

THE STUDENT CHRONICLE



Social matters

Editorial

Teenagers are most of the time the targets of prevention spots about internet. Are we really the victims of “the threats of internet” ? Which situations should we be carefull of on the internet ? We think that this is important to go above the cliché of the rapper hidden behind his screen. Because we know that social life in highschool is very important, it would be a shame to minimize the impact of internet and especially social networks on student’s behaviours. This observation should make us pay more attention to cyber-bullying, and bullying at school, because nowadays they go hand in hand. Then we should be more careful to bad behaviours of teenagers about others on internet. It is important for them to understand that cyber and real bullying are the same. A safe internet works with the respect of each others at school. Read more about this subject on page 2...

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American universities: dream or nightmare?

By Sonia Senoune & Awa Diarra

In the Shanghai University’s ranking on the twenty best universities in the world, the seventeen first are American universities and the first is Harvard University. How do American universities dominate the others? The notoriety of theses American universities is huge and for all students in the world, they are a symbol of prestige and success. Why are they so special? Indeed, all students dreamed, one day, of studying in American universities such as TV series. But are they really like we believe they are? We can think that American universities are not a dream all the time; they can quickly become a nightmare. In fact, their cost and the student’s debt are a big problem in the U.S.A. So, can this problem be a source of weakness of American universities? These are lots of questions we can ask and we will try to answer them.

The Campus Life

American universities are special because students can combine brilliant studies and social life thanks to

the famous campus with lots of activities like sports, parties, springs breaks and the most popular, the proms. These campus are what make American Universities so attractive for young students, and the most important of these can gather like real city where we find a library, buildings of course, supermarkets, restaurants, dormitories, sports complexes, cinema, theatre...



A student year is mostly punctuated by themes parties, sports competitions, shows, concerts. However, as students find all in these areas which are often far from the urban centres, they haven't the opportunity to go out of their campus. Sports are very important to the functioning of campus life, these universities provide all infrastructures that athletes need, all sports are represented (football, basketball, swimming...) and competitions between

universities are regularly organized.

Limits

First, it's very complicate to get into one of these universities, they are very selective and their cost is expensive. Usually, when students end their studies, many of them leave universities with a big debt to repay. But some universities offer scholarships to the most deserving pupils.

Cyber bullying : A growing issue

By Eva Astoul & Maxime Rondeau

"Several studies have shown that nearly 42% of children have been bullied in the online environment."

According to teens who have been bullied, 32% of them have been harassed online, 15% have had their conversations made public, 13% have received abusive messages online and 13 % have had rumors spread about them on the Internet. Let's understand the dangers of cyber bullying!

Cyber bullying is bullying that is done through the use of technology, for instance, using the Internet, a mobile phone or a camera, to hurt or embarrass someone. It can be shared widely with a lot of people and quickly, which is why it is so dangerous and hurtful.

People who are bullied often feel guilty and hopeless, like if they couldn't get out of the situation. Most of the time, they are alone and have nobody to help them. Teens who have been taking part in this survey said that they constantly felt depressed and unsafe, wondering what to do and why this was happening to them. Here are some tips for you to protect yourself and your family from cyber bullying:

Don't share your private information like passwords, name and address, phone numbers with people you don't know and be cautious about sharing photos of yourself and your family.



Stop messaging if you feel you are being harassed. Block and report anyone who's bullying you online and on your mobile phone.

Remember to set up the privacy options on your social networking sites like Facebook or Twitter in a way you feel safe and comfortable with. *"Studies indicate that cyber-bullying incidents have quadrupled in five years."* **Dr. Phil McGraw** told us interesting facts about cyber bullying : he said that kids who are cyberbullied are 1.9 times more likely to attempt suicide than the general population. *"It is so out of control !"* And he added : *"It is a serious crisis, 35 percent of kids say they have been threatened."*

As you can see, cyber bullying is a serious problem which is widespread. It is, unfortunately, hard to find solutions to such problems but the easiest way to stay safe is to be careful with whom you're talking to.

“Wedding for everyone” seen from overseas

By Eliane Lattouf & Morgane Ragot



Since 1999, gays are allowed to sign civil solidarity pact but they don't have the same rights as marriage. That's why gays want equality of rights between men or women because they couldn't sign on the city hall, they couldn't adopt and if one die, the other couldn't inherit.

F. Hollande wants to legalize the same sex marriage in France. They will be able to adopt a child together or adopt the child of his/her partner. Consequently, a lot of documents would be modified with the word “parent” and not “father and mother”. This project is a real stake for society. Indeed, 100 000 and 300000 children are concerned because they live with gays parents and just one of their parents is recognized! The most important, it's a way to love children and educate them and not the model «father-mother”.

The opponents protest with lots of demonstrations in Paris, Marseille... The most important demonstration of the 13th January in Paris was about the children rights. Gathers were more than 800,000 demonstrators. For the opponents, the children are forgotten in the law proposition for the gay marriage and adoption because they need a mother and a father to grow up. The other argument is religion, because for them this law doesn't respect a principle: one man and one woman to give birth to children.

This opposition creates the debate because the for and the against defend their moral values and it is so important to all of them. The opponents are seen as conservatives' peoples by the for because they refuse the change.

Radio didn't say it last word !

By Syrielle Mejias & Gwendal Deneux

Contrary to what you might think, young people are an important part of the 80% of people who listen to radio. Even if teenagers adore internet, some radios know how to be attractive. For young people between 11 and 15 years old, the radio is the most representative media, as internet, and more than the TV.

To study this behavior we have analyzed a poll made on a population of 986 teenagers between 12 and 18 years old, the results are quite interesting. Only 4% never listen to the radio, so the grand majority of young people is attentive of this traditional media. To the frequency, the question was: “How often do you listen to the radio?”. More than two third of the teenagers answered “every day”. It's also interesting to note, in this study, that it's the population oldest than 16 years old who is listening more regularly to radio despite a daily life generally more intensive than the one of younger listeners between 12 and 15 years old. We could then suppose that the radio is for them a good way of distraction and education.

However, the average listening time seems to be the same for the 12-15, and the 16-18 years old: between 1 and 3 hours by day for a half of the probed, 71% of them also explain that their privileged time of listening is during the evening. This information confirms the idea that it is a time which joins work and relaxation for these students.

Nevertheless, and much to the detriment of the parents, it seems that the listening time is more consecrated to relaxation and not intellectual activities. Indeed the two radios the most listened by young people are NRJ and Skyrock, which content is above all distractive. 90% of the young audience is divided between those two radios. This last information ends to suggest the reason of its success with teenagers: this media seems to be above all a way of entertainment for them, thanks to the music and to the specific shows, made for them with success.

Beyond that, it would be a shame to be careless about the others stations which propose others shows, also adapted to young people but more cultural. These could be another way to enrich its mind with cultural and social knowledge, in a period when every teenager makes his future identity of adult.

Cruises, Heaven on the seas

By Diana Dinu & Morgane Buil

Today, cruises are compared to a real heaven on the seas. Each year, they attract more and more people. For example, in 2012, more than 500 000 French passengers made a cruise. It's 60 000 more than in 2011. So, why do people like cruises so much ?

This success can be explained first because it permits to discover new horizons, new cultures and new languages. Every day you wake up in a new city in a different country. In each stopover, trips are organized with guides to visit all the places to not be missed ! Also, cruises are made to relax. When the ship is on sea, people can spend their days on the ship, enjoying all services made available for them : swimming pool, jacuzzi, casino, theater... Moreover, every boat gets a spa with a sauna and a beauty salon. The gourmards will be glad with all restaurants, bars and cafeterias on boat and will be able to enjoy breakfast in their cabin. Also, every night, they can take a snack at the midnight buffet. The sportsmen won't have to stop their activities and will swim in the pool, play volleyball, tennis or basketball on sports ground and train in the fitness room. Some ships even have a mini-golf !

Nevertheless, be careful choosing a company because there can have scams. The most famous companies are Costa Cruises and MSC Cruises en Europe, and Royal Caribbean and Carnival Cruise Lines in America. Also, services available are different depending of the cruise company.



Last year, after the shipwreck of the Costa Concordia, security on boat had been questioned. Fortunately, ships are still really safe, and even more now. Technical inspections are made regularly to check the proper maintenance of boats.

Moreover, at each cruise beginning, a rescue exercise is made and all passengers must assist it. Passengers can then see how to react when there's a problem : people go to their cabin to take their life jacket and then go to a meeting point. There, members of the crew are showing them how to use the jacket and tell them what to do if there really has a problem.

After the incident, cruise prizes (at least Costa Cruises ones) decreased. It can then explain why more people made a cruise in 2012.

Cruises are made in order that people never forget the wonderful journey they passed on a cruise ship and so that they come back again. That mostly explains why there are so many people making a cruise : when they do one, they never want to end it and come back again. This is why we can say that cruises are a heaven on the seas.

LINCOLN, THE FILM

By Léa Schnelbaum & Juliette Recolin

The king of Hollywood remains firmly installed on his throne: Steven Spielberg, who is the most nominated producer in history, topped the nominations for the Oscars with his upcoming movie Lincoln, selected in 12 categories. Lincoln is favorite in the race for Oscars, before "The odyssey of Pi" by Ang Lee, selected in 11 categories. "Lincoln," a movie that focuses on the 16th President for his last months of mandate. In a nation divided by war and the strong winds of change, Lincoln pursues a course of action designed to end the war, unite the country and abolish slavery.

With the moral courage and determination to succeed, his choices during this critical moment will change the fate of generations to come.

Lincoln's role is played by Daniel Day Lewis. But the film is far from putting everyone agrees. While some people already announced the movie as the winner of the famous ceremony, others have a completely opposite view, and speak of a "boring" and "superficial" film. So, made your own opinion!

Fashion, a social marker?

By Marion Roman & Clara Houillon

Fashion is a major phenomenon in our society, which concern all of them even if we're not aware about it. First what is fashion? Fashion is always changing, slightly elusive, and extremely seductive. It has the power to transform an image and make a social statement.



(The importance taken by marks (Gucci, GAP, Adidas, H&M) attests that fashion is a symbol: people can express themselves, to serve as an extension of their personality: goth, skater, soccer mom, professional ; but for most people it is a method of utilizing clothing, accessories and hair to show or hide something about themselves... Or you can use fashion to disguise your true self. They can also communicate to the others their social statement: it can be made with clothes, accessories, shoes, hair, make-up, even your cellphone. Fashion answer to social issues.

Studies show that the standard of living influence the fashion style, in fact the social statements, the education, the age lead to differences of clothing purchases. This distinction effect in mark is the case of ostentatious consummation, it means that you've bought something to show to the others your high social statement. To imitate this high social class, some people copy their fashion style to glamorize themselves. Moreover the advertisement influences this imitation effect, and also the needs of the consummator.

Fashion demonstrates that it is a society phenomenon and a social marker because it first appeared in the upper classes, and then was imitated by the other classes. So, it leads the upper class to search for new fashion, more distinctive.

Hopp'art

By Camille Mahler & Justine Le Goff

Edward Hopper (July 22, 1882 in NY to May, 15, 1967, in NY) is an american painter, draftman and illustrator, known primarily for his description of loneliness, thrilling realism in the contemporary lives of Americans. The architecture and landscapes are among his favorites subjects. It focuses on american themes. In 1900, he studied drawing, illustration and painting in New York. Six years later, in Paris, he studied the great masters. His admiration for impressionists lead to bond with Manet. He went to London, Amsterdam, Brussel and Berlin. In 1913, he participated in the Armory Show and worked as an illustrator and commercial artist. In 1923, he turned to watercolor. In 1933, he exhibited at the museum of modern art in New-York.

Currently, the exposure of this famous painter is all the rage at the Paris' Grand Palais, it is considered as one of the most popular this year. The

exhibition was sheduled to last from October 10, 2012 to January 28, 2013 but it seems that with its huge success, it's extended until February, 3, 2013, days and nights.

Edward Hopper's painting inspires myths and dreams of America. It gives us a reality of an abstract representation of dozens of American places. Considered like a symbolist, romantic, realistic, or even formal painter, it's this diversity that enrichies the exhibition, which makes it all the more interesting. This visit is chronologically organized, in a first part it shows the masters of Hopper, his training, his inspirations, the comparisons made with other contemporaries. Then in the second part, it is his emblematic work to his ultimate paintings.

We booked the visit of January, 2. Despite reservations made early in advance the crowd was waiting for you. It was probably the biggest drawback of this exhibition, the painting were hardly visible access. However we found that the provisions of works in different rooms were very well distributed and classified with a real organization that was clear and precise. Knows for famous painting, we discovered during this visit thee incredible talents of designer and wonderful subtlety in this watercolors and etchings. His prowess on the shadows and lights let you speecheless and feeling he manages to generate a painting is spectacular. We found that through his paintings, feelings are dominant: expectation and loneliness.

Nighthawks, Edward Hopper, 1942, The art institut of Chicago.



News in brief

Spring break in America... The spring break is an American tradition for students. During spring holidays, young people expect to have some fun as they can't drink under 21. Sometimes, they go to Jamaica or Cuba because they have the possibility to drink before the American majority. During that party, there is so much alcohol & drugs that it could be very dangerous for people who participate. For instance, in France, the majority is 18 years & we think that it minimize the problem because in the USA, teenagers & students are pushed to go to others countries just for this break & the party rises death risk...

Skyfall, the latest James Bond movie is the 23rd movie of the fifty year-old James Bond franchise. In this movie, James Bond, played by Daniel Craig, travels around the world from Istanbul to Shanghai via London and Scotland. He has to find a computer disk which consists of secret agents' identities. Will our hero succeed in his in his mission ? We truly recommend you to see this movie because you will really love it, as we did !!! Moreover, action scenes are not missing in the latest adventures of our

Last week, the last movie of *Tarantino* went out in moviethaters : *Django Unchained*. As always, the film is full of blood and dark humor, and the soundtrack is great. This western is about slavery and Tarantino insists on the horrible living conditions of the slaves at this period. We really recommend this movie, even though it's a very long one : you'll have a great vision of slavery and we advise you to see it in original version because the way of acting is a success. Moreover, the dialogues are very interesting : it's a really good way to have fun and to learn new english vocabulary.