Chinese Ambassador Says Fostering Cultural Relations

By John Kilgore associate news editor

The importance of cultural exchange between the United States and the People's Republic of China cannot be overemphasized, says Xu, China's ambassador to the United States.

"Cultural exchange should bring about a fairer and more understanding world between each other's societies," said Xu. "With a better understanding of each other's cultures, we can find a way from prejudice, and cooperation in certain fields will be more productive and efficient."

He added at a press conference March 10 it was meaningful to open up an exhibit of Chinese art "There are few people who are free to travel around the world. Not only medically, but in their social lives, "Xu said. "We should welcome the INF agreement because it is one of the first agreements ever reached to actually reduce nuclear arsenals."

She said that to some extent the INF agreement helps to lay a strong foundation for arms control negotiations.

The INF (Intermediate Nuclear Forces) arms agreement provides for the reduction of nuclear and conventional forces and provides international verification and inspection of major cases in scope since the 1979 SALT II agreement.

Xu said that the United States and the Soviet Union have no longer insisted on pre-emptive strike and that the INF should be linked with SALT II or START, so that the INF agreement should cover both of them. She added that "If we are not to lay a strong foundation for arms control negotiations, the INF agreement would be useless."

"The United States and the Soviet Union are in greater need of each other than ever to expand the scope of communication with our counterparts in the world," she said. "The INF agreement will open the door to a better understanding of each other's cultures."

Xu also criticized Masters and Johnson for having the study have cited several reasons why she believes the INF agreement has been reached.

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Olympic Hopeful

Stuart Murphy achieves All-American status in NCAA Division III, qualifies for an Olympic bid in August. See page 10 for the replay.
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Your address and telephone number must be included with your letter. We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and space.

All unsigned letters will be published. The author's name will be withheld upon request. Letters should be no more than two typed pages.

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Why Close TBJ Before Midterms Exams?

Editor dear:

I have been a full-time student at the University for the past three years. I have made many friends while attending this university. I am grateful for the opportunity to remain a true journalist. I have been actively involved with student affairs during the past three years (e.g., SA, Student Court, UMSL Honor Code, UMSL Judicial Board) and have uniformly passed all educational requirements. I have an interest in the political culture of the UMSL organization, but like most UMSL students, I have never publicly politician my opinions.

As many Jefferson Library employees would attest, the Jefferson Library has not been a frequent source of complaints. In fact, it has been a favorite place for studying-and it is still find a place for students to study. However, some students have complained that the library is not open enough for students to study.

If anyone had proposed, three decades ago, that women speak a special female language, or created a special female newspaper, they would probably have been protocol by officials of a group with nothing from indignation to displease. If such a person had argued that there was a distinct female tradition in fields such as language, history, philosophy, and the sciences, they simply would not have been taken seriously by the academic community.

Women's Studies is undoubtedly the most exciting development of the counter-culture sphere of the 1960's and '70's. How fortunate, then, that during the very years that women were encouraged to identify themselves beyond gender restrictions, useful fields of knowledge were deliberately expanded and opened.

Before the feminist era, gender differences were real (albeit, crucial) aspects of life in the traditional female universe. Unlike earlier generations, where women's-Studies has neither a distinctive methodology nor a subject matter.

What does it have to be the assertion that sex and gender are most important factors, in so many areas, they deserve to be studied at all. Women's Studies is interdisciplinary. It crosses the departmental lines of history, literature, political science and sociology and continues the fundamental teachings of these disciplines, and even the way they are taught. Strangely, however, even though one believes that feministic science will produce beneficially, few women are interested in Women's Studies.

The typical women's-studies student is a young women. If she is a college student, she should expect from her professors the same intellectual stimulation and individualized instruction that the traditional, non-women's-studies student receives. Women's-studies programs have developed in the last generation, that is, an "innovative" faculty. Although, she is not the dominant tradition, her presence will surely enhance the educational experience of all students of "normal" sex. She is an "innovative" faculty. Although, she is not the dominant tradition, her presence will surely enhance the educational experience of all students of "normal" sex.

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Women's Studies: New Academic Ghetto?

If you enjoy most of the topics I have brought up, this essay is an apologetic, which is my way of defending the conventional role that women can play in the world of academia. If you disagree, you are free to do so.

What most is missing here is the Women's Studies program itself. In the beginning, the Women's Studies program was seen as a temporary measure to overcome gender discrimination. However, in recent years, the Women's Studies program has become a permanent fixture on the academic landscape.

I feel that it is important to recognize the contributions of women in academia. Women's Studies is one of the most important contributions to the field of education. It is an important tool for understanding the role of women in society. It is also an important tool for understanding the role of women in the workplace.

On the other hand, the Women's Studies program has become a haven for women who are not interested in the academic world. It is a place where women can escape from the pressures of the academic world and find a place to be themselves. However, I feel that the Women's Studies program should be more focused on providing women with the tools they need to succeed in the academic world.

Catherine Droege
Forensics, Debate Squad Triumphs Continue

The UM-St. Louis Forensics and Debate Squad has continued to bring home awards for the university throughout the year. After winning first place at the Show-Me Speech Tournament in January, the squad won numerous awards at the Great Classic in Missouri Southern State College in Joplin, Mo., February 12-14, at the Missouri Association of Forensic Activities State Championships held at UM-St. Louis February 25-27, and at the Pi Kappa Delta Tri-Presidential Tournament held at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, March 5-6.

At Missouri Southern, Eric Jarreau placed first in dramatic interpretation, while John Bernier won poetry interpretation. Bernier also placed third in prose interpretation, whereas Ana Pointer placed third in after-dinner speaking. Pointer also placed second in persuasive speaking and fifth in prose interpretation. Bernier before placed fifth in after-dinner speaking, but had placed first in romantic interpretation. At MASA, UM-St. Louis won numerous awards, including second in individual events sweepstakes for personal champion Southeast Baptist College, among the 12 school field. All states Bernier took first place in after-dinner speaking, as well as first in due in due with his partner Lisa Terry. Bernier also placed sixth in prose interpretation. Terry won first place in dramatic interpretation and fourth in communication coaching. Terry placed second in dramatic interpretation and third in both poetry and prose interpretations. Jackie Manuele placed fourth in prose interpretation, and Pointer took fifth in persuasive speaking. Jarreau placed second in poetry interpretation, as well as fifth in due interpretation with her partner Rod Poir. Laura French maintained the performance by being named fifth-place speaker out of the 24 participating in varsity debate.

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- The International Student Organization will sponsor a celebration of the Persian New Year. Noon at the International House from 2-4 p.m.

- The International Business Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi will sponsor a presentation by the General Life Insurance Company at 2 p.m. in room 132-588. All students are welcome.

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by Pam Weitz

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**Men's Basketball: Kevin Brooks takes out a Southeast Missouri State in a strong charge that the event will be added to Nationals, and we have one of the best teams**, Lutes said.

With the sport and style in mind, the next exhibit, UM-St. Louis soccer exhibit should have a good recruiting year. Look to the past for some teams Miles next season. Right now, look at the current mood and national rankings to see what dedication and hard work levels. Congratulations Stuart and all UM-St. Louis swimmers on a job well done.

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**SEMO’S BASKETBALL: Junior Brent Jones, Jr. swings at the ball while practicing for the next tennis match.**

**Women’s Soccer Tryouts**

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For more information, call Ken Hudson at 553-5151.

**Stuart Vogt Sets New Records at Nationals and Outsts the UM-St. Louis Rivermen**

by Ariel Lefkow

Buffalo, New York in the winter is not exactly the ideal of a great location, but UM-St. Louis swimmer Stuart Vogt found an exciting place. The junior transfer student competed in the NCAA Division II Championships March 28 through April 2. Vogt made the NCAA final in the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.12) and in the 200-yard medley relay (1:37.50). Vogt also placed fourth in the 50-yard freestyle (21.86). Vogt and the team are proud of his performance.

The team has four seniors graduating and one who is transferring to the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Lutes expects the team to continue its success in the future.

Three of the four survivors all of the men’s team are returning this year, which should make up for the team that features two nationally ranked swimmers, Vogt and Bullis.

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Spend the Day with a Macintosh

Office of Computing and Apple Computer would like to invite you to meet a Macintosh.

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Where: 126 JC Penney Bldg.

Throughout the day you can see demonstrations of the Macintosh II and Macintosh SE, the new LaserWriter printers, file transfers, and such software packages as PageMaker and Hypercard.

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For more information, contact Mary Brown, Office of Computing, Rm. 103 SSB, 553-6000.

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Scholarships Offered For Children Of Vietnam Vets

Applications are now being accepted for the PVA/Youth For Vietnam Veterans Scholarship Fund.

Bob Powell, executive director of the Fund of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, announced: "Applicants must be the natural or legally adopted sons or daughters of an Honorary Discharged veteran who served as a military medical duty in the Vietnam Theater of War from August 4, 1964 to May 7, 1975 who was killed in action, died on active duty, listed as missing in action, a prisoner of war, disabled with 100 percent service-connected rating, or rated as 100 percent disabled for Veteran Administration pension purposes, as the result of a spinal cord injury or ground explosion.

Each scholarship grant will be $1,500, and applicants must be enrolled in or accepted by an accredited four-year institution of higher learning. The student's academic performance, community and extracurricular activities, as well as financial need will be considered in the award criteria. Powell said completed applications and required submissions must be postmarked no later than May 31, 1988.

For an application or more information, contact: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 974, Washington, DC 20013, or contact the local PVA service office or chapter in your area.

The Fund for Vietnam Veterans Scholarship was initiated by a group of students at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

It is funded by the proceeds of a Veterans Day benefit concert that featured musicians David Crosby, Stephen Stills, Jackson Browne, and George Thorogood and the Destroyers. In 1991, the PVA USO sponsored the first PVA benefit concert at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C.

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