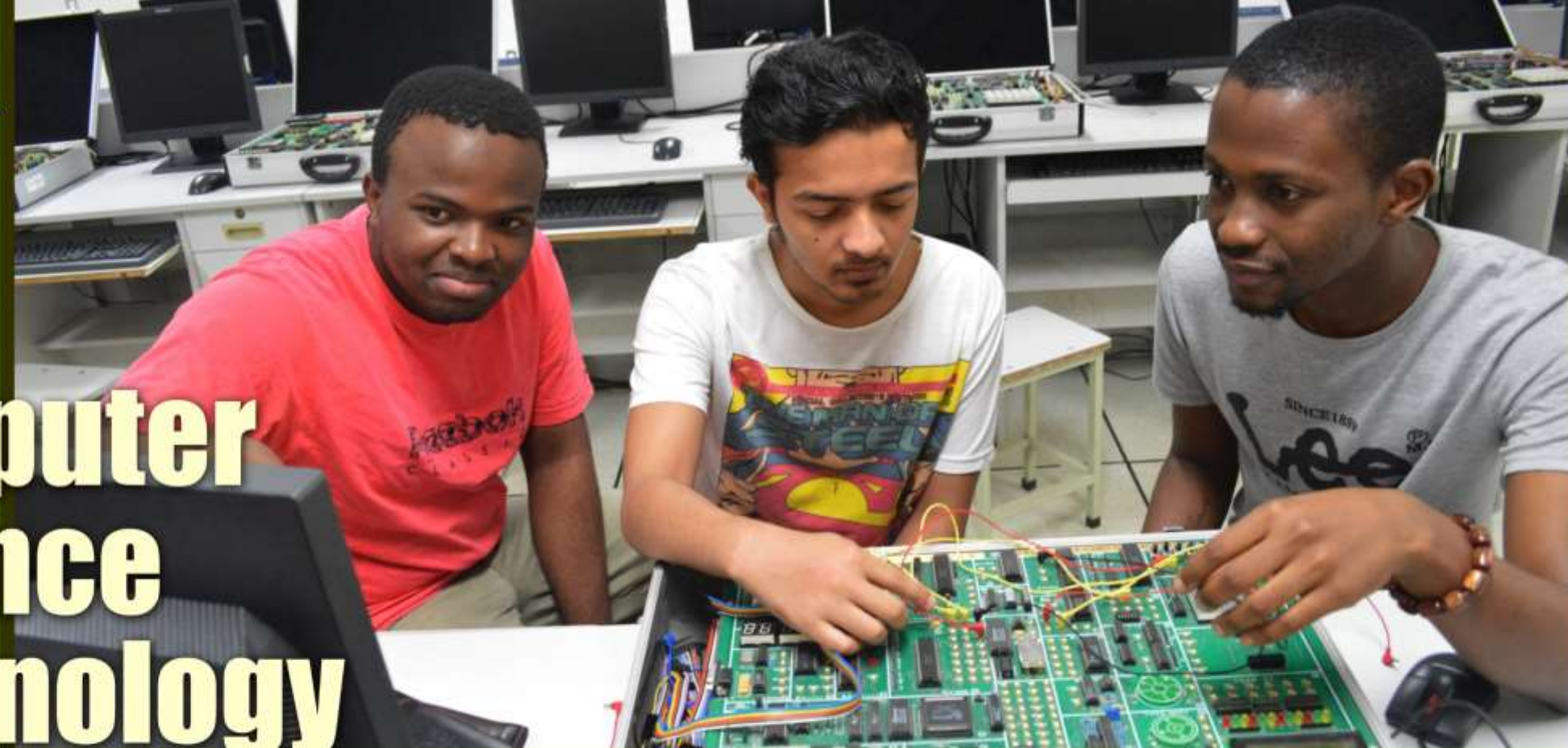
of OEC as a beacon of hope among the best overseas students' colleges in China. Talking about student activism, one of the most interesting developments on campus this semester has been the formation of the International Medical Students' Association (IMSA). Being the first foreign students' association to be inaugurated, the medicine major has set the pace for others to follow. It is also refreshing to see some international students initiate activities such as medical screening for retired staff of the university and clean up exercises at the Overseas Apartments.

I wish them good luck and expect that the new found confidence within students and their enthusiasm on campus will lead to a happy life.

Today, as a college, we can be proud of how far we have travelled, working towards a common goal, organizing joint activities and seeing our students engineer innovative programmes. As we collectively bask in the glory, we must question our personal roles in these achievements and challenge ourselves to do better. Where we fall short we should double our efforts. It has always been so motivating to see how some students provide selfless service to the college. I wish to publicly say *xie xie da jia!* 谢谢大家

The Olive, the standard bearer of creativity among our students, still exhibits the virility of the international student community. Our new editorial team is to be commended for bringing out yet another exciting issue. I wish them continued success.

Computer & Science Technology



The Holy Grail of Tomorrow

From the earliest of times, mankind has tried to find ways of making life simpler. Initially starting with tools, such as knives and moving to machines like scissors and the famous abacus, our ancestors eventually moved to automatic machines that could get the job done with very little human supervision. Although we have solved most of the challenges our forefathers struggled with, we are now faced with a new breed of challenges and in our pursuit of new solutions, the soul and life of the invention of the computer is making life easier for everyone with zero regard of their field of expertise.

It is safe to say that currently our way of life is fast paced and a tad simpler than it was in previous times. Smart phones, social networks, cloud computing, 3-d printing among others have made giant strides in the name of better communication, business, medicine, transportation and human life in general. One major contributing factor, if not the only one, is the advent of technology with computing being at the centre of all these trails.

Tertiary institutions all over the world adopt different approaches to this field of study. Many schools stick to the computer science brand program which offers rigorous training in all disciplines of computing with extra focus on software. On the other hand, schools that offer computer engineering tend to throw more light on hardware and communication system

disciplines. China's Computer Science and Technology offers a beautiful amalgamation between computer science and computer engineering.

The four-year Bachelor of Engineering program seeks to empower students with the necessary skills required to become advanced engineering and technical personnel in the design, development and application of computer software, hardware and communication systems. Students are trained in intense theoretical and practical courses that become valuable in their future careers.

Like most engineering fields, a large part of the first two years is spent in teaching fundamental courses like Calculus, College Physics, Discrete Mathematics, Linear Algebra, Electronics and Electrical engineering, Digital Logic Circuit Design and Data Structures. These expose students to the heart and soul of the world of computing. The third year curriculum is designed to introduce students to the various career paths that are available. Professional courses like Database Systems, Computer Networking, Microcomputer and Microcontroller Interfacing, Digital Image Processing, Computer Graphics, Computing Methods, Signals and Systems among others

are taught to enable students find their respective niches. These courses are interlaced with extra credits designated as Course Design Projects. This is a 2-week period usually after end of semester examinations where students are tasked with projects that test their practical understanding of the courses they have taken during the semester.

In the first semester of the final year, students are obligated to choose specific courses that are related to their career paths. Those who desire to go into software jobs will have to take credits in courses like The Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Information Security, Linux Operating System, Computer Simulation Technology and Distributed Computing Environment. Prospective Hardware Engineers will find themselves taking courses like Embedded Systems and Combinatorics while Networking and Communication aficionados will be in the Network Engineering Technology, Network Programming, Conspectus of Communication Systems classes.

The eighth and final semester rounds up all classroom courses and exposes students to the real world. They are required to spend almost two months at any technology company around the globe to gain hands-on experience in their respective specialties.

Finally, students with support from their supervisors, embark on a project as well as a graduation design (dissertation) in order to graduate.

Such hard work does not go unrewarded, Bachelor of Engineering (B. Eng) in Computer Science and Technology holders have a wide scope of career opportunities at their disposal. Apart from pursuing world class higher education, graduates can work in governmental institutions, research departments, enterprises that design and develop software and hardware, internet and telecommunication companies to mention but a few.

As Bill Gates once said, 'Be nice to "nerds", you might work for them one day.' Although the end products of Computer Science and Technology are highly admired by humanity, the processes that go into the development of these breath-taking innovations come with a great deal of dedication and determination. Prospective engineers should prepare their minds for a tedious but rewarding education. With this laborious training, it's no wonder that computing currently rules the world.

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lobally, it is estimated that about 10% of adults are affected by peptic ulcers at least once in their lifetime. What is peptic ulcer? What common causes and symptoms can one watch out for and how can it be prevented? In this piece, readers would be introduced to this subject with the hope that extra attention would be taken to minimize its incidence.

Peptic ulcer consists of two words: *Peptic* which relates to digestive secretions and *ulcer* – a sore. These literally describe a sore that develops in the lining of the stomach or related sites such as the oesophagus or upper part of the small intestines (duodenum). Naturally the stomach, through specialized cells, predominantly produces hydrochloric acid (HCl) among other gastric juices to perform two main functions: (1) To protect the body from illness by killing bacteria and other microbes that may be present in food; and (2) To cause the release of enzymes (proteases) which aid digestion. Excess gastric juice which sometimes spill into the oesophagus and duodenum, usually cause corrosion, pain, discomfort and local irritation.

A leading cause of peptic ulcer, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), is the invasion of the stomach by the bacteria *Helicobacter pylori* (commonly referred to as *H. pylori*). Thriving under harsh acidic secretions, *H. pylori* often damage stomach and duodenal tissues to upshot inflammation (swelling) and ulcers (sores).

Peptic Ulcer



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It is believed that by virtue of their characteristics and shape, the bacteria can penetrate the stomach's protective mucous lining to produce the enzyme *urease*, which generates gastric acid neutralizing substances. This activity weakens the stomach's protective mucus thus making the cells more susceptible to the damaging effects of acid and pepsin. The bacteria can also attach to stomach cells, further weakening its defensive mechanisms and producing local inflammation. Activating HCl is usually triggered by the presence of food however it has been postulated that *H. pylori* can also stimulate the parietal cells to produce more acid during a long fast. HCl released in such cases facilitates the penetration and damage of the stomach lining.

Another common cause of peptic ulcer is the use of medication and other chemical substances. Most people prefer to take nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) such as aspirin, diclofenac, ibuprofen and piroxicam for relief of headaches, menstrual pains, joint, muscular and other minor pains.

Such medication interferes with prostaglandin – an important substance which helps the linings of the esophagus, stomach, and duodenum to resist damage by the acidic digestive juices. Though the role of stress as well as chemicals like nicotine from cigarette smoking, alcohol, caffeine from coffee or cola and spicy foods in ulcer formation have not been proven exhaustively their overall effect in peptic ulcer cannot be underestimated.

Having understood some of the risk factors, one of the common symptoms is abdominal discomfort which is characterized by dull, gnawing pain for several days or weeks. This normally occurs two to three hours after a meal or in the middle of the night. Other presenting symptoms include weight loss, loss of appetite (anorexia), bloating, burping, nausea and vomiting. Actually, some peptic ulcers can heal even without medications. However complications including bleeding, passage of black tarry stools, perforation, body weakness, dizziness, vomiting blood and obstruction of the stomach could be critical. Leakage of stomach contents into the abdominal cavity due to perforation can result in acute peritonitis (infection of abdominal cavity). With this a patient may report a sudden onset of extreme abdominal pain, which is worsened by any type of motion. Vomiting of undigested or partially digested food frequently occurs when the stomach gets obstructed.

Generally, the goal of therapy for peptic ulcer includes the suppression of excess acid production or a reduction in high levels of it; eradication of *H. pylori*; promotion of ulcer healing; and protection of the stomach lining against the corrosive effect of the acid. 'Prevention is always better than cure' therefore

adhering to some lifestyle modifications aimed at reducing the risk of peptic ulcer is strongly recommended. Avoid taking acidic foods such as orange, lime, tangerine, apple and carbonated drinks immediately after long period of fast. Drink more water in the morning before taking any other food. NSAIDs should always be taken with or after food. Eat at regular intervals and if possible avoid smoking and alcohol consumption.

Going to bed immediately after a heavy meal is not advisable. Doing some physical exercises is also necessary. Readers with peptic ulcer should avoid taking too much spicy foods while eating balanced diet at regular times. Taking prescribed medications regularly especially when symptoms begin to show up coupled with periodic check-up at least twice a year could be appropriate.

Finally the symptoms of ulcers may indicate other underlying medical conditions. As such the need for regular consultation with your physician for proper diagnosis and treatment is very important. Stay healthy because health is life.

Meet the Diplomats

Jiangsu University's international students had a chance to meet the diplomats from different countries after the International Culture Day. The event, which took place in the No.1 Conference Hall, had Mr. Yohannes Fanta, Consul General of Ethiopia; Mr. Mahavir Bhardwaj, Deputy Consul General of India and Mr. Chuol Deng Koryom, Third Secretary at the South Sudan Embassy as special guests of honor. The envoys recounted their respective countries' relationship with China and also interacted with students by responding to some questions. On the whole, the session was heartwarming. Students felt proud after being reminded of how their ambassadorial roles can improve friendship and mutual understanding.



Career Building Forum

The expositions were deep, the depth of discourse was excellent and the lessons learnt were life bound. These are a few but impressive descriptions that characterized the Career Advice Forum 2014 which was facilitated by some international postgraduate students led by Mr Daniel Boison under the distinguish chairmanship of Prof Ou Zhongping. Giving an exposition on the theme, Mr.



Kwaku Appiah-Kubi explained the need to balance talent and interest in choosing the right career paths. Other lead presenters namely Ms. Bimali M.D. Weththasinha, Mesers Ikram Ullah, Caleb K. Firempong, Eric Y. Naminse and Dr. Harish Singh, took turns to elaborate career prospects in specific fields of Engineering, Medicine and Business. Doubtlessly, the importance of the programme, evidenced in the chairman's closing remarks, suggests that a repeat of the forum is eminent since most of the targeted participants were not present.

JU Top 10 Awards Ceremony

On the 4th of May 2014, at the new academic auditorium, awards were presented to the Top 10 students in Jiangsu University. The award ceremony marks an important event in the history of China. On this same day in 1919, students from one university took a stand in the upsurge of Chinese Nationalism. To commemorate this event annually, various individuals and faculties are awarded for their achievements and significant contributions to the school and the community.



Moreover, students from other disciplines including volunteers and those who represented the university at competitive exhibitions were also honoured. These corroborated the impact JU students have on the community. Among the Top 10 recipients was Mr. Caleb Kesse Firempong, the first and immediate past Editor-in-Chief of *The Olive*. His contributions as a multi dimensional PhD Candidate (Medical Science and Laboratory Medicine), author of a number of SCI Journal publications, leader of the 2013 OEC athletic team, initiator of OEC Keep Fit Club, and a motivational Speaker at a number of conferences, was duly recognized. This is a prestigious and remarkable feat in the annals of international students worthy of emulation.

Launching of A&W Scholarship



Finally, the foreign students of Jiangsu University have caught the attention of one of China's corporate giant - Anxin & Weigang (A&W) (Shanghai) Woods Co., Ltd. The company launched the first private scholarship fund exclusive for International Students. In a glittering ceremony on 21st March (The World Forest Day), the campus witnessed twenty overseas students go up on stage to receive a princely sum of Five Thousand Yuan as a reward for their hard work at the university auditorium.

The event which was held as part of the company's social responsibility to mark its 20th anniversary was graced by Mr. Bai Songlai, Representative of China Association for International Education; Ms. Cao Lihong,

Vice Mayor of Zhenjiang, Mr. Yu Xiaonan, Deputy Director of the Office of International Cooperation and Exchange, Jiangsu Province Department of Education; and Prof. Yuan Shouqi, President of Jiangsu University.

Undoubtedly though, the star attraction was the presence of Mr. Lu Weiguang, Chairman of A&W (Shanghai) Woods Co., Ltd. Addressing the student forum, he punctuated the importance of creativity in life by calling it the bedrock of entrepreneurship. Imploring others to follow suit, he explained how he went from being a civil worker in Wenzhou to heading one of the biggest companies in China. In his speech, he encouraged foreign students to pursue excellence in their field of study. He expounded his companies' vision and strategic partnerships in various African countries. His wish to make a mark on the international student's community has perhaps been fulfilled judging by the reactions of students. The 'lucky twenty' were ecstatic on getting the money and appreciated the organizers. They felt that such awards would attract more students to the college in the future. Besides the award winners, the A&W (Shanghai) Woods Company made sure that nobody left empty handed by giving out courtesy packages to cap off a memorable day for the university.

Waste to Wealth Seminar

A seminar dubbed "Waste to Wealth" was held on the 8th of March, 2014, at the No.1 Conference Centre of Jiangsu University. The focus was to educate international students mostly from Africa, the Middle East and India, about Jiangsu AISAI Electrochemical Trade Company Ltd. It was also to encourage students to be part of the company's activities in their respective countries as the company seeks to help protect the environment and create wealth through employment generation. Present at the function was The Dean of OEC, Professor Gao Jing and Ms. Wang Limin.



The company was represented by its Board Chair Mr. Yan, General Manager, David Chum, Executive Assistant Kai Chen and other officials. Among the topics discussed were the background of the company and its mission in Africa; the production process of the company; and guidelines on the research component of the project to enable students participate in a market research competition. Ten (10) students who entered the competition by providing market information for their home countries, to aid the company's expansion drive, were awarded. First Prize winners received 5000 RMB, while the second and third received 3000 RMB and 1000 RMB respectively.



In a historic event, medical students of OEC brought into fruition the International Medical Students' Association of Jiangsu University (IMSA) to foster unity among members. As part of the inauguration, the IMSA held a conference to deliberate how to be outstanding doctors. Among the distinguished speakers were Dr. Wei Qian, the chief guest, and Mr. E. Omari-Siaw, a Pharmacist.

Hosted by Siwathep Singh and Lulu, the event was graced by the ZICF choir and a dance troupe consisting of students from different nationalities. In a brief speech, Mr Omari-Siaw addressed participants on how other health professionals and patients viewed the medical profession and what steps a doctor can take to develop better relationships with all stakeholders. As the Vice Dean of Jiangsu University Affiliated Medical College, Dr. Wei Qian, spoke on the importance of doctor-patient relationship and how a doctor's rapport with patients influences treatment. Recognized as one of the most eminent doctors in Zhenjiang, he emphasized that proper training is critical for the grooming of future medical professionals. Highlighting the importance of bodies such as IMSA, he stressed that activities organized provide an informal platform for interaction among teachers and students as well as practical exposure to the field.

By having such experienced professionals to mentor students, the IMSA has made a promising beginning and will hopefully play a key role in shaping the students' future for years to come.

Special Clean-up exercise - 19th April 2014
As part of the 2014 Easter celebrations, a group of students embarked on a special clean up exercise at the kitchens of the Overseas and Teacher's Apartments.

International Students Render Service to Society - 25th April 2014
Extending a hand that cares as service to humanity, some medical students undertook a health screening exercise for some retired professors of JU on.

3rd Chinese Bridge Competition – 17th May 2014
Graced by the presence of President of the University, Prof Yuan Shouqi, this year's competition saw 27 contestants from 10 different countries exercise their proficient prowess in Chinese language and culture.

Badminton Tourney – 17th – 18th May 2014
OEC's Shining Star Badminton team played at their best with enthusiasm in '2014 JU Badminton Competition'. Winning several matches, the men's team went down to the quarter-finals while the women's team showcased their skills with swift moves, smashes and confidence.

Team OEC soared high the flag Of JU – 1st June 2014
Overcoming obstacles, responding well to challenges and weathering the storm, OEC's dragon boat team did not rest on their oars. They paddled and rolled on their dragon boats gently but swiftly to a deserving end to win the coveted 'most well organized team' prize.

IMSA Elections and Induction of New Executives - 7th June 2014
The first elections of IMSA for new leaders took place at the Overseas Apartment. The elected executives included: President - Evans Aboagye; Vice President - Mohammed. M. Shaheriyar; General Secretary-Fred Asante Nyarko; Organizing Secretary - Siwathep Singh; Publicity Officer -Pooja Bharadwaj; Financial Secretary - Clyde Fernandes; and Welfare Officer - Ogu Naga Malleshwar. They were formally inducted into office together with class representatives at a ceremony held on 19th June 2014 at the OEC Conference Hall 3.

The 10th Postgraduate Simulated International Academic Communication Contest of Jiangsu University – 11th June 2014.
The OEC team represented by Caleb K. Firempong, E. Omari-Siaw, Yusif Mohammed Mukhtar and Kwaku Appiah-Kubi was awarded the first prize.

My life in 江大 (JiangDa)

Every student has the typical conversation; how hard school life is, how busy and tired we always are, how we wish for the holidays or how much we want to go home? It's a fact that in China we spend 40 out of the 52 weeks in a year at school and that's longer than any other country in the world, but will I quit? No! I love being here at *JiangDa* because I'm pursuing what I love: A degree in Pharmaceutical Science (P.S).

Every weekday, my alarm goes off at 6.30 am. I pick up my phone, switch it off and pull back the covers over my head like clockwork. I am not a morning person, I have to force myself to get up and be in class by 8 am. Frankly, that's the hardest part of my day. Considering being among the first batch of foreign students reading P.S, my classes are quite good. Although at times it feels like we are walking in the dark because for most teachers it is their first time teaching the course in English. It's not easy but there is nothing wrong in giving our best effort. To be honest, my favourite classes are the practical sessions in the laboratory. They usually don't have the pressures of a classroom setting but I find them most interesting.

My study life wouldn't be the same if it weren't for my classmates. We are a small family and it's easy for us to cooperate because we are just nine. We laugh, joke together and in silent unison come up with funny tricks like taking pictures of each other at awkward times, making weird faces, sharing snacks and doing any interesting thing that comes to mind. Yet at the end, we are able to assist each other with assignments, get ready for tests or

requests for changes in our class schedule when the need arises. It wouldn't be the same without them. We are all concerned about our future as pharmaceutical scientists.

I would be remiss if I end without talking about my life in 江大 as a foreign student. I rank it just as hard as getting up in the morning. The first hurdle of getting used to the new lifestyle and language is not so easy; everything you know is thrown out the window. Learning Chinese is hard therefore we are unable to interact freely with the Chinese students. Even participating in social activities and joining clubs is a bother given my Chinese skills or rather lack of. I gave up frequenting the school canteens as well because I can't simply read the menu. I do have Chinese friends and find the culture quite interesting.

I will admit it's this fascination that motivated my choice to come and study here. I'm trying to understand what happens here through social networking sites such as Wechat, QQ and Weibo and I'm getting the hang of it. One more thing I love about studying at JU is the campus. I applaud whoever designed this big and beautiful place. I love walking the streets or just sitting in the parks. Everyone can share a story or two about missing their way and ending up in the wrong place on campus. I have my own share of experience.

In the end if you ask me, how I feel about study life in JU, I would say, I love it! Even though it's difficult, I love the challenge. If anything, I want to know more about this university. I know my stint in JU will mould me into achieving my career goal.



The Chinese Dream

Creating Opportunities amidst Challenges

One hot afternoon, as I walked down the road by the middle park, I stopped at the news-stand by the roadside. I did not know why I had the impulse to look because reading the Chinese characters was not an option for me - 'Wo kan bu dong!' 我看不懂. However, I was immediately attracted to a magazine with the main title 'The Chinese Dream - My Dream'. I felt an eager urge to check if it was written in English. Ah! I was lucky this time. It was the latest edition of the English version of the 'China Today' news magazine for the month of September.

Until now, I only knew of the American Dream and did not have the slightest idea about the 'Zhong guo' dream though I had been resident in this country for close to ten months. I'm sure I am not the only one in this soup. James Truslow Adams in 1931 affirmed that the American dream is to make life better, richer and full for everyone, with equal opportunity regardless of one's social class or circumstances of birth. The Chinese dream however states that "China is a domicile for all dreams and everyone has the right to dream and, **most importantly, make them come true**".

Drawing lessons from the dreams of America and China, the need to provide opportunities for people to develop themselves, reach the highest level of their potential and lead happy lives is evident. While the former emphasizes on creating equal opportunities for people, the latter dwells on the fact that the individual citizens need to create the opportunities themselves and make things happen even in the midst of challenges. This revelation woke me up, as though I was sleeping. This is probably the reason behind the hard work of the people of this country. Individuals have been conscientiously inspired to put their destinies into their hands and contribute to national development.

China's development agenda began about 30 years ago and today, it is becoming a world leader. She has moved from being a borrower to a lender - total transformation. Yes, one would immediately conclude that the secret behind this success is good leadership. Much as I agree, it is obvious that individuals' dint of hard work, cooperation and sense of patriotism cannot be ruled out. As international students, this should serve as a paradigm shift for us. My appeal is that as we study on this campus, we must have dreams for our nations that could improve the lives of people in our countries and other parts of the world - Dream Big! We should not be limited by our current situations but see into the future and create opportunities to tackle the issues confronting our people. Remember, you have the right to dream and more importantly, make them happen.

Francis Kumi, (PhD candidate, Agricultural Engineering)



In the outskirts of a village beyond the borders of Asia, was a young guy who by dint of hard work got an opportunity to study abroad. This happened at a time when there was a mass exodus of people seeking knowledge in East while there appears to be a downward trend in the West. It was so much expected as the East within that period had become an emerging power in the global economic arena. The scale of balance had obviously shifted to favour the Asians. Just as the good news got to the village, there was great jubilation all over, for at last, an indigene has been recognized in the area. Recommended by the local authority, Kingsley was selected among other candidates for this prestigious academic award.

Prior to his departure, some family members could not help but express how much they would miss Kingsley's services and the impact his absence would create in their lives. It was a bittersweet feeling as others shed tears of joy for a struggling family to witness such an unexpected honour. The family members took turns to advise Kingsley to be disciplined, always remember his humble beginning and strive to make his people proud. In his upbringing, the parents had re-echoed the fact that they were poor and need to behave as such. For Kingsley, this opportunity was a dream come true and an opportunity to set his family free from poverty.

Gripped by the fear of departing from his country for the first time, Kingsley in the company of his parents and some siblings, headed to the airport the next day. Emotions went wild as Kingsley parted with the family to check in for the journey. After an hour, the plane was on its way to the land of China, and the flight reached its destination the following day. As Kingsley walked out of Beijing Capital International Airport, he picked a bus to the railway station with his small notepad as a tour guide. He was expected to follow it religiously in order to find his way. The harsh cold weather did not spare him, not to mention the unfamiliar Chinese language and worst of all people stopping intermittently to stare at him. The gentleman was more concerned about catching the fast train and getting to the school on time.

Unfortunately, when Kingsley got to the point of payment for the ticket he realized that his money in RMB was missing. The money left on him was the US dollars which could not be an accepted legal tender. He made a quick dash to the nearest bank to change some RMB but the bank was closed for the day. He returned to the station to think through the next line of action. It suddenly dawned on him that there is no way he could make the trip to the school. As he moved from one end to the other with his heavy bags being pulled along in search of solution, he got exhausted and opted for a

nap despite the unending hustle and bustle at the train station.

As Kingsley sat down quietly, two thoughts flashed through the mind; where to get a place to change the dollars and where to sleep that night. He sensed that sleeping at the station will not be the best option, and more importantly he will be at the mercy of the weather and even thieves. Then suddenly, a middle age Chinese woman came around to inquire whether he would like to pass the night in a room which he responded in the affirmative. Initially, he thought it was a free offer only to realize that there was nothing free in China. Others came but the woman's offer was the best and the good news was that money would be accepted in dollars with a change in RMB. Sleeping in the woman's apartment was a relief for Kingsley since the temperature was very good. The following day, having enjoyed the very conducive environment, Kingsley pleaded with his one-day landlord to hang around till evening when his train arrives. She agreed but instructed him to pack his belongings by midday to make room for the next clients.

Around 7 pm, Kingsley was at the station with his ticket. The neatly dressed paramilitary ladies at the entrance ushered in the passengers. Soon the train took off and Kingsley breathed a sigh of relief because he was getting closer to the school. The passengers were still peeping at him as usual but the young man was not perturbed. For some of them, this was the first time of seeing a foreigner of black descent. Along the journey, some porters in the train were inviting people to buy their food items. Interestingly, none of them seemed appealing to Kingsley even though he was very hungry. However, he managed with some few drinks and biscuits. Journeying on, a Chinese girl on board initiated a conversation with him discussing issues from education, social life to politics. Later, Kingsley realized that she majored English language in the University and had stayed a couple of years in America during her formative years. Finally, the train got to the last stop where he alighted to pick a taxi to the University.

Meanwhile, Kingsley was expected to arrive on campus the previous day. The Dean of international students was very anxious about the whole development and was making effort to know his whereabouts in China. As Kingsley walked into the Dean's office, the secretary got up and screamed as if she had seen a ghost.....

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Pictorial - Students' Activities



Dignitaries at A&W Scholarship Launch



Happy Jiangsu Speech Contest



2014 Suzhou Dragon Boat Team



3rd JU Chinese Bridge Competition



JU Volleyball Tournney



JU Badminton Match Up



Best Graduating Students (2013-2014)



The 10th Postgraduate Simulated International Academic Communication Contest



Clean-Up exercise to mark Easter Celebrations



Paper-Cut Activity



2014 Spring Festival Celebrations



First Prize Winner - AISAI Competition

Rainbows of Culture

It is 48 hours to the 4th International Culture Day and the Overseas Apartment vibrates with various group meetings and rehearsals culminating with the "Making of the International Culture Festival" in the auditorium. The tempo heightened with the onslaught of the boisterous wind, amplifying the music and dances that resonated throughout the campus. If you missed the making of this event, then you missed the fun and preview of each country's presentation, the stage, lighting while the audience cheered and enjoyed JU's version of "Grammy's and Oscar's" event

The level of preparation seemed amusing and testifies to the innate

spirit of all students. The kitchens witnessed unusual visitors and our dear ladies in one spirit and accord united to make delicacies for their countries. People forgot their differences and the event's unifying bond replicated in all dimensions was even more than a final world cup match between two countries.







The D-day came and like a magnetic pull, students with different cultures but one love thronged to the venue (Central Basketball Court) like bees. Various countries presented their rich culture through dance, songs and food. It was obvious that students reveled in the festivities and wished it never ended. Freelance paparazzi were at their best taking memorable pictures of the rich cultural displays. Guests including Chinese nationals of all ages were eager to see and learn from the unique exhibits. A myriad of famous dances electrified the occasion and young damsels in unison moved like lightning in a storm.

The ingenuity of International students was at its peak and students had a fun filled day. In perfect timing, the rains came immediately after the main events ended as if it had been watching this show of love and unity.

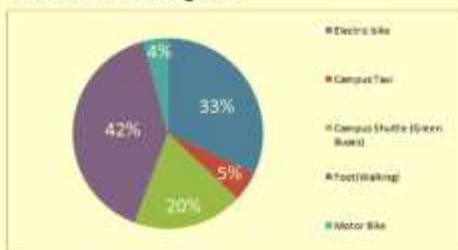


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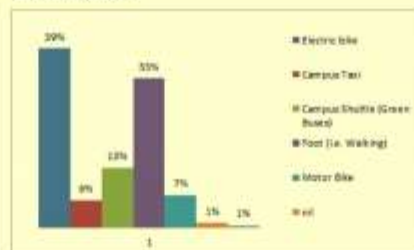


In this edition, *The Olive* spotlighted issues regarding transportation for overseas students. A survey to gather thoughts and comments on the current state of transportation was conducted using 180 students. Based on the most common means of commuting namely: Electric Bike , Motor Bikes , Campus Taxis , Campus Shuttle , Walking  among Others . The responses are as displayed below.

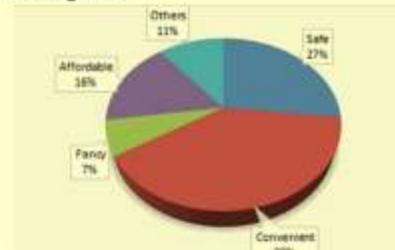
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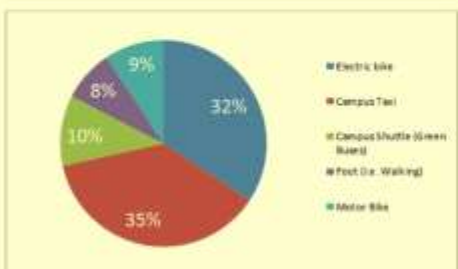
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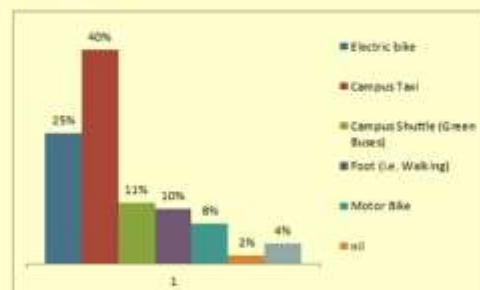
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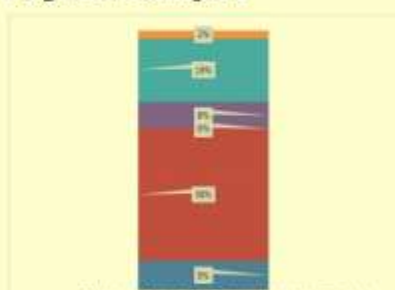
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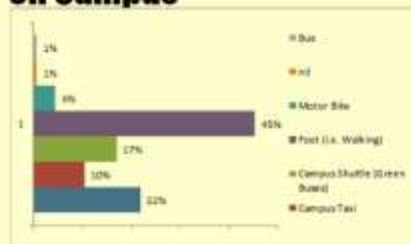
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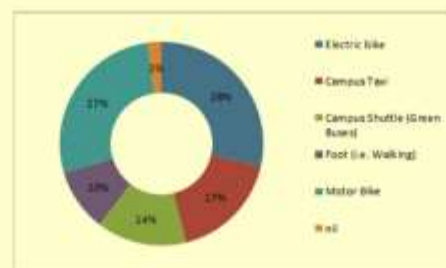
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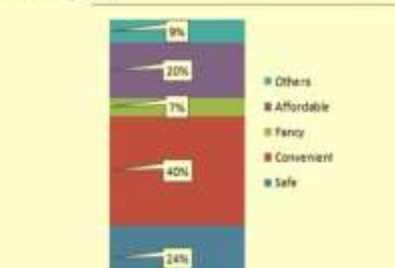
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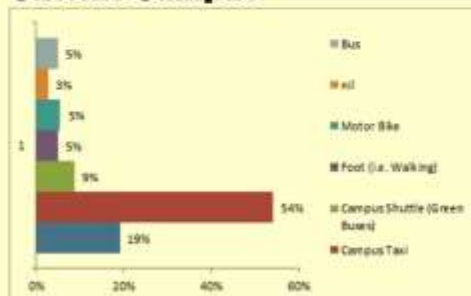
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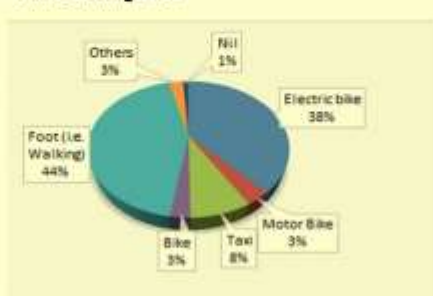
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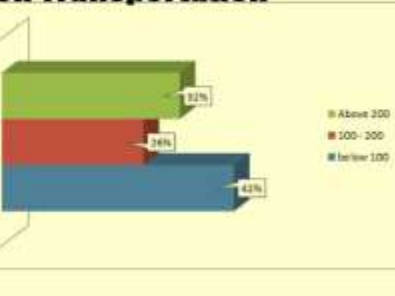
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Most Popularly Used Means on Campus



Average Monthly Expenses on Transportation



Summary

Green Buses

By far the most hotly debated mode of transport, people generally had a favorable view of the concept. However, most felt that the service is rendered moot by low availability of buses and the distance between the dormitory and the nearest green bus stop. There were suggestions to introduce a green bus exclusively for international students or a bus stop near the Overseas Students' Apartment.

Electric Bikes

One of the most used modes of transport on campus had a high approval rating by students. Affordability, ease of use and the availability of the facility to charge bikes in the basement were some of the reasons for their popularity on campus. Most students accepted that it was their responsibility to drive safely on the roads. Others hoped that measures would be put in place to decrease theft of electric bikes.

Taxis

Taxis had a high unfavorable rating in the survey. Most students complained of taxi drivers overcharging them. They failed to understand the logic in paying 10 RMB for traveling to either the gate or the medical building. Also, there were complaints of these taxis being driven rashly around campus, endangering the wellbeing of students.

Walking

Respondents described it as a healthy way of getting around, especially to nearby places. But most of them walked when there was no other means.

Miscellaneous Comments

A section of respondents felt that JU's Campus Transport System was fair and comfortable. Availability of options was described as a positive reflection on the university. Some pleaded that university help students to obtain licenses for motor bikes legally.

Cost Effectiveness

Price was an issue for the majority of the students. The initial investment involved in buying an e-bike or a motor bike seemed to deter most people. Also, they felt they were overcharged by the taxi drivers on campus.

The survey clearly revealed the least fancied means of commuting – bicycle despite its inherent health benefits. On the whole, transportation for international students on JU campus appears fairly good considering the views of respondents. All be it, resolving some few bottlenecks affecting specific means such as the campus shuttle, charging times and security of e-bikes, negotiating affordable fares with taxi operators would go a long way to make life in JU extra exciting while improving cost of living.

Regardless of the means of transport, safe arrival at the anticipated destination without putting other road users at risk is very important. Since every member of the university community uses one form of transport at one point or the other, it is incumbent on all especially patrons of electronic or petrol bikes to observe simple safety rules while riding. Illegal driving (i.e. without the requisite license), over-speeding, overloading and driving under the influence of alcohol poses threats not only to individuals but the community at large. Let us all contribute to make our campus a haven.

What to know about...

Electric Bikes

One needs to register with the OEC before using an electric bike on campus. Documents required include: Receipts of Purchase, Product Qualification Certificate, Warranty Card, License Plate Number among others. Also, the allowed speed limit for riding on campus is 10km/hr

Motor Bikes

With the same allowed speed limit as Electric Bikes, this means also requires registration with the following documents; Chinese Driving License, Vehicle Registration, Original Invoice of Purchase among others.

Campus Taxis

The standard price for short distances in and around campus is 10 yuan. All other destinations vary depending on the distance travelled.

Campus Shuttle

These use different routes on campus and have vantage stops. Be sure to check the specific shuttle numbers that corresponds to your intended destination. All these are offered at the affordable cost of 1 RMB.

Walking/Bicycling

There is not much to know about this form of transport. Once there is a good weather temperature, you are good to go!

Numbered Buses

For a fee of 1-2 RMB, the numbered buses are available at stops in Zhenjiang. Here are a few popular places and the corresponding bus numbers that ply these routes:

- D1, 19:** Dashikou, BaBaiBan, Wanda Plaza, Train Station, Auchan
- 3, K3:** Walmart, Tesco
- 14:** KTV, Hongdu Shopping Centre



Up Close with **WANG LAOSHI**

Early life

Wang Limin was born in Changzhou, a neighboring city of Zhenjiang. She, with her elder brother was raised by their mother since the father was mostly away working in another city. As the only female among male cousins, Wang's character was greatly influenced which has led to her attuned easy-going, highly spirited and occasionally temperamental attitude. Her childhood oneirism, surprisingly, was to be a Chinese writer since writers depict the world through a pen, expressing themselves with words and letters. With time she grew out of her fantasy and with experience building in her life; she will soon come to discover she had variations in a future career. In her junior year, she had hoped to become a kindergarten teacher like her mother. However during the senior year, she decided to become an English teacher. At the time, the English language was gaining popularity, and in the minds of most people, a female learning a different language was a good thing. She earned her bachelor's degree from Nanjing Normal University in June of 2002, and is currently pursuing a Master's degree at the University of Zhejiang.

A day in the life

A typical day in Wang's life begins at 8 in the morning, running through her mails and responding to other issues. As the newly appointed Vice Dean, she mostly attends countless meetings, and tries to solve students' problems as well as cater for their needs. She says though challenging, she feels spurred when many students are satisfied. Wang's busy schedule withal, is not devoid of fun. When not behind her desk



or at a meeting, she is likely to be reading, traveling, playing the piano or doing 'Tai Chi'. Music makes a happy man, and exercise makes a healthy man. She added that in China a popular proverb reads: 读万卷书, 行万里路 literally meaning "Reading Ten thousand books, Traveling Ten thousand miles will make a wise man".

Family life

Wang is married and has a daughter who is a 3rd Grader. She laments of her constant absence in her daughter's upbringing due to the overwhelming demands of her job. She is grateful to her family who reliably support, oblivious of her absence from home.

Philosophy and Inspiration in life

Wang reiterates that her mother has always been her mentor and source of inspiration in life. Watching her students excel in their studies and life are her most cherished and intricate moments. All the same, she tends to be blasé and unhappy when students are surfeit with various forms of vices and lawlessness

which she relates the inevitably whimsical nature of students in pursuit of their utopian fantasies. "God helps those who help themselves" 天助者自助 she says, is her philosophy in life.

Career and achievements

Wang's career started in 2002 at the school of Foreign Languages where she was in charge of Students' affairs. She doubled as an English teacher in 2008 and was promoted to the Committee of JU Youth League following her heightened achievements. In 2010, she also worked at the students' Affairs Department. These periods helped shape her working life, general etiquettes and personal development. She explains that because of the quest of her perils, she sometimes gets quixotically, eccentric, impetuous and almost always impulsive.

This makes it somewhat difficult for others to understand her. Continuous recognition of her work and achievements made her the most suitable candidate when the newly formed Overseas Education College (OEC) was launched in June 2011. Wang vividly recalls how hesitant she was to work for the college referring the rumor that it was a difficult place to work; the absence of summer and winter holidays as well as the 'no weekends off' policy; and the perception that foreign students' were impossible to manage. She went on, however, to praise international students amidst criticisms stating candidly how vainglorious she is to have made the decision and coming this far unscathed is an achievement.

The competitive, confident and mostly independent nature of foreign students which is not easily seen among Chinese students makes her work fun. "I wouldn't be anywhere else", she remarked. Creating conducive environment for foreign students has been the highlight of her career with the OEC. The collective effort of her team has been integral to this success story.

Wang buttered the sticky wicket with ease when asked what she would do if made the dean for a day, stating that it had never crossed her mind. 'Nevertheless, it'll be the busiest day of my life; the ultimate goal will be to have everything working perfectly'.

Message to students

Our personality took the opportunity to address the concern most students have about the indifferent approach of the OEC administration towards some views of international students. To assuage these reservations, Wang opined that while most students have rich and youthful exuberances, they sometimes tend to be dismissive over how their behaviors can affect the law, buttressing the fine line between freedom and rules. In spite of this, she encouraged students to bring forth any problems or concerns they may have with evidence, stating the OEC is here for the good of all. Finally, she stressed that punctuality, discipline, staying healthy, cooperation, and most of all working hard to attain greater heights are paramount. "I hope to see more students in the near future realizing their ambitions, recognizing their strengths and weaknesses, supporting each other and bringing satisfaction to parents. I hope to always be virile and energetic to continually offer the needed support to all."



Green Economy

An Interview with Mr. Joseph Awuni

The Olive: Please give us a brief introduction about your research area and its direction?

We all know that the world's population is increasing. This fact is causing an inevitable depletion in the resources found in nature, as we try to produce more goods to satisfy the growing demand. People are always looking for nicer things in life: good foods, the latest technologies, furniture, fashion, etc. The more we produce, the more waste we generate, hampering the environment by way of pollution. In recent times, there has been reports of rising temperatures, polluted waters and air as well as climate change. Rainfall patterns are now inconsistent and this is negatively affecting those who rely on Agriculture to make a living. This is especially so in Africa and other developing countries.

We have realized that developed countries like the United States, Japan and now China, have always been the ones to blame for climate change because they have big industries that emit a lot carbon monoxide into the atmosphere- the major cause of pollution. Cancers that are rising all over the world can be traced to human activities and pollution as their primary cause. The U.N therefore has been trying to make laws that help reduce emission of these gases, like banning the use of certain materials in the production of goods.

The developed, as well as developing countries have already put in measures to reduce their level of pollution. Even though the laws are increasing, pollution is still increasing. So what is the problem? Many researchers are trying to investigate this by dissecting human behaviour. What makes a certain individual conscious not to pollute the environment by doing something about it while another wouldn't? Such differences are being observed across countries and socio-demographic factors such as age, gender, and so on.

My research is trying to find out what actually makes somebody of a particular age or income group become conscious of the environment. These directives can then be used to design target-group oriented policies and messages instead of just imploring everybody to go green, and to buy green products. We really need to know the causes of people's action then we can design appropriate interventions for them based on this line of thinking.

The Olive: Do you have any prior experience in environmental research?

Yes, but not exactly in the way I'm doing now. I pursued a bachelor's in Agriculture Economics and from there I moved to Agriculture Development Economics.

After my master's degree, I got involved in a lot of work with farmers, people interested in rain and protecting the environment. This was so that people can produce, and get healthy food to eat. In the last 5 years or so there has been much talk about climate change and food security. So I can say in the last 5 to 6 years I have been doing something related to how we can protect the environment for the sake of farmers.

The Olive: Are there many of you researching?

In Jianguo University, there are quite a number of people in my department but not many overseas students. This line of thinking is also there in many other countries. In Africa however, the research is still in its budding stage as the scientists are not so much into it yet.

The Olive: So do you think it is entirely possible for a green economy now or in the future?

It is possible because everybody is now becoming aware of the dangers of pollution. Headlines in the media about environmental problems and its effects on health are more common, and there are many researchers who trying to bring climate change to the attention of all. A green economy is possible and most pollution-causing industries have now come on board realizing the importance of a "green economy" to their business sustainability. It will take some time to implement fully but we will get there.

The Olive: How far are you with your research findings?

I can describe what we have so far as preliminary findings subject to further fine tuning. Basically we have found out that people's knowledge about green economy varies. For instance, awareness level of people living in the developed countries is much higher than those in developing countries. The awareness also depends on income level, amount of information from the media and government policies.

Cultural difference is also a factor. Further intensive research targeted at the young adults (20 to 40 years) is still ongoing. This has become necessary since they have more critically active behaviours with mobile and higher affinity to buy new gadgets, clothing and best food.

The Olive: What change do you hope to find in the coming months?

I'm expecting to get more results. What I'm trying to accomplish in the coming months, with the data I have, is to work on the Chinese section. I'm trying to get more data from Africa, especially Ghana, where I come from and then try to compare the two.

The Olive: So tell us about your supervisor and his contribution towards your research.

My supervisor is Professor Du Jianguo, and he graduated from Nanjing University, one of the best universities in China. I know he has experience in my field. He is very popular. Most people know that he's involved in the green supply chain and green economy. He has already downloaded many papers in that area and he's given me a lot of them to review. He's provided me with a desk, a computer and the software that I need in the office. He has been supportive in that direction, and comments on whatever ideas I put on paper. I'm sure I'm in the right hands. He is a humble man, and very hardworking.

The Olive: So what next for you?

As this is a global issue, my next step is to send out more papers around the world for peer reviews. This just means whatever results I get, I present them to other experts and they will comment on my methods. The best way to do that is to send them for peer review journals and they will give them to people who don't know me and will be able to give an objective opinion.

Once they come to an agreement and attest to my methods and findings - that's when we can conclude that I'm making a contribution in this direction.

The Olive: What difficulties do you face in your research?

The language, I think it's still the main hindrance in my work. Apart from reading and writing the papers by yourself, one of the best things you can do to add to your knowledge is to participate in conferences and seminars by students. Whether they are held by bachelor's students or PHDs. Normally if you sit in, you will pick up on something useful. The problem however, that I and those in my lab have is most of our Chinese mates have a lot of knowledge but they are not able to present it in English. Even though we have learnt a little Chinese, we cannot understand what they are presenting. This is the key problem.

The Olive: Any final words?

I'm excited that *The Olive* wants to learn more about my research. Sometimes people ask what I do, I'll try to explain to them about the green supply chain and the green economy, and they would ask me what "Green" is. This interview has encouraged me to work harder, to get better results and contribute to the society. If *The Olive* is interested then it means other people will be interested one day. Thank you very much.

Management Research Group

The management research group is currently the team with the largest number of international postgraduate students. Since inception, it has not only served the purpose of sustaining social needs and providing a family for members, but has also harnessed researchers mostly in the fields of Management Science, Agricultural Economics, Entrepreneurship, Public Administration, Finance and Accounting as well as Medical Insurance. This edition briefly profiles the students with their distinguished supervisors under whose tutelage the group continues to seek knowledge.



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