

THE CHINA INSTITUTE

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Director's Message:

Dear Members and Friends of the China Institute,

Welcome to the Chinese New Year of the Pig and another issue of our newsletter. The Year of the Dog was extremely busy, productive, and successful for the China Institute, as we developed more friendship, understanding, collaboration and exchange with Chinese educational institutions.

In the summer of 2006, CSUN's education delegation led by Dr. Mack Johnson, our Associate Vice President for International Program, visited our sister universities in Shanghai, Suzhou, and Nanjing. The delegation also included Mrs. Gail Johnson, Dr. William Jennings, Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Dr. Penny Jennings, Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Justine Su, Director of the China Institute, and Jeannie Chen. They consolidated the newly developed 2+2 program with Shanghai Normal University, renewed friendship with Suzhou Sports Commission, explored collaboration with Hohai University and Nanjing University of Science and Technology, and met Shanghai Government Training Center officials as well as new visiting scholars to CSUN. In addition, Dr. Su attended a major gathering at the Shanghai Overseas Chinese Friendship Association and visited Kunming Medical University, which is in the process of developing a formal MOU with CSUN.

Many other faculty and administrators from CSUN visited China last year. Dr. Jeff Zhang received China Institute Development Grant

and went to China to conduct his research study on e-government. Dr. Chao Chen, Dr. Mingfang Li, and Angela Lew spent considerable time in China for conferences and collaborative projects with Chinese scholars. In fact, Dr. Li spent his entire sabbatical leave in China, exploring further opportunities for collaboration with colleagues from Peking University, Tsinghua University, Xian Jiaotong University, and Jilin University. Dr. Li also delivered speeches at Samsung Economic Research Institute China, Peking University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, and Zhejiang University. Meanwhile, Dr. Zhong-Guo Zhou from our Dept. of Finance taught "Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management" in English to students at Shanghai Normal University. It was the first time that a CSUN faculty taught a full course in English to Chinese students. Dr. Weimin Sun and Dr. Takashi Yagisawa from our Department of Philosophy also went to Shanghai Normal University and conducted seminars for faculty and students there.

From our Dept. of Health Sciences, Drs. Louis Rubino and Ellen McFadden visited Guangzhou early in the year to conduct evaluation studies with our former trainees from the Guangzhou public health organizations. Later in the summer, Dr. Rubino returned to China with another group of graduate students to investigate con-



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ditions in China's health systems in Guangzhou and Shanghai. From our Office of Admissions and Records, Carol McAllister, Assistant Director for International Student Evaluation, visited China twice last year, attending educational fairs in Beijing and Shanghai and recruiting good students for CSUN. In addition, Dr. Ellise Trumbull from our Dept. of Educational Psychology and Counseling visited China as a member of the People to People Education Delegation, and Dr. Patty Born from our Dept. of Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance visited Shanghai Normal University to discuss the prospect of future collaboration. In fact, Dr. Born will plan to spend her sabbatical at SNU in the fall of 2007, teaching and organizing international conferences with Chinese scholars.

Last October, our faculty in the Department of Biology, Drs. Peter Edmunds and Robert Carpenter, took first steps to establish marine biology ties with Taiwan scholars, developing collaborative research to compare the corals reefs of Moorea and Taiwan. The first stage of their collaboration was supported with planning funds from NSF, and on Sept 27th

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five scientists from CSUN and UCSB visited Taiwan for a fact-finding visit lasting 8 days. This short visit was intended to be an opportunity to review the research infrastructure in Taiwan, to meet with Taiwanese scholars, and visit the coral reef communities off the southern shore of the island. An additional objective was to attend the third meeting in Hinshu of the group of scientists working towards the goal of establishing a Coral Reef Environmental Observatory Network, which is a high-tech program that intends to install web-accessible sensors for environmental monitoring on coral reefs in Taiwan, Moorea and Australia. Overall, CSUN faculty were impressed with the opportunities for collaborative research and their superb and gracious hosts! They hope this visit will herald many others and initiate an exchange program that strengthens marine biology research and education in both Taiwan and the United States. Already they are planning their next visit to Taiwan, this time a delegation of graduate students that intends to complete modest research projects, and they are working towards hosting Taiwanese colleagues in California.

We also had great exchange programs in the theatre area. Early in the spring, national first-class actress Liu Guijuan and her colleagues from Tianjin Youth Beijing Opera Troupe came to CSUN and offered a most interesting and insightful workshop on Beijing Opera with exquisite demonstrations. Then Shanghai Theatre Academy Beijing Opera Troupe visited CSUN in October and staged "Colorful Traditional Opera" to an enthusiastic and packed audience. Meanwhile, Sean Hill and Patric McInnis, our Chinese government scholarship students to the Center Theatre Academy in Beijing, successfully completed their studies in China and returned to CSUN. They shared their unforgettable experiences with other students during the International Education Week. At the same time, two more CSUN students received the prestigious Chinese Government Scholarship Council Awards to study in China for the 2006-2007 Academic Year. Kimberly Moultrie is studying language and culture in Tianjin Foreign Language University, and Danny Galimberti is studying international business and mandarin at the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. You can read their stories in the newsletter and visit their websites for more information.

Perhaps the most extraordinary experience we had last year was the visit of two large groups of Chinese students to CSUN in the summer. Fifty-nine faculty

and students from People's University in Beijing and 31 faculty and students from Shanghai Normal University attended well-organized summer camps at CSUN. Never before had we hosted so many Chinese students on our campus at one time, and both programs were a great success. In addition to formal workshops on campus, the students participated in some happy gatherings with American students, and visited quite a few social, educational, economic, and cultural places in our local areas and in other parts of the U.S. Another unforgettable gathering at CSUN last summer was the reunion of the first group of Chinese students who studied at CSUN in the 1980s. Thirty-seven of our proud alumni returned to CSUN for the reunion. They are now successful professors, lawyers, scientists, engineers, artists, teachers, businessmen, entrepreneurs and proud parents living and working in different parts of the U.S. They came back to express their deep gratitude and appreciation for the educational training and heartfelt tender care that they received 25 years ago from the CSUN faculty, especially from Drs. Paul Chow and T.P. Lin, who were the founding directors of the China Institute.

Finally, we are now working more closely with the local community in our China programs. I would like to express our special thanks to Councilman Greig Smith and Mr. Matt Myerhoff for making wonderful arrangements for our Chinese scholars to visit the L.A. City Hall, Supervising Judge Michael Hoff for graciously receiving our scholars at the Van Nuys Superior Court, Vice Presi-

dent Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh for and Debbie Swarens from Pierce College, Dr. Yvonne Chan, Director of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center, Mark Simmons, Assistant Principal for James Monroe High School, Brian Bauer, Executive Director of Granada Hills Charter High School, for welcoming our education delegations from China, Jim Overman, Executive Producer of NBC Studio, Fred Johnson, General Manager of KCSN, City Manager Mike Sedell and Senior Planner Tom Preece of the City of Simi Valley, Jorge Mier, Client Services Manager of Build Work Source Center, Bonnie Teaford, Director of Burbank Public Works, and Zulma Mesa, Human Resources Director of the Hallmark Lighting Company, for their warm hospitality and thoughtful planning for our scholars' visit to their organizations.

The "Boar" is the last one of the 12 animal signs, as it represents the seeds passing severe winter in husks, very appropriate for our cold winter this year. Another interpretation goes as the center of everything, or rich confidence. The boar is also a sign of prosperity. Interestingly, these meanings seem to describe the exact qualities of the amazing pig in the most recent holiday movie, "Charlotte's Web." In fact, I took some of our Chinese visiting scholars to watch this movie during the holiday, for good luck in the year of the pig. I am confident that the Chinese New Year will be a "spectacular" one for the China Institute, as Charlotte has spelled out in this charming American movie!

Justine Zhixin Su, Ph.D.
Professor and Director
The China Institute



Hello from Shanghai's University of Finance and Economics

(by Danny Galimberti, Chinese Government Scholarship Council Award Recipient)

Hello CSUN! Well, I can't believe it's all ready been 4 months. It's like it was only yesterday that I was back home in San Fernando Valley doing the regular everyday stuff I used to do. I've had an interest in China since I was 15, so it's great to finally live in the country. After living and studying in Shanghai for sometime now, I must say that I don't regret coming here at all. I study both international business and mandarin here at Shanghai's University of Finance and Economics. The campus itself is quite nice. It's right next to the subway that gives me easy access to the whole city. Back home it was all about driving a car to where you need to go, so its been pretty fun getting used to Shanghai's public transportation system. The first time I almost got trampled over when everyone crowded around subway entrance and rushed and pushed for their seat like it was musical chairs. However, every time an elderly person steps in, people instantly stand up to offer their seat. Once you step off subway exit near the school it's only a one minute walk. It's not unusual to see janitors all over school making sure the school looks its best. Most of the teachers arrive to the school on bike or mini motorcycle. It's been a pleasure getting to know the teachers. Most teachers here are quite personal and friendly. Eating out, having personal conversations or even sharing a casual

beer with the teachers seems like a common thing here.

Getting to know the teachers and other Chinese students gave me great opportunity to open connections and practice my mandarin. I've actually met someone who set up an internship for me to work for an international accounting company starting mid January. It's looking more and more fortunate that I am continuing my business studies in Shanghai, seeing that it is the largest economic city in China. It's been fascinating to learn about China's rapid growth and future potential. Learning mandarin has also been quite fun. I've heard stories of people studying in other countries and leaving with little knowledge about the other language because they only hanged out with people from their country. Before I came to China I studied 5 months of mandarin. I thought I knew enough mandarin to get by, but that was not the case when it came to actual usage. Learning any new language is tuff, but school offers 3 hour classes every weekday. Despite the intensive mandarin classes, picking up the language has been much easier because of the Chinese friends I made. I really didn't know how much I knew until I had to be a translator for brother on a trip to Beijing.

Living amongst the Chinese has given me a lot of opportunity to learn about myself. Seeing differences that can be very humbling or even very dis-



Danny with friends in Shanghai

turbing has been part of the assimilation process here. People cutting in line and having it been accepted has been one of my biggest pet peeves. Watching people exercise in the parks on early morning has been one of my favorites. Whether it is painting on the ground with water, or practicing tai chi, the elder Chinese will do anything to find an interest that will keep their bodies moving. It's also nice to see how the common people live their lives so simply, as supposed to the hectic lives some people live. Even seeing the differences between Beijing and Shanghai people has been amazing. Beijing people seemed much more considerate and kind. Having already learned so much about Chinese culture and history, I feel very fortunate to have this opportunity to be studying here. I have to thank my teachers, Dr. Justice Su, and CSUN's China Institute again for making this possible. Please visit my website at: <http://www.myspace.com/galimberti> for more photos of me in China.

A Busy Visiting Scholar to China *(by Mingfang Li, Dept. of Management)*

Professor Mingfang Li of the Department of Management visited China in Summer and Fall of 2006. During the Summer, Professor Li visited Jilin University, Tongji University and Xian Jiaotong University to explore research collaborations, and delivered a talk at Shanghai Normal University. In addition, Professor Li attended the International Association of China Management Research Conference in Nanjing where he chaired a session, and served as symposium chair for a session he organized, afterwards he served as a faculty panel member at the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting (held in Beijing) Doctoral Student Consortium, and delivered a keynote speech at the China

Academy of Sciences Conference on Innovation Capability Management and Performance Assessment.

During the Fall, Professor Li was stationed at Hohai University in Nanjing China to continue his research and collaborations with various academic institutions in China. He explored further opportunities for collaboration with colleagues from Peking University, Tsinghua University, Xian Jiaotong University, and Jilin University. Professor Li also assisted colleagues at Hohai and other universities with their research projects. In addition, Professor Li delivered a talk at Samsung Economic Research Institute China, Peking University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, and Zhejiang

University. Finally, Professor Li has been involved as an organizing committee member of the International Federation of Scholarly Societies of Management (IFSAM) 2008 Conference in Shanghai China.



Prof. Li at the AIB Consortium

“Women behind the Camera”

(By Alexis Krasilovsky, Cinema and Television Arts)

I am grateful to CSUN's China Institute for its faculty development grant in support of my global feature documentary, "Women Behind the Camera." A Women in Film Finishing Fund Award and the grant from CSUN's China Institute made it possible to edit the 97 hours of digitized interviews into a feature-length documentary, obtain music rights and/or original music, work with a sound designer on a 27-track mix, and generally put the pieces in place of a film project that includes 50 interviews (out of the 80 conducted) with camerawomen from around the world. We are also thankful for Dr. Su's putting us in touch with our translator, Mei Wu.

Our global, groundbreaking documentary is the first to explore the lives of camerawomen from around the world. Camerawomen have been among those shooting buddies-with-guns escaping in slow motion from total destruction, as well as among the video



Prof. Alexis Krasilovsky Lichtenstein (by Byron)

journalists risking their lives in war zones. This film includes pioneer camerawomen in Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, China, England, France, Germany, India, Iran, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, the Philippines, Russia, Senegal, South Korea, Spain, New York and Hollywood, and the men and women who have been supportive of their struggles. *Women Behind the Camera* celebrates not only their survival in a male-dominated

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field, but their own diverse visions of the world.

The rough cut of "Women Behind the Camera" screened in August 2006 at the University Film and Video Association Conference at Chapman University. Responses included: "A very comprehensive look at a part of the business that has been ignored. Alexis has not only paid tribute to female cinematographers and their struggle to make it in a male dominated field, she has made a terrific film. We will all be enriched when it is finished. The highlight for me was the sequence involving Chinese woman photographing the travels of Chairman Mao. Extraordinary!" (by Peter Rea,



Chinese camerawomen (by Sheila Pinkel)

Associate Professor, Executive Director of Post Production, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University). A private rough cut screening of "Women Behind the Camera" was also held in Beijing, China in June, 2006. Several of the camerawomen interviewed in the film and/or for the book by our Unit Producer, Angus E. McNelis were present at the screening. Our co-translator/composer Lawrence Gu translated the parts of the film that were not in Chinese for the audience. Back in the States, Lawrence Gu researched traditional Chinese folk music for an additional section of our Chinese interviews, and performed and arranged by CSUN Associate Professor Elizabeth Sellers.

"Women Behind the Camera" has won an Insight Award 2006 from the National Association of Film and Digital Media Artists: "Award for Excellence" in film and digital media arts: Category: "Documentary: Editing." It has also won an "Award of Excellence: Contemporary Issues/Awareness Raising" from the Accolade Competition, as well as "Honorable Mention: Editing" from the Accolade Competition.

Going on Sabbatical Leave in Shanghai

(By Patricia Born, Finance, Real Estate and Insurance)

Last April, I chaperoned a group of high school musicians on a tour of China. The orchestra group traveled and performed in five cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. When we stopped in Shanghai, I took the opportunity to meet with faculty at Shanghai Normal University. Dean

Meizhen Li met with me and gave me a tour of the classrooms and the beautiful campus. We had lunch with a group of faculty and students, who introduced me to many interesting Chinese dishes and taught me my first Chinese words. I was in Shanghai for only a day, but the visit inspired me to seek a sabbatical leave so that I could spend more time in China. This fall I will teach a risk management course at SNU and conduct research on the life insurance and financial services industry in China. I am also planning to organize an insurance conference to take

place at SNU while I am there. I am looking forward to this opportunity to further the relationship between CSUN and SNU.



Patty with Dean Li (center) at SNU

Introduction to my life here in Tianjin

(By Kimberly Moultrie, Chinese Government Scholarship Award Recipient)

Studying in a different country, in a different culture has opened my mind so much. This opportunity has definitely given me a much broader perspective on life. When I first arrived here, I was nervous, but excited at the same time. After arriving on campus, I immediately began practicing my Chinese. Two very friendly Chinese girls canceled their plans for that day to help me settle in, buy a cell phone, find a few places to eat and help me get acquainted with my new life. And I didn't



Kimberly with classmates in Tianjin

even know them! I was already looking forward to my stay. This year has also been a challenge. My teachers are very gracious in helping me learn the language. I didn't realize it would be so difficult, but it's also very rewarding. I have two classes a day (either listening, communication, reading, or intensive reading), each one hour and a half. Most of the time we are reading and talking to the teacher. Of course all of my courses are taught in Chinese! It is a great way for me to step out of my comfort zone and really embrace the language. There are students from Russia, Korea, Japan, Uzbekistan, Cuba, Thailand, Canada, and America in my class. Very diverse!

Getting around Tianjin is very easy. I was given a bicycle from Prof. Chang (a former visiting scholar at CSUN) and I use it to go everywhere! Also the buses and taxis are right outside of our campus gate. Everyone here is so eager to help us! I am so



Kimberly with her Intensive Reading teacher Ma

grateful! I have been eating the food here already for 4 months and I am still not tired of it! It took my body some time to get used to it but I love it! There is so much variety! There are also many Western style restaurants to choose from. Christmas is here and there are lights all over town! Christmas trees, music, I feel like I am still in the US!!! Final exams are coming up and I am excited about the Chinese New Year holiday! Many of my classmates will travel around China and experience more. I would also love to! Here is my website about my life here. I will be uploading more pictures soon.
www.flickr.com/photos/kiminchina/

Research on China's "E-Government"

(by Jeff Yue Zhang, Information Systems)

China's reform and opening have achieved amazing progresses for the country's economy, both in quantity and structure. Contrasting with the great economic achievements, however, China's political structure and system have not seen a fundamental change. Improving the transparency of the operations of governments at various levels in



Prof. Zhang with Dean Lin at Xiamen Univ.

China, strengthening rule of law, and increasing the participation of Chinese citizens in the political process and general affairs of the society have become critical to the country's healthy development in the future decades.

The Internet is seen as a strong vehicle for people to exchange ideas and to interact. Leveraging the Internet for government operations and for the interaction between governments and citizens – "electronic government", is believed to have the benefits of cost effectiveness in government and public operations, with better and continuous contacts with citizens, greater transparency and accountability in public decisions, and powerful ways to fight corruption. The Chinese government has initiatives toward e-government. What, then, is the readiness of China for the adoption of e-government? What would be the

appropriate measure of e-government readiness in China? What is the status of China's e-government implementation? What are the achievements on e-government in the eyes of Chinese citizens as contrast to those in the eyes of Chinese government officials? The proposed research is aimed at achieving an initial yet systematic understanding of the above major issues related to e-government in China.

With the support of the faculty development grant from the China Institute, Dr. Jeff Zhang traveled to China in summer 2006, interviewing Chinese citizens and government officials, and conducting surveys. The preliminary results of the study have been published on the proceedings of Decision Sciences Institute's annual conference, and a manuscript for journal publication is under development.



Fostering Free Public Library and Information Services in Rural China

(by Angela Lew, Oviatt Library)

Since 1990, Angela Lew, Kwang-nan Chow and Tung-Po Lin, all of them ex-directors of the China Institute at CSUN, have worked jointly to develop and fortify free public library and information service in China. The endeavor mainly targets the vast rural population. As of July 2006, sixty nine public libraries were established all over China through SFVCCA/CEC (<http://library.csun.edu/alew/cec.html>), a small non profit organization founded and administered by the CSUN trisome.

From May to July, Angela Lew traveled to remote corners of six prov-



Jianhua library on a market day in Guizhou

inces in China (Hubei, Guangxi, Guizhou, Yunnan, Hebei and Liaoning). She attended the opening ceremony of a new library in Guizhou and visited a few existing libraries funded by SFVCCA/CEC earlier. Aiming at providing and promoting free public access to the Internet and information technology at grass roots, Angela often traversed among rough terrains to meet with local government officials and library staff gathered from three or four towns at a time to advocate why/how public library & information service can help to empower people with current information and knowledge crucial to the enhancement of their earning ability and overall quality of life. Her years of active involvement and expertise with rural public libraries is now widely known and well respected among library professionals in China. At the Fifth Conference on Public Libraries (June 26-29, 2006, Xiangyang, Hubei), Angela delivered the opening speech on the 'Issues and Strategies of Fostering Public Library &



Jianhua library on a market day in Guizhou

Information Services for Rural Population'

This meaningful long-running program has gained notable recognition from the media in the States as well as in China. The organization and its library program are getting vigorous support after receiving two substantial interviews and brilliant write-ups in 2006 from Voice of America and World Journal Daily, the Chinese newspaper with the largest circulation among Chinese Americans and oversea Chinese globally. Currently a dozen more libraries and a series of training sessions on information literacy are being planned to launch in 2007.

A Short Sojourn in China

(by Elise Trumbull, Educational Psychology)

After years of wanting to visit China, I had the opportunity this past March. I went as part of a People-to-People delegation led by Dr. Margaret Eisenhart of the University of Colorado, Boulder. The group consisted of 31 educational researchers from five countries, all of whom are interested in mathematics and science education for girls and ethnolinguistic minority students. The delegation met with educators who shared our interests in Beijing (Beijing Normal University), Guilin (Guilin Qingfeng Experimental School, a residential school for K-9 students), and Shanghai, (Shanghai Weiyui High School and Shanghai Normal University). Alternating professional days with tourist days, we struggled to absorb all of the information we were learning from our educational counterparts and tour guides and from our visits to sites such as Tian Anmen Square, The Hidden City, The Great Wall, the Shanghai Museum, Yu Garden, tea houses, and cloisonne and

silk factories. Perhaps the most visually memorable experience was a leisurely cruise down the Lijiang River in the Guilin autonomous region in southern China. The usually misty river is bordered by huge and beautiful limestone outcroppings that rise sharply several hundred feet high in places. Professionally, I was most excited by our interchanges at Shanghai Normal University, probably because we were able to talk directly with our hosts in English and because of the chance to meet the delightful Prof. Yi Zhaoyin. She is an anthropological historian who has studied the history of women in China. That experience was capped by a lovely evening with Prof. Gu Fei, who was a visiting scholar at CSUN in 2005 and whom I had met briefly during her stay in the U.S. "Fay" (her American name) took me to the South Beauty Restaurant, where I ate giant prawns in a tangy hot sauce— just



Dr. Elise Trumbull © in China

about the best dish I've ever had—bullfrog stew, mandarin fish (very hot), and unfamiliar vegetables! Fay ordered every dish I expressed interest in, despite my protestations. I hope I will have the chance to take her to dinner, either here in California or back in Shanghai. After this wonderful trip, I am determined to get back to China sooner rather than later.

Faculty Visit Taiwan to Establish Biology Collaboration

(by Peter J. Edmunds and Robert C. Carpenter, Biology)

The Department of Biology at CSUN may be far from coral reefs, but it has a thriving research program focusing on these important ecosystems. We are at the core of this effort, and together have more than 50 years experience of working on coral reefs extending from the Great Barrier Reef in Australia to numerous islands throughout the Caribbean. The US National Science Foundation funds this project, and we are working in collaboration with UC Santa Barbara to establish a program to monitor the reefs and complete process-oriented studies to understand why they are changing. Last October we took the first steps towards expanding this project in a new direction, namely to develop collaborative research with Taiwanese scientists to compare the corals reefs of Moorea and Taiwan. Although still poorly known on the international stage, the coral reefs surrounding the southern tip of Taiwan are well developed and highly diverse owing to their location at the tip of the 'Golden Triangle' of biodiversity that is located in the western tropical Pacific. Taiwan is among thirty-two affiliated member networks that are supporting the International-LTER program, and to date it is the only country to establish a coral reef ILTER site, which it is hoped will aid in the protection of this critical natural resource.

The first stage of our collaboration was supported with planning funds from NSF, and on Sept 27th five scientists from CSUN and UCSB visited Taiwan for a fact-finding visit lasting 8 days. This short visit was intended to be an opportunity to review the research infrastructure in Tai-

wan, to meet with our Taiwanese counterparts, and visit the coral reef communities off the southern shore of the island. We flew into Taipei and on to Kaoshiung, where we were shuttled by bus to Kenting. Our visit was hosted by Professor K.T. Shao (Academia Sinica, Taipei) and senior scientists at the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium, and involved visits to facilities for marine biology research and education in Kenting, attending a marine biology conference at the National Ching Hsing University, and participating in a workshop to discuss progress with the CREON initiative. Overall, we were impressed with the opportunities for collaborative research. The laboratory facilities at NMBMA are first-class; the wet lab and marine microcosms are without comparison at marine labs we have visited throughout the world, and there is ready access to the coral reef ecosystem that all of this is intended to study. The highlight of our trip undoubtedly was the opportunity to dive on the coral reefs in Nanwan Bay in order to see the corals, fish, invertebrates, and algae inhabiting the near-shore environments; in the long run, it is these resources that will fuel the intellectual vitality of an academic exchange.

However, arguably more important than the research infrastructure per se, our Taiwanese colleagues were enthusiastic to collaborate and clearly can bring a wealth of



Dr. Edmunds and Dr. Carpenter with scholars in Taiwan

sophisticated experience to collaborative efforts. They also worked tirelessly to ensure our brief visit was as productive as possible, and filled with banquets of traditional foods that even included an evening of traditional dances and cultural events. In short, they were superb and gracious hosts! We hope this visit will herald many others and initiate an exchange program that strengthens marine biology research and education in both Taiwan and the United States. Already we are planning our next visit, this time a delegation of graduate students that intends to complete modest research projects, and we are working towards hosting our Taiwanese colleagues in California. By late 2007, we hope to have established multiple examples of how we can work effectively with our Taiwanese colleagues for the purpose of marine biology research. Such evidence will be critical for the next phase of our plans, which is to secure NSF funds for multi-year exchanges of graduate students, post-docs, and young faculty.

Teaching Investments at Shanghai Normal University

- A Unique Experience (by Zhong-guo Zhou, Finance)

Invited by Dean Li of the Utah Institute of Science and Technology at SNU, I had chance to teach a group of junior students majoring in economics Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management in summer 2006. It was the very first time that a CSUN business faculty taught a complete course at SNU, according to the standard adopted at CSUN. I used the same textbook I am currently using at CSUN with similar test questions and grading scale. All the lectures were delivered in English and even all the dis-

cussions outside the classroom were conducted in English at the request of Dean Li. Even though Chinese students tend to be quiet in the classroom I encouraged them to participate in classroom discussions. They not only learned the new knowledge in investments they also experienced the interactive way of teaching and learning in the classroom. I received very positive feedback from my students and Dean Li. It was truly a unique experience for me.



Dr. Zhou with SNU Administrators

Shanghai in the Fall (by Carol McAllister, International Admissions and Records)



Carol & husband in Shanghai

This past October I was fortunate enough to travel to Shanghai, China along with my travel-happy husband for the China-America & Canada Education Fair (C-ACEF). I attended the fair on behalf of California State University, Northridge to recruit prospective Intensive English students and students wishing to pursue a degree at a university in the U.S. For eight days in Shanghai I was exposed to Chinese students full of hopes of attending Northridge, to representatives from Chinese institutions of higher and secondary education, to a major Shanghai University, to a private Chinese upper secondary school and to one of most vibrant and lively cities I have ever had the privilege to visit. Jointly organized by Shanghai Normal University and Shanghai Junrong Investment Consultant Co., Ltd., the C-ACEF was the first fair of its type. The first day

of the fair was a large recruiting exhibition attended by any and all interested students and several U.S. and Canadian Universities. Personal interviews were scheduled by application reviews during the fair and occurred the second day of the fair at the company office in quiet cubicles. The students came to the interviews prepared with transcripts of school work, resumes and letters of recommendation. The meetings were extremely informative and productive for the prospective students and campuses alike. On the third day of the fair several U.S. and Chinese universities, including Northridge, participated in a day long seminar where each campus did a Power-Point presentation highlighting the programs and benefits of their institutions. A formal 2+2 program between CSU, Northridge and Shanghai Normal University was highlighted by Keynote speaker Dean Li of Shanghai Normal University. We all had a chance after the seminar to meet privately and discuss the possibilities of cooperative exchange programs and additional 2+2 programs. The final day of the fair we were taken to Shanghai Private High School to do presentations for the students, have lunch and take a tour of the facilities. We ended our day at Tongji University for a meeting with department representatives from the university followed by a tour of the enormous Tongji campus. Both the high school and the university visits were informative and impressive.

In our off time, my husband and I visited as many sites as we could throughout Shanghai and as far south

as Hangzhou. We spent hours walking from the Yuyuan shopping area for delicious steamed dumplings to the Bund where we enjoyed a drink atop the Peace Hotel to Nanjing Road and back to our hotel in the French Concession. During our long walks, we were impressed by the variety of beautiful architectural styles from section to section and street to street. We were also charmed by the kindness of the people we came across in tiny restaurants, shops and museums throughout Shanghai. The day before we had to depart, we took a tour bus to Hangzhou to visit the beautiful West Lake and its surrounding pagodas, the Ling Lin Temple and the Meijia Tea Village.

The tour was nice, but the bus ride was scary! The travels to Shanghai on behalf of CSU, Northridge were a success not only with respect to the many contacts I made with prospective students and Chinese Institutions, but it was a success in exposing my husband and me to the wonderful cultural and historic experience that is Shanghai.



Carol at Shanghai High School

Teaching Philosophy in China (by Weimin Sun, Philosophy)

I taught Modern Philosophy to graduate students at SNU philosophy department for four intensive weeks. We meet twice a week, 3 and half hours for each meeting. We read sentence by sentence and discuss in detail Descartes's *Meditations on First Philosophy* and Hume's *Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (we did not finish the second one), in English. Besides their weekly writing assignments, students are required to explain small parts of these texts (about three or four paragraphs each) to the whole class. This

presentation is required to be done in English, and the emphasis is on philosophical understanding and analysis of these texts. I think overall the students enjoyed this class, and I also had a great time of teaching it. My students are very nice persons, and most of them are hard-working and a pleasure to be around. In particular, I got to play badminton games with some of them, which was a lot of fun.



Understanding China's Health Care System

(by Dr. Louis Rubino, Program Director of the Health Administration program in the Health Sciences Department)

In June, 2006, I was able to take twelve graduate students to China to explore its health care system. This was the third time this trip has been organized under the direction of The Tseng College of Extended Learning at California State University, Northridge. It was coordinated by my research partner and former CSUN visiting scholar, Dr. Donghai (Dylan) Wei, of Guangzhou Medical College. Once again we visited Guangzhou in the Southern part of China due to the wonderful five year relationship formed between the Guangzhou Municipal Health Bureau and our University. They

set up tours at their affiliated health facilities and presentations by their leaders.

This time, the trip was expanded to include another city, and what a city, Shanghai. The students loved the cosmopolitan nature of this very modern city and they studied by day but enjoyed the sites by night. This part of the trip was coordinated by another former CSUN visiting scholar, Xiong Yu (Sean). It is such a great continuation of our exchange program to have former visiting scholars become our hosts when in China. A highlight of this trip was a

tour of Shanghai Children's Medical Center, a very sophisticated 358-bed specialty hospital.

The Chinese health care sites we visited in 2006 were: Guangzhou First Municipal People's Hospital, Good Health Hospital, Guangdong No. 2 Provincial People's Hospital, Nansha Hospital, Wan Jing Shao People's Hospital and Outpatient Clinics, Renji Medical Group Corporate Office, Shanghai Renji Medical Center, Shanghai Children's Medical Center, and Huajing Community Rehabilitation Hospital.

CSUN Health Science students visit China



Unforgettable Experience in China

(by Razmik Sarkisian, Health Sciences)

The China trip was one of the most exciting journeys I have had. I have traveled half the globe - Iran, India, Germany, and now the US, but China was a special treat to see. If asked to explain my trip in just one word, I would say "Construction". Tower cranes occupied the everyday landscape. I also realized that behind the machinery are hard working people who work around the clock to support their families and meantime, they are also building a nation - that is impressive! The awe inspiring size of building a nation is reported daily in the newspapers around the world. It seems the world has taken notice. If someone asked me to explain my trip to China in a sentence, I would say that China was one of the best journeys because of the friends I have made. The group was one of the most diverse groups I have been with in one place far from home. It made me feel at home. And if someone asked me to

explain my trip to China in a paragraph, I would say that I am grateful for the unforgettable experience over and over again until I fill up a paragraph.

A Trip to the Hospitals in China

(by Sophia Shufeng Huang, Health Sciences)

The short seven-day trip in China was full of hospital visits, city tours, and wonderful meals. The visits to the hospitals were eye opening, even to someone like me, born and raised in Taiwan, who had been to China seven times before. What impressed me most during our visits to the hospitals was the people's zest for knowledge and enthusiasm to embrace new technology. To name two examples: in Guangzhou, we visited Good Health Hospital. It is a small private hospital with 20 beds, but it owns the most modern mammogram machine. There is no wait



to take the mammogram test, the result only takes one hour to get and it costs merely \$20 per test. In Shanghai, we visited HuaJin Community Rehabilitation Center. This small rural hospital with 150 beds has adopted electronic medical records since 2003. The physicians use a computerized charting system to diagnose and manage patient's conditions. The progress in medical care in China exceeds my expectations. I am truly happy for their advances and commend them for their efforts.

Summer Enrichment Program for Shanghai Students

(by Zhong-Guo Zhou, Finance)



Party at Jan and Dave's house

The China Institute and Department of Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance at CSUN hosted a short enrichment program for 31 college students and faculty lead by Dean Li from Shanghai Normal University (SNU) over the period August 8-27, 2006. The program is composed of a series of workshops and field trips to introduce Chinese students with an up-to-date knowledge in business

and to gain first-hand experience of the real business in the U.S., an intensive training in business English, and sightseeing.

Eight three-hour each workshops include an overview of the financial services industry and risk management by Dr. Mike Phillips, real estate markets by Dr. Don Bleich, money, banking and financial institutions by Dr. Bill Roberts, customer service by Dr. Judy Hennessey, intellectual property laws by Dr. Kurt Saunders, the legal system in the U.S. and contract laws by Dr. Rafi Efrat, and the theory and practice of financial planning by Dr. Yanbo Jin. Two field trips comprise visits to Northwestern Mutual Financial Service with an emphasis on advertising & marketing financial products and 21st Century Insurance with a concentration on financial service & insurance. Six business English sessions intended to improve students' oral and

written communication skills. In addition, students and faculty from SNU participated in several gatherings with CSUN students, American friends in our local community, and nearly 60 students and faculty from People's University in Beijing, who were also attending a special summer camp at CSUN. The program was a great success.



SNU summer camp students with CSUN faculty

"China, Bound and Unbound"

(by Wong Sing from Guangzhou)

I had another fruitful and meaningful year in 2006. This year I have been blessed by reasonably good health. I spent most of the time this year completing and polishing my second book entitled CHINA, BOUND & UNBOUND which will be published at the end of the year or early next year. In January I visited the kindergarten of the Clifford English School and told stories to the children there. I always enjoy being among children and I could visualize in some years hence they would all be grown and making our future world. My third daughter Xiao Bu from Northridge visited me with her two children Harmony and Peter. Xiao Bu showed the children around many cultural sites and took them to our village of Taishan to seek their roots.

I went to Hong Kong in June to conduct a poetry class at my Alma Mater, the Diocesan Girls' School (DGS). At the end of June, I talked to the Royal Asiatic Society (RAS) at the Hong Kong City Hall about my experience in China. I was glad that I had an opportunity to share my experience with others. The Diocesan Old Girls' Association (DOGA)

held its Annual Dinner in October. Last year three of us representing our Class of 1940 formed the oldest class at the Dinner. This year only two of us attended. I am proud of my Pui Ching students. In the U.S. there are senators who are Pui Ching old boys, some graduated from Harvard and MIT and some are working in the US Defense Department and others doing hi-tech work. They are all making great contributions to society.

On November 18, the Jinan University celebrated its centenary of establishment. Students from the four corners of the globe came back to the university to celebrate. My class of 1982 visited me and had dinner at my home. Most of them are now working in Hong Kong and I get a feeling of pride swell up within me when I think of their achievements since graduation. In China there are sayings about the teaching profession, "To have students all over the world," and "The worthy disciple excels his master." I have taught for 60 odd years and fully understand the meaning of these words.

Wherever I go in the world I

find my students there to meet me, be it in China, the U.S., Europe or South East Asia. No other profession has such advantages. I am looking forward to the publishing of my second book entitled CHINA, BOUND & UNBOUND. The confidence in my hope of China being unbound some day is growing. May China wisely solve the many existing problems confronted today with the passing of time.



Frances Wong in China

Reunion with First Group of Chinese Students at CSUN

(by Paul Chow and T.P. Lin)

The first group of students from China appeared on this campus in 1979. They were sponsored by families in the U.S. In 1981, CSUN received its first graduate students from China. Equipped with a barely understandable spoken English but a head full of

physics and math, they walked boldly into our freshman and sophomore laboratories as teaching assistants. At first, the resistance was not just from their students but also from their professors. But it did not take long for them to prove that they were the best. Following these young pioneers, more came in all disciplines from music and film to letters and sciences.

On July 2, 2006, thirty-seven of our proud alumni returned to campus for a reunion. They left CSUN as poor graduates. They now came back as successful professors, lawyers, scientists, engineers, artists, teachers, businessmen, entrepreneurs and proud parents. Some came back from as far as New York, Washington D.C. and Beijing. They all felt a strong urge and sentiment to come back to the CSUN REUNION that Liu Xiaosong



Paul and T.P. receive recognition at ceremony

and Zhao Jie had planned for a whole year to express their deep gratitude and appreciation for the educational training and heartfelt tender care that they had received 25 years ago here on this campus.



A very happy reunion at CSUN

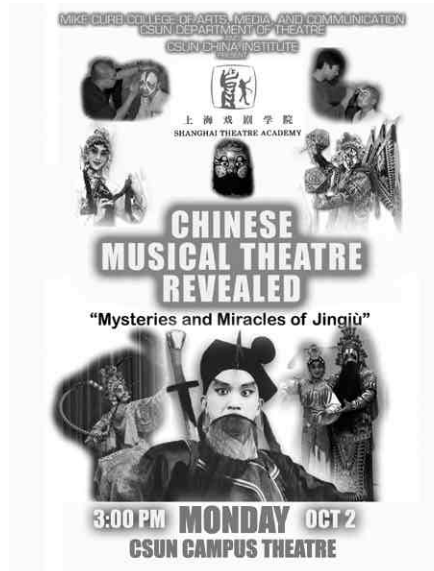
Mysteries and miracles of Jingju--the famous Chinese musical

(by William Taylor and Peter Grego, Theatre)

The Shanghai Theatre Opera School performed to a packed, enthusiastic audience of nearly 400 in the CSUN Campus Theatre on Oct 2. The performers, some as young as 14, demonstrated excerpts from more than a dozen Beijing Opera classics, astonishing watchers with their discipline, grace, and acrobatics. The 15 member troupe, lead by Prof. Wang Bonan, is part of the larger Shanghai Theatre Academy, the long-time sister school of CSUN. Their visit was made possible by nimble and creative funding arranged by the CSUN Dept of Theatre and the China Institute's Justine Su and included support from the Southern California Consortium of International Studies. In thanks, the Dean of the CSUN College of Arts, Media, and Communication gifted the performers with a day at Disneyland on Oct 3, where they were hosted by Sean Hill, one of two CSUN students who spent that last year in Beijing studying theatre under Chinese scholarships. The Magic Kingdom was clearly a high stop on their California tour, which included stays at UC Davis and San Jose State.

This youthful performance followed close upon the heels of last spring's master class by professional Beijing Opera performers headed by

Ms. Liu Guijuan (First Class National Actress) from the Tianjin Youth Beijing Opera Troupe. To a classroom of CSUN students studying Asian theatre, they explained and performed many of the traditions and movements involved in the art form, which can take a lifetime to perfect.



STA performance at CSUN



Welcome STA Troupe



Successful Beijing Opera Workshop

Hosting Chinese Education Delegation at CSUN and in Local Schools

(by Robert Kladifko, ELPS)

During the Spring Semester, 2006, I had the pleasure of hosting and addressing a distinguished, 18-member delegation of high school principals and educators from the Chinese Guangzhou Education Bureau. The three-day visit commenced with my presentation to the group at CSUN on the topic of the



Guangzhou Education Delegation receives warm welcome at Monroe High School

organization and administration of secondary schools in California with a focus on the Los Angeles Unified School District and the secondary school reform movement in California. Dr. Su and Dr. Leidner also conducted workshops for them on comparative education and school reform here.

On the second day of their visit, I arranged for the delegation to tour James Monroe High School, which is one of the clinical schools participating in the Teachers for a New Era (TNE)

Program. Upon arrival at Monroe, the delegation was warmly greeted by administrators, teachers and students. The visit in the morning started with a tour of the campus and a visit to classrooms with presentations by staff and students, who were delighted to be visited by the Chinese educators and presented them with spirit gifts. A luncheon in honor of the Chinese educators was prepared and hosted by the teacher and students from the Culinary Arts class at the school. In the afternoon, the Chinese educators visited Granada Hills Charter High School, coordinated by Dr. Debbie Liedner and hosted by Executive Director Brian Bauer. The delegation also visited Dr. Yvonne Chan's Vaughn Next Century Learning Center on the next day. They were deeply impressed by the warm hospitality, vigorous curriculum, competent teaching staff, and active students in these schools.



Visit to Monroe High School



Visit to Vaughn Next Century Learning Center



Guangzhou Education Delegation visits Monroe High School



Visit to Granada Hills Charter High School

My Mentor – Prof. Christa Metzger (by Yidi Xu, Shanghai Normal University)

Before I came to CSUN, my colleagues who were former mentees of Prof. Christa Metzger told me that she is really a nice person and a good mentor. They congratulated me on being a mentee of Prof. Metzger. But I still wondered



Christa with husband Hank at Chinese banquet

what kind of person my mentor was. Hugging, smiling and greeting, this was the first moment for me when I met my mentor, a hale and hearty lady with light brown hair. Her warm posture cleared my cautiousness away and I felt as if I had met an old friend of mine. In the following six months, Prof. Metzger took me to many places, such as Long Beach, San Diego and several elementary and middle schools. She introduced many aspects of American culture to me. Any time when I was together with her, I can always learn much from her and perceive her virtues: responsibility, consideration and enthusiasm. She is really a nice person and a great mentor. She will retire early next year. Maybe I am the last mentee of her as a visiting scholar from

China. I feel lucky and happy to be her mentee. I wish my mentor— Prof. Christa Metzger--a wonderful and healthy retirement.



Dr. Metzger with SNU scholars

My First Thanksgiving Holiday in the USA

(by Xiaoyi Xu, Shanghai Bailian Group)

This is my first time to the USA, so many things are new and interesting for me here. Thanksgiving is one of them. During the holiday, I was invited to attend several activities, which left deep impressions on me. First, we were invited to a celebration luncheon hosted by the China Institute at CSUN. We had a good gathering with our faculty mentors and American friends. I tasted the Thanksgiving food for the first time and got some nice Thanksgiving gifts from



scholars sing at Thanksgiving parties

The day after Thanksgiving was a big shopping day. My scholar friends and I joined the crowd at the shopping centers in the morning. We saw a lot of Americans waiting to go into the stores, and waiting to make their purchases. It was an interesting experience for me. I had a good time during the Thanksgiving holiday, and I want to express my appreciation to all the people who have helped us and cared for us. I really enjoy the life in America.



scholars sing at Thanksgiving parties

Dr. Metzger, who presented the holiday traditions to us.

On Thanksgiving Day, I was very excited to be invited to attend two parties. At Dr. Rubino's home, I met with his family and had a traditional American family dinner. At Dr. Su's home, almost all the Chinese scholars, students and Chinese professors attended the party. We ate a Chinese-style turkey, sang Chinese songs, and had a great Chinese Thanksgiving celebration.



Xu with her mentor Dr. Zhou

My New Impressions of America

(by Wang Junwei, Peking University)

Time is flying by. I have been here for five months already and I will be on the way back to my motherland China. I am so deeply impressed by what I have experienced here that I feel reluctant to leave all these kind professors who has helped me and the agreeable atmosphere in which I have spent a pleasant and fruitful period of time. Systematic learning improved my capability and broadened my perspectives. I have too much to say. To cut the long story short, here I would like to say thank you ___ CSUN!



Prof. Wang and Prof. Luo at Xmas Tea Party

Five months ago, I was so delighted to learn that my dream for being a visiting scholar in the Education College at CSUN was to come true. Before I came here, I learned that CSUN is a well-known academic institution with rigorous and scientific teaching system, well-qualified faculty and a diversity of students. Its education management system is highly respected in the world. I believe it is an ideal place to improve myself. Now my personal experience tells me it is true.

At CSUN, the coordinator of international programs---Professor Justine Su took us to visit many places, such as the Super Court, the Radio Station, the City Hall, etc., where we learned from the staffs about their working experiences. These educational activities taught me to understand America from different points of view, and I have learned a lot. In the meantime, Dr. Su's working spirits impress me deeply and influence me actively! She also showed me her deep concern. I will never forget all the things she has done for my training.



Prof. Wang with Dr. Sandy Argast

My mentor--Professor Sandy Argast not only provided me with such a precious opportunity to learn higher education and administration, but also did her best to help me. I admire both her ideas of education, teaching methods and her noble personality. I'm proud of being her visiting scholar! In the short period of five months, I was touched by every American I met. All of them gave me timely help whenever I needed it. I want to say America is a polite and friendly nation!

Visit to Los Angeles City Hall *(by Zhidong Tian, Shanghai Normal University)*



Chinese Scholars with councilman Smith

On Dec 19, 2006, Dr. Justine Su, Director of CSUN's China Institute, took a group of government officials and visiting scholars (who are now studying at California State University, Northridge) from Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming of China to the Los Angeles City Hall. The visitors were warmly welcomed by Councilmen Greig Smith and Bill Rosen-dahl, who had just visited Shanghai.

Greig led the scholars to the City Council Chamber, and presented them to Council Meeting. Each scholar also received a certificate of welcome from the Councilman Smith's office.

Then the Chinese scholars took a guided tour of the City Hall. They walked around Rotunda, the Spring Street Doors, took the well-known Bronze elevator cab to Tom Bradley Room, and the Observation Tower, where they had a spectacular view of Los Angeles. After that, they went back to Councilman Smith's office and had a most interesting and informative discussion with Matt Myerhoff, Communications Director and very competent coordinator of our visit to the City Hall, and other staff. The scholars asked many questions and learned a lot about administrative staffing and budgeting in the Councilman's office, general city

planning, future programs of development, civic participation in administration, etc. The scholars were deeply impressed by the warm hospitality and professionalism of the staff in Councilman Smith's office. They were delighted to learn that their visit will appear in the upcoming newsletter in Councilman's office.



scholars learn from Mr. Myerhoff

I have a home here in Northridge *(by Li Dongliang, Economic Committee of Zhabei District)*

I had never dreamed of living in the U.S. for six months before. But, my dream came true half a year ago, when I left my home in Shanghai to come to Northridge as a visiting scholar. We have seven scholars in our group and we share rooms in the same apartment in the past few months, cooking by turn, studying together, and taking care of each other, like a real big family. It's such a good feeling to have a home here in Northridge!

Here, we can feel how much our American professors and friends love their homes. Our English tutor, Shari Ramson, invited us to her house for English conversation, and every time she would make delicious cakes for us and talk with us about our families. Jan and Dave Kolstad's home is like a small United Nations, where international scholars and students meet for parties regularly on Friday evenings. Angela Lew, a senior librarian at CSUN and one of our cultural activity coordinators, is very hospitable. She not only took us to visit the Reagan Library, but also invited us to her house several times to enjoy her wonderful cooking, introduced us to other Chinese friends, and told us great stories about her efforts to help establish libraries for China's poor and rural areas. Our English teacher, Barbara Leu, drives to our apartment every week to help us improve English. She and her husband, Dr. Christopher Leu, also in-

vited all of us to her house for a holiday party, climbed the beautiful hill in the back of her house, and visited her museum-like rooms filled with historical and cultural relics. More surprisingly, we each received a nice Christmas gift from Dr. and Mrs. Leu and had a wonderful holiday gathering with them. From these American and Chinese friends, we learned how much they love their home and how much they enjoy sharing their goodies at home with friends. They made us feel at home with their warmth and friendship. We have another very special home here— Dr. Justine Su's home. She helped us find our current residence even before we arrived here. In her house, we had birthday parties and Thanksgiving gathering with turkey and Chinese karaoke. We also had Christmas luncheon with her family and watched movies together for the holiday. As Director of the China Institute, she has done tremendous work for Chinese visiting scholars, and created ideal environment for our studies. Alongside her, there are many other American and Chinese friends who are ready to help us. Behind her, groups upon groups of visiting scholars and students have come to CSUN from China. In recent years, Dr. Su has served as a bridge for building the friendship and collaboration between Los Angeles and China. She has pro-



Visit to Burbank Public Works Dept.

vided great service and care to the Chinese scholars. We are deeply impressed by her dedication and commitment. In this foreign land, we are very lucky to have such a good "parent" to make us feel at home. We are touched, not only because Dr. Su made thoughtful arrangements for our studies and field trips, but more importantly, because she has made great contributions to U.S.-China people-to-people exchange. Chinese and American peoples need to understand each other, and to reach this goal, we need to have a large group of activists like Dr. Su.

Yes, we have a home here in Northridge. The Chinese people love their homes. On every Chinese New Year, we would enjoy get-togethers

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Experiencing CSUN (by Jiang Qinfang, Shanghai Tongji University)

I was a visiting scholar from Shanghai Tongji University, studying at CSUN from August to November 2006. My visit and study here has left me deep and unforgettable impression. The short stay has exerted a great influence on me as I have benefited greatly from the courses I took: Research in Education, Modern English Grammar, Second language Acquisition, Context Analysis and Conversation and Gender. All these classes are both lively and interesting, and helped me immensely. In the Research in Education class by Professor Justine Su, I learned how to do academic research, and the various methods to do research work. Her class is well-arranged, stimulating and very practical to my future teaching and research. She is not only an outstanding professor, but also a considerate organizer, and the hard-working director of China Institute. With her cordial help and arrangement, we could deeply experience the different aspects of American people, society, culture, customs, and education. We first visited Build Worksource Center, Van Nuys Supreme Court, NBC Studio, Lighting Company and afterwards Vaughn New Century Learning Center, The Los Angeles City Hall, Radio 88.5 FM Station and many other places. She also took us to Walter Disney Music Hall to enjoy the famous symphony by Mozart and Strauss. I was immensely vibrated by the beautiful singing, graceful dancing and wonderful performance in the musi-

cal play "Sister Act". So to speak, I would not get a new and first-hand understanding of America without her enthusiasm, zeal and devotion.

Here I must extend my sincere thanks to my mentor Amy Shinabarger. Her two courses are really informative and her brilliant ideas have inspired me a lot. It is in her class "Conversation and Gender" that I take great interest in the topic and the American educator, writer, speaker Deborah Tannen. I also quite appreciate her teaching style, which is composed of extensive reading, heated discussion, critical thinking and active participation from the students. And that is what I should make use for the reference in my teaching practice. Professor Shinabarger is warm-hearted and offered me much help in life and academic research. I am proud to have her as my mentor at CSUN. One course that is deep-rooted



Prof. Jiang with mentor Prof. Shinabarger



Tongji Univ. scholars welcome Dr. Su

in my memory is Modern Grammar by Dr. Enchao Shi. Such kind of course will be dull and boring in Chinese classes, but in his class, Modern Grammar is not the explanation of grammar rules and frames. His lectures approached grammar from a quite different angle—the linguistic angle of view, which makes grammar learning less dull but more firm in memory.

Finally I am also very grateful to three visiting scholars Edie Xu, Allan Tian and John Shi from Shanghai Normal University, seven others from Shanghai Government Departments and Kitty Wang from Beijing University. We are a big family at CSUN and you all offered much help and attention to me. My life at CSUN would not be so rich and colorful without all of you. I am exceedingly honored to be a member of CSUN campus, of the big family and a friend of you.

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with our families. This is our culture and tradition. I anticipate that through generations of tireless efforts, all families in different parts of the world will have warm, happy, and prosperous homes. All peoples will live happily and peacefully with each other, and visit each other as if they have homes everywhere.



Mr. Li cuts hair for Wu Wei

Remembering Two Women in American Education

(by Wang Chunchen, Shanghai Yangpu District Personnel Bureau)

My life as a visiting scholar at CSUN in the past four months has left deep impressions on me: the warm sunshine, the beautiful campus, the friendly faculty and students. The China Institute has arranged various rich and meaningful training and social activities for us. Each time we exchanged ideas with American friends, we learned something new and increased our friendship. Each time we attended classes and discussions, we improved our English proficiency. And each time we took a field trip, we learned more about the American culture and society. As a Chinese woman, what has impressed

me the most are two Chinese American women who have worked here in the educational field.

The first woman is Dr. Justine Su, Director of the China Institute at CSUN. She has achieved international reputation as an accomplished educational researcher, and she is very dedicated to public welfare and the promotion of U.S.-China academic and cultural exchange. Over the years, she has designed and directed many training programs for hundreds of young leaders and scholars from Chinese government agencies and universities. With her

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Review of Lecture on "Piano and China"

by Professor Shi Zhong (by Kwang-nan Chow, China Institute)

Professor Shi Zhong from the Music College of Shanghai Normal University gave a lecture on "Piano and China" to an audience in the Chinese American community in December, 2006. The live demonstration/performance of the speaker made the lecture all the more lively and understandable. A case of point: when piano is used to perform the traditional Chinese music, it was much more than just a translation of the melody. This translation has

proved to be extremely difficult, despite that, in theory, the 88 keys of piano are capable of reproducing all music (human or instrumental). To play Chinese music on piano, entirely new technique and philosophy on piano music composition, however, must be developed for this endeavor. Ironically, during the turmoil of the Cultural Revolution, significant advancement was accomplished in this regard, perhaps, because of the official effort and

push of the government (that is, of the Gang of Four). Prof. Shi's talk was energetic and interesting. His piano performance was mesmerizing. He convinced the audience that people of any age can start learning piano; contrary to common belief, one does not need have big hands to do well—it's the agility that matters. All questions from the audience were satisfactorily answered.



. Prof. Shi lecture on Chinese piano music to the local community



Prof. Shi with CSUN faculty after his presentation on Chinese piano culture at CSUN



Thank You, CSUN (by Prof. Shi Zhong, Shanghai Normal University)

We are going to leave CSUN soon for China with a good harvest of knowledge, and fond memories of our life and study here in the past year. CSUN, a shining name, will live in our hearts forever as a source of warmth, friendship, and energy. We are leaving the port of CSUN, a place that's closest to the sun, to sail back to our eager students, our sweet homes, and a prosperous China, where we will realize our noble dreams.

As a visiting scholar in the past 180 days, I spent several hundred hours investigating and studying in different classes in the Music Department at CSUN, therefore obtaining a comprehensive understanding of the basic conditions in music education in American state universities. I have also grasped the curriculum design and requirements for special areas of study in music. In particular, I conducted in-depth research and studies on piano teaching methods, music analysis, women's choral, and music research. I've learned

the advanced teaching ideas and techniques in the music curriculum here, which can be very useful for my future work on teaching and curriculum reform in China. My faculty mentor, Dr. Katherine Baker, is a very competent Dept. Chair. Her organized work style, warm hospitality, and thoughtful arrangements for my study here, left a deep impression on me. In addition, Prof. Regnat for piano education, Dr. Bostrom-Aguado for piano teaching method, Dr. Howard for music analysis, and Dr. Heinen for music research class have all become my mentors and friends with their vast reservoir of knowledge, rich teaching experiences, and enthusiastic attitude towards teaching. As the first visiting scholar in music from Shanghai Normal University to CSUN, I deeply feel that music is an ideal vehicle for cross-cultural communication. The Music Dept. and the China Institute arranged for me to give lectures and performances on Chinese piano music and culture to the campus

and the community here, and I learned about Americans' strong interest in Chinese music. Now I feel very proud of working in the music field, as I can make special contributions to the development of friendship and understanding among different peoples.

If CSUN has provided us with a harbor full of knowledge, the China Institute has given us a warm home. Here, Dr. Justine Su, Director of the China Institute, arranged many meaningful field trips for us, and helped us understand American culture, education, mass media, legal system, government, etc. As an expert on comparative education, Dr. Su made presentations to us on her research studies, and took us to visit educational institutions at different levels. She also hosted holiday parties for us and left warm friendship in the hearts of all visiting scholars. I'll take the friendship back to China, but I want to leave my heartfelt thanks to CSUN!

Special Thanks to CSUN

(by Junzhang Tian, Guangdong Province No. 2 People's Hospital)

I am a visiting scholar from Guangdong Province NO.2 People's Hospital. It is a great honor for me to study and do research at CSUN from Oct. 2005 to Oct. 2006. During this year, I learned how to think things in broader perspectives and I want to give special thanks to all the people who have kindly helped me: Dr. Lou Rubino, Dr. Justine Su, Shari Rameson, Dr. Christa Metzger, and all my friends there.

Dr. Lou Rubino is my mentor, a handsome and gentle person. I first met him at the LA airport. Holding a portrait of mine, he was there to pick me up. Another Chinese scholar, Dr. Xong Yu from Shanghai, was with him there to meet me. He did not recognize me immedi-



Dr. Tian receives CSUN gift

ately when I came out. While I was looking around, he came to me and asked if I was the person on the portrait. This was our first happy meeting. I learned a lot from him during this year. He has given me a deep insight into American Medicare, Medicaid and hospital administration system. Dr. Justine Su, Director of the China Institute, is a hard-working bee. She has dedicated herself to the promotion of cultural and education exchanges between China and America. Every visiting scholar knows her and respects her for her great help to us. She arranged many field trips for us to see different aspects of American society, such as the City Hall, the WorkSource Center, companies, schools, supreme courts, etc. Dr. Su is also an unwearied educationist. I took her course "Research in Education" in my first semester, and it really helped me developing my research.

Shari Rameson is a local community activist and a volunteer English tutor for Chinese visiting scholars. Shari and her husband Jay have also organized meaningful cultural events for us to help us learn more about the American culture and society. For me, it was al-



farewell party for Dr. Tian in Shari's house

ways the happiest time to take part in Shari's conversation. When my daughter Shirley visited America, I took her to Shari's house, and it left her a deep impression. When she came back to China, she still remembered Aunt Shari and her delicious Brownies. In addition, I also want to give my special thanks to Dr. Christa Metzger, who has arranged many social and cultural activities for me on her spare time and using her own money. She has gone out of her way to make Chinese Scholars feel more comfortable and learn more about the true lives of the American people here.

She Is My Angle (by Seeing Ruan, graduate student in MPA program)

With Dr. Justine Su's introduction, I came to know Dave and Jan Kolstad's Friday evening parties for international students and scholars. It is sponsored by the International Student Fellowship, whose local organizers are Ian and Erin, a lovely young couple living in Northridge. When I went there for the first time, I was very nervous. Around me, there were various people from different countries. At that time, I didn't know anything except one thing: I was a stranger. I did not know how they would treat a stranger and how a new one should respond in order to be accepted. At that critical moment, I met Erin. She came a little late for the party. She looked at me for a while and then realized that she had never met me before. She came to me and put her hand out with a big smile: "Hi, I am Erin. Nice to meet you!" I will never forget the warm smile on her face. It is an angle's mile, giving me strength and making me feel relaxed.

After several times to the parties, I

started to join Erin's conversation group. Through conversations in the parties, Erin knew that I want to have more practice in speaking English. She invited me to have a regular conversation every Wednesday morning. I was so excited and we started to meet every Wednesday. We became very good friends through those conversations. Erin is an active listener and helps me when I need. She laughs for my interesting experience and smiles for my achievement on my homework. She feels sad for my sorrow and gives me suggestions to solve problems. Erin is also a smart and patient teacher. She is good at understanding international students' expressions. Thus, she always knows what I want to say and helps me to improve speaking. When I have questions for her, she always does her utmost to explain to me until I get the clue. I still remember the first time she and Ian, her husband, showed me how to play Scrabble. She even brought a thick dictionary and looked



Seeing and Erin

up the words that I wanted to know! Looking back at those days, I met many difficulties in living in a new place and starting a new school life. But Erin made the difficulties easier for me by her kindness. I think angle is some one that can make me feel warm and strong. And Erin is that kind of person who makes me feel in that way. She is my angle.

Playing Volley-Ball at CSUN (by Alice Xin Wang, Accounting)

I am a Student Athlete in CSUN Volleyball team. It sounds a little bit special, and it really does, in some kind of good ways. This is my third year in CSUN, and just finished my third volleyball seasons. Being a student-athlete is a lot harder than I thought, basically, you need to take at least 12 units in a semester, which is the same as a regular full time student, and additionally we have 20 hours practice a week during the volleyball season. Playing volleyball with all American students is really fun, you can learn a lot different



Warming up for another win

things such as culture, language, food... Unfortunately we don't have weekends, especially in the season, because most of weekends are the time for games and traveling. Traveling with team is the most enjoyable part for me. Although it takes a lot time and makes you tired, you get a lot of chance to visit other universities and other cities.

Staying on the bench with American students, I learned a lot of stuff. They are more open than I though before, they don't mind telling you what's going on in their family, and what happened about their private relationships. They are just like any other Asian girls, but they care more about their outfits and appearances. Everyone wants to show off something, and everyone wants to be the best contributor in the team, which makes our team more competitive. However, off the volleyball court, we hung out a lot, we are good friends or nice roommates. They are really curious about me too. Since I'm the only Asian person and the only international student-athlete in the

team, they have lots of questions for me. They want to know more about my Aunt, Lang Ping, who is the head coach for the American National Women's Volleyball Team now. And they tried to learn some Chinese. It is fun to be with them and we communicate a lot. I still have one or two volleyball seasons left; these are great experiences for me. People call this life experience and my coach calls it life lessons. The fastest way to get to know more about this country is to spend time with the native people. If you just live here but never get involved, you would not learn anything about the people and culture here.



Dinner party in Alice's place

Something Wonderful about the USA (by He Renping, Shanghai Pudong New Area)

I have found many things wonderful about the USA since I came to this country. Let me tell you a little about traffic here: first, pedestrians and bicycle-riders are given care and convenience when they are on roads and at intersections. Any car or vehicle gives the right of way to them, and they're very safe. Second, disabled people can easily drive out and park. DMV gives them special cares in parking. No one occupies the parking places for disabled people to park. Those places are very near from roads and very convenient to park. In fact, many people like them, but they

don't park there. Third, drivers don't like to honk horns which can make a lot of noises. Fourth, people are always happy and willing to help others. For example, if a driver sees someone else's car's door is not correctly closed or the car's tire is not good enough, he/she would try to point that out as a reminder for safety. Sometimes, when we lose our way and ask other people to help, they'll try their best to tell us the right way with great patience until we get it completely.

Moreover, the American freeway system is very advanced and

wonderful. The signs are clearly placed at intersections or ramps and alongside freeways, making it easy to see. When a driver wants to get off a freeway, he/she has three or more chances to be noticed. This is especially useful for new drivers or drivers from other states or countries. Even if they make a mistake and lose their ways, it's easy to correct mistakes because there are several ramps at a freeway intersection. Finally, drivers here follow traffic rules consciously even though most people drive very fast (sometimes very terribly). The policemen here ticket very strictly those who break traffic rules. I believe this is necessary for a big city like Los Angeles.

Mr. He and other scholars visit NBC Studio



A brave Chinese driver on American road



Disney Adventure for Shanghai Theatre Academy Performers

(by Sean Hill, Theatre)

“Hen haipa ma?” (Very scary?) She asks about the ride in which we’re waiting in line to get on. “Bu tai haipa.” (Not too scary.) I reply with a reassuring look and downplayed tone. I quickly look over to the two other boys, covering the side of my face that’s visible to the two girls and say, “HEN haipa! Zhen de!” (Very scary! Really!) They giggle with my two sided story. She looks over to me again, still a little afraid, and I assure once more, with a higher pitch of tone, “bu haipa, mei wenti.” (not scary, no problem.) The two girls look at me contently with that comfortable answer, and I look over to the two boys again, with a terrifying look, “ZUI HAIPA!” (MOST SCARY!) We all laugh as the two girls overhear us the second time, smacking their lips, sighing and turning their heads away from us playfully upset.

When Bill Taylor, Theater Manager of the CSUN Theater department, asked me about taking the visiting performers and crew to Disneyland, I first delayed in wanting to go thinking of tests and my 17 units I was taking, but that wonderful second thought came as we talked: Of course I want to go! This was the first time since coming back from Beijing that I was able to use my Chinese and

theater abilities together again. What I lacked in the language, I was able to make up for in performing the story, and when both of those didn’t work... I always had my trustworthy zidian (dictionary.)

I hadn’t really liked Disneyland ever since the first couple of times I went. It was somewhat a stale illusion of happiness that I couldn’t make real to me anymore. This day though... with these kids, I was able to see their happiness first hand and remember what it must be like to be here for the first time all over again. Their smiles and laughter filled my heart like a balloon with vicarious joy and the contentment of being somewhat like a tour guide and an older brother at the same time. I say an “older brother” because I felt like I was doing more than just showing them the theme park, but also looking after them. Sometimes if we were on a ride, the youngest boy would grab my arm if he got too scared. I was glad to be a part of their experience in America, even if it was for such a short time. Accompanying them to the airport with Bill and helping everyone with checking-in was another adventure into itself. Don’t worry, no one was left behind or accidentally

put into the luggage. Bill and I left the airport with sincere thank yous, handshakes and whole-hearted hugs.



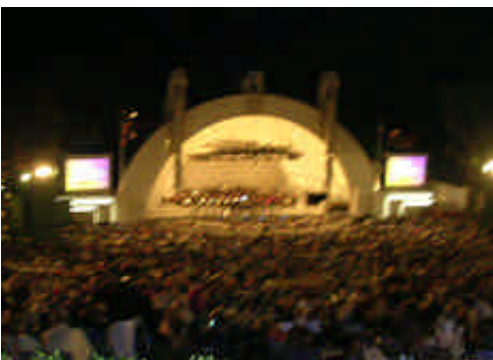
Sean hosts STA performers in Disneyland



Sean with friends in Beijing

Experiencing Hollywood Bowl (by Sai Wang, Economics)

Hollywood Bowl is a place where most musicians want to have performances. On the day I went there last summer with some visiting



Hollywood Bowl Concert

scholars from CSUN, John Mauceri, the famous conductor of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, staged his last show, so many people attended the concert to say farewell to him. This was my first time to Hollywood Bowl, and I was really excited. Many Americans got there earlier to have picnics. They could also buy food there and eat it during the show. There are quite a few souvenir shops for tourists. The atmosphere was happy, relaxed and very informal.

I could tell that the audiences came from all over the country and all over the world because of their skin colors, appearances,

and languages. Hollywood Bowl is a well-known cultural landscape here, which attracts many tourists each summer. We sat in the top levels and could see the overview of the whole Bowl. Like its name, it looks like a large bowl, but lit with several different colors, as beautiful as a rainbow. There are two large screens on both sides of the Bowl so that the audience who sit in the back can see the orchestra closely through the large screens. Approximate 10,000 people attended this wonderful concert, and I had a real American cultural experience.

It's My Pleasure to Study at CSUN (by Qiongying Yang, Kunming Medical College)

My name is YANG Qiongying and my English name is Susan. I come from The Kunming Medical College (KMC) in Yunnan Province of China, which is located in the Southwest part of China, known as "south of the color clouds" and bordering on Burma, Laos, and Vietnam. Yunnan is a multinational Province with 25 minority nationalities. I am from the Bai minority group in Dali. Every minority group has its own traditional cultures and customs, and at the same time they unite together to develop the region. The KMC is located in Kunming, the "Spring City". It was founded in 1933 and has trained over 40,000 medical professionals in the past 74 years. KMC is the largest medical college in Yunnan Province and combines medical teaching, treatment and scientific research in one institute. There are 6,500 full-time staff and faculties, and more than 15,000 students. We have developed international exchanges and cooperation with more than 40 universities in more than 10 countries. With great pride, I have served as the Vice-Chairman of the Administration Committee for this college in the past few years.

Now I am very happy to have an opportunity to be a visiting scholar at CSUN. Although it's winter time, I can still see beautiful flowers, green trees and grasses in every corner of the campus. I have been here for just a month, but I am already in love with this pretty campus. The academic level and work efficiency here impresses me the most. On the second day after I arrived here, I was told to go to the library to obtain an "ID". It only took 5 minutes and a library worker with a big smile handed me the "ID" card. I realized this "ID" card was not only for

checking out books, but can be used for multiple purposes. With the "ID" I have no problems to open a bank account and buy insurance here.

CSUN has a multi-cultural environment due to its students from all over the world. According to my research from the internet, CSUN ranks second as a host for international students: there are 1,693 international students, plus dozens of visiting scholars from different nations. Here I must say that we are very lucky to have Dr. Justine Su, Director of the China Institute, who is guiding us in study and research, and helping us solve many problems in daily life in our new environment. She has a very busy teaching and working schedule. In classrooms, she is giving vivid lectures to graduate students and visiting scholars; beyond the campus, she is arranging various field trips for us, which helped open our minds to learn and understand more about America.

I am very fortunate to have Professor Louis Rubino as my faculty mentor. His specialty is in health care



Prof. Yang with her mentor, Dr. Rubino



Kunming Medical College leaders welcome Dr. Su

management and human resources development. In attending his classes, I found that he was always well prepared, and he was very good at using data and current case studies from major health care organizations to help students learn. He also invited health care professionals to give seminars at CSUN. I am most impressed by the fact that Prof. Rubino has been to China eight times for study and research with his counterpart colleagues in China. He is very familiar with the Chinese health care industry, and he is very friendly with the Chinese people. Not surprisingly, he is always there ready to help Chinese students and scholars. I would like to reach two goals during my six month study at CSUN. First, I'll learn and gain more knowledge of education and health care management. Second, I want to promote long-term exchange relationships between KMC and CSUN by establish a sister university relationship. I'm confident that I'll reach my goals in the new year!

Collaboration between Philosophy Departments at SNU and CSUN (by Meihua Guo, Shanghai Normal University)

In the summer of 2006, the Philosophy Departments at Shanghai Normal University (SNU) and CSUN signed a formal agreement for academic collaboration. Based on this agreement, CSUN Philosophy Department will invite SNU faculty to CSUN as visiting scholars, and will try to provide all possible conveniences. Second, each year SNU Philosophy Department will invite one or two CSUN professors to teach one or more intensive courses in a month or give some lectures in 7-10 days to SNU students and faculty. Third, CSUN Philosophy Department will invite one SNU professor to CSUN as a part-time instructor to teach two courses: Chinese Philosophy and Introduction of Philosophy in every spring semester. In the summer of 2006, Prof. Weimin Sun and Prof. Takashi Yagisawa from CSUN Philosophy Dept. taught philosophy to SNU students, who enjoyed their classes tremendously. It is expected that SNU will send a visiting professor to CSUN to teach philosophy in the near future.



Prof. Takashi Yagisawa from CSUN signs the formal Agreement with SNU Philosophy Dept. Chair.

Chinese Education Delegations to CSUN:

- ◆ Guangzhou Baiyun District Deputy Governor Lu Yu, February, 2006
- ◆ Guangzhou Medical College President Office Director Wei Donghai, Feb., 2006
- ◆ Shanxi Educational Administrator delegation, March., 2006.
- ◆ Suzhou Sports Commission Delegation, April, 2006.
- ◆ Guangzhou Educational Professionals Delegation, May, 2006.
- ◆ Guangzhou First Municipal People's Hospital Delegation, May, 2006.
- ◆ Tianjin Youth Peking Opera delegation, May, 2006.
- ◆ Guangzhou Council for the Promotion of International Trade Delegation, May, 2006.
- ◆ Xiamen University Business College Delegation, August, 2006.
- ◆ Shanghai Normal University Summer Enrichment Program Delegation, August, 2006.
- ◆ People's University Summer Enrichment Program Delegation, August, 2006.
- ◆ Qinghua University Public Administration Delegation, August, 2006.
- ◆ Zhuanghe City Government Delegation, September, 2006.
- ◆ Shanghai Theatre Academy/ Shanghai Opera School Delegation, October, 2006.
- ◆ Nanjing Education Bureau Delegation, Oct., 2006.
- ◆ Shanghai Normal University Delegation, November, 2006.
- ◆ Shanghai Public Health Bureau Delegation, November, 2006
- ◆ Zhuanghe Municipal Government Delegation, December, 2006
- ◆ Diwa University Delegation from Taiwan, December, 2006



Diwa University Delegation from Taiwan



Suzhou Sports Commission delegation at CSUN



Jason, Cindy, Max, and Jeannie spend their birthday in Northridge



Caro and Eddie Showcase CSUN at Beijing Education Expo.



Shanxi Education Delegation at CSUN



Prof. He Jinqiu from Qinghua Univ. visits GRIP Office

Chinese Visiting Scholars/Students to CSUN (2006-2007):

- ◆ Lucy Xi Liao, Xiamen Productivity Promotion Center
- ◆ Maggie Weng, Guangzhou Medical College
- ◆ Susan Shi, South China University of Science and Technology
- ◆ Chang Zhixia, Tianjin Foreign Language University
- ◆ Gu Fei, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ He Zhaoxia, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Yu Xibin, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Huang Hong, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Kong Shuanghui, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ He Jihong, Shanghai Tongji University
- ◆ Wang Hui, Shanghai Jiaotong University
- ◆ Ke Wen, Institute of Policy and Management, Chinese Academy of Sciences
- ◆ Yu Xiong, Vice President, Shanghai Institute of Pharmaceutical Industry
- ◆ Fu Jun, Deputy Director, General Office, Shanghai Justice Bureau
- ◆ Zhao Jianfeng, Deputy Director, Zhabei District, Shanghai
- ◆ Shao Huijuan, Deputy Director, Publicity Department, Fengxian District
- ◆ Zhang Shenyu, Marketing Manager, Merchandise Dept., Brilliance Group Co. Ltd.
- ◆ Tao Qing, Assitant Supervisor, Audit Center, Brilliance Group Co., Ltd.
- ◆ Wu Yuan, Guangzhou University
- ◆ Tian Junzhang, Second People's Hospital in Guangdong Province, Guangzhou
- ◆ Hu Yuancheng, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics
- ◆ Cai Xiang, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou
- ◆ Wei Chunlian, Shanghai Tongji University
- ◆ Shen Donghui, Shanghai Tongji University
- ◆ Jiang Qingfang, Shanghai Tongji University
- ◆ Yang Qiongying, Vice Chairman, Kunming Medical College
- ◆ Tian Zhidong, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Xu Yidi, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Shi Zhong, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Xia Hui Xian, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Song Xuedong, Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ Yu Xiaoyi, Shanghai Normal Univ.
- ◆ Chen Zhengzheng, Qinghua University
- ◆ He Jinqiu, Qinghua University
- ◆ Chunchen Wang, Deputy Director, Shanghai Yangpu District Personnel Bureau
- ◆ Jie Shen, Shanghai Jiading Investment Promotion Bureau
- ◆ Wei Wu, Deputy Director, Fangsong Community Office of Songjiang District
- ◆ Dongliang Li, Deputy Director, Economic Committee of Zhabei District
- ◆ Renping He, Director, Urban View Management Office of Pudong New Area
- ◆ Xiaoyi Xu, Dept. Chief, Shopping Mall Division, Shanghai Bailian Group Co. Ltd.
- ◆ Dai Lu, Division Director, www.eastday.com
- ◆ Junwei Wang, Deputy Director of Student Health Center, Peking University
- ◆ Qiongying Yang, Vice President, Kunming Medical University
- ◆ He Yongpin, Deputy Director, Shanghai Jing'an District Disasters Protection & Control Center
- ◆ Wu Guozhu, Deputy Superintendent, Shanghai Jing'an District Hygienic Bureau Hygienic Supervision Department
- ◆ Wang Xiaodong, chief doctor, Shanghai Jing'an District Hygienic Bureau Hygienic Supervision Department
- ◆ Shen Bing, Deputy Director, Shanghai Jing'an District Disasters Protection & Control Center
- ◆ Luo Xiaoling, Central South Univ.
- ◆ Gu Yiqing, Shanghai Univ. Of Finance & Economics
- ◆ Seeing Ruan, Zhengzhou University
- ◆ Xue Nan, Beijing Jiaotong University
- ◆ Wang Sai, Qing Dao
- ◆ Wang Xin, Beijing
- ◆ Zhang Hongwei, Tianjin Technology University
- ◆ Ying Zhang, China Univ. of Petroleum
- ◆ Yu Zhang, Shenzhen University
- ◆ Yao Yang, Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences



Ambassador Zhong with SNU scholars



with Judge Hoff on Court visit



USU gathering of Chinese and CSUN students



Visit to KCSN

CSUN Delegations/Scholars' Visits to China:

- ◆ Dr. Lou Rubino and Dr. Ellen McFadden (Dept. of Health Sciences) visited Guangzhou and Hainan Island, to conduct evaluation studies on collaborative training program for Chinese Health Professionals, Jan., 2006.
- ◆ Carol McAllister (Admissions and Records), and Eddie West (College of Extended Learning), attended JIL's International Education Expo in Beijing, Feb., 2006.
- ◆ Ellise Trumbull, Dept. of Educational Psychology and Counseling visited China as a member of the People to People Education Delegation, April, 2006.
- ◆ Patty Born (Dept. of Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance) visited Shanghai Normal University to discuss the development of collaborative program, April, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Mingfang Li (Dept. of Management) visited China to attend international conferences and to explore collaborative projects with Chinese scholars in various universities, summer, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Weimin Sun (Dept. of Philosophy) visited Shanghai Normal University as a visiting professor in June, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Takashi Yagisawa (Dept. of Philosophy) visited Shanghai Normal University as a visiting professor in June, 2006.
- ◆ Angela Lew (Oviatt Library) visited China in November and December for developing library projects for China, 2006
- ◆ Dr. Chao Chen (Dept. of Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance) visited Beijing and organized an international conference, summer, 2006.
- ◆ CSUN Education Delegation headed by Dr. Mack Johnson and consisting of Mrs. Johnson, Dr. William Jennings, Dr. Penny Jennings,

- Dr. Justine Su and Jeannie Chen, visited China to further develop collaborative projects with our sister universities, summer, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Mingfang Li served as a visiting professor in several Chinese universities, conducted collaborative research and training projects in China, fall semester, 2006.
- ◆ Carol McAllister visited Shanghai to attend China-America & Canada Education Fair and recruited students for CSUN, November, 2006.
- ◆ Dr. Chao Chen visited Taiwan to attend several international conferences and to develop collaborative projects, December, 2006.



At Shanghai Government Training Center



CSUN delegation at Suzhou garden



With Hohai Univ. leaders



With NUST leaders in Nanjing

CSUN Mentors for Chinese Visiting Scholars/Students to CSUN(2006):

- ◆ Sandra Argast, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- ◆ Katherine Baker, Music
- ◆ Amy Shinabarger, English
- ◆ Warren Campbell, MPA Program
- ◆ Chao Chen, Finance
- ◆ Xueming Chen, Urban Planning
- ◆ Robert Chianese, English
- ◆ Harold Giedt, China Institute
- ◆ Robert Gustafson, Institute of Entertainment Industry
- ◆ Judith Hennessey, Marketing
- ◆ Richard Horowitz, History
- ◆ William Jennings, Finance
- ◆ Mack Johnson, Graduate Studies, Research, and International Programs
- ◆ Nick Kioussis, Physics and Astronomy
- ◆ Robert Kladifko, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- ◆ Barbara Leu, Linguistics
- ◆ Christopher Leu, MPA Program
- ◆ Angela Lew, Oviatt Library
- ◆ Mingfang Li, Management
- ◆ Ellen McFadden, Health Sciences
- ◆ Christa Metzger, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- ◆ Tae Oh, Dept. of Chemistry
- ◆ Sandor Reichman, Chemistry
- ◆ Louis Rubino, Health Sciences
- ◆ Kurt Sounders, Business Law
- ◆ Enchao Shi, English
- ◆ Katherine Sorrells, Communication Studies
- ◆ Justine Su, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- ◆ Gregory Velazco y Trianosky, Chair, Dept. of Philosophy
- ◆ Jeff Yue Zhang, Accounting and Information System
- ◆ ZhongGuo Zhou, Finance

Awards and Grants (2007-2008)

2007-2008 Faculty Development Grants

Faculty at CSUN with an interest in China have an opportunity to obtain initial seed money from the China Institute to start a project or study in their discipline that advances the field of China Studies. Since the funds are limited and the purpose is to stimulate larger and longer range projects, how this might be accomplished is important. In this vein incremental support of existing projects will not be supported. There will be

up to two grants of \$1000 each. Applicants should submit a written proposal of no more than three double-spaced pages. It should cover the nature and purpose of their project, how they intend to carry it out, how it may help CSUN students or our collaborative relationship with Chinese institutions, and how the funds will be spent. Additionally, a one page resume highlighting relevant experiences must be included. A word file containing the proposal and resume must be submitted to the China Insti-

tute Director, Dr. Justine Su, via e-mail: zsu@csun.edu by March 1, 2007. A four person review committee will make recommendations to the China Institute Director. Decisions on awards will be announced April 15, 2007. Grant recipients are expected to provide written reports on their grant activities to the China Institute by June 30, 2008. Faculty interested in further information regarding these grants may contact the China Institute at 677-2138 or e-mail Dr. Justine Su at zsu@csun.edu.

2007-2008 China Scholarship Council Award

Undergraduate and graduate students in all fields of study are invited to apply for up to two awards from the China Scholarship Council to support a full year of study in any selected subject matter in a selected institution of higher learning in China. One competition will be held for the entire academic year. This competition will support applications for study for the 2007-2008 academic year. The scholarship will cover all tuition and living expenses for the awardees. Twelve CSUN students have used these awards to travel to and study in institutions in China in order to further their understanding of the Chinese culture, language and traditions as well as their knowledge in a specialized area. This is the 9th year that students from CSUN have received such grants and past students have studied at the Beijing Film Academy, Shanghai Normal University, Nanjing

Normal University, Peking University, Sichuan University, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Central Theatre Academy, Tianjin Foreign Language University, and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

Applicants should submit a written proposal of no more than three double-spaced pages, outlining the following: purposes and rationale for the proposed study, intended outcomes or achievements and their significance to CSUN's China exchange programs, and description of previous knowledge in Chinese language and culture. A single page resume of education and relevant experience should also be included. After a preliminary review, selected candidates will also need to complete special application forms from the China Scholarship Council. A word file containing the application proposal and resume must be submitted to the China Institute Director, Dr. Justine Su via e-mail: zsu@csun.edu no later than March 1, 2007. Two recom-

mendation letters from each applicant's faculty should also be e-mailed to Dr. Su by the deadline. A four-person committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the China Institute Director and Executive Committee. Selected applicants will then be forwarded to the China Scholarship Council for further review. Final decisions on awards will be announced by May 20, 2007.

Upon their return from China, awardees will be expected to make a formal presentation to the campus on their experiences in China as part of the China Institute Lecture Series. Awardees will also provide written reports on their activities in China to the China Institute by November, 2008. Applicants are encouraged to seek general information and guidelines related to this competition from the China Institute (ext. 2138 or e-mail: zsu@csun.edu).

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commitment and enthusiasm, she has created a warm home for Chinese scholars at Northridge.

The second woman is Dr. Yvonne Chan, Director of the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center in Pacoima, where nearly all students are from low-income immigrants' families. She is a very competent and caring educational administrator, who takes every child's education to her heart. She visited all children's families and encouraged all parents to join her efforts. She not only teaches students knowledge, but more importantly,

she cultivates them into good citizens. She has brought love, light, and hope to the hearts of all students.



Dr. Chan receives Chinese education delegation



Ms. Wang with Dr. Chan on school visit

Chinese Government Scholarship Council Awards:

For the 8th year in a row, the Chinese Government Scholarship Council has awarded full scholarships to two CSUN students for studying in China in the 2006-2007 academic year. Altogether twelve CSUN students have received such prestigious awards to study in China in the past eight years, and several are still studying and working in China. CSUN was recommended by the Chinese Consulate General in L.A. to receive these awards over other southern California higher education institutions because of its excellent ties and collaborative relationships with China in the past 20 years. The China Institute at CSUN has facilitated the establishment of collaborative relationships with over 40 Chinese higher education institutions and government agencies. Over 200 Chinese scholars and young leaders have been trained at CSUN in the past ten years.

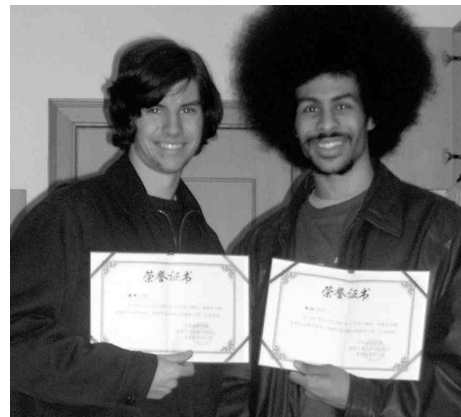
The first scholarship recipient for this academic year is Danny Galimberti, a senior student in accounting, who is now studying at the prestigious Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. The second scholarship recipient is Kimberly Moultrie, a student in nutrition, who is studying at Tianjin Foreign Studies University in northern China. Both students are very grateful to have this great opportunity to learn more about China and hope that it will open many doors for them to pursue their goals in life and career.



Education Consul Dong and CSUN faculty with scholarship students

Recipients of Chinese Government Scholarship Council Awards:

- ◆ 1999 - Angus McNelis (film studies), has been studying at Beijing Film Academy
- ◆ 2000 - Bernard Forster (education), studied at Shanghai Normal University
- ◆ 2001 - James Lo (film studies), studied at Beijing Film Academy
- ◆ 2001 - Oliver May (music), studied at Nanjing Normal University
- ◆ 2002 - Jennifer Lew (art), studied at Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing
- ◆ 2002 - John Greer (English), studied at Sichuan University
- ◆ 2003 - Songkrant Sanlimsuwan (film studies), has been studying at Peking University
- ◆ 2004 - Clayton Koenig (linguistics), has been studying at Peking University
- ◆ 2005 - Sean Hill (theatre), Central Academy of Theatre Arts
- ◆ 2005 - Patric McInnis (theatre), Central Academy of Theatre Arts
- ◆ 2006 - Kimberly Moultrie (health science), Tianjin Foreign Studies University
- ◆ 2006 - Daniel Galimberti (business), Shanghai University of Finance and Economics



Sean and Patric receive honor student certificates

Special Projects:

- ◆ International Professional Development Academy for educational administrators, in collaboration with educational institutions in Guangzhou, Nanjing, Shanghai and Beijing, from 1997 - 2007.
- ◆ Special leadership training programs for young leaders from Guangzhou, Dalian and Shanghai government, 1997-2007.
- ◆ Special Training Programs for Health Professionals from China, 2000 -2007.
- ◆ Special visiting scholar/educational administrator program for Shanghai Normal University, 2003-2007.
- ◆ Co-sponsor with JHC for "U.S-China Higher Education Symposium", 2006.
- ◆ Summer enrichment programs for Chinese students and faculty, summer, 2006.



CSUN scholars attend conference at Cal Tech.

People's Univ. students visit CSUN



2006 Center (CCFBR) activities

(by Chao Chen, Center for Chinese Finance and Business Research)

1. CCFBR hosted "Globalization and Financial Services Industry in China" Symposium at Ming Garden House in Beijing on July 28-30, 2006. Scholars from China and abroad presented papers.
2. CCFBR hosted the following seminars in 2006: Dr. Zhong-guo Zhou on "Chinese IPO Activity, Pricing, and Market Cycle", Dr. Chao Chen on "Ultimate Shareholder, Government Control, and Firm Performance: Evidence from the China", Dr. Chao Chen on "*High Momentum vs. Traditional Momentum: Evidence from China*", Dr. John K.C. Wei on "*The Hong Kong Financial Market and Investment Opportunities*", Dr. Lin Tan on "*The Speed of Adjustment to Information: Evidence from the Chinese Stock Market*".
3. Conference presentations in 2006. Chao Chen presented papers at the following conferences in 2006: "Globalization and Chinese Consumers" in New York, "Chinese Sentiment: The Case of New Born Financial Intermediate" in Beijing, "Ultimate Shareholder, Government Control, and Firm Performance: Evidence from China" in XiAn, "Debt Financing, Tunneling, and Ownership Structure of Chinese Listed Firms" in Salt Lake City, "Stock Repurchase Announcement and Real Buy-back, and the Disclosure of Funding Sources" in Taipei, "Ownership Structure, Control Chain, and Cash Dividend Policy: Evidence from China" in Taipei, and "Privatization, Corporate Governance, and the Evolution of Chinese Capital Market" at Chinese Scholar Association Annual Conference at Caltech.

China Institute Outstanding Contribution Awards (1997-2006):

- ◆ 1997 - Dr. Liangkang Lu
- ◆ 1998 - Dr. I-Shou Wang
- ◆ 1999 – Dr. Paul Chow and Dr. Tung-Po Lin
- ◆ 2000 – Dr. Mack Johnson
- ◆ 2001 – E Xuwen, Dr. Harold Giedt, and Dr. Elliot Mininberg
- ◆ 2002 – Angela Lew, and Dr. Yvonne Chan
- ◆ 2003 - Dr. Ellen McFadden, Dr. Lou Rubino
- ◆ 2004 – Dr. Kwang-nan Chow
- ◆ 2005 – John Charles
- ◆ 2006 - Dr. Christa Metzger and Shari Ramson
- ◆ 2007 – Dr. Chao Chen and Dr. Mingfang Li



Dr. Chen with his scholar Jie Shen



Dr. Li receives a gift from Prof. Xu at ZJU

Recipients of China Institute Faculty Development Grants (2006 – 2007):

- ◆ Dr. Alexis Krasilovsky, Department of Cinema and Television Arts
- ◆ Dr. Jeff Yue Zhang, Department of Accounting and Information Studies

China Institute Life Time Achievement Award:

- ◆ 2003 - Professor Sheldon H. Harris, Ph. D. (1928 - 2002)
- ◆ 2005 - Professor Frances Wong (1923 -)

China Institute Outstanding Contribution Award Recipients in 2007

- ◆ **Dr. Chao Chen** is a Countrywide Financial Endowed Professor of Finance and Real Estate at the College of Business and Economics, CSUN. He received his Ph.D. in Finance from the University of Maryland at College Park in 1988 and joined CSUN the same year. He has served on the executive committee of the China Institute for more than 15 years and served as the Treasurer of the China Institute for over three years. He lectured at China Institute seminar series twice, served as the mentor of China Institute's visitor scholars from Guangzhou, Shanghai, Dalian, and several other universities. He frequently gives speeches to local communities and professional organizations in the U.S. on topics related to the financial markets and economies in China and Taiwan. Dr. Chen is the Founding Director of the Center for China Finance and Business Research (CCFBR). Since the Center was formally launched in 2001, it has hosted visiting scholars from Tsinghua University, Fudan University, Beijing Normal University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, XiAn Jiaotong University, Zhong Shan University, Jilin University, Central South University, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, Liaoning University, and Nankai University. The Center organized a symposium in Beijing in 2006 and more than 20 forums and seminars on or off campus to serve our faculty, students, and local communities. Dr. Chen has been invited to give lectures at Beijing University, Tsinghua University, Beijing Normal University, Shanghai Jiaotong University, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Jilin University, Nankai University, Fudan University, Jinan University, Xiamen University, China University of Petroleum, Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, Zhejiang University, Sun Yat Sen University, and National Taiwan University. He has presented more than 30 papers at major conferences in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. He was invited by the National Science Foundation in China to serve as a foreign expert in 2001, 2002, and 2003. He has published and presented numerous papers related to China's corporate finance (including IPO, capital structure, dividend policy, M&A, and corporate governance), China's investments (including asset pricing, bond risk, indexing, asset management, and behavioral finance), and China's derivatives markets (Treasury bond futures and commodity futures). Dr. Mingfang Li is Professor of Management at the College of Business and Economics, California State University, Northridge. He joined the Northridge faculty upon receiving his Ph.D. degree in management in 1990 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. Over the years Mingfang Li has had extensive involvements in China exchange. These include mentoring Chinese visiting scholars and overseeing Chinese visiting scholar training programs; delivering management seminars to executive training programs onsite in China; delivering academic seminars at various universities in China; involvement in organizing conference programs; and collaborating with colleagues in Chinese institutions to undertake research programs.
- ◆ **Dr. Mingfang Li** has served as a mentor to a number of scholars from China, and also served as the academic program director for visiting Chinese training groups from Guangzhou, Dalian and Shanghai. In addition, Mingfang Li has been a member of China Institute Executive Committee, and Associate Director of the Center for China Finance and Business Research. Over the years Mingfang Li has offered executive seminars at governmental agencies (e.g., the Development and Reform Commission of Guangzhou Municipal Government), private companies (e.g., Zhejiang Transchemical), research institutes (e.g., China Academy of Sciences, and Samsung Economic Research Center, China), and universities (e.g., Zhejiang University, Hohai University and Northeastern University). He also delivered academic seminars at universities including Zhejiang University, Hohai University, Xian Jiaotong University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Northeastern University, Jilin University, and Northwestern University of Agriculture and Forestry. He is currently Distinguished Visiting Professor at Hohai University (Nanjing), Visiting Professor at Xian Jiaotong University (Xian), and Visiting Research Fellow at the Research Center on Innovation and Development at Zhejiang University (Zhejiang). Through collaborations with Chinese institutions Mingfang Li also undertook leadership roles at several academic conferences. In 2002, Mingfang Li, with the funding support of US National Science Foundation, headed a delegation of sixteen US academics and business executives to participate in the US-China Bilateral Workshop on Strategic Management of Technology and Innovation at Zhejiang University. He subsequently teamed up with Professor George Farris of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey to guest edit a special issue of Journal of Technology Transfer utilizing outstanding papers out of this bilateral workshop. The special issue, entitled Innovation Management: Chinese Experience and Global Implications, will be published in April 2007. He served on the program committee of the International Association of China Management Research (IACMR) 2004 Conference in Beijing, and is again serving as a program committee member for the IACMR 2008 Conference in Guangzhou. He is also a program committee member for the International Federation of Scholarly Societies of Management (IFSAM) 2008 Conference in Shanghai, 2008. Mingfang Li received the CSU Wang Faculty Fellow award for 2004-2005, and undertook a research collaboration with colleagues at Peking University and Tsinghua University. Continuing from that research, he is working with colleagues at Peking University and Xian Jiaotong University on several research programs funded by China Natural Science Foundation. He will also collaborate with colleagues at Tsinghua University, Hohai University, and Jilin University to further several research projects.

Lecture Series:

- ◆ "The Way of Conscious Living: Holistic Practices for Daily Life," by Jason Handler and Izabel Brooke Kelly, Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine, spring, 2006.
- ◆ "Beijing Opera Workshop," by Liu Guijuan, Shi Xiaoliang, and Zhang Yue, Tianjing Youth Beijing Opera Troupe, May, 2006.
- ◆ "Colorful Beijing Operas" performed by Shanghai Theatre Academy Peking Opera Troupe, October, 2006.
- ◆ "The origin, Formation and Development of Piano Culture and Music in China," by Prof. Shi Zhong, Shanghai Normal University, November, 2006.
- ◆ "To the Orient: Life and study in China," by Sean Hill and Patric McInnis, Theatre Department, November, 2006.
- ◆ "Shanghai in Rapid Development and Transformation: Implications for the U.S.," presented for the International Education Week, by Shanghai visiting scholars, November, 2006.
- ◆ "Women behind the Camera," film screening by Alexis Krasilovsky, Department of Cinema and Television Arts, March, 2007.



Shanghai scholars speak on reform



"Monkey King" at CSUN



Beijing Opera Workshop



Prof. Shi's on piano culture

China Institute Website: Peter Liu has continued to maintain and update the website for the China Institute, which has over 200 mb., capable of containing a lot of information. It is linked to CSUN website, and to a database so that in the future, new members can sign up on line. The purpose is to create a dynamic site so that it's accessible to everyone and provides information about China Institute's past and current activities. A new information database/handbook for visiting scholars has been added to our website. Our website address is www.csunchinainstitute.org and our E-mail address is contact@csunchinainstitute.org.



President Koester at Chinese Banquet



Jason on holistic practices

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