

Professor plans excitement, adventure in China

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Studying abroad offers students excellent opportunities to travel and study in new and exciting foreign environments. Although many students picture trips to England and Spain at the mention of study abroad, exciting trips to China are also available.

Dr. Carolyn Happer of the history department is planning a trip for interested students to China for summer 2000. The trip will be led by Happer and will consist of six weeks of study and travel beginning with a four week stay at Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in Dalian. This stay will be followed by two weeks of travel in Beijing, Xi'an and

Datong. Students can receive six hours of credit.

Students will take two courses, each worth three credit hours. The first is a course in Chinese language that will introduce students to Chinese and serve as a survival guide for students during their trip, according to Happer.

The second course is Chinese Today. This class will cover such topics as geography, history, mythology, cuisine, art and music. The topics will be mostly aimed at the specific destinations of the trip.

Happer said that with the Chinese Language class, students will not focus on learning how to write the language but learning how to speak the language enough to travel inde-

pendently. Happer replied that after two days, last year's students "were able to get on buses and go into stores and shops alone."

While in Dalian, students will stay in dorms at the university, where they will have private baths and hot water. The students will also eat in the dining facilities at the university. Happer replies that the university, as well as the country of China, is a very safe environment.

Why would students be interested in going to China? Happer said that the trip will be a very unique and exciting experience. "Everyday is an adventure," she said. Happer added, "Simply crossing the streets in China can be an adventure for students."

Students will have the opportunity to be placed in a completely Chinese environment where they will not become just tourists, but a part of the community. Happer said, "There will be virtually no other Americans there."

Happer has traveled to China twice already and is excited about this summer's trip. She has only fun and exciting memories of her trips. She said that last year's students went to clubs, dances and sporting events with students from the university. She also said that Mered-



Professor Che LiJuan and students Nikki Illingworth and Melissa Bishop went to China on Meredith's last trip.

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Some Meredith students from the last group that went to China stop to talk to a Chinese man.

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Rice Krispies Treats sales could bring band to Meredith

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Kellogg's cereal company wants everybody to like Rice Krispies Treats, and now Meredith students seem to agree. This delicious snack is the latest craze on the Meredith College's campus.

The BeeHive is sponsoring a contest in which the college campus with the most people who buy Rice Krispies Treats wins a band party with the pop band Blessed Union of Souls. Blessed Union of Souls performs the song "Hey Leonardo (She likes me for me)."

To be fair to small schools like Meredith, the contest will be judged on the ratio of students who buy Rice Krispies Treats compared to the number of students the school has.

The contest lasts for five weeks, and someone wins a prize every week. Manager Gray Sherrill will pull a wrapper out of a box every Friday at noon. In order to win a prize, a student must deposit the Rice Krispies Treat wrapper with her name and phone number in a box. Complete rules and regulations can be found in the BeeHive.

The prize for the first week

is a backpack valued at \$85, the second week's prize will be a Swiss Army watch valued at \$85, the third week will be North West Airline Vouchers valued at \$100, the fourth week the prize will be roller blade inline skates valued at \$219 and the final week of the contest the prize will be a Raleigh N30 Mountain Bike valued at \$234.

Sherrill said, "Rice Krispies Treats are sold for \$.49. I will sell them for \$.30 with the purchase of any entree item." He encourages students to try for the band party.

ith students were able to teach classes.

During last year's trip, Happer and students visited schools, factories, farms, parks, beaches and mountains with different groups from the schools. The students were also able to visit homes and cook.

Happer said that the people of China are very hospitable. "We received so many offers to visit homes that we had to turn many down."


Happer urges all students to consider this exciting opportunity. She said, "You will get a taste of a traditional, agricultural society that you just don't find anymore." She added,

"Chinese know how to have fun in simple ways."

According to Happer the Chinese are a "lovely and gracious people who want others to love China."

The trip to China is scheduled for departure on May 16, and students are scheduled to return on June 29. The application deadline is Jan. 15, 2000.

Happer has scheduled two information sessions for Monday, Nov. 15 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6:30pm-8 p.m. Brochures will be available and a slide show will be presented. Happer is also planning to post information on the web.



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