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## Special

### VISITORS FROM CHINA

UMB is currently hosting two visitors from the People's Republic of China, Sun Yinguan, Lecturer in Physics at Peking Normal University(PNU), and Wu Jie, a graduate of the Peking Foreign Language Institute.

Sun is here as part of the PNU-UMass exchange agreement, currently in its first year, and is working on research in laser physics with D V G L N Rao, CAS Professor of Physics. He is living with Biology Professor Herbert Lipke and his wife.

Wu, a graduate student in history, is taking courses about Stalinism, World War I, and American Urban History. He is doing computer and bibliography work for R Malcolm Smuts, Assistant Professor of History. Wu's hosts are Assistant Professor Pat Jerabek and her husband.

Sun is from southern China, about 150 miles outside of Shanghai. He completed his undergraduate studies in 1959, and received the equivalent of an American master's degree in 1961.

Wu, who says he was "born and brought up in Peking," took English language courses full-time at the Peking Institute. He jokingly refers to the Institute as "Peking Number One." He says, "Peking Number One turns out high-class interpreters; Peking Number Two, another language school, turns out tour guides."

However, he began teaching himself English from books and phonograph records while still in high school. Because he had learned English so well on his own, he was able to enter the Institute at a third year level. After graduating in 1979, he spent one summer as a tour guide for China Travel, and then became a faculty member at the Institute.

"The hardest thing is to start thinking in English," Wu says. "Until you do, you really can't carry on an intellectual or creative conversation -- you are just imitating speech."

Sun is working to improve his English. "Dean Seaman arranged for a tutor to help me," he says. He has found Americans "friendly and helpful," especially Seaman and Lipke.

Both feel American drivers follow more rules than the Chinese, but Sun says the subway here "isn't too good." Wu noted that very few Chinese own cars. "We have almost 1 billion people," he says, "so it's really inconceivable. There wouldn't be enough room for all those automobiles."

Most Chinese use mass transit and bicycles to get around, according to the visitors. Noting the \$18 cost of a Boston T pass, Wu says a similar pass costs only \$3.50 in Peking.

Wu and Sun say Americans eat foodstuffs similar to those the Chinese use, but use more seasoning. Sun also noted that while Americans center their meals on a main dish, the Chinese depend more on varied side dishes, such as steamed bread, rice and vegetables. "We eat more carbohydrates than Americans," says Wu. "And no desserts," adds Sun. Fortunately, Wu says, Professor Jerabek likes to cook food Chinese Style.

Wu is especially interested in urban history, and hopes to visit as many American cities as possible. "Peking is not like an American city. There are 8 million people in Peking -- 5 million urban dwellers, and about 3 million in agriculture," he says. "The agricultural belt around the city supplies most of Peking's basic needs, although certain items, like fruit, are shipped in from the south."

Before coming to America, Wu took a course about North American society and culture to orient Chinese exchange students for life in America. "Theoretically, nothing should be strange," he says. "However, it is quite different to experience it."--David Reilly

### PUBLISHING

EDWARD BERKOWITZ, CAS Assistant Professor of History, has returned to U Mass/Boston after a year in Washington serving on the staff of the President's Commission for a National Agenda and helping draft the Commission's report on Government and the Advancement of Social Justice.

During the year, he also had the book he co-authored, Creating the Welfare State, published by Praeger. Arno Press published his Rehabilitation: The Government's Response to Disability, and his articles on various aspects of social welfare policy appeared in Social Service Review, Social Science Quarterly, Research in Economic History, and the Journal of Economics and Sociology.

This term at UMB Berkowitz is teaching the course on the Kennedys he developed from materials in the JFK Library. He is also writing a book about his Washington year, tentatively called "Memoirs of a Lame Duck."

### APPOINTED

MARY ANN ALEXANDER has been appointed Director of Student Services for CAS. She will serve as liaison with the Office of Student Affairs to identify and develop areas of cooperation in student support activities.

JOHN ANZALONE, CAS Visiting Assistant Professor of French and UMB '69, has accepted a position on the faculty of Dartmouth College. After teaching at the Hanover campus in the fall of 1981, he will direct Dartmouth's Language Study Abroad program in Blois, France, for two years.

### HONORED

Update: CAS History Professor ERIC ROBINSON accepted the Dupont-Columbia U Award for Broadcast Journalism for the producer of "Joan Robinson: One Woman's Story" 19 Feb in N Y. The awarding jurors commented, "Death and dying, until recently virtually taboo as subjects for journalists, are now commonplace in print and on the air. There is nothing commonplace, however, about 'Joan Robinson: One Woman's Story,' an unflinching two-and-a-half hour account of one woman's heroic battle with cancer."

Dean of Enrollment Services DOUGLAS HARTNAGEL has been appointed to the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind's College Advisory Board.

### EXHIBITING-PERFORMING-DOING

KAREN SMILEY, CAS Lecturer in Art, recently had some of her photographs purchased by the Canadian Arts Council and the National Gallery of Canada for their collections. Her work will be exhibited at the Toronto Photography Gallery 27 March-26 April.

Music Professor JOHN HUGGLER's composition, "Sinfonia for 13 Players," was performed last month in a concert in Sanders Theater.

FRANKLIN PATTERSON, Boyden Professor of the University and Director of the Center for Studies in Policy and the Public Interest, has been named chairman of the national invitational conference on "Sharing Resources: a Major Strategy for Colleges and Universities in the 1980s" sponsored by the Council for Interinstitutional Leadership, the Education Commission of the States and the State Higher Education Executive Officers. The conference will take place 23-25 March at the Wingspread Conference Center under the auspices of the Johnson Foundation of Racine, Wis. Others supporting the event are the Lilly Endowment and the Ford Foundation.

### SPEAKING

CHARLES TITUS, UMB Athletic Director, was a guest on the "Tom Larson Show" on 2 Mar.

ERIC ROBINSON, CAS Professor of History, was a member of a panel discussing death and dying on Ch 7's "Weekday" 20 Feb.

### ASSEMBLY ACTION

At the University Assembly meeting 18 Feb, Associate Professor of English Charles Bowen, president of the faculty union, reported that the faculty had overwhelmingly approved the contract.

The Steering Committee recommended the following appointments to the Standing Committee on Athletics: Associate Professor of English Mary Helen Washington, Acting Director of Community Services John Larner, Associ-

ate Director of Grants and Contracts Carl Finn, Director of Athletics Charlie Titus, Secretary Rami Merlin and Alumnus George Barbaro. Two additional faculty members and two students are still to be named. The names were unanimously approved at the 2 Mar Assembly meeting.

The Steering Committee also recommended that the Assembly approve the Chancellor's request for a task force on emergency medical services. Recommended task force members include: Student Ginger Southern, CPCS Associate Dean of Support Services Ann O'Malley, Associate Professor of Management Robert Terrill, Professor of Physics D V G L N Rao, Professor of Biology Bettina Harrison, Assistant Director of Physical Plant Charles Joyce, Dept of Public Safety Chief Jim Lovett, Media Center Director Gunther Weil, Health Services Director David Stockton, and Secretary Lillian Carlisle. The request was unanimously endorsed at the 2 Mar meeting.

Chairman and Associate Professor of Mathematics Bernice Auslander and Lecturer Linda Falstein of the Office of Academic Support presented a motion opposing the scheduling of Monday classes on Tuesdays in the event of a Monday holiday. They pointed out the inconveniences suffered by working students and part-time faculty who may be otherwise committed on Tuesday, and the difficulty of condensing three 50 minute classes into two 75 minute sessions. The motion was unanimously approved 2 Mar.

Future Assembly meetings will be held Mondays at 2:30 in the Small Science Auditorium. The next meeting will be 23 Mar.

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#### HONORARY DEGREES

Provost Greene has asked members of the University community to nominate people for the four honorary degrees to be awarded in 1982. Nominations are submitted to the Committee on Honorary Degrees, a subcommittee of the University Academic Affairs Committee. The subcommittee provides a list to the Chancellor for consideration and approval and he submits his list to the Board of Trustees.

The following criteria for awarding honorary degrees were approved by the Board of Trustees in 1961:

"Candidates for an honorary degree must be men and women of great distinction. Factors which will be considered by the Trustees in granting honorary degrees are: (a) intellectual attainment of a high order in their field; (b) outstanding achievement of which the University wishes to indicate its approval; (c) extraordinary contribution to the well-being of the University or the Commonwealth."

Send nominations and supporting information by 31 March to:

The Committee on Honorary Degrees  
c/o University Assembly Steering Committee  
Governance Office  
3rd Floor, Administration Building

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#### BROADCAST OPPORTUNITIES

WUMB-FM will soon be the newest public radio station on the air in the Boston-South Shore area. The station plans to broadcast round-the-clock to a potential 700,000 listeners within a 15-20 mile radius of its antenna in Quincy.

Members of the University community and others are invited to participate in producing and developing programs. Says Patricia Monteith, General Manager, "We are encouraging faculty, students and staff who would like to have broadcasting experience or who have suggestions to make about programs or features, or who know people on or off campus who might like to participate, to get involved. They should contact me or Thomas Callahan, Assistant General Manager, at x2249. WUMB-FM belongs to all of us at UMB and we are the ones who can make it work!"

"WUMB-FM would like to use the resources here to provide the best we can in educational, informational and cultural programming."

Programs already planned that Monteith says can use community input include those geared to the elderly community, ethnic and minority groups, and teenagers and children. In addition to these regular programs, the FM station will add informational features three to eight minutes long, aired on a rotating basis. Topics for these will include: health care, legal tips, hobbies and community events.

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#### REMINDER ABOUT LISTING DEADLINE

The Office of Public Information (OPI) will distribute information about campus events which are open to the public, such as films, theatre, exhibits and workshops, to the external media every two months. To make certain your events are included in the next listing, please send the details about those scheduled in April and May to OPI no later than 13 Mar. OPI will distribute the listing to the external media by 27 Mar.

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## Calendar

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### ● TUE 3/10

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Information session Rm 419 Downtown every Tue 9am & 6pm Free.

LECTURE/"The Impact of Poverty on Puerto Rican Health in New York City" by Alan Harwood, CAS Professor of Anthropology. Sponsored by CAS Urban Studies Program Build II Fl-3 Rm-617 11:30am.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE SEMINAR/for adults every Tue noon Rm 419 Downtown & 6pm Admissions Office Harbor Campus For details 287-8100. Free.

STUDENT AFFAIRS IN SERVICE TRAINING/"Managing Stress in the Work Place" by Dr Joseph Albech of the Charles River Counseling Service Sponsored by UMB Counseling Center Chancellor's Conf Rm 2-2:30pm.

LECTURE/"Language Comprehension and Linguistic Awareness" by Carol Smith, CAS Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology Build II Fl-2 Rm-621 2:30pm.

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### ● WED 3/11

SYMPOSIUM/"Cultural Perspectives on Food and Nutrition" Second of two-part series sponsored by Anthropology Dept Small Science Audi Science Build 2:30pm Reception follows.

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### ● THUR 3/12

DROP-IN PROGRAM/Smokers' Liberation Sponsored by Health & Information Center Build II Fl-1 Rm-613 11am-1pm.

LECTURE/"Urban Poverty" by Ed Ford, CAS Economics Dept Sponsored by CAS Urban Studies Program Build II Fl-3 Rm-617 11:30am.

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### ● FRI 3/13

CONFERENCE/"Quality in Workplace Experiential Learning" Sponsored by Cooperative Ed Assoc, CAEL, Nat'l Center for Service Learning and Nat'l Society for Internships and Experiential Learning Fee \$12, students \$5 at CPCS 8:30am-4pm For details x242.

FILM/"Buster and Billie" Sponsored by English Dept Build II Fl-1 Rm-409 12:30pm Free.

LECTURE/"Crawling Fibroblasts with Snapping Tails" by Larry Lewis, Professor of Biology at Harvard Medical School Sponsored by Biology Dept Build II Fl-1 Rm-209 2:30pm.

DEADLINE/Information about events open to the public during April and May due in Office of Public Information by 5pm.

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### ● SAT 3/14

SPRING VACATION BEGINS

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### ● MON 3/16

DEADLINE/ShoreLines

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### ● TUE 3/17

HOLIDAY/Evacuation Day (better known in Boston as St Patrick's Day.)

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### ● FRI 3/20

MEETING/Professional Staff Asso Steering Committee Admin Fl-3 Rm-308 10-10:30am.

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### ● MON 3/23

SPRING VACATION ENDS

DROP-IN PROGRAM/Smokers' Liberation Sponsored by Health & Information Center Build II Fl-1 Rm-613 11am-1pm.

LECTURE/"Artificial Intelligence" by Joan Lukas, CAS Associate Professor of Mathematics Build II Fl-2 Rm-621 2:30pm.

MEETING/University Assembly Small Science Auditorium 2:30pm.

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