

# Movie Introduction: Capernaum

By Sun Qing



Near the Sea of Galilee Israel, Capernaum, is now in ruins. But it is so old the place is recorded in the Bible and Jesus was said to have given sermons there. In English and French, the word has also taken on the meaning of "chaos and irregularity", and it is exactly the film shows.

The film tells a bitter story of a 12 year old Lebanese boy, Zane, who was born in the slums of the capital Beirut. He has been crammed in with his parents, brothers and sisters in a dilapidated attic for

years. Zane and his younger siblings have never been to school. Every day, they must do odd jobs like selling handmade juices to survive. To make things worse, they are routinely insulted and beaten by their parents. The parents don't even know the exact birthday of their children.

Zane's life becomes even more tragic and troubled following a violent incident where he stabs someone. He is arrested and sentenced to five-years in prison.

In desperation, he decides to take his parents to court. He sues his parents for letting him come into this world but not raising him well: failing to provide him education, health and love. The mother told Zane in prison that he had to "be a brother" again. Then he sent out his angry cry: "I hope that adults will listen to me and I hope that those who are unable to raise their children will not have more children. I only remember violence, insults, beatings, chains, pipes, belts. You are poor. You can't eat, you can't even support yourself. Why do you want to give birth to me?"

The father in Capernaum defended himself in court: he claimed he had made no mistakes. He was born just like Zane and I grew up like Zane. The father said people told him, "Without children, you are not a real man." "Children are your backbone. "How can I know that one day I will be hurt by my own backbone?"

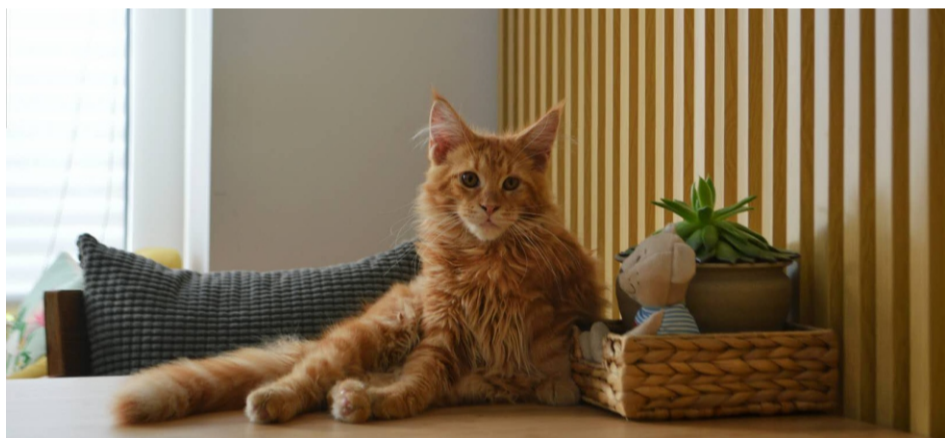
What a grand statement! Five children, the 12-years-old son used to work to help the family, the 11-years-old second daughter have to marry a man to get food which can be eaten for her family members. Could we blame the boy for being the protector of the family and picking up a knife and stabbing a boy who hurt his younger sister?

The realities of the parent-child relationships in the film are horrifying. Young couples with poor parenting experience burned children or fed food supplements too early causing a form of edema. In the patriarchal families, girls were bullied by their older brothers and took on most of their housework. They were forced to drop out of school to help their families live. Because the education of love has always been quiet and silent, a cycle of bad behavior will persist as children grow up to imitate their parents.

After watching the movie, I couldn't help thinking: Can I be a good mother in the future? Can I bring happiness to my children? Now, that people are encouraged to begin having larger families in China, we have to remain thoughtful to the life we bring into the world.

# Study Friendly Cafés

By Dominika Mindekova



Are you tired of the same old school environment? Feeling uninspired regarding one of your essays? Or are you are just looking for a change of scenery? If you answered yes to these questions, keep on reading and start discovering new places close to campus to improve your study process and try some good coffee.

To be one of the few café's on our list, these spots had to be the best for us students. Each has quality drinks. They also have a space that is pleasant and conducive for studying. Most importantly, they are as conveniently located as possible.

1. Bangdaile (棒呆了, Address: 石鼓路3009号金城世家B区C座1层14号铺; Bus m459, Bus stop: 留仙居站) ☞

This is a quiet and cozy coffee place with a super convenient location close to the Xili metro station (Xili Station). It is a nice change of scenery when studying or just a place to hang out and relax your mind. If you are lucky, one of the in-house cats will be present to provide some cute company and emotional support. Whether or not a cat shows up to hang out, refreshing juices and coffee are always ready to be served and keep you company.



2. Sandman (集悦城店, Address: SoFunLand 南山区塘兴路133号集悦城 29栋B商辅) ☞

Located in the nearby SoFunLand, this pleasant café offers a wide variety of coffee options, teas, and other beverages. Most importantly for those going on a hunt for study spots, they have generous seating options and an aesthetically pleasing environment to focus or relax.



3. Wagas (西餐厅; Address: 福田区香蜜湖街道竹园社区农林路69号深国投广场1层01-14, 15A; Metro: Line 7, 安托山, Exit B then walk 900 m) ☞

Even though Wagas is a chain restaurant, this fact doesn't diminish the charm of the Antuoshan's branch. Well-organized space and tempting food and beverage choices will make your time studying more enjoyable while being located in a mall offers a chance to take shopping breaks in between work. The one downside is that you are going to spend a bit more time on the commute. However, many students are willing to make the journey just for the cake.



4. Black Ant Café (黑蚂蚁咖啡, Address: 深圳市南山区西丽镇新光路43号, close to China post office 中国邮政(西丽支局); Other location 深圳南山区龙井村金谷创业园E栋101)

Black Ant Cafe was one of my unexpected finds while searching for a local post office branch, but it was definitely worth the struggle. Your time at the Black Ant Café will fly by with their delicious coffee and great space that is waiting for you to sit down and make that breakthrough in your work. They have an even more popular spot a little further from campus in Longing Village, you may be interested in visiting that one if you don't mind traveling a slightly longer distance.

# 8 Champions for Eight Years—the Legend Continues!

Translated with original interviews by Zhang Wenduo

On April 20th, 2019, the 26th Sports Culture Festival of Peking University and the 2019 Peking University Sports Games were held at the May Fourth Stadium of Peking University. Flying over a thousand kilometers, 53 athletes and coaches from Peking University Shenzhen Graduate School gathered in Beijing with a passionate spirit.

## Wonderful Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony of the Games was really an audio-visual feast. With the image of youth, happiness, health, and internationalization, the team of Shenzhen Graduate School demonstrated its athletic spirit. At the forefront of the team was the Vice Chancellor of Shenzhen Graduate School, Niu Hongwei and coaches. The athletes of the main team dressed in vibrant white uniforms and marched students throughout the stadium.

Subsequently, the background music quickly switched from the March of the Athletes to Nanyan Dreamcatcher which was adapted from We are All Dreamcatchers. Accompanied by passionate music, a team of Nanyan students performed their singing and dancing performance. A group of three PKUSZ students called "Nanyan TFboys" wore red suits and as lead singers sang and danced in the front of the team. Besides our handsome students, there were some special players -- 54 intelligent robots which were also dancing in the front of the stage. These robots also had participated in the performance of Spring Festival Evening in CCTV, which was full of the sense of technology.

## Flying Runners

The excellent performance of Nanyan students was not limited in the opening ceremony, but also in the sports competitions. In this year,



there were totally 51 athletes from Shenzhen Graduate School participated in 19 competitions. The number of the athletes had grown stronger than last year, ranking the largest team assembled. Let's see the brilliant achievements of them.

In the exciting final A group of the 100 meter sprint, the men's team, Fu Tianliang won the fifth place with a score of 12'59, Gong Beichen followed closely and won the sixth place with a score of 12'60; the women's group, Xu Xuanyin took 15'21's score and won the championship, Zhou Cejin won the third place with 16'05, Huang Lei won fifth place with 16'39. The three female players from Shenzhen Graduate School successfully achieved a place in the top five. In the women's 200 meter final, Xu Xuanyin won the championship with a time of 32"14. In the 400

meter final group of the men's and women's team, Liao Xiaoyun from SCBB, showed her perfect skills of running and won the first place with 1'15"39. The long distance running competitions were really the physical and mental tests. However, they were no challenge for the Nanyan athletes. They achieved excellent results. In the 800-meter men's final group, Liu Cong won the fourth place with 2'18"05, and Feng Changting ranked fifth with 2'21"80. The women's group found even more success; Chen Yaqi won the runner-up with the result of 3'03"90, Jiang Wenzhao won the third place with 3'08"67, and Wang Tong won the seventh place with 3 minutes 14.31 seconds. In the women's group of 5,000 meters, Guo Fangfang won the runner-up with the result of 22'15"59. Gabriela Cooper-Vespa followed closely with 22'54"7 and took the third place.

# Special Interviews

Here, we checked in with two participants of this sports meeting after the competition. Let's hear their words and feelings after their most recent success!

 **Liao Xiaoyun,**  
School of Chemical  
Biological and Biotechnology

**Events:** Women's 400 meters, 5000 meters, 4\*400 meters relay race.

**?** Have you encountered any difficulties during the preparations for these Games?



First of all, due to that I am attending the classes in Beijing campus this semester, I couldn't participate in the collective training in Shenzhen campus. Secondly, in March and April in Beijing, the air quality was really not suitable for outdoor exercises. Thus, after talking with the team coach, Mr. Qin E, he decided to develop a training plan for me, and then I went to the gym to complete the training program. The training for one person was always boring, coupled with the lack of coach's supervision, I was inadvertently lazy for several times. As it got closer to the sports meeting, I felt very stressed.

**?** Seeing such excellent results from our team, what do you want to say to your teammates?



Thousands of words in my heart but I want to say "thank you" mostly. When the list of finals was wrong, my friends ran around the playground to help me solve the problem. Besides, they cheered me on beside the track, gave me the strength to catch other athletes in last 50 meters. After the competition, they also help me to massage for relaxation. I'd like to praise my classmate, Mr. Hu, for his professional technique of massage. I felt very relaxed and comfortable.

**?** What was the most impressive thing in the entire school sports meeting?

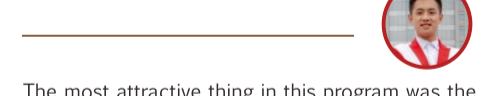


After the preliminaries of women's 400 meters, Mr. Qin said to me seriously: "I find that you are getting fat!" You will never understand what I thought at that moment! I could only say: "Hey, okay! Everything you say is right." This dialogue could only show that the Mr. Qin's fitness class was a tool of losing weight. So here is a small advertisement: go to Mr. Qin's aerobic fitness class! You can not only increase the muscle lose the fat, but also get the opportunity to be chosen to participate in the PKU Sports Meeting!

 **Xing Kaixuan,**  
School of Electronic and  
Computer Engineering

**Events:** Lead singer in opening ceremony, Men's shotput, Teamwork competition

**?** What do you think was the most eye-catching part of this program?



The most attractive thing in this program was the team of intelligent robots. These robots had appeared on the stage of the Spring Festival Evening. Besides, our overall style was also an eye-catching part. On the opening ceremony, our team was the most special one among all the teams.

**?** In addition to participating in the program, you also participated in the competitions as an athlete. What are the different feelings and experiences between these two roles?



Besides the participation in the opening ceremony, I also had a personal competition of shotput, and two teamwork competitions - "Jiao Long Chu Hai" and "Caterpillar Racing". Actually,

## Strength of Unity

The most eye-catching games to the audiences were the relay races. In 4\*100 meters final group, the PKU Shenzhen team won the third place in the men's race with a time of 48"42. The women's team took first with a time of 1'00"13. In the 4\*400m relay race, the women's team of Shenzhen won the championship with 5'09"71 finish, while the men's team came in as the runner-up with a final time of 4'02"67. The relay races showed the powerful cohesion of the all the athletes from PKU Shenzhen Graduate School. On the other side of the sports stadium, PKU Shenzhen's team was invincible in the men's and women's teamwork competitions. In the 30-meter whirlwind running of the men's and women's team and the mixed game "Jiao Long Chu Hai", the team of Shenzhen easily won the championships and added 36 points to the total score of the team.

## Legend will Go on Continually

The annual Sports Culture Festival is not only a grand event of Peking University, but also an excellent opportunity for the Shenzhen Graduate School to show the unique style of Nanyan students to the whole of PKU. The Shenzhen Graduate School has participated in the sports meeting for eight consecutive years. Each time, we returned victorious. This year, we have maintained our title and won the first prize of all the teams with a total score of 440 points. PKUSZ, we cheer for you! We are proud of you!



I really wanted to participate in each event, because I could gain different feelings and responsibilities in different roles. Moreover, no matter which project I participate, it would be glory for our Shenzhen Graduate School!

**?** Can you choose the most memorable thing to share with our readers?



The most memorable thing must be the training on each Sunday morning. We had to get up early, and then run for numbers of rounds on the playground. Although we were exhausted after training, each of us wanted to stick to it. Besides, I was deeply impressed during the entire sports meeting, including the days in Beijing, everyone was very hard, but we are very happy to be together with each other!



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# First Students from PHBS UK Campus Arrive in Shenzhen

By Nathan Faber



On April 22, 2019, the first batch of graduate students from Peking University HSBC Business School's (PHBS) UK Campus moved to the Shenzhen campus to complete the remainder of their Master's Degree studies. The small cohort crossed oceans and cultures to make this exciting new connection between the UK and China, both places unmatched throughout the world in the richness of their educational heritage.

### The Beginnings

In early 2017, PHBS announced the purchase of an estate in a suburb of Oxford, England along with the intention to have the first intake of students in 2018. The gorgeous property was built over 100 years ago and since converted into grounds for higher learning.

The first overseas branch campus of Peking University was established to provide a unique, world-class international educational experience. Though the inaugural cohort is small, they clearly exemplify the international vision.

The seven students from the UK campus come from six different countries, including South Korea, Germany, the Czech Republic, and more. There is great diversity of backgrounds among them. However, a strong cultural interest in China led each to pursue studies at PKU.

Sydney Chu said, "The UK/China cross border program was the perfect opportunity to live in Europe as one of my bucket list items." But, even more, as someone who grew up in the US and Canada, she is "most excited about experiencing a new culture and lifestyle in SZ."

Another student, Giovanni Tuccari from Italy, explained that "China has seen impressive growth in the past 40 years. It is arguably the only economy that is experiencing a real transition from a developing to developed country." Therefore, he feels "learning more about Chinese culture will definitely enhance [his] future career prospects."

Something that binds the group is Chinese language learning. A few started at a young age. Others began relatively recently but are eager to make continued progress in China. Sydney Chu and Leonard Weise both began learning Chinese in America over a decade ago. Cheok Kim picked up the language while earning his Bachelor's degree in Beijing. All their paths crossed in the UK where they began the

pursuit of MBAs in either finance or management. Each knew that completing their degree would mean an initial set of modules at the new UK campus. During that time, they lived and studied together in Oxford as the pioneers of this program. Now, they have relocated to Shenzhen to become part of the larger PHBS community, take their final modules, and compose a Master's thesis.

### Arrival in Shenzhen

The diverse group set foot in Shenzhen midway through the spring semester. They will begin classes here for PHBS's fourth module. By chance, the arrival day fell on the first day of summer heat in the city. The combination of humidity and the finals testing PHBS students were undergoing kept everyone except the new students indoors. They had little time to waste settling in and getting everything prepared for the start of the next module's courses.

It didn't take long to sense the differences in store for them at this new campus. In just the first few days, bank staff assisted with setting up WeChat Pay; a University Town tour pointed out the ways to nearby subway stops; a China Apps Workshop taught how to get a Didi and a late night McDonald's delivery; and any Chinese language skills felt worth whatever effort it took to gain them. Making China your new home and getting familiar with campus takes some work. But there are bound to be rewarding surprises.

Also, the International Student Union arranged a meet and greet dinner for them to get to know a few classmates once the final exams had wrapped up.

Perhaps the most exciting circumstance surrounding arrival at the Shenzhen campus for the UK students is the week-long Labour Day holiday after their first two days of classes. It will be the perfect time to fully enjoy their new home and leave the city to explore other sides of China as well.

The rest and exploration will help the big transition. As Leonard Weise, from Germany, summed it up, "Oxford is one of the most traditional uni towns, Shenzhen is a fast-moving megacity." Soon, their studies in this fast-moving city will start flying by.

# Her Films Travel the World, Her Studies Brought Her to STL

By Ivan Arroyo



Begonia Randhav came to the School of Transnational Law of Peking University as an exchange student this semester. Those who met her on campus probably do not know she is the CEO/Founder at Retina Randhav Film and Ambassador at One Young World. She has worked for the UNHCR, and was the Millennium Development Goal Ambassador for the UN's Association of Sweden. On top of all that, she is currently studying her final term of the Master's Degree Programme in Law at the University of Stockholm in Sweden.

Despite Begonia's young age, when you speak with her, you discover a strong and assertive voice with a broad understanding on key issues affecting society and the world. Through working for the WWF during the last two years, she has become very engaged in combating social problems and enhancing the quality of life for under-represented groups.

Her values and talents shine through the most in the impressive body of work in film that she has already developed. One of her short films The Way Home, portrays the challenge and strife faced by over 60 million refugees. The work earned her the Mediterranean Award at the Tracce Cinematografiche Film Festival. The Way Home was also awarded Best Short, Best Director, and Best

Actress awards at the Top Indie Film Awards; finalist for the Best Foreign Film at the American Movie Awards; honorary mention for Best Short Film at the Focus Film Festival in Uppsala; and the Cine-Magician Award at Sweden's Short Film Festival. Another of her films, The Support Group, which addresses the issue of rape culture, was presented during the International Female Film Festival Malmö. It has also been recognized in several film festivals around the world.

Her most recent short film, entitled Blatten, is aimed to be a twist on her young and successful career as a film director. Unlike her previous works, which took a formal approach to social problems, she describes this short film as more of "a dark comedy about structural racism." Blatten was awarded at the Gothenburg International Film Festival this year. The jury praised it for its "humor and playfulness" and for "highlighting a daily life rivaled by racism."

She is a genuinely talented director and also politically engaged in a local and global way. Her films and the rest of her professional work encourage us to embrace diversity, connect more with the people around us, and make our lives richer. We all have great stories behind us. Begonia shows us these values by bringing these stories to life.

# Celebrating Mother's Day: No Matter the Place, No Matter Our Age

By Mei Siyu

Everyone has had a mother or mother figure in their life. Mother's Day is the special day to recognize their love and show our appreciation.

Actually, Mother's Day is an annual event but it is held at different dates in the calendar depending on the countries where it is celebrated. It is held on the second Sunday of May in many countries, such as the United States and China.

In China, Mother's Day is not a public holiday. This year it fell on Sunday, 12 May, 2019 and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours. But we still appreciate it because it reminds us when we are busy with working and studying, to care about our mothers who always selflessly support us. We know that every country has their special rituals and practices on Mother's Day. In China, carnations are the most popular Mother's Day gift to show love to your mother.

### A Well-Known Mother's Day Ad in China

For the young Chinese generation, especially those born after the 90s, there is a collective symbol of Mother's Day. A public service advertisement featured by CCTV, Washing Mom's Feet, became widespread in China. In the ad, after finishing a full day of work, a young mother comes back home. It's already night and the exhausted mother washes her boy's feet. Sweating and tired, she then carries a basin of water again to wash her mother-in-law's feet.

The child secretly followed his mother and from the background saw this scene. He decides to imitate his mom. He carries a basin of water and puts it in front his mom. Though his motions are awkward and not very stable—his not too steady footsteps, the splashing water—the child's pure smiling face and then him saying "mommy, wash feet" spreads a warm atmosphere throughout the narrow corridor and into the homes of families across China. Just a simple story touched so many people's hearts. It's said that 1.2 billion people have seen this video. It is forever placed in the memory of a generation. Such a public service advertisement called for the human love that has been dulled by modern busy life. The brief performance was a showing of true feelings.



Nowadays, the boy who played the kid in the ad has become an adult like the rest of us of the 90s generation. Just because this ad, so many kindergartens, primary schools, and junior high schools in China hold Mother's Day events every year. They invite mothers to attend the event and experience their kid washing their feet. Even, the head teachers will assign some special homework, such as let the children make housework coupons for their mother or let the children do some housework for the family. These projects allow children to feel the hard work of being a mother.

## What We Can Do For Mom

I asked a few students from UTSZ about Mother's Day, to see what interesting things had happened between them and their mothers.



1. Li Xiao-Xiao, SUPD (School of Urban Planning and Design)

Li Xiao-Xiao said her mother is a lady full of passion. Li always recommends books to her mom, but her mom never read any of the books. Li joked that she doesn't know the difference between Gaijibi (Gatsby) and Bi'er Gaiji (Bill Gates). Li gave her mom a red envelope on 12th May of this year.

▲ (Li's mother and grandmother)



2. Wu Xing-Ying, PHBS Peking University HSBC Business School

She described her mom as a "tiger mother", but one that always supported her decisions. What's interesting is, Wu comes from Taiwan, China, famous for its delicious bubble tea. But Wu's mother wants her to lose weight and prevents Wu from drinking milk tea.

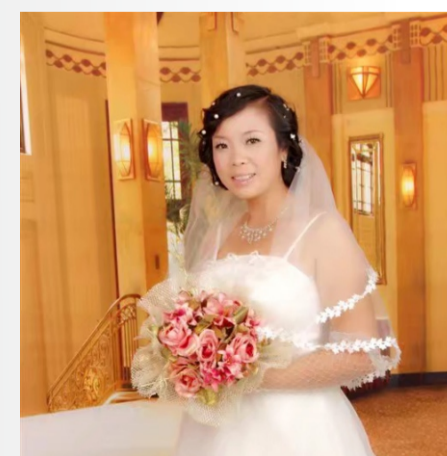
▲ (Wu's mother)



5. Zhang Bo-Ya, SEE (School of Environmental Engineering)

According to her description, her mom has beauty and talent combined in one! She was an accountant, and once engaged in infrastructure construction. She is even good at psychology, and now serves as a prison guard and a yoga teacher. Zhang is the kind of person who never does sports. And it's funny that her mother works as a part-time yoga teacher and has many weight loss classes in her spare time. She said her mom always ridicules her "successfully avoided all good genes" figure. Her mother customized a set of bed yoga action only for Zhang, allowing her become a more healthy lazy person. However, it didn't work. She promised her mom, she will set up a stage for my mother to perform yoga on my wedding, let her mom be the shining family star. She also ordered a brunch of flowers for her yoga mom.

◀ (Zhang's mother's day gift)



3. Jiang Ting-Tian, HIT (Harbin Institute of Technology).

"My mother is my best friend. No matter which boy I like or which star I like, she will know and will ask me the details. Also she is a very gentle woman, I'm willing to discuss everything with her.

This year, I ordered a bunch of roses for my mom, yes not carnations. She likes roses very much and so I bought a lot of roses online then planted them, even though none of them can survive in my mom's hands."

◀ (Jiang's mother)



As to my mom, she's the one who always care about me and my weight, whether it's getting heavy or not. I bought her a bunch of carnations and sent her a wish in the beginning of 12th May, and she didn't reply. Next day, I saw she posted a photo online, she is having a barbecue alongside a stream! LOL, I guess she didn't need me at that time. It's a common acknowledgement popular in China that their life is all for their kids, including my mom. To be honest, I am glad to see my mom is learning to live a life of her own, not only focusing on me. Anyway, love you forever, mom. Students far away from home, busy workers, every people fighting for better life, will never forget that they are always backed by the mother, they gave birth to us, educated us, and equipped us with their love, which is so amazing and great. What I hope is that we not only express love in mother's day, we should make practical actions in daily life, care and love our mother more. Best wishes to all the mothers around the world, you are the greatest! Thank you from heart.

◀ (Mei and her mother)