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Buffalo State to Offer Course in China



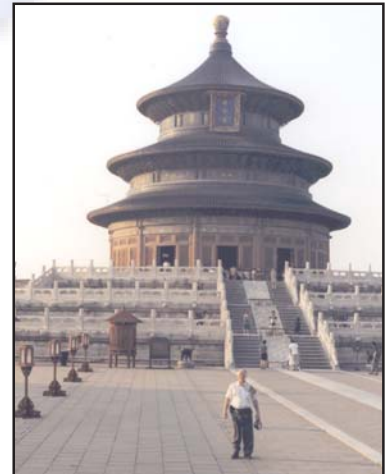
Drs. Tao Tang and Stephen Vermette, Department of Geography and Planning, will offer a three-week field course in China July 24 through August 14, 2004. GEG 495 China Field Experience will be taught in collaboration with Drs. Gong Huili and Lui Yongshun of the College of Resources, Environment, and Tourism at Capital Normal University (CNU) in Beijing.



During the first week Buffalo State College (BSC) students enrolled in this three-credit course will conduct research in and around Beijing, with the assistance of students from CNU. During the

remaining two weeks BSC and CNU students will travel to PingYao, Xi'an, and Chengdu.

Capital Normal University has approved a grant of approximately \$5000 U.S. dollars to cover the lodging and transportation in China for the 14 Buffalo State participants.



Bilingual Training Program Continues

This semester Buffalo State has hosted another scholar under the Capital Normal University Faculty Bilingual Training Program. From September through November, Dr. Shi Cheng, professor of history at CNU, polished his English, learned how to



teach his courses in English in China, exchanged skills, and collaborated on research projects with Buffalo State faculty. Dr. Shi was mentored by Dr. Michael Lazich, Department of History and Social Studies Education.



Buffalo State Faculty and Staff to Visit China in May 2004

From May 23 to June 2, the sixth delegation of faculty and staff from Buffalo State College will visit Beijing, Xi'an and Shanghai, China. The purpose of the trip is to promote faculty exchange with Buffalo State's three sister institutions: Capital Normal University, Dalian Medical University, and Xi'an Foreign Language University.

Those participating in the trip will have the opportunity to meet with Chinese scholars and give presentations at the three universities to exchange knowledge related to their fields of expertise and initiate collaborative research projects. The delegation will also experience traditional Chinese cultural events, tour historical sites, and meet with local people to gather information, Chinese artifacts and pictures to later share with students at Buffalo State.

History Students to Tour China

This coming January, during Buffalo State's winter break, students from the Department of History and Social Studies Education will tour China for twelve days. Dr. Michael Lazich, a specialist in Asian history who regularly teaches courses on the modern and traditional history of China, will lead the group.

Students will visit numerous sites of historical significance in four cities. Beginning in Beijing, the group will visit locations such as the Great Wall and the Forbidden City. They will also tour the campus of Capital Normal University, one of Buffalo State's sister institutions in China. Afterwards they will travel to Xi'an to visit the renowned tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huangdi. The tour will end in Shanghai, where the students will enjoy the sights and sounds of China's largest city and take a day-trip to nearby Suzhou, located in one of the most beautiful and historical regions of the country.

This student trip to China is a first for Buffalo State College and builds upon the initiatives of the Center for China Studies to facilitate a greater level of student and faculty involvement in China-related activities. It is hoped that the experience will establish a precedent for similar study tours of China in the future.

First Graduate Degree Attained by Exchange Scholar



In August 2003 Professor Shen Li of Capital Normal University's Department of Fine Arts became the first Chinese scholar to earn a Master's degree from Buffalo State. During Fall 2002, Spring 2003, and Summer 2003, Professor Shen studied under the direction of Professor Elaine Polvinen and was subsequently awarded a Master of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies.



Dr. Lawrence Flood, Dean of the Faculty of Natural and Social Sciences meets Dr. Liu Xincheng, Vice President of Capital Normal University, November 19.



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