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# THE HOWL

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About the Editor

About The Howl



My name is Gwendolyn DeRosa. I have been teaching ESL for over five years. My favorite aspect of teaching ESL is getting to know our students and hearing their stories. I've known students who lived through war. I've taught students who overcame overwhelming challenges to study in the U.S. I've spoken to students whose lifelong dream was to learn English. I'm so proud of our students and their journeys. As the editor of The Howl, I'm excited to share their stories with you. Stories are what

The Howl is a magazine that is planned, researched, written, photographed and designed by Otterbein University's ESL and international students. The magazine serves to give them a safe space in which to use their voice to share their cultures, experiences and lives. If you are interested in submitting to the Howl, please e-mail your writing or photography to [gderosa@otterbein.edu](mailto:gderosa@otterbein.edu). Please enjoy Otterbein ESL's contribution to the Otterbein community's literary scene.

# About Us

Hello! I'm Miki. I'm from Japan. I study English literature, especially 19<sup>th</sup> works such as Charlotte Bronte and Jane Austen at my Japanese university. I like travelling, shopping, and watching movies. My favorite genre is love stories, for example, Notting Hill and Bridget Jones's Diary. I want to make lots of friends here, so please feel free to talk with me!



Hi, I'm Jin, and I'm from South Korea. I love Korean dramas and cooking. I've traveled all over Europe and Asia, more than 25 countries. I have two kids. My daughter is studying at OSU. My son is a senior in high school. I want to meet more friends at Otterbein.



Hi, I'm Kana. I'm from Japan. My major is American economics. I'm interested in sports especially volleyball and baseball. I had played volleyball more than 5 years in middle and high school. I also like to watch baseball. My favorite baseball team in Japan is Dragons, which is my home town's team. I want to watch a baseball game here.



Hello, I am Tomoyo, and I'm from Japan. My major in Japan is American economics and I'm interested in media society. My hobby is listening to KPOP music, going to their concert, watching dramas and traveling. This is my first time to visit U.S., so I'm enjoying American life. If you find me, feel free to talk to me!



Hey my name is Chen Wang, senior year Otterbein student who's majoring in Business Administration. I'm from a small city in China named Dongying, which even most Chinese people have no idea where it is. I came to Otterbein right after I graduate from high school and this is my fourth year in Otterbein. I love to travel around the world and make new friends. And by the way I hate Panda Express.



I'm Shizuku and I'm from Japan. I study English linguistics and especially I'm interested in phonology and pragmatics. I like traveling, watching movies, and listening to music. In addition, I have played the piano for 14 years and I love "Fantasie-Imprompt". I want to make great memories and make a lot of friends here. Thank you!



Hallo everyone, my name is Jerry Gu. I'm from a small town in China called Yangzhou. I'm interested in traveling and playing computer games. If I have time I want to go traveling in Europe and some other East Asia country. And I'm happy to be friends with all of you.



My name is YuJin Kim. I came to Columbus in January 2017 with my husband. I used to be a flight attendant of Korean Air for 7 years before I came here. I am becoming a mom soon so Columbus is very special city to me. I am learning English to get used to it, I want to work as an interior designer in the near

future.



## Change in Life from High School to college

By Eun Jin Jung

Westerville, OHIO - Going to a college is considered one of the biggest changes in life for many people. But does it really change your life dramatically? With that question in mind, at the Otterbein University on September 7, 2017, three students at Otterbein University were asked the same question, “Did your lifestyle change between highschool and college? And how did it change?”

Ryan, a member of OU golf and basketball team, answered “The biggest change would be the fact that I don’t have any of my family or friends from my childhood, coming from Michigan. I didn’t know anyone in the University.”

Alice, when asked the question about the change said, “No, nothing really changed for be... well, I guess I liked high school better than the university since I had much less problems in my life.”

Arial, said “I guess the biggest change would be the fact that I have to make sure I have enough money. I mean, I don’t have much money, so after classes I work to make sure I have enough to live. Oh! Also, I get to meet much more variety of friends here, like where I come from, all my friends had kind of same background and views as me, but the friends I meet in the university are much more diverse!”

Kana Nonoyama, said “In Japan, where I came from, students in high school cannot work until they go to college. So I guess the fact that I can work is different. And also, in Japan there is no dorms for students to live in college. Only professors live in a apartment or a house provided by the school.”





# College Life Triangle

By Chen Wang

Your homework is due by tomorrow 8 am. and you know it will take you about 4 hrs. to finish it, but your friend just called you to watch Conor McGregor vs. Floyd Mayweather's fight for free, what will you do with it? Go watch the fight and give up your sleep to back home to finish your homework? Or go watch the fight and give up your homework to sleep? Or being a good student just finish your homework at home and go to bed on time?

Social life, study and sleep are three main parts in college student's life, how to adjust them definitely will influence college student's GPA quality, relationship quality and sleep quality, the number one question in a college student's life is this: Can I balance all three parts of my life, or do I have to give up one in order to enjoy the other two parts?

Some students choose to put more efforts on study and sleep.

"I manage my time pretty well. I create a time management schedule for myself to make sure things are done. In my schedule, things should not overlap with other, such as studying and homework should be done by 8 pm and the rest is to get ready for bed. Although I don't go to parties, I go to events or hangout with friends."-Tiffany Leung, American student at Otterbein University

And some student perfectly managed their triangle.

"Study and sleep are priority during weekdays, otherwise, if I go to party or hanging out with my friends really late during a weekday I make sure to be back home at 1am so I can still get enough sleep. I always hangout with my friends or party on Friday, Saturday, and use Sunday to study."- Patrick Dirks, Germany student from Luneburg University.

"I would definitely need 6-8 hours of sleep to manage in college, so I'd try to finish my study by midnight and go to bed. However, on the weekends I also need time to have fun with my friends, so I'll think the balanced way for both study and party such as studying on the daytime and party on evening."- Hikari Yoshida, Japanese exchange student at Otterbein University.

"I make sure to leave the partying for the weekend, and put school and sleep first during the week. School and work are always the priority, so if it means giving up partying some weekends, that's what must be done. But a night or two out with friends always makes the week days easier."- Jacob Dilley, Otterbein Alumni

"For me school always came first, I would do my work or study before I slept or went to a party. After that I would aim for the same amount of sleep and stay on schedule so my body was get used to it. On the weekends I would go to parties if I wasn't behind in school. Friend time / partying came before napping or watching TV."- Ashley Meade, Otterbein Alumni

Some student chooses to take things as they come.

"I'm not very good at balancing those three aspects of my life and that I'm probably what you would call a workaholic. I'm not relaxing and not thinking about school or work/theater. The two things that take up the most of my time is life (family, going home, helping my mom, etc.) I'm working on trying to allow myself to just relax and be with my friends and forcing myself not to work on things like homework. I just kind of just take things as they come."- Mikayla Burr, American student at Otterbein University.

## Countries Otterbein Students Have Been To

By Shizuku Shibata



Some students travel during holidays and they often go to other countries. Traveling in the USA is good, but if you travel to other countries, you can find a lot of new things. In Otterbein University, there are some students who have been to other countries and had great experience.

First person is Mary. Her major is English Creative Writing. She has not been to other countries, but she said "I want to go to Japan, so I'm taking Japanese class." She seemed to be interested in Japan and then start to study Japanese.

Second person is Tess. Her major is Actual Science. She said "I have been to Germany. My sister studied there before, so I went to see her." Like her, there are cases that students go to other countries to see friend or family who are there.

Final person is Kris. Her major is Journalism. She said "I have been to Mexico and Spain. I went to Mexico to go sightseeing. I went to Spain because I originally studied Spanish." The main reason why people go to other country is sightseeing. And also, there are some people who study other language in their home country and go to the place where the language is spoken.

In addition, there are some international students at Otterbein University who have been to other countries. Yelin, who came here from South Korea, has been to many other countries. She said "I have been to Philippines, England, Italy, Switzerland, Japan, Spain, and France. I went to Philippines, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, France to go sightseeing." She seemed to like to travel. She also said "I went to England because I participated in the program for students when I was an elementary school student. And then, I went to Japan because I wanted to visit my friend who lives there."

Going to other countries provides great experience with you and may create your thought and perspective. Especially, coming in touch with foreign cultures will be very good for you.



## What's Beneficial of Having Friends in University

by Jerry Gu

Otterbein is not a big university. There are about 3000 undergraduate students. That means you may see all of them while you are walking on campus. There are two important aspects of college life for students: their studies and social life. University was the last pure place in human life. After people graduated from university, they will face lots of tough situation.

Making friends in college is very important. The friends you make in college will very likely be your true friends. They may help you a lot in your university life.

Chen came from China. He has been here for 4 years. He is an international student and his major is business. He said: "if you have really close friends that means

they may pick you up from the airport and help travel around." He likes German a lot. Last summer his Germany friend invited him to go to Germany and he had a really good time.

Joseph came from Korea. He has been here for 3 years. His major is political science and economics. He said: "I learned that how to co-exist with my friends and live harmonious lives with them in this society." He thinks that is really important in daily life leave everyone a personal space.

Shizuku came from Japan. She came here to participate in the ESL program. Her major is English linguistics. She said: "It's little hard to communicate with them at beginning. But then I get used to it. I can learn different culture from other people. American people are positive and not shy."

# FILM REVIEW

*Spirited Away* (fantasy, 2001)

By Kana Nonoyama

This movie is one of the works by Studio Ghibli which is known as Hayao Miyazaki. *Spirited Away* is so famous all over the world and its box-office is the best in Japan even now. This film won the Golden Bear Award at the Berlin International Film Festival in 2002 and the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in 2003.

The 10 year-old girl, Chihiro Ogino, strayed into a different world of all the gods of heaven and earth on the way to a new home in Yamanashi Prefecture, which is located near Tokyo. A witch, Yubaba, made Chihiro's parents turn into pigs because they had broken a rule that people must not eat someone else's food without permission. Therefore, Chihiro tried to go back to her original world with her parents working at the public bath managed by Yubaba.

However, there are some points which could have been better: the slow story development in the latter part, ugly scenes, and a too complicated story.

Firstly, this movie runs more than 2 hours, so sometimes the way the movie unfolds slowly in the latter part. However, the ending is speedy, so I personally want the pace to be adjusted.



Secondly, some scenes are too ugly, for instance, when Kaonashi is vomiting what it ate like people. Therefore, some parents may wonder whether this movie is good for their children or not. I think that most children and adults can enjoy the movie because it is a tale of adventure to the different world. You may be excited about what will happen in the adventure.



Finally, I cannot find the main theme of this movie because the story is too complicated for me. When I watch Princess Mononoke, which was also produced by Studio Ghibli in 1997, I can catch the message that people try to find the way to live with nature. Compared to this, I feel that Spirited Away is too sophisticated. However, some people like this story because there is room to interpret several ways.

I personally like this movie for three reasons: the quality of the pictures, growth of the main character, and the story itself.

At first, pictures like description of landscapes, especially the world of all the gods of heaven and earth, are so beautiful. There are a lot of buildings and nature. It is said that the public



bath which Chihiro is working is based on the real public bath called Dogo Onsen (a hot spring) in Ehime Prefecture, Japan. Moreover, the depiction of water is clear and glittering. As you can see the poster of this movie, the translucent color of water is drawn well.

Second, I enjoy the growth of Chihiro who is the main character of this story. She was a little bit selfish and a clingy child, but she becomes independent and confident by the experiences at the different world. She faces some difficulties, but she conquers them in cooperation with Haku, Kamajii, Zeniba, and so others.

Third, everybody enjoys the movie. This movie was for a 10 year-old girl who is the daughter of one of Hayao Miyazaki's friends, so you may think it is for children. However, adults can enjoy this movie because it has some hidden messages, for example, it is a satire on the materialism society and on protecting the environment. In addition, the story is complex. That was why I say everybody can enjoy this movie.

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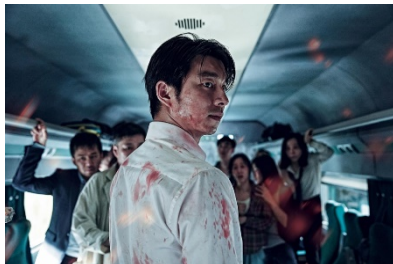
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# Film Review: Train to Busan

By Tomoyo Yoshida

Do you like watching movies? As you know movies have many genres such as love romance, science fiction and comedies. In that, the genre 'Horror' separates people into two group, fans and haters. For me, I belong to the group dislike. Even though I do not like horror movie, the one movie catch my interest. I want to introduce you that film 'Train to Busan'.

That film is "Train to Busan". Its original name is "Busanhaeng" because it is a Korean movie. It is a kind of action and horror movie, but it



also contains human drama. The release of this movie was 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. This movie was highly acclaimed in Cannes Film Festival and lots of countries offered to buy it. The protagonist, who is in the above photo, was played by Yoo Gong. He is a famous actor in South Korea both dramas and movies. The child who acts the child of this protagonist is Kim Soo-Ahn. She is about 10 years old, but she performed in many movies.

While zombie viruses spread in South Korea, a child (Kim Soo-Ahn) and this father



(Yoo Gong) board on a train from Seoul to Busan without knowing there is a zombie in this train. The zombie virus is easily spread by being bit by zombies. Because of the virus, in the South Korea, in the train, the zombies are more and more increasing, but passengers including the father and child are trying to escape from it by cooperating with each other.....

When we see this movie, it is impossible to imagine the ending of this movie. We cannot know whether the protagonist will manage to escape from zombies or not until the ending. Besides, we cannot know where zombies come from, so it is so exciting. On the one hand, this movie keeps us in suspense, so we cannot stop watching it. However, on the other hand, it makes us tired and scary. Perhaps, some people think it is monotonous.

What I want to say here is this film includes human dramas as well as horror. At first, the protagonist was so selfish so he did not like sympathize with others. However, through this accident, he have changed little by little. I did not expect this movie made me cry because of heartwarming story. Many

people decide to kill themselves to protect their loved one. The scene when the group who survive together decrease one by one wrung my heart so mush. Even if you do not like horror movie, I recommend you to watch this movie due to this reason.

This movie might look like just a horror, zombie movie, but when we think about it as a whole, it is human drama and tell us many message like not being selfish. Actually, I do not enjoy at horror movie, but I enjoyed this movie a lot. Actually, this film is on Netflix, so you can easily check it out! How about seeing this weekend?



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# Bilingirl English

YouTube channel review

By Shizuku Shibata



## ☺What is Bilingirl?

YouTube channel "Bilingirl" is created by a Japanese woman, Chika. She was born in Japan, but she moved to Seattle, USA because of her father's business when she was the first grade at elementary school. And then, she had lived there until she graduated from the university, so she speaks English as fluently as native speakers. She started YouTube in 2011 and she teaches useful English phrases, vocabulary, and so on in her channel. She not only teaches English but also shares her travel and some events in the world. She always edits her videos and makes them amazing. In her YouTube channel, there are more than 600 great videos, so I would like you to watch some of them if you are interested in Bilingirl.

## ☺Many Good points!

She teaches English easily to understand and it's very useful. She lived in the USA for a long time, so her English is almost same as native speakers. We can learn about English they actually use. What's more, she is a traveler and she introduces various tourist spots and restaurants in the world. We can know the world through her YouTube videos. Her videos have a lot of fun for us.

## ☺Does Bilingirl have any bad points?

I want to say that there are no bad points in her YouTube videos, but actually the videos have. In some teaching English video and traveling video, she sometimes speaks Japanese and there are no subtitles. So, it may be difficult to understand the contents for some people. However, there are many videos that she speaks English almost all the time and also the view itself is interesting. She goes to various places and introduces many food, events, and so on, so you can enjoy watching her videos!

## ☺Who should watch this?

I would like the people who want to study English or love traveling in the world to watch her YouTube channel. There are so many variations in her videos and you won't get tired of watching them. In addition, she sometimes explains the lyrics that foreign singers sing, so I recommend it to the people who like music. Recently, she explained the meaning of the lyrics of "Look What You Made Me Do" and it is interesting. If you have an interest in Bilingirl, I hope you watch her YouTube channel!



# Columbus' Best Burger at Thurman Cafe

By Eun Jin Jung

The Thurman cafe is one of the most popular and the oldest cafes in Columbus. The Thurman cafe is located in German Village, 183 Thurman Ave, Columbus, Ohio. Opened since 1942, the cafe opens from 11:00AM - 12:00AM (midnight). You can also make reservations by calling them - (614) 443 1570.

There are many types of savory burgers at the cafe, but the most popular, the all time favorite, would be the Thurmanator. The Thurmanator costs 21.99 dollars.



People might think it is overpriced, but when you see the size of double 12 ounce burger with bacon, cheddar cheese, american cheese, mozzarella with all kinds of vegetables topped with two fat buns, people know it is worth the cost. With its sides of fries and pickle, Thurmanator needs at least two to three people to finish it all. It even gets on television shows often because of its size.

The second favorite burger in the cafe would be the Macedonian Burger. It is a family burger costing 13.79 dollars, and consists of Texas toasts with sweet red peppers, feta

cheese, lettuce, tomato, onions, mayo and fries. The name comes from the fact that the owner of the Thurman Cafe immigrated from Macedonia before he owned the cafe.

The last favorite item from the menu would be their classic onion rings. It costs 3.79 dollars. The rings come out hot from the fryer right after you order.

The people who work at the cafe is one of the pros of the place, always giving the impression as if we are all a family. With its restaurant that is full of history, the cafe is comfortable, humble place to be, but because of that it's always hard to get a seat at the cafe, especially on Sunday morning right after church. You need to wait at least one to two hours to get a seat, but because of that reason, the cafe has various convenient things to do while you wait, like eating popcorn or playing games on a retro pinball machine.

Thurman cafe is the oldest, and one of the famous restaurant in Columbus. If you are looking for a place to get great burger, Thurman cafe is the place you are looking for. Thurman burger won 'Columbus Best Burger Best Neighborhood Bar 2016' and 'Best Bus 2016 C Best Menu Item Name' as well.

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## Helen's Kitchen review

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By Chen Wang

**H**elen's kitchen is well-known as an authentic Chinese food restaurant, the food's flavor can perfectly help Chinese students whose study in USA overcome their homesick. Sizzling fish and Shuizhu beef are my favorite dishes.

But according to their odd decoration, range hood system, food quality and auto-charged tip system, I will give them a 3/10 star on my review.

The first thing I would like say is about equipment. When I as a customer stepped in for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in this restaurant, I could have smelled the cooking's strong smell. After I left restaurant that smell was all over my hair and clothe, so I was thinking that range hood system must have some problems. The first impression for all the new customers I believe is weird, because the property used to be a strip club. The mirrors were covered all around the wall, and light in restaurant is weird. Helen's kitchen didn't change the decoration, only removed the pole and add some new sofa. The mirror was still where it was. It was uncomfortable for customer to watch thousands of themselves in the mirror to eating food.



Then is the staff. I know Helen's kitchen is a family owned restaurant. So, some waitress is from same family. There was a time I was waiting for 20 minutes just to wait for a waitress to seat us when most table was empty. I'm just wondering that is restaurant doesn't have enough waitress or just the waitress are lazy, because after we are seated sometimes there is another 20 minutes for menu and water to arrive. Because of your auto-charged tips, the waitress seems not put enough effort in their work. When customers complain about 25% tips was too high, they always argue with customers.

Helen's kitchen always has good authentic food, but there was two times that the dishes that I ordered were not fresh enough. When the rice noodle is not chewy that means at least it stays for a while.

From last content, Helen's kitchen is a family owned restaurant, so their waitress doesn't have their own assigned table, which means the dishes deliver time is not stable. Sometimes it will take too long for dishes and sometimes it only took less than 7 minutes for a dish. When there are many customers, the speed of cooking starts to get slow, I've seen some customer lost their patience and left.

Overall, your restaurant has problems such as range hood system, restaurant layout, waitress training, food quality issue, and not enough chefs at kitchen.

The suggestion that I could provide to your restaurant are:

1. Change or fix the range hood system, so it will not make customer smells
2. Change the decoration or just move the mirror, and make it not looks like a strip club anymore
3. Make sure the food quality is fresh
4. Do not use auto charged tips system anymore
5. They might need to hire more chef in kitchen in case there are many customers that you can't secure a more efficient cooking time.
6. Assigned their waitress to have their own table so they could only focus on their own specific tables, it will not slow the dish delivery time and handing out menu time



# Let's Go to a Hot Spring

**D**o you know what a hot spring is? Have you ever tried it? In Japan, it is called "Onsen", and there are 20,972 hot spring facilities. Each house in Japan has one bathtub at least, so most of the Japanese people take a bath

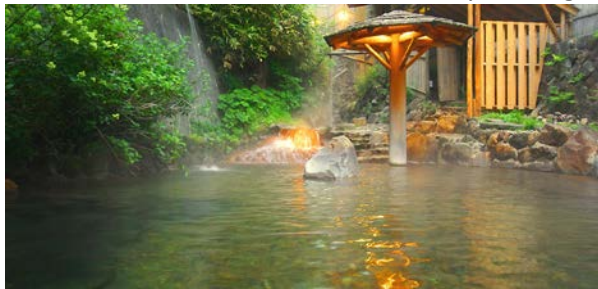


every day and we enjoy the relaxing time in a bathtub. The picture is the image of the bathtub in a Japanese house.

By taking a hot spring bath, we can enjoy lots of effects for physical, psychological, and Pharmacological.

The physical effects are roughly divided into 3 types: hyperthermia effect, pressing effect, and buoyancy effect. The first one, the hyperthermia effect, means that soaking in the tub makes your circulation of blood improve. It leads to getting rid of waste matter easily from the

body. The second one, the pressing effect, leads to promoting body metabolism. It is because that the circulation of the blood will be stimulated by being pressed by both the inner and the outer part of your body. In the third effect, the buoyancy effect, your mind and body can be relaxed because the burden on such as the lower body and joint will be reduced. The change of air is one of the psychological impacts. It is efficacious for your mental issues, and it is said that it reduces your stress. The buoyancy effect is about the scientific result which you can get



when your skin absorbs the ingredients of the hot spring.

Next, let me introduce how to take a hot spring and the best Onsen spot in Japan. First, take off all your clothes. You'll enjoy Onsen naked. Then, wash on the draining floor before getting in the bathtub. After that, soak your

body in the tub and relax. If you have long hair, you should tie up not to soak in the tub. Also, you cannot put towels in the tub.

I recommend the Kusatsu Onsen in Gunma prefecture. It is near Tokyo, which is the capital of Japan. This is the most popular Onsen in Japan. We could enjoy the seasonal beautiful view while taking a hot spring. I went there in November, and autumn leaves were so nice. In addition, the food was really good, and you can also experience Japanese traditional "Minshuku", which is a kind of hotel. There is a ski area near Kusatsu Onsen, so you can warm your cold body after skiing.

I researched whether Ohio has a hot spring or not, and I found some spots. However, it is a little more expensive than Japan, and I think it is too small. Why don't you come to Japan and enjoy a hot spring?

**By Miki Kimura**

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# The Power of Journalism

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By Eun-Jin Jung

**A** journalist is a person who writes a report or critique professionally. To be a journalist, a person has to be very smart and they have to have the necessary information from various people. Also, they have to be brave and able to cross boundaries and borders to find the truth of the story.



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I learned that journalists are very important from looking at what happened to my country last year. It all started from one journalist. Because of the truth that he told, the president of Korea Was forced to resign, due to the citizens' anger toward her. This journalist told the truth in the news. His name is Sohn Suk-hee. Even though he was the main news anchor, and everyone pressured him to not tell the truth, he told the truth.

It amazed me to see journalists be so brave to say the truth of the story against even the president! His way of checking all the facts and actual truth of the story really amazed me to pay more attention in his reports.

Sohn Suk-hee found that our president had been in a connection with a religious cult of a sort and had been doing what the cult leader was telling her to do. The fact that the president of Korea was just a puppet head angered the citizens and she is now in jail for leaking government information. In the news, he discovered all the text messages they have passed around, things that the president did to assist the cult, and the times when our president's words did not sound correct, like talking about how the entire universe will help her decision.

So many facts and proof were found so that even the president of Korea went to jail. The power of a journalist, I think, is the strongest above all.

# Charm of Baseball Games from Another Side

By Kana Nonoyama

**W**hen I was an elementary school student, I used to go to a baseball stadium with my family. My hometown has a baseball team, so I have cheered for it more than 10 years. Nowadays I usually go to the baseball stadium with my friends. I think each Japanese baseball stadium has its own unique features and they can entertain everyone from children to adults. Therefore, I will focus on the other sides of the stadium: seats, food, and events.

Firstly, each stadium has its own unique seats, like Prime Seats which are seats that include meals. I worked part-time at one of the Prime Seats, called Prime Twin. I served the lunchbox which changes based on the opponent teams. Especially, the lunchbox of the infields' seats looks delicious. People can watch the game in front at the seats because the seats are more spacious compared to other normal seats. Other stadium have different seats such as tatami seats, and barbecue seats. Tatami seats are in a tatami room, so they are for families who have kids. As its name suggests, you can

enjoy barbecue watching baseball games at the Barbecue seats.

Secondly, in the each stadium, we can eat the original gourmets. At my favorite team's stadium, Miso Kushikatsu, which is pork cutlet with Miso sauce, is a popular gourmet. This food is tasty and one of the charms of a baseball stadium. Without this food, we can eat the lunchbox of players. In each lunchbox, there are players' favorite dishes. I like to go to the other stadium not only for cheering for the particular team, but also for these different kinds of food. I have visited 7 different stadiums since I entered the university by using a long vacation because the season is from the end of March to the beginning of November as well as Major League Baseball (MLB). I enjoy their



original gourmets such as Mikan-Gouri which is kind of shaved ice with oranges (Yokohama Stadium), and Ite-maedog which is a large hotdog with a croquette (Kyo-sera dome in Osaka).

Lastly, there are some events that are not only for kids but also adults. For example, I made my own glove with my parents in the event when I was child. Other events are to dance with cheerleaders, Speed ball

contest, which participants can measure their pitching speed from the mound before the game starts, and Ground walk. It allows us to go to the ground after the game on the day. These events are held by my favorite team, so you can enjoy other teams' events, too. I was impressed with one of the other team's events, Star Night in Yokohama Stadium. In this event, almost all lights are turned off after the game and we light up by using the blue

light of the goods like a lighting stick. I had wanted to go the game, and I could go there last spring. The light up scene was so interesting.

I wrote about some features of Japanese baseball stadiums, but I have never been to Major League Baseball (MLB) in the U.S. Therefore, if you know about differences, please let me know!!



# The Pet Effect

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*By Miki Kimura*

Do you have any pets? Having pets provides lots of positive effects for us. In Japan, there are pet's cafes, such as cat cafes, rabbit cafes, and dog cafes. We can enjoy having a great time with animals while drinking coffee or tea. The impact which pets provide for us is significant, and many people seek healing from pets.

I also have a dog, and her species is papillon. She brings lots of effects to my family. She helps my father to get regular exercise because he takes her for a walk every day. Also, since we had her as a member of the family, we seldom quarrel. I think it is because she has healing effects. We can reduce our stresses just by watching her or touching her.

However, we don't know her certain age and birthday because we didn't get in a pet shop. She was going to be destroyed because of her ex-owner, a dog breeder, abandoned her. She was used for just a tool for making puppies. We rescued her. According to what I heard, she was always in a small cage except for the time when she had puppies. She did not know and get love from people. Therefore, during a few months, since she became a member of my family, she didn't trust us. When we tried to touch her, she run away. Also, she never showed us her sleeping face.



Every day we tried to talk to her and showed our love for her. Finally, she was coming to trust us, and now she is a member of my family entirely. When we go back to home, she runs toward to the entrance of the house and leaps. We sometimes share one pillow. When she notices that we are going to go out, she cries. I couldn't imagine this situation on the first day when she came to our house.

Pets can become members of your family. We can share a great time with them. According to American Humane Associations' report, there are 3,700,000 dogs and cats which have to be killed in America. They need your help. I think it is one of an excellent way to get in a pet shop, but why don't you rescuing pets which will be killed?



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# Traveling alone, but not lonely

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By Chen Wang

A year ago I got a phone call from China at 4 am. My friend broke up with his girlfriend when they were travelling together. The reason is that they have different opinion about travelling and spending money. I felt bad for him and somehow it also made me want to travel alone more in the future because you will not have chance to argue with your travel partner and you will not lose your girlfriend.

The reason why I love to travel alone, the big part definitely is freedom. It gives me so much freedom to do whatever I want to do. I could spend a whole afternoon just sit next by the Danube river doing nothing; or spending a whole day walking 20 kilometers to complete the “typical tourist places you need to go” mission in Berlin, Germany; or waking up at 5:30am in Xi An, China to eat a “only local knows” breakfast or wait 4 hours in line just to eat some famous dirty street food in Lanzhou. I do not need to worry about what my travel partner wants, because I’m traveling alone.

Every time when I go to a new city, what I like to do is stay in that city for several days, either wake up early in the morning to watch the whole city change from peaceful to busy, or go to a local bar to talk with people and ask them what’s the good place where local people always go. Also traveling alone can help me to think a lot. When I walk alone on the street and see the strange view, I could just zoom out without any distraction.

For some people, traveling alone sounds scary. It is scary sometimes, I should admit it because I’ve experienced a flight delay two times that lasted more than 10 hours. Walking alone on a street in a foreign country at midnight does not sound safe at all. What I did is I hid most of my money in my socks and only left a little bit money in my wallet in case someone robbed me.

One time because of weather issue, the airplane needed to stop by Alaska to refuel for 5 hours, and when I finally stepped on China’s land, it had taken me 22 hours to get back. My back kept hurting me for a month because of that. You could hear or watch some local gang fight or people shooting bullets next to your hotel. But after you went through everything, it will become the best memories in your life. Next time when you meet those situations again, you will not be surprised and you know what to do to overcome with it.





# Benefit of Playing Online Games

By Jerry Gu

In these days, the online games' position has already been elevated. But there are still some people who don't understand the benefits of online games. They think they are a waste of time, bad to human health. Some parents think online games are internet drugs. But the truth is online games are not only good for friend making, but also good for the brain.

From my experience, in most of online games, you need to work as a team and confront another team. A company will make each team have same choice, in a good balance. So both teams will need to find other teams' mistake to win the game. So, the most important part of working in a team will be communicated with each other. Other teammates may see something you didn't, or they may need your help. Work as a team, help each other, and win the game. Communicate with players is a really important role in it. Games can teach how to work as a team, and how to make the team closer. After I played online games, I

started to understand how to talk with other people, how to work as a group. The people online, most of them were stranger, they could be nice or main. After I try to talk with them some of them will listen to me, but some will say some really bad words. And that change me a lot, I use to be really easy to angry. But now, I learned to be inerpeace.

Gamers need to work as a team, after the game. They might think one of the teammates was doing a really good job in the game, so they will add friends. Then they could play together and get close to each other. If they like, they could be friends in normal social media and meet in real life. That's how I made two of my friends. I met them in the game and we became really good friends. And I think it's easy to make friends from online games. At the time we met in real life, we already had a topic, the online game. I think that's better than you know nothing about that person, better than no same topic.

Online games are also a good place to learn slang and English. Most online games are in different countries and use the native language of each country. The longer you play the more words you will know. Almost all the games use slang to communicate. Because slangs are short and looked really cool. The game I played was League of Legends (AKA lol). I played it a lot in China, after I came here, I needed to learn English to play it, because there were so many new words to learn. I also knew a lot of slang words after I played. Some examples include GG for good game, AFK for away from keyboard, WTF for why the face (just kidding).

Based on those reasons, I believe online games are really good for our social communication, friend making and getting in touch with social life.



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# What I Got from Living Alone

By Tomoyo Yoshida

**W**hen I started living alone, I wanted to stop it right then because of loneliness. There were no sounds except a TV. I had not experienced a situation when there were no other's voices so I felt I wanted to go back to my home at once. However, I became accustomed to that situation gradually, and at last I felt comfortable living alone. I learned many things from this and I think it is a good chance to be independent from parents.

I started living alone after graduating from high school before coming to Otterbein. Before I moved out, I was looking forward to living alone because I was scolded by my mom almost every day. I wanted to get freedom. However, once I started that,



many difficulties waited for me. Firstly, it was cooking. I didn't help my mother cook, so I didn't know how to cook like my mother. At that time, what I could make were easy dishes that everyone can do so I was so disappointed about myself that I was not capable of doing this.

After that, I hit upon one idea, "I got it. Now I know what to do." Then I started

spending money to buy food that I didn't have to cook. At first, I was satisfied with that decision because it was such an easy life and gave me extra time that I used for cooking and washing dishes. However, I faced the second obstacle that is money. I had to buy everything by myself for living.

Of course, my family gave me financial help and I did part-time job

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for living, but if I wanted to buy clothes or go out with friends, I had to save money for that. However, I'm not good at controlling money. If I found something I wanted to get, I cannot stop my hands. Therefore, it was a big obstacle for me. I cannot find a solution of that even now. However, thanks to that experience, I understood the importance of money and how my parents work hard to earn money.

Through living alone, I thought I could know about myself better than before. For example, I found that I'm good at time management from it. There were many friends who live alone same as me and they often stayed up lately because they didn't do their assignments until deadline was coming. But, I didn't do such a thing because I am not good at staying up

lately in the midnight and also I want to decrease my burden such as homework as soon as possible, so I tried to finish it soon when I got it.

family also has many advantages. However, what I want to say is that living alone can be a good chance to experience the feeling of independence.

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Looking back, living alone had lots of new experiences and it gave me many important skills for independence. Now, thanks to that, I can do most things by myself and noticed the importance of my parents and money. In addition to that, you can possibly find your own personality you haven't noticed yet. I don't want to say you should live alone because living with



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*“We travel, some of us forever, to seek other places, other lives, other souls.”*

## Life of Flight Attendant

YuJin Kim



**T**he most beneficial thing to be a flight attendant is that you can travel all around the country that you will never going to visit all by yourself. I was very curious person and liked visiting new places. This is why I became a flight attendant.

You will see totally different cultural differences every time you visit other countries. I had culture shock when I flight to Saudi Arabia. The airport is twice more full of lights than any other airports. People working there were all men wearing thobes which is their traditional cloth. In the morning, Saudi Arabians are praying at the same time and it sounds like

singing a song. The whole town was full of pray like a song. Actually, that was hymn of Muslim. I don't know why but I just felt little bit scary when I hear them singing. You should wear a hijab if you are a woman even if you are inside of the hotel. If you go to McDonald's, you will see two places divided into male zone and the family zone. I was with one female friend and one male friend so I ordered burgers in the family zone. That was very interesting experience. When you work out, men's gym is connected with swimming pool and sauna while women's gym is just a small room with two running machine. Moreover, experiencing another

culture and food were the favorite parts of my job.

On the other hands, there are demerits as well. Flight attendants are being away from home so you often cannot attend special event of your family or friend such as a birthday party or a wedding ceremony. Especially if you get married, you will not able to spend much time with your family. Also, this occupation is famous for being physically rough. They usually suffering from jet lag, lack of sleep.

Flight attendant is someone whose primary duty is to ensure the safety and comfort of

passengers and airline flight. Flight attendants are specially trained for the aircraft in which they work, since passenger safety is their foremost concern.

There are requirements of becoming flight attendant. In Korea, minimum age of 20 years, no limit for the height since 2015 because of discrimination issue. You should finish 2 years of college or 4 years of university, but you can apply before the graduation. Swimming ability is necessary and 2 meters of reach (to

reach the overhead compartments).

In Korea, they are being trained for about 4 months depending on companies about safety, customer service including company regulation. Safety regulation is included with normal and emergency situation. The emergency situation has several ways and they are trained each of the situation by making simulation and repeating.

Each month, flight attendants are getting schedule from the schedule team of the

company. The schedule would be randomly assigned. There are 45 countries and 125 cities of international flight in Korean Airline. There are 2 the biggest aircraft company called Airbus and Boeing. Recently, the company is trying to assign the schedule depending on what kind of aircraft goes to the scheduled country.

I believe the saying “The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.” by St. Augustine. I still love to travel, I hope that I can make my life like a journey.

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# An Unexpected Angel

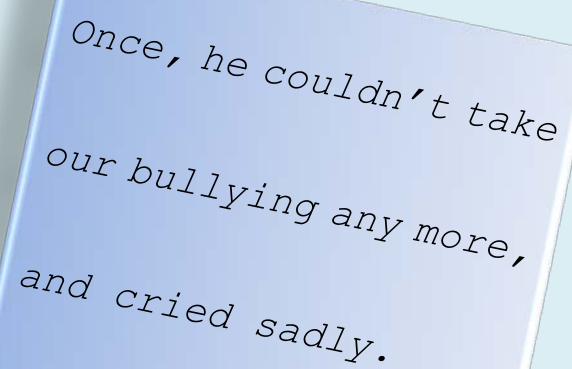
By Dehao Gu

It happened during one summer break. I was having dinner with my parents, but my spirit was already outside the door because I heard the calling from the neighbor kid Y: "Come and play "Catch Ghost"!"

When I was 8, my family moved to a new place. I quickly became friends with other kids nearby. We all lived in same community, and there was a big place for us to play. The game we were crazy about was "Catch Ghosts." First, we drew a circle on the ground and put a can in the circle.

Then, we would choose someone as a "human" to catch other "ghosts," and a "ghost" could hide nearby. If the "ghosts" get caught, they will switch character. At the time "human" was trying to find "ghosts," and "ghosts" could kick the can out of the circle. "Human" needed to put the can back in the circle first, then "human" could keep finding the "ghosts".

I believe this game was invented for me; I was the tallest of those and I could kick the can really far. There was a kid who had some problem with his leg. His name was Y, who I mentioned at beginning. He couldn't run fast, the only reason we played with him was his family had those long bamboo shoots cans, which were good for the game. Sometimes we made fun of him, and kicked the can at the time he put it back. Because of his leg, it was hard for him to catch us. Every time, we looked at him and made fun of the way he ran. But he loved this game so much, he just wanted to join in this game.



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Once, he couldn't take our bullying any more, and cried sadly. His mother took him and the can back. We felt like we did something wrong, however we were just 6-8 year old kids, and we returned to the game really quickly. But we could just use the short pineapple can, and it was too short to kick, and it couldn't be kicked really far.

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But Y was such a kind kid, so he just didn't want us to be disappointed in the game. One day, he threw his bamboo shoots can down from his window. We were on the ground and felt like something hit our heart heavy. We asked him to come back and play with us, and he agreed. But everything changed. Now we tried to protect him. Let him be the ghost, and

even if he gets caught by the human, some of us were willing to get caught and switch the character.

At the time when we were playing, he nearly got caught, I kicked the can out the circle and bought him some time. I took him to the place where I hid. It was really dark, and we were really close. I could even feel his heartbeat. It was full of fun and happiness. In this dark place I just found out his eyes were so big and bright. They looked like an angel's eyes. In that moment, I felt like he was the angel coming from heaven. He came here to help me change my behavior, and makes me a better person.

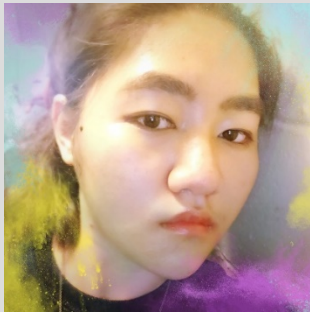


# The Mind Control Instrument

By Ellen Tian

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Hello everybody! My name is Ellen. I'm



an Otterbein student and my major is Art. I'm in the second year this semester. I have adapted so well in my new surroundings

and I already have many beautiful achievements on class.

I also continuously keep working on my new series of art creations this semester for different requirements of new classes...I know I am good enough, but I found I just lacked recognitions and appreciations from other people. I really admired the feeling of popular. But everybody just ignored me. I was so troubled about that...

One night I was thinking about these series of things while holding my chin staring at the moon. Suddenly, my laptop gave out a stretch of lights from its screen. A strange boy appeared and came into my room. He looked like a 10 to 12 years old Chinese boy with a suit I never saw in the past. It looked like the warrior suit in Star War movies, and had a cloak from behind. He also wore a

strange interphone on his head, which looked like a headphone but only had one receiver. I felt very strange and surprised, and began to ask: "Who...who...are you?? Why are you coming to my room?"

"Oh, you don't have to afraid, I'm coming to help you." He said. "I come from another planet called Plane Happiness, and came out from your computer through a space time tunnel. You can call me Bang Bang. We have advanced technology to help people whoever wants help and make them feel happy. We use our planet monitoring system every time to look for everywhere on earth with people who most need help, and try to give whatever he wants. Now you are my present aim, for I know you feel unhappy because other people don't recognize your achievements. So, I'll give you an instrument I invented, called mind control instrument. You can use it to change or adjust other people's thoughts to let them recognize you. You only need to press the button on top and think what you really want them to think so that can change their methods of thoughts." After that, he gave me an instrument. It was the shape and size the similar with a MP3. I got very excited, and said: "Thank you Bang Bang, you are very intelligent. I appreciated your help very much."



“Oh, I forgot one more thing to give you. It’s called a calling beeper. When you have some difficulties, feel free to call me by it. I’ll appear at any time to help you.” he gave the beeper to me. It looked like the bell on old bicycles with one aerial.

“Thank you Bang Bang, goodbye!”

“Goodbye Ellen, I hope you’ll have good luck...”

After knowing my dream would come true, I got really excited. I couldn’t wait to test its functions. When the sun rose the next day, I got up immediately to try its effects. I ran to the art building. The first aim I was going to put on trial was my art professor Allison. She was checking her email on her laptop. I carried one of my art creations went into her office and asked: “Hi, Allison, what do you think of my creation?”

Allison turned around and stared my artwork for a while, then spoke: “Hi, Ellen, today is not going to be a critique... We’ll have this project to critique in class tomorrow, and I think your work can still be improved...”

“Really?” I took out my mind control instrument and then aimed it at her head. She was hit by a strong light. Some waves of electricity were circling on her head. But after that, she startled up and smiled. She couldn’t help but be excited. “Oh Ellen, my god! You did a really good job! You are an artist! This is the most wonderful job I have ever seen...”

“Yeah!” I cheered. My wish came true.

This mind control instrument did me a great help. The next day we had an art critique in Allison’s class. Before I began to introduce

about my own project, I took out my mind control instrument and controlled all of them. You can imagine the huge applause I received!

The first time I achieved so many people’s recognition, I was full of sweetness and joy in the bottom of my heart. I decided to eat a wonderful meal in CC. When I stepped in CC, I found there were many groups of American students eating together. I was a shy person who always felt timid to go forward to eat with them. Therefore they also didn’t come to me and that left me alone. But this time I had a mind control instrument. I turned this machine to some groups of them, and amazingly they fought to eat with me... I had never been so popular like this...

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# Hymn

By Aileen Lee

I do not really like poetry because most poems are difficult to understand. Some people say that poetry is easy and beautiful. Of course, I have some poems that I love, but I never agree with it being easy and beautiful.

“Hymn”, expectedly, was hard to comprehend. At first, I could feel nothing, and then I was not interested in it. However, I had to understand the poem, and then I had to feel something. Even though, I do not like poetry and it was written in English, that was my homework. I read it again and pondered over the author’s background. Then I realized that Sherman Alexie is an enormously great person.

He loves everybody. He is Native American. He gets a lot of discrimination from many people because he is not white. Nevertheless, he said, “We humans are programmed to love what we conceive.” We can love everyone. At first, I thought, this is too ideal. In my case, I have

some people whom I don’t like. Even though, he has people that do not like him, he welcomes them.

He accepts everybody. My favorite part of this poem is, “I will sing for people who might not sing for me. I will sing for people who are not my family.” The reason why I like this part is I cannot do it like this. This is truly great confession. Before reading this poem, I was selfish. Actually, I am still selfish. I could not sing for people who might not sing for me.

I want to accept for people who only accept for me. Even though he accepts and welcomes everybody, I learned that I can also.

Surely, I assumed, he must take a long time to get this idea. Nevertheless, he realized the beauty behind loving people. Thus, I am going to try to love and accept everybody. What I remember was we are all different, we are all same.



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