

Film Review: Green Book

By Sun Qing



The film "Green Book" is a new movie based on a true story and named after an African-American travel guide. The black postman Victor Hugo Green wrote a booklet stating which hotels and restaurants would allow blacks to stay and eat.

One male character is the famous African-American musician Don Shirley, the other one is the musician's driver Tony. The two main characters of the film drove with the Green Book through the

United States on a tour. The film shows many social conflicts, like racism, inequality, and servitude, the social status of musicians, family relationships and so on. The film tells the story of the two characters traveling while Don Shirley is touring the American South. Shirley was treated unfairly, harassed, and assaulted because of his skin color. Though Tony holds many prejudicial views towards African-Americans, Shirley and him develop a close relationship while traveling. Tony gradually understands that racial discrimination is not right.

It is a touching story and an important message that is still unfortunately needed today. Major wealth, education, and health gaps persist between American's white and black citizens. Besides discrimination on African-Americans, I have always felt that Asians are also subject to racial discrimination in many parts of the world. According to a study published in 2019 in the journal Race and Ethnicity, Indians, Chinese, Koreans, and Vietnamese American citizens are all over 3 times more likely to graduate from elite American universities than white Americans. You would assume this lead in educational achievement would correspond with also getting the best job positions. However, the research showed that "despite this educational advantage, Asian Americans are less likely to secure positions in top-tier professional jobs than white Americans with the same qualifications as them," according to the press release from the article.

It has also been well-documented in China and America that affirmative action type policies are tough on Han Chinese. I talked with a few friends of ethnic groups once. They also said that when they apply for a school, they will especially emphasize their own ethnicity, so that the application will be much easier. Harvard is currently facing a lawsuit over the higher test score standards they placed on Asian applicants.

In my opinion, this movie has great beauty and it allows for the possibility to empathize with both men. In the middle of the journey, the dialogue between the two characters sublimated the theme of the film. Tony said he grew up in a small society, surrounded by relatives and acquaintances. He had only read a few books and had not received that much education, unlike Shirley. Therefore, his beliefs and actions were shaped this way. Through exposure, friendship, and music each character learned their prejudiced and stereotypical beliefs about each other were very mistaken.

Hopefully everyone who enjoys the film can also go forward and learn to see people as individuals not defined by their race, and help create an equal society for all.

Street Food in Pingshan Village

By Luo Jiechunyi

Are you feeling tired of canteen food? The answer to this struggle is simple and nearby—street food in Pingshan Village! The food adventure lies just outside of our campus gates and I am here to introduce to you five kinds of street food that are the "must eats" in Pingshan Village.

Kao Lengmian (烤冷面)



This treat was originally created in Heilongjiang province in the north of China around 1997 by a stand owner located outside of a middle school who bought lengmian as a

snack. Instead of eating them on their own, he fried them under the suggestion of several students who were visiting his stand. Surprisingly, the lengmian weren't hard and crispy as they were expecting, but soft and chewy and the crowd ended up enjoying the new snack. With the addition of hot sauce, the owner managed to create a popular specialty which soon became famous around China. Nowadays, kao lengmian can be grilled on an iron plate with various stuffing such as sausage, bacon, egg, and chicken.

If you are looking for maximizing your financial resources, 10 yuan can buy you a bowl of kao lengmian which only adds to the long list of advantages of this meal. Even more, it is right outside the HIT gate.

Guokui (公安锅盔)



This Chinese-style bread originally from Hubei province is crispy on the outside and dry inside, unless you decide to add some sauce. First, stuffing will be added into the leavened dough then the dough will be rolled into an oval shape and white sesame will be added on the surface.

Secondly, it will be put on the interior of a large oven for a couple of minutes and last but not the least, the special sauce will be added with a brush on the top of the bread.

For stuffing, you have multiple options such as sweet flavor, pork, beef or salted dried vegetable. The price ranges from 5RMB to 10RMB. For sauce, you can ask for hot sauce or non-spicy ones. Usually, Guokui requires the cooperation of two people, and the two chefs in this stand are a kind couple with lots of understanding. Their warm personalities just add to the existing character of the stand and increase the number of loyal customers who visit their stand frequently. Do you think it's hard to find a non-sweet bread in China? Maybe it's time to give the Guokui a try! It is just east of the HIT gate.

Fried Noodles (小哥炒粉)



This snack can be found in a very small shack connected to the fruit shop across the gate of HIT and is opened until late night. They have four types of noodles, including rice noodle, Hefen (also rice noodles, but wider and chewier),

noodle and instant noodle. Fried rice is another option if you are not a noodle lover. All of the fried noodles and rice starts at 10 yuan per plate with egg in it. You can also add pork, beef, meatball, sausage, ham and other ingredients based on your preference. My recommendation would be to get the Hefen with beef and rice noodles with sausage. Both of these two combos are my personal favorites and I don't have the heart to decide which one I love more.

Be aware that around 6 p.m. there will be a lot of students hunting for food. If you don't want to wait in the line for 30 minutes plus, you might consider visiting before the rush hour or at midnight. It can be a perfect snack to have with a beer or as a late pick me up while studying for exams.

Chuanchuan (串串)



So what's chuanchuan? As you can see from the picture, this snack contains a variety of meats and vegetables including squid, escargot, mushroom, eggplant, and many others. After being fried in an oil pot, the chuanchuan will be put on an iron clamp to pick it out, and then sprinkle on top of it spice powder, cumin powder, and other seasonings. Just come and give it a try!

Tangyuan (汤圆)



Remember the Tangyuan (glutinous rice dumpling) from the Lantern Festival? Now they come with sweet rice wine! This sweet snack is called 甜酒汤圆 (Tianjiu Tangyuan). Where can we get it? The Tangyuan place is near the Tianfu convenience store, head straight into Pingshan Village from the HIT gate, then turn left once you reach the main street in the village.

English Menus Arrive in PKUSZ Canteens - the Good, Bad, and Delicious

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Chinese food is a treasure, which is hidden in a locked wooden chest holding its secrets to those who do not have a key. The key is language.

Globalization offers more and more cultural exchange, collisions, and integration among different cultures in the world. As the popularity of international tourism grows, more people are willing to experience the cultural atmosphere of other countries. And, let's be honest, experiencing the food culture is often one of the main motivators.

In order to cater to international guests, Chinese restaurants have also introduced English menus to facilitate food ordering. However, due to the limited translation level and lack of cultural understanding, some English translations of Chinese food unsurprisingly turned out to be puzzling and ridiculous.

As we all know, Chinese language is considerably complex. While written English is based on pronunciation, Chinese is a kind of pictographic character language loosely based



on meaning and sound. The language is one of the oldest languages in the world and many names of delicious food are related to allusions that are cultural knowledge very hard for

outsiders to acquire. One can now see how the names of Chinese food dishes can be very deceptive.

English Menus at PKU Shenzhen

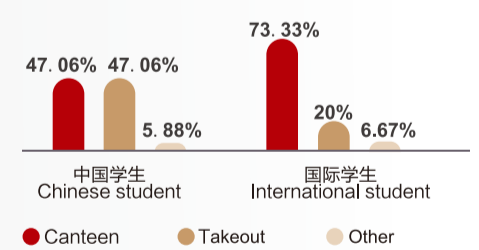
Peking University in Shenzhen has two canteens and many restaurants. In order to reduce the amount of difficulties international students face when ordering, the Campus Advisor (CA) team translated the menus in most windows of the two canteens, including the noodles, dumplings, Korean food and other windows. The CAs listed the Chinese characters, pinyin, English translations, and whether the dish was vegetarian on the menu.

Now, English menus have been set in the canteens for over a month. I made a small survey

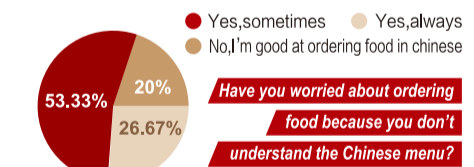
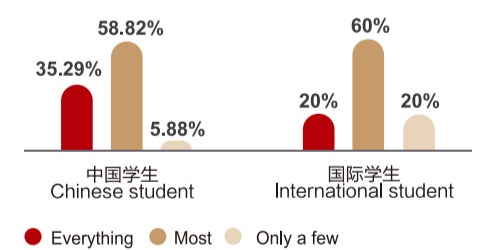
in the form of an anonymous questionnaire, with some questions about the awareness of local students and international student towards the English menu, whether it has or has not helped international students ordering food, and what things still need to improve.

According to the results, international students accounted for 53.13% of the respondents, while local students accounted for 46.88%. On the whole, the reason why most people choose to go to the canteen is mainly because of the short distance and cheap price.

Would you rather eat in the canteen or order takeout?



How familiar are you with your most frequented canteen?



A Trip to the Canteens

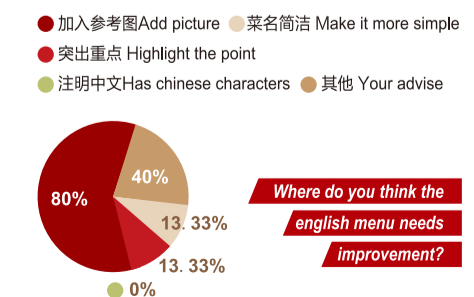
I went to the canteens to have a look on each window during meal time to observe how students use English menus. Some of them ordered foods very smoothly, some had difficulties to explain what kind of flavor they want to the cook. Unfortunately, I found that at some of the windows in cafeteria 1 the staff placed the menu at a place that is not easy to be found. I asked, "Why did you do this?" He shyly replied, "We are afraid of communicating with foreigners." Indeed, this is understandable. The cooks in the canteens have almost no English proficiency and are of an older generation. Therefore, based on the results, I think that in the future menu making, we should consider adding pictures. Also we could consider displaying the detailed description of each dish on the menu, so that international students can more

independently order the dishes, avoiding the communication between cooks, food service workers, and students.

The menus have also all been made available online at thenanyan.com. Students can download them onto their phones to check out the options at any time, or incoming students can get an idea of what to expect for meals on campus.

The English menus do have some shortcomings, but these initial versions have helped international students, and I am proud of them. I believe that they will help international students become more familiar with Chinese food and even try something new. There is an ancient Chinese remark that is still popular: "Food is the

paramount necessity of people". Eating really does bring happiness. I hope our international students can enjoy every meal in our campus.



Lost in Translations



For example, The 红焖狮子头饭 is a kind of braised large meatball dish with rice, a Chinese restaurant that translates it literally may end up with something like "Hong Men lion head rice". If you are not aware of Chinese historical culture, you might feel awkward, thinking "What the heck is this? Lion head, am I sober? Eat lion head? Is it legal in China?" A lot of question marks may run around your brain.

Stop, take a deep breath and calm down, listen to me. In fact, this is a kind of dish made by the braised meatball and rice. The Chinese characters 狮子头 (Lion head) comes historically from the Tang dynasty of China, when during a time of economic prosperity, officials and dignitaries began to pay attention to food. At one time, Wei Zhi, the Duke of Tang let his chef in the imperial palace. The chef made four famous dishes at a feast. One of this four was the braised meatball. The guests ingratiated the duke and said "Your Highness, you fight for our kingdom during half of your life, you are a soldier like the lion. You deserve the badge of a lion!" The duke felt happy about it and gave a toast, saying, "For the memory of today's feast, I give this dish a new name, the lion head!" Since then, the large meatballs in soup or sauce have become known as lion head.



There is also a famous dish in Guangdong province called "撒尿牛丸". One restaurant translated the name of the food literally as "Pee beef balls". That's disgusting! Of course, this was later posted on the Internet. Any foreigner who does not understand Chinese culture must feel sick when they see this name. Is this beef ball made of urine? As a result, I saw so many foreigners expressing refusal on some blogs about traveling around China.

Actually, there are two reasons for this name. First, the dish contains some soup inside. As we eat them the meatballs are juicy and beefy so it will be called the "撒尿牛丸" in Chinese. Second, another ingredient is mantis shrimp, also called the peeing shrimp in Hong Kong; such a simple and delicious beef meatball dish has been harshly misunderstood just because of the poor English translation detached from the Chinese cultural knowledge.

In fact, these jokes are caused by its literal translation, while most Chinese characters have different meanings. We should translate food in the rule of ingredients and cooking methods when there is a possibility for the literal translational to be completely unhelpful or even off-putting.



Dim Sum Dinner and Shenzhen Talent Park

By Claudia Fauzi



Whether you are visitor or busy student you may only have a few nights to truly appreciate Shenzhen. Looking for the best way to experience the city and maybe just have one night?

Dim sum and an evening view of the lights downtown while strolling through a waterfront park combines some of our favorite Shenzhen highlights.

The Dim Sum

On March 15, PKU Shenzhen Campus Advisors (CA) organized Dim Sum and Evening Visit to Shenzhen Talent Park. Students had dinner at 点都德 (Dian Dou De). The restaurant has a convenient central location in Houhai's Coastal City. It can be reached from PKUSZ campus or just about anywhere else in Shenzhen in less than one hour.

The event provided an opportunity for new exchange students to enjoy traditional Guangzhou yum cha (or dim sum) delicacies. The food tasted very good. They have a variety of dim sum on the menu, so everyone can choose something of their own liking. Both new exchange and full-time students experienced the authentic Chinese culture of dim sum.

We ordered a lot of dishes, I remembered some:

	a red rice sausage with crunchy shrimp inside
	it is a steamed chicken feet with sauce
	状元及第粥 a chicken porridge
	a big deep-fried breadsticks
	香芒夹心椰汁糕 a coconut mango jelly.



We chose to stay in one room with 2 private tables to avoid noise and enjoy our quality time. Students shared new stories and talked about fun activities in Shenzhen. They became acquainted and more connecting with each other. "Well it was nice going out together, trying some dim sum with Chinese fellows." said PHBS full time student Amir Guluzade from Azerbaijan.

Shenzhen Talent Park

Once everyone had finished dinner, some of us stopped by for bubble tea at Coco, then we walked to 深圳人才公园 (shen zhen ren cai gong yuan) or Shenzhen Talent Park. It took about 20 minutes walking and the journey will be easier once some street construction is completed.

The park is dedicated to the talent in Shenzhen, the city's history, and the goal of improving the quality of life for local residents. From the park, we could see the light show emanating from skyscrapers of the city. The park is new, large, carefully designed, and not crowded but getting more and more popular.

Throughout the evening, visitors can hear music playing from the corner of the park, enjoy leisure areas, and take amazing photos. The park is on the water of Shenzhen Bay. So you not only enjoy the scenery of the buildings and the park, you can also see the vast waters.

Noon Veeratanmanont, PHBS exchange student from Thailand, summed it up perfectly, "Well, overall I think it's really nice. The food is really good."

"Bid Out Loud!" - STL holds Fifth Annual PILF Auction

By Daisy Xia



The 5th Public Interest Auction was held in the STL building on April 13th. Considered to be one of the biggest events at Peking University School of Transnational Law (STL), the annual auction offers everyone a short break from the stresses of school and brings together students, alumni, and faculty to support the next generation of public interest lawyers.

PILF refers to Public Interest Law Foundation, which is a student administered group that is based in STL to promote the practice of public interest law among students. All the funds raised from the auction are used to finance student participation in public interest projects in organizations around the world.

The theme of this year's auction was "BID OUT LOUD". There were three parts of the auction: silent auction, live auction and "Bid for a Song". To really set the atmosphere for the evening, Professor Sang Yop Kang gave a splendid piano performance. The auction portion of the evening began after STL Dean Philip McConaughay, gave a welcome speech reiterating the importance of supporting students who go on to have rewarding and formative experiences in public interest law.

The majority of items in the silent auction were from students. Most items were interesting, novel and creative: for instance, eating super-spicy Chongqing hot pot together, posting marriage advertising on moments, piano courses, and so on. The most popular items were a set of pictures taken by a 1L student, which was sold for 800RMB and a signed copy of US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's biography, My Beloved World.

The live auction portion of the night was even more exciting and fascinating. Students had the chance to purchase unique experiences curated by STL professors and distinguished lawyers. For example, a cocktail party at Professor Ray Campbell's place, a traditional Irish meal with Prof. Stephen Minas, game night with Prof. Junchi Zhou, and buffet dinner at the Four Seasons with Prof. Norman Ho



and his family... There was something attractive and appealing for everyone!

The biggest items ended up being much more practical: the advanced IP lawyer training course of University of Hong Kong, donated by lawyer Zhou Lisi from ZHONGLUN W&D Law Firm, reached the 5000RMB before being snatched by a student. The second item was a legal research class for Chinese law for three hours provided by alum, Qi Xin, who works in a famous law firm; the item was sold for 3500RMB.

The special event of this auction is "Bid for a song!" In this event, students could bid for the professors whom they were the most eager to listen to. The winners were Prof. Nicholas Frayn and Prof. Danya Reda. They sang the classic song Ain't No Mountain High Enough.

To date the PILF auction has been successfully held five times and raised more than 400,000RMB. At the end of the live auction, the total amount of the money donated was over 50,000RMB. PILF has funded more than twenty student internships around the world, including opportunities at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Regional Center for Asia and Pacific (UNCITRAL-RCAP), and American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Los Angeles.

"It seems to me that PILF embodies participation, interaction, love and fellowship. Organizers devote their time. Donors contribute by donating beloved items. Bidders give money. The money raised will fund STL students' dreams to practice public interest law where their professional knowledge can help people in needs the most. That is an interaction of love, by love and for love. It also reminds us that we live in the same world and share the same fortune. Only when united, can we break the obstacles and build a better world." -Professor Mao Shaowei

Alumni Profile: Markey Tan's Rise in the Shenzhen Tech World

By Anabelle Dagenais



Making Shenzhen Her City

Back in Thailand but determined to return to the sleepless city of Shanghai, Markey began looking at master's degree programs in Shanghai when finishing her bachelor's degree. However, China had another surprise in store for her. Due to the timing of the year, she found the best opportunities were in places she hadn't previously considered.

She turned to PKU Shenzhen for a master's degree in Business Administration and Management at PHBS. During her studies, she got involved in Youth Entrepreneur and Student Unions. She continued to stand out as a leader and student and was the recipient of an Excellence Scholarship.

The longer she stayed in Shenzhen, the more places she found to network, grow, and apply her skills. In contrast to Shanghai, where expats were looking very hard for opportunities and were all trying to build a name for themselves, in Shenzhen, everything was new and ideas and projects were more welcomed. She realized Shenzhen had an ecosystem where if you work hard, you can find or create what you are looking for.

Finding the Right Teammate

One evening, after finishing classes for the day, she attended an event on WeChat marketing by Matthew Brennan. She felt like WeChat marketing was the future for retail and commerce in China and possibly many other parts of the world.

After the event, she reached out to Matthew to talk to him about a crazy idea his talk sparked in her mind. She wanted to organize these WeChat marketing talks in 3 provinces in Thailand. When she asked if he was on board, he agreed without hesitation. Against all odds, considering that this kind of conference had never been previously done, the events were a success, attracting more than 150 attendees. Along the way, she came to appreciate Matthew's skills, knowledge, and connections even more. She saw how highly respected he was in the industry for his analysis and expertise. Likewise, Matthew was surprised by her ease and entrepreneurial spirit at such a young age. They both sensed that they made a great team.

When Matthew then suggested they team up again—this time in Shanghai—she immediately replied, "Why not? This time it was her turn to not hesitate for a moment. Together, they developed China Channel, a "consulting and research company for organizations wishing to understand and build their strategy for WeChat and China's digital ecosystem." China Channel has rapidly become the organizer of the largest WeChat marketing conference series for international organizations.

After organizing the successful conference in Shanghai, it seemed that a new direction for her was forming. Her efforts now all revolved around the tech world. Furthermore, she was also passionate about education. The next chapter of her life unfolded as she then started to teach workshops and give talks both in Shenzhen and Hong Kong. These later led her to her co-founding the coding school Le Wagon Shenzhen.

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Most Picturesque Places in Shenzhen

By Dominika Mindekova

The conventional idea about Shenzhen is that it is a new city built from almost nothing in just a few decades. On one hand, this is true: One can't expect to find dynastic sights hundreds of years old. On the other hand, this thinking sometimes leads to the misguided idea that there is no beauty here. To the contrary, Shenzhen offers a striking number of modern architecture sights which are pleasing to the eye and camera. So let's get ready to take the tour around Shenzhen picturesque places.

OCT Harbor (欢乐海岸; Metro: Line 9, Shenzhen Bay Park Station, Exit E)



Check this spot out for another take on the Shenzhen skyline with the addition of the boats and ongoing construction. One can also see the silhouette of the China Resources Headquarters. This shot seems to represent Shenzhen past, presence and future.

OCT Design Museum (创意展示中心; Metro: Line 9, Shenzhen Bay Park, Exit E)



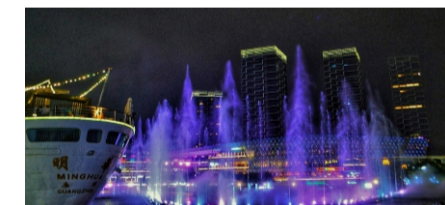
Located inside OCT Harbor, but worthy of a place of its own on this list is the OCT Design Museum. The work of architect Pei Zhu mainly functions as a show space for design exhibitions. Its exterior reflects the curving space of inside. The smoothness is truly eye-catching and futuristic like a spaceship.

Prince Building (汇港购物中心, Metro: Line 2, Sea World Station, Exit B)



If you are looking for some interestingly designed buildings, definitely visit the Prince Building next to Sea World. With its distinct 'lantern pavilion' located in the middle of the triangular site, you will have many angles to capture an interesting shot.

Sea World's Water/Lights Show (海上世界, Metro: Line 2, Sea World Station, Exit A)



While Sea World offers numerous restaurants and bars, it is also a hot spot to relax with the neighboring promenade by the Design Society Centre (海上世界文化艺术中心). There is also a water show at 7 PM which can be enjoyed either by standing next to the lake or from an outdoor restaurant.

Shenzhen Talent Park (深圳人才公园, Metro: Line 2, Keyuan Station, Exit B)



Shenzhen Talent Park, or Rencai Park, is a newly opened camera-friendly area on the waterfront. It's the perfect opportunity to take a stroll and enjoy the surrounding modern face of Shenzhen.

Shenzhen Bay Sports Centre (深圳湾体育中心; Metro: Line 2, Keyuan Station, Exit B)



Characterized by its perforated external steel, it's the ideal place to take breathtaking and unique pictures.

Convention Center during sunset (会展中心, Line 4, Metro: Convention & Exhibition Center Station, Exit D)



From here, you get an amazing shot of the Shenzhen's Ping An Finance Center with a subtle sunset glow. If you wait for the sunlight to slowly fade into the night, you will be rewarded by the light play on the buildings located in the area.