

Chinese academic delegation visits Canadian universities

Canadian universities hosted an official academic delegation from the Peoples' Republic of China October 8-23. The delegation represents a return visit following that of a group of Canadian academics to China in the Spring of 1974.

The delegation consisted of eight men and two women, all of whom are senior members of their country's higher education system. Arrangements for the tour were the responsibility of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). The delegates were accompanied on their tour of

Canada by officers of the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa as well as escort officers from the Department of External Affairs. Dr. Colin B. Mackay, a former executive director of the AUCC and a member of the 1974 Canadian academic delegation to China travelled with the delegates on behalf of Canadian universities.

The delegation arrived in Ottawa Wednesday 8 October where they met with officers and staff of the AUCC and visited Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. They were entertained by the Department of External

Affairs, the Chinese Embassy, the association and the two local universities.

The delegates travelled to Vancouver on Saturday 11 October and were received at dinner by the University of British Columbia. They spent Sunday touring Vancouver and the university campus.

They arrived in Toronto on Monday 13 October and, between then and their departure for Halifax on Thursday afternoon, they visited the University of Waterloo, where they were briefed on that institution's cooperative program in engineering, and met representatives of other institutions through the Council of Ontario Universities. Prior to leaving for Halifax, the delegation visited Gravenhurst, the birthplace of Norman Bethune.

Following their arrival in Halifax 16 October, the Chinese academics visited the health sciences facilities of Dalhousie University and met representa-

tives of other institutions through the Association of Atlantic Universities.

The delegation departed Halifax for Montreal on Sunday. They

visited McGill University on Monday and the following day visited the Université de Montréal and the Université du Québec at Montréal.

Saint Thomas appoints three

Three new appointments have been announced to the Board of Governors of St. Thomas University in Fredericton.

Members of the STU faculty have elected two representatives to the Board. They are Dr. William Spray, and Mrs. Katharine Robinson.

Spray has been elected for a two year term. He is an Associate Professor of History at St. Thomas, and has been a member of faculty for 8 years.

Robinson will sit on the Board for

a term of one year. She is an Associate Professor of French. She has also been a member of the faculty for 8 years.

Charles Firlotte, of Jacquet River, is a student representative on the Board of Governors. He was elected for a one year term by the students at STU. Firlotte is a fourth year Arts student.

There are 24 members on the Board of Governors of St. Thomas University. The chairman is the Bishop of Saint John, Most Reverend Arthur J. Gilbert.

Low alcohol drinks offered

OTTAWA (CUP) — The staff of a student pub at Carleton University have decided to offer low-alcohol content beer and free coffee at closing time as a result of rising concern about student alcoholism.

Pub manager Steve Chessine described the step "a gesture" by the staff to show their concern over the problems which the pubs are contributing to.

Dr. Juanita Casselman, head of Carleton's Health and Counselling Services, agreed the problem is real.

There are increasing numbers of people seeking counselling for alcohol and alcohol related problems, and the increase is "significant", she said.

Now that Ontario drinking laws have lowered the legal age to 18, the age of problem drinkers is decreasing. As well Casselman observed that more women than men seek counselling about alcohol problems.

But very few actually seek help because they feel they are drinking

too much, she said. Most come for counselling on some other matter, but soon reveal that drinking is at the root of their problem.

Students learn little

MICHIGAN (ZNS-CUP) — A psychology professor who claims he has studied college students for 45 years concludes that the average student learns almost nothing.

Professor Theodore Newcomb, teaching at the University of Michigan, says he has found that all college does for people is give them a degree which certifies that they are college graduates and enables them to find work.

Newcomb says that the average college student does not learn much — and quickly forgets even that.



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