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President Howard Attends Chinese New Year Gala in New York City

At the invitation of New Tang Dynasty TV (NTDTV), Buffalo State's President, Muriel A. Howard, and Mr. Howard attended the Inaugural Chinese New Year Global Gala in New York City January 17-18. Through the Global Gala, the Chinese community gathered together with their American friends to celebrate the contributions made by overseas Chinese to the advancement of peace, freedom, and universal values, and express their gratitude to the United States and other countries that have welcomed Chinese people. Highlighting the gala were performances by famous singers, musicians, and dancers from various Chinese societies around the world, including mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the United States. The Center for China Studies is grateful that President Howard and her husband were able to participate in this significant cultural event.

Buffalo State History Students Visit China

On January 2 a group of undergraduate students from Buffalo State embarked on a ten-day study tour of China. The group was led by Dr. Michael C. Lazich, a specialist in East Asian history from the Department of History and Social Studies Education. During their visit, the students toured sites of cultural and historical significance. Beginning in Beijing, China's cultural and political capital, the students visited the Forbidden City (Imperial Palace), the Temple of Heaven, and the Great Wall. They also stopped by Buffalo State's sister institution, Capital Normal University, where they were treated to a tour of the campus and enjoyed meeting with fellow students from Capital Normal's Department of History. This was the first such visit of Buffalo State students to Capital Normal and everyone had a delightful time learning about one another's lives and experiences as college students. While in Beijing, the group also toured a traditional neighborhood and enjoyed a performance by Chinese acrobats.



The group then flew to Xi'an to view one of the world's best known archeological sites, the Tomb of Qin Shi Huangdi (the First Emperor), whose vast burial complex contains several thousand life-sized terracotta warriors. While in Xi'an the students also climbed the impressive Ming-era walls that still surround the city and visited Hua Qing Chi, the majestic country resort of the renowned Tang emperor Xuanzong.

Leaving Xi'an, the group traveled to Shanghai, where they visited the charming monastery that is home to the famous Jade Buddha and strolled through a serene Chinese garden located in the bustling heart of China's largest city. The group then took a bus to nearby Suzhou, one of China's loveliest cities, where they toured another elegant Chinese garden and visited the ancient Buddhist pagoda located on scenic Tiger Hill. Returning to Shanghai, the group enjoyed a final day of sightseeing and shopping before they boarded their flight home.

In the end, all who participated agreed that this study tour of China was a tremendously rewarding educational experience. The Center for China Studies sincerely hopes and expects that this pioneering venture by Buffalo State students will be followed by similar journeys in the future.

Capital Normal Association of Buffalo State Scholars Established

Mr. Ted Turkle, Director of the Research Foundation at Buffalo State, presided over a luncheon at the Presidential Plaza Hotel in Beijing on November 25, 2003 recognizing the formation of the Capital Normal Association of

Buffalo State Scholars. Honored guests were Mr. Wang Wanling, Vice President of Capital Normal University (CNU) and Ms. Wang Jifang, Associate Dean of CNU's College of International Education. Seven scholars from Capital Normal who have visited Buffalo State in the past few years also attended.

The association was formed at the request of former visiting scholars from CNU in consultation with Professor Zhang Jie, Director of Buffalo State's Center for China Studies. Planned activities include developing a pre-departure orientation program for future CNU visiting scholars going to Buffalo State, providing an orientation program for Buffalo State scholars and students upon arrival at CNU, and giving former CNU visiting scholars opportunities to refresh their English language skills and to discuss projects of mutual interest.

The luncheon was highlighted by the delivery of a check for \$500 on behalf of Buffalo State's Center for China Studies to assist the association in its efforts and presentation of a diploma to Ms. Shen Li, who earned a Master of Science degree in Multidisciplinary Studies from Buffalo State under the mentorship of Professor Elaine Polvinen.



Pictured above are, from left to right, Ding Jinhong, Shen Li, Yuan Guang, Ted Turkle, Vice President Wang, Associate Dean Wang, Wang Xiaoyan, Gao Feng, Liu Yongshun, and Tang Liucheng.



Ted Turkle presenting Shin Li with her Buffalo State diploma on behalf of Dr. Podemski, Dean of Graduate Studies and

Teaching Opportunities at Shandong University Announced

Shandong University (SDU), located in Jinan, has announced two types of teaching opportunities for the academic year starting in late August 2004 and ending in early July 2005. In one case instructors will teach practical usage of English, including listening, speaking and writing, to undergraduate and graduate students in English and other majors. The other opportunity involves teaching content subjects in English, such as economics, management, and law. Contact hours range between eight and 16 per week.

SDU will provide free of charge a private apartment with hot shower, air-conditioning/heat, computer with free Internet connection, telephone, cable TV, furniture, washing machine, necessary bedding, and a kitchen with gas stove and refrigerator. Utilities are covered except for telephone.

SDU will also pay a monthly salary at least 2500 yuan RMB, 70 per cent of which could be converted into foreign currency. For experienced foreign teachers, the university provides one-way or round-trip international airfare, a 2200 yuan travel allowance per academic year,

and Chinese medical insurance. These teachers are granted a one-day Christmas holiday in addition to all Chinese holidays.

Every year SDU hosts approximately 35 foreign teachers, who visit Confucius' hometown on Mount Tai and the International Kite Festival and may study Chinese free of charge.

Shandong University was founded in 1901 and today is a combination of the original Shandong University, Shandong Medical University and Shandong University of Technology. As a result of this merger in 2000, SDU offers programs in economics, literature, law, science, engineering, medicine, history, philosophy, and management. It enrolls about 42,000 full-time students on its three campuses.

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