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## Dr. Wang Xiaoyan Discussed Environmental Issues for the 2008 Beijing Olympics

by Tang Tao



**D**r. Wang Xiaoyan, a visiting scholar from the Capital Normal University in the Department of Geography and Planning and the Great Lake Center for Environmental Research and Education, presented "The 2008 Beijing Olympics: Environmental Issues" on November 15, 2001. She discussed the water supply and water contamination issues in Beijing. In particular, she presented her current research on the non-point pollution in the Miyun Reservoir watershed, a major water supply source for the Municipality of Beijing.

## Faculty Delegation Visited Sister Schools in China in January

by Paulette Wydro



**T**he CCS delegation went on the fourth trip to China from January 2nd to January 12th. The delegation members included: Dolores Battle, Charles Battle, Robert Spaner, Peggy Spaner, Edgar Turkle, William Wiczorek, Elaine Polvinen, Michael Lazich, Robert Searles, and Zhang Jie.

There were several activities and cities visited. In Beijing, the delegation visited the Tiananmen

Square and the Palace Museum (known as Forbidden City), the Emperors' tombs of Ming Dynasty and the Underground Palace, as well as the Great Wall. A professional visit to Capital Normal University was made, where the delegation participated in the opening ceremony of the East and West Joint Exhibit of Textile Designs. The delegation then traveled to Xi'an, and a professional visit was made to Xi'an Foreign Language University. While in Xi'an, several stops were made at the underground ruins, the Huaqing Hot Springs, the Shaanxi Provincial Museum, the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, and the City Wall Park. The delegation also traveled to Dalian and visited the Xing Hai Park, the Natural Museum and Dalian Harbor. A professional visit by the delegation was made to Dalian Medical University.

## The East and West Joint Exhibit a Great Success in Beijing

by Zhang Jie



The recent trip to China began with a visit to Capital Normal University in Beijing. The delegation had just traveled from seven feet of snow in Buffalo and all were prepared for similar winter weather conditions in China. The first day (along with the remainder of the trip) was exceptionally beautiful, it was a warm sunny day. The delegation arrived at the University and walked through the campus renewing friendships. We arrived at the gallery just as the opening ceremony for "Inspirational Chinese Designs: East West Interpretations" was about to begin. The opening ceremony was officially held at the

fine arts gallery of Capital Normal University in Beijing, China, January 4, 2002. Attendees included the Buffalo State delegation, representatives from Capital Normal University, educators, professionals from the industry, and the general public.

In addition to the collections that Professors Elaine Polvinen and Shen Li developed, Professor Yimeei Wang from Fu Jen University in Taipei, Taiwan was invited to join the collaborative project. She developed a second east interpretation collection that was part of the Beijing exhibit. Mr. Wang Qing, the President of the China Fashion Designers Association was there to officially welcome the Buffalo State College delegation.



The formal opening ceremony included commentary from Liu Limin, the Vice President of Capital Normal University, Sun Zhijun, the dean of Fine Arts, Mr Wang Qing, China Fashion Designers Association, and Dr. Delores Battle, Senior advisor to the President from Buffalo State College. Several interviews were requested by a reporter for China Fashion Weekly.

The exhibition Web page has been updated (<http://www.cadtextiledesign.com>) to include links to the opening ceremony and to two China Fashion Weekly News articles. The first article is titled "Combining Tradition and Modernity," the second article is titled: "Inspiration and Transcendences: Sino-American designers held the exhibition of digital textile design together." Additional links have been added that lead to English translations, they were provided for both articles by Tang Liucheng.



Representatives from the Beijing University were very pleased to see interdisciplinary projects between China and the US. They repeatedly expressed their support for any type of cross-cultural project that integrates with and informs other cultures in the world about Chinese culture.

The exhibition is scheduled to open at Upton Gallery at Buffalo State College September 15th to October 8th, 2002. A delegation from Capital Normal University and Professor Yimeei Wang from Fu Jen University will be traveling to Buffalo State for the opening reception.

## Harvard Fellow Discussed Mental Health of Chinese

by Paulette Wydro



On February 15, 2002, the Center for China Studies along with the Center for Health and Social Research sponsored the Spring 2002 Seminar entitled "Mental Health Issues of Asian Minorities." Dr. Xiao Shuiyuan, currently a Freeman Fellow at Harvard University Medical School and Professor at Hunan Medical University School of Public Health in China, was the guest lecturer. Dr. Xiao Shuiyuan, discussed and demonstrated challenges and difficulties that Asian minorities are dealing with as well as discussed ways future medicine will attempt to advance and alleviate these existing problems. Dr. Xiao Shuiyuan provided information about what the community can do to help this current dilemma and methods pertaining to future prevention. With this infor-

mation, the audience left with a better understanding of what can be done, on a community level, to help this current problem and were better educated on methods of prevention.



## Exhibit on Modern China on Buffalo State Campus

by: Michael C. Lazich

As China strides confidently into the twenty-first century, the country's importance as a major political and economic force in the world community is becoming increasingly evident. Its recent admission to the World Trade Organization and the decision of the International Olympic Committee to grant Beijing the honor of hosting the 2008 Summer Olympics are just two of the many signs that China is assuming an important new role in international affairs. With this in mind, Buffalo State College's Center for China Studies and the Department of History and Social Studies Education organized a photograph and artifact exhibit entitled "China's New Century and the Buffalo State Connection." The exhibit, which was on display in Butler Library from March 15th to March 30th, highlighted the fascinating mix of tradition and modernity that one finds in China today. It also acquainted the Buffalo State community with the work of the Center for China Studies and the new opportunities for China-related research and exchange now open to Buffalo State students and faculty.

The exhibit was sponsored by a mini-grant from the Office of Equity and Campus Diversity and

was scheduled to correspond with International Awareness Week. The seventy photographs and numerous artifacts that comprised the exhibit were gathered, for the most part, from the members of a Buffalo State College delegation that visited China this past January. Through the Center for China Studies, Buffalo State College has recently established formal relations with three Chinese universities: Capital Normal University (Beijing), Xi'an Foreign Language Institute (Xi'an), and Dalian Medical University (Dalian). These three schools, along with some remarkable scenes from the cities in which they are located, constituted the theme of the exhibit. The various photographs and artifacts were beautifully organized and arranged by Cynthia Conides, Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Social Studies Education, and some of her students in the Department's recently established Museum Curatorship program.



At the opening ceremony of the exhibit, held in Butler Library on Friday March 15th, the Buffalo State community heard a brief presentation by Professor Zhao Huimin, the Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China from New York City. Professor Zhao was officially welcomed to Buffalo by Dr. Dolores Battle, Senior Advisor to the President and director of the Office of Equity and Campus Diversity. In his presentation, Professor Zhao praised the exhibit as yet another sign of America's growing interest in China and extended a formal welcome to those interested in coming to China to initiate new projects and exchanges. Professor Zhao was accompanied to Buffalo by two other distinguished members of the consular staff, Kong Jing and Jiang Yu, both of whom also offered brief presenta-

tions. Finally, Mr. Ted Turtle, director of the Buffalo State College Research Foundation, extended his gratitude to Professor Zhao and his associates for visiting Buffalo State College and warmly praised the exhibit organizers for their excellent work.

Judging from the comments of the students, faculty, and staff who took the opportunity to view "China's New Century and the Buffalo State Connection," the exhibit was a great success and served as an interesting and informative presentation of the work of the Center for China Studies.

## Two BSC Graduates Are Ready to Teach in Dalian and Chinese Universities Need More English Teachers

by Melinda Massaro

As part of the exchange program between Buffalo State and Dalian Medical University, Travis Ingersoll and I will be embarking on a journey to China in about four months, to teach English as a foreign language at Dalian Medical University and helping to coordinate cross-cultural research between our two universities. I am currently a Master's student in the student personnel administration program and will be graduating this May, and my partner Travis Ingersoll is a recent Buffalo State Psychology Department graduate. Being of adventurous spirits, we look forward to our endeavor with mounting anticipation.

We are proud to have the opportunity to contribute to a process of bridge-building between our two cultures. There is much we can learn from each other, and the upcoming adventure is sure to provide us with many opportunities to do just that. On a personal level, China has always been a fascinating country to me, and I am looking forward to being completely immersed into the Chinese culture. Thus far, I have traveled to Australia and Europe. I interned at the University of Manchester in Manchester England for 3 months. These experiences changed my life and opened my eyes. As a result of my international experience any mis-



conceptions and stereotypes have been challenged, and I can no longer see the world with narrow and scrutinizing eyes. If you are considering such a wonderful opportunity do not hesitate to contact Dr. Zhang, Director of the Center for China Studies or myself.

## Participation in the BSC International Fiesta

by Lu Xuehong

At the annual International Fiesta of Buffalo State, the Center for China Studies helped put several performing items on the stage. Besides the Chinese children's dances, the Asian Connection, a Western New York association of families having adopted small children from China, performed a language show, which demonstrated how much fun it is to learn the Chinese language.

## President of XFLU Visited Buffalo State

by Paulette Wydro



Dr. Du Ruiqing, President of Xi'an Foreign Languages University, one of BSC's sister universities in China, visited Buffalo State April 7, 2002. President Howard and Provost Marotta met him at



the Spring Tea in the afternoon at Kleinhan's Music Hall. Faculty and staff who attended the Spring Tea also had a chance to see President Du. Both



presidents delivered short remarks at the event. In honor of Dr. Du Ruiqing, Provost Marotta hosted a dinner at Oliver's Restaurant, later that evening. Several guests were in attendance, and the evening was pleasant for all!

## Professor Zhang Jie Attended the CPPCC National Conference in Beijing

by Paulette Wydro

Dr. Zhang Jie, associate professor of sociology and Director of the Center for China Studies, was invited to attend the fifth annual session of the Ninth National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), held in Beijing March 3-13,



2002. Zhang Jie and 16 other individuals coming from 11 countries were chosen to represent overseas Chinese all over the world. They were selected based on their performance and contributions to science and technology, finance and business, and social research.

## Several Awards Go to Paulette Wydro

by Zhang Jie

Center for China Studies assistant, Paulette Wydro, was honored on April 17th in Albany, NY for winning the 2002 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence. Paulette has been a research assistant for the Center for China Studies since October of 2000. Paulette will attend Commencement on May 11 in which she will graduate summa cum laude. She has also been honored for several additional awards this year: Such as the David Vernon Bullough Outstanding Senior in Psychology Award, the Who's Who Award, and the All College Honors Award for Academic Excellence. She is a recipient of the SUNY Scholarship for Academic Achievement,



the Buffalo State Bridge the Gap Scholarship, and the Minority Empire Scholarship. This past semester, Paulette worked on a graduate research project in which she presented at the Student Research & Creativity Celebration, and is looking forward to attending graduate school in the fall.

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