

Foreign student forced to leave

by Greg Halinda

A student from the People's Republic of China is struggling to have his student visa renewed before he is forced to leave Canada.

Lei Shi's visa status was changed from student to visitor in August.

He must leave Canada before Oct. 15, when the visa expires. This was Employment and Immigration's response to Shi's acceptance by NAIT for fall study. Shi has been at the U of A for the last one and one-half years.

"The immigration officer said I

was 'school shopping,'" said Shi. "After two years of study here I want to try another university. I would go to NAIT just until I have been accepted at another university."

Canadian visa policy obliges foreign students to have a school

picked before they enter the country. This discourages "school shoppers", a term used to describe students who move from school to school until they find one they like best.

Shi, a 26-year old from Tiantin, is seeking a master's degree in engineering. He studied at UBC for six months, then came to U of A in January 1985.

According to immigration officer Fred Furlong, visa policy does not facilitate changing a visitor visa back to student status while in Canada. The student must apply for a student visa outside of the country.

"This prevents school shopping and illegal immigration," he said. Furlong would not discuss the spe-

cifics of Shi's case.

Shi thinks the government of Canada is treating him harshly, and he will try again to prove his financial and academic capability to study here before his October 15 deadline.

If he does not succeed here, Shi will go to the U.S. and apply to a Canadian consulate there. Once again he will have to show his passport, a letter of acceptance from a university, and evidence of financial support to study here.

"They make me angry, telling me I am shopping. After I study here, I want to return to China to work," said Shi. "I think Canadian people are very friendly, but the Canadian government is not."

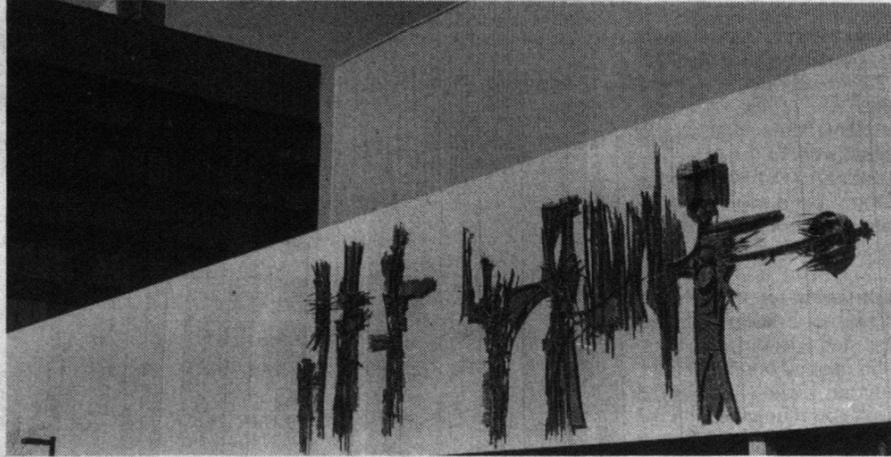


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S.U. looking for new logo

by John Watson

The Students' Union is planning to spend about \$3000 to change its logo.

"Nobody can identify with the one we have now, and no one knows what it means," said SU V.P. Internal Barb Higgin.

Higgin is still in the preliminary stages of developing the new logo. It has not been decided if a contest will be run for submissions from student on campus, or if a profes-

sional designer will be commissioned to do the work.

Higgin had inquired with the fine arts department to ask if the logo could be done as a class project, but was refused.

According to Higgin a professional would be more expensive than a student competition.

The new logo should be ready by mid-January. It will not be used until about April, though.

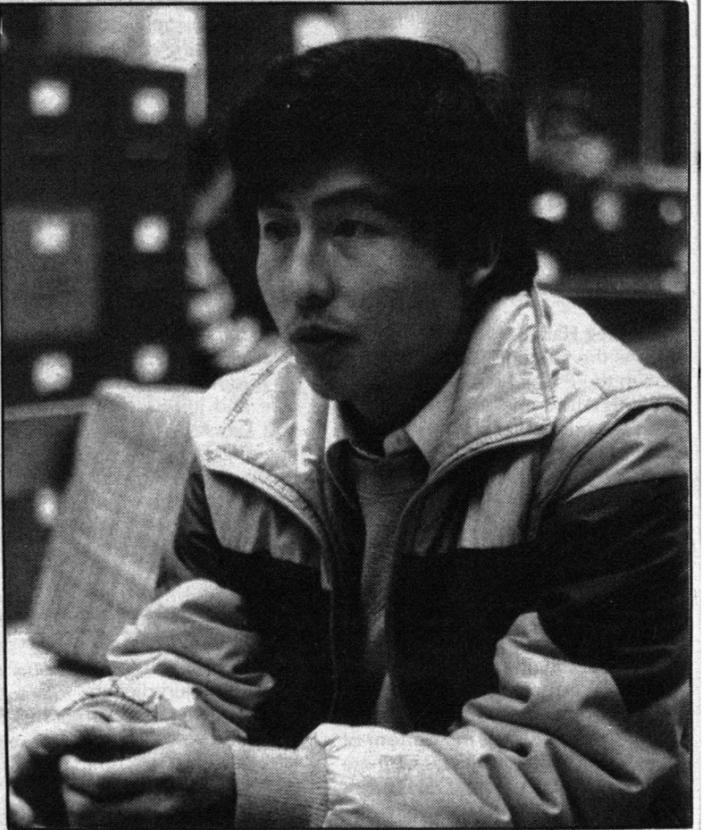
"We can't implement something like this until near changeover,"

said Higgin. All SU letterheads must be changed.

The current logo, known as Student in Motion, hangs on the side of SUB facing the physical education building.

There are no plans to remove it. "It's got a history behind it and I would hate to take it down," said Higgin.

Student Council will make the final decision on which method will be used to find a new logo.



Foreign Student Lei Shi

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