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Daniel Nieh: "The Shanghai guy"

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Daniel Nieh is a Chinese exchange student who came to St. Andrews to study art. Born and reared in Shanghai, China, he finds that the town of Laurinburg is quite different from his own city. Shanghai holds within its city limits ten million people and places, second only to Tokyo as the world's largest city.

Daniel attended the Shanghai Fudan high school where he studied various topics but his favorite was art. "Art", he said "like all subjects in Chinese high schools, is a requirement and I had a wonderful art teacher, perhaps that is why my interest grew to its great degree." However, since he was nine years old Daniel has been privately tutored in the field of art. The love of art seems to be prominent in the Nieh family for Daniel's uncle, Nieh Chang-Sou, is one of China's top four artists and is a member of the Chinese Art Union.

Before coming to the United States, Daniel attended the Shanghai Special Textile Technological College where he majored in electronics. "When I tell people this" Daniel said "they always seem to be shocked that I, an artist, should have a degree in such a field."

Daniel was first introduced to St. Andrews by a friend of his grandfather's Mrs. T. C. Williamson of Raeford, NC. "Ms. Williamson" Daniel explained, "was born in China as the daughter of two Christian missionaries. Her father converted my grandfather to Christianity about fifty years ago and since that time our families have been very close. She suggested to me that I come to St. Andrews to study and offered to sponsor me. It was an offer I couldn't refuse."

Daniel's father is Mr. Nieh Chang-Yi, a law professor in the East China Law Institute. His mother is a gynecologist. He has one younger brother who is now in his first year of junior high school.

When asked how he feels about

the United States Daniel replied: "The United States is a very modern country compared to China, industrially and technologically. China is basically an agricultural society. I like the U.S. very much because the people are very friendly here. Scholastically however, the Chinese are more conscientious. The Chinese student will rise at 5:30 every morning to study before breakfast and goes to bed rather early. The classrooms are also very different. They are more formal, no sandals, no tank shirts, no food or drinks and no smoking. Everyone must have a neat and well-groomed appearance."

When Daniel finishes his education here at St. Andrews he will return to China. Then his goal will be to find employment in the art

world; perhaps in commercial art or with a publishing company and ultimately to join the Artist Union.

Recently, Daniel has held various art shows in the surrounding towns. Last April he began the series of shows at the Hoke County Library where he fared well. Then on August 15, at the Burch Mar Gallery in Southern Pines he had great success with his art displays. He has scheduled several other shows for future dates, the first of which will be held October 8-10 at the Laurinburg Public Library. Another show will be held at the famous Williams House in Chapel Hill, the date will be announced later. Everyone is welcomed to the shows and Daniel is anxiously looking forward to a successful career at St. Andrews.



Daniel Nieh, famous artist from China, studies at St. Andrews.

Dr. Robert Goheen, former ambassador to India and President Emeritus of Princeton University was guest speaker at St. Andrews Presbyterian College on Tuesday, September 22. The school celebrated its 20th year anniversary and convocation at the North Plaza of the Belk College Center.

President A. P. Perkinson presided over the 10:00 a.m. ceremony with P. Leslie Bullock, Professor of Religion, serving as College Marshall. Professor Herbert Horn opened with an organ prelude and William Weaver, with his bagpipes, led freshmen and professors in the traditional march.

The Reverend Harold J. Dudley, former General Secretary Synod of North Carolina, gave the invocation, and Ronald C. Crossley, Dean of the College, presented the class of 1985.

In his welcome speech President Perkinson noted that on the same day and hour in 1961, the young college held opening ceremonies at the Armory on South Main Street, Laurinburg. He then reaffirmed the college's commitments by saying, "The unique characteristic of St. Andrews is that we exist to serve the students. The college will serve you by demanding the best you have to offer."

The Reverend Warner L. Hall, member of the first Board of Trustees, contributed to the historic event by reminiscing the beginnings of the 20-year-old school. "St. Andrews was born out of deep and angry emotions," he said. Hall explained that St. Andrews was a result of the consolidation of Flora Macdonald College and Presbyterian Junior College because the Presbyterian Church could no longer afford to support several separate institutions. "The other colleges were difficult to deal with," explained Hall, "because of sentimental reasons among the alumni."

Hall also reflected on the early plans for the school's curriculum. "Our effort was to create a distinctive curriculum," he said. "Education often provides people with an enormous amount of bricks but leaves them with no ability to build. We did not want to do this at St. Andrews." Hall remembered when there was nothing but swampy land where the school now stands. "My chest swells when I look around and

see what has been done here," he says, "and think of the vast number of people who have labored for St. Andrews' well-being."

St. Andrews was honored to have Robert Goheen give the Twentieth Anniversary Address. Goheen is a former ambassador to India and President Emeritus of Princeton University. One of the nations most respected scholars and educators, Goheen has been awarded honorary degrees from 26 colleges and universities. He has also served on the boards of a number of national foundations and institutions.

Goheen's topic was "Liberal Education in and for our Times." "There are two important characteristics that humans should possess," said Goheen. "1) A life-long intellectual curiosity and 2) a commitment to the importance of rational thought and a sensitivity to the human race. He went on to say liberal education "teaches one to think with some precision for himself."

Goheen then stressed the importance of interdependence between people instead of confrontation. "Neither absolutism or skepticism are the answer" he said, "but a rational approach to problems with a practical sense of wisdom for meeting life." Goheen concluded by comparing man to children at play. "We must listen to one another if we want to learn to play together."

Following Dr. Goheen, and an anthem by St. Andrews chamber singers, President Perkinson awarded Mr. R. Philip Hanes, Jr. the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. A native of North Carolina, Mr. Hanes is a textile industry executive and has been one of the leaders of the arts movements in America for the past quarter century. He was the founder of Ampersand, Inc. a management and fund raising organization for the N.C. Arts, which has raised over \$12 million for the state.

Afterwards Dean Crossley presented six alumni awards for outstanding accomplishments. These alumni were: Lawrence G. Calhoun, Jr., Robert L. Hatcher, III, Joseph B. Ingle, Sara Anna Payne, Francis Bounous Powell and Edward T. Smith. Mrs. Virginia Decker, President of the Dames of St. Andrews, then presented the college with a quilt in honor of its 20th anniversary.