

# On Campus

## Students to Experience China

What is the price you  
would be willing to pay?  
Your tears?  
I CAN'T HEAR YOU!  
your life?  
Carry your banner high  
Yell from the bottom of  
your aching soul-  
DEMOCRACY!  
FREEDOM!  
Be brave as you chant  
"Is it worth spilling blood!"  
Commit, commit, commit.  
What is the price  
If by chance you get caught  
You traitor to the Commu-  
nist way  
One small silver bullet  
Through the back of your  
head  
Billed to your parents  
Aimed at the tears  
Streaming down your  
cheek.

Lisa Gaw

Michael Roberts

Soon, another delegation of St. Andrews students will be encountering Chinese culture. Last year's visitors were able to witness a part of history personally. What this year's delegation will experience is anyone's guess, according to Dr. Tom Williams, Professor of His-



Protestors in Tiananmen Square as photographed by Williams.

tory and advisor to last year's group.

"I think the Chinese government has made it clear that it will not tolerate this type of insurrection," said Williams. "That obviously means executions, if necessary." The students from St. Andrews were housed only ten minutes from Tiananmen Square, center stage for the Democratic protests, and were able to get firsthand accounts of the actions there. One student, Lane Moore, was present on the initial evening of the student demonstrations.

Beijing was a city without a government for a while, according to Williams. The government had sent troops into the city as a control measure, but the troops did not attempt to enter the city. Martial law had been declared, but there was no army to enforce the regulations, Williams added. "Even after martial law had been declared, there did not seem to be a great deal of hostility between the troops and the people," he said. "It never seemed the two sides were confrontational," added Williams.

According to Williams, the atmosphere in Beijing changed in late April of this year. "People were as open, as free, as strident, as critical in public as they were in private," said Williams. He said that as an American in Tiananmen Square, "Crowds would gather around because everyone was so eager to talk to you. As an American, it was assumed that you were sympathetic to their cause, and that you could get word out."

Williams said that his initial reaction was that the

protest would soon be contained, since China is a culture where people are almost afraid to talk politics. "A few hundred students on the steps of Tiananmen Square demonstrating was a pretty dramatic step. It didn't occur to you that within a month they would be in control of the city. The unbelievable kept becoming reality," Williams stated.

Will this year's delegation experience anything similar to last year's? Dr. Williams does not think so. "There's always a chance, but I can't see a similar movement occurring anytime soon. Deng is getting old, and there will be a power struggle after his death. But whether this will arise from the streets of Beijing is hard to say," he said.

"Only future events will tell how these events will be remembered in history," said Williams. "This is already a mass movement inside China, and that distinguishes it from anything that has happened before. It should be remembered as more than a tiny footnote in history," commented Williams on the student demonstrations.

**Lance Meeting for  
Staff and  
other interested  
persons.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**

**Commuter Lounge,  
LA**

**6:30 pm**

An open forum with  
the visiting Soviets  
will be held on Nov. 4  
Please try to attend!