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of workers were housed here.

Now, after the universities have been closed for a minimum of three years, and some as long as ten, China is re-establishing the importance of education. Students and professors have been restored to a position of esteem. When some young shoe factory workers found out the Canadians were students, their attitude changed. Students are important people and should be treated as such.

The university's tiny budget still can't cover the cost of broken desks and tables, so many lay empty during class. Yet to the Chinese, appearance is important. New foreign student dormitories were built last November. Unfortunately, because of poor materials and unskilled workers they have already deteriorated and look twenty years old. The top floor is closed off for no apparent reason.

China has lost a generation of students, professors and knowledge. Consequently, the country has fallen behind, and is struggling to catch up.

Beijing University's Geography department is still mainly concerned with descriptive techniques, identifying landform regions, and climatic zones. They did not show off their

equipment. Nanjing University (considered progressive in China) has a computer centre consisting of one Chinese computer, and a Radio Shack 'home computer'. The latter is the more impressive.

Yet, there is progress.

Nanjing University has an image projector-manipulator in its urban studies department. By buying satellite images from the United States, they can plot city expansion and traffic flow.

To quicken their re-education, China has encouraged exchange with western countries. On many campuses they

Despite all their hardships, the Chinese students are intelligent, ambitious, and surprisingly patriotic.

have constructed quality housing for visiting professors and technical personnel. They also send an increasing number of professors and graduate students abroad. But as yet, mainly because of financial difficulties, undergraduates have been

restricted from study abroad.

They want western knowledge but prefer to limit the influx of western culture. Still, the odd student wears jeans and western style sneakers. This is especially prevalent in the south, where ties to the central government are stretched thin.

When Fang Zhou Min tried to enter university, she had to do better than average. All students must pass difficult entrance exams to get one of the few available openings. But many also have help from parents holding prominent positions in the government, the Party or the Military. Fang does not have these advantages. Fang is from Suzhou where her father is a tea tester. She enjoys living in the dorms because they are more spacious than home. When she returns home for summer, she must travel 30 hours by train on a wooden car where often more tickets than seats are sold.

Bubbly yet reserved, her quick wit reveals her keen mind. She took great fun in disarming people in games of riddles and counter, even in English. Fang's personality is lively and bright, it pulls you in.

With serious conviction she considers the country and its future. This is very appropriate since they will be wrapped together. Fang explains, "Leaving home is an unbearable thing to me, and yet it is good for my future. My future is not so ideal, but I can say it's very plain. Perhaps life is so romantic as we think — many young people dream so that one day they will become very important men in the world. Anyhow, I want to contribute my tiny energy to my people."

In a country where no one chooses their own job, and where university graduates make up less than two per cent of the population, she is off to a good start.



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Financial Aid Column

with Sylvia Crawford



Financial Aid (located in Student Services, Main Building) provides the student with many services. To find out what is available, in either under-graduate or graduate financial aid, come into the office and have a look through the binder listing all the scholarships and bursaries on file. If you come across any you are eligible for, just ask me for more information and an application form.

Or, you can come and speak to me personally. I'll help you in on anything you may be eligible to apply for in the next few months.

Another service of Financial Aid is this article, written each week for your information. For example:

Bernardine Hall Bursary — (Deadline: end of January)

This bursary, first established last year, is once again available to Junior or Senior female students living in residence for two years. Students must have an average of 70% or more and write an essay on their participation and contribution to residence life over the years. Applications (available in Student Services) will be judged by the Scholarship Committee and two people from Guidance Services.

Soroptimist Foundation — (Deadline: January 31)

The Soroptimist Foundation of Canada has decided to use a portion of its funds each year to make \$5,000 grant available to women either for graduate study or for a first year of a four-year undergraduate program in fields where they will lead them to direct work with other women to improve the quality of life for those women.

UPEI Memorial Bursary Fund — (Deadline: first week of February)

Full-time students in any year may apply. One of the major requirements to be considered will be need. Application forms are available in Student Services or the Registrar's Office.

Finally, I would like to remind you of a great opportunity for a student interested in studying in another country for next year: **Rotary Foundation Scholarship '85-86** (Deadline: March 1, 1984)

There are five scholarships available from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for which students may apply. The purpose of these scholarships is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries. The scholarships are awarded to a student in any field in another country. Applicants of these awards must not be Rotarians or dependents of Rotarians.

Bulletins about these scholarships have been sent to all departments on campus to be posted on local bulletin boards for your information, and I will be glad to provide you with any additional information you need. Since the application process takes time, it would be a good idea to look into it soon. My office hours are: Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Student Services, first floor, Main Building.