Members of the Chinese delegation visited last year to tour the science facilities here.

Chinese students to arrive soon

By Mike Rifkin and
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Two Chinese scientists will arrive at UMBC in the next eight months from universities in the People's Republic of China. The visit of the two scientists is the result of last year's visit to this campus by a delegation of Chinese botanists. Dr. Shin-Dow Kung, associate professor of biological sciences, is currently arranging the final details of the trip.

Yi-Sun Chu, whose field is chloroplast genetics, will arrive in December. Lee-Jen Li, who is working with enzyme research, will arrive six months later. Both scientists are currently at the Shanghai Institute of Plant Physiology, Academia Sinica. These men are the first scientists from the People's Republic to study at UMBC. Dr. Kung would also like to see a UMBC student visit or study in China.

Both scientists graduated from Fu-Tan University in the early sixties. Neither of the scientists have doctorate degrees because graduate degrees are not given in China, due to the communist ethos of equality. Dr. Kung says that CHU may get by in conversation with his limited English, but Li does not speak English well. "According to Kung, Li should be here approximately one year, and Shi will pursue his doctorate degree. Kung hopes that the interaction with other UMBC students of similar cultural backgrounds will prove to be an asset to the visiting scientists' acclimation to a foreign culture.

House kills draft bill

By 252 to 168 vote, the House of Representatives rejected Wednesday an attempt to revive registration of 18-year-old men for the military draft. The House voted to take the measure out of a $42 billion veterans bill instead to ask President Carter to conduct a study on the feasibility of reviving draft registration.

However, there are still other registration proposals in the House, including one by Representative Paul McCloskey (R. Cal.), which would draft all young men and women but give them the option of either civilian or military service.

But Representative Thomas P. O'Neill (D., Mass.), speaker of the House, said he believed Wednesday's vote would end future efforts in Congress in the near future to bring back registration for the draft.

The Chem-Phys and Fine Arts Buildings had no water Wednesday, due to a break in the water main.

Water line breaks

By Michael Reed

The Chemistry-Physics and Fine Arts buildings were without water early Wednesday morning due to a water line break. Guy Chisholm, director of the Physical Plant, said "actually there were two water lines broken." One break was on a 12 inch line that runs from the driveway of the Physical Plant to the library and the other break was near the Chemistry-Physics building.

"I was on top of it (the breakage) this morning (Wednesday morning)," Chisholm said. "I was concerned about the buildings going without water."

Chisholm retrieved the water around the breakage and the two buildings had water by 9:30 a.m. The broken lines are now repaired, but the holes dug in repairing them are not filled in.

Correction

On the front page of last week's Retriever, Dr. Thomas Arntsen's name was mistakenly printed as Arntzen. The Retriever regrets this error.