Chinese students to arrive soon

By Mike Rijkin and Damien Jones

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. Shao-Dow Kung, associate professor of biological sciences is currently arranging the final details of the trip.

Byu-Shun 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-Tom 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 Shu 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.

Candidates to visit campus

By Mary E. Peitersen

Three candidates for the position of dean of faculty will be on campus within the next ten days for interviews with faculty, staff and students.

The first candidate, Dr. Morton L. Schaefer will be at UMBC Monday, September 17. Currently chairperson of the philosophy department at Fredonia State University, Schaefer holds degrees in liberal arts, philosophy and physics. He has written a number of articles on the philosophy of science and a book, "The Language of Logic.

The second candidate, will be on campus Friday, September 21 to meet with members of the UMBC community. She is currently department chairperson of urban and metropolitan studies at the College of Urban Development, Michigan State University. Pettigrew has degrees in music, rehabilitation counseling and educational psychology. She has written articles on women, civil rights, minority issues, and women in higher education.

The third candidate for the position, Dr. Joseph B. Tucker, will be on campus Monday, September 24. Tucker is presently associate provost and professor of government at Ohio University. A Phi Beta Kappa, Tucker holds degrees in both history and political science.

After all the candidates have been interviewed, the search committee will make its recommendations to the Chancellor, John O'Neal, who will make the final decision. University President John Toll, however, must approve the decision before it becomes final.

All of the interviews will be held in the Special Collections room of the Library. The candidates will meet with faculty and staff from 1-2 p.m. and with students from 3-5 p.m.

Arnold named acting librarian

By Mary E. Peitersen

Joseph Arnold, associate professor of history, is currently serving as acting library director until the newly formed search committee chooses a permanent director.

Arnold replaces Antonia Raimo, who is currently in charge of collections development for the library. Last spring, library staff accused Raimo of alleged sexual harassment and mismanagement of personnel.

J. Leeds Barnall, professor of English, will serve as chairperson for the search committee to find a new library director. The committee will also include High Graham, professor of history, Jonathan Peters, associate professor of Afro-American studies, and Brian Bradley, associate professor of biology.

Three members of the library staff will be on the committee: Nancy Goner, Mary Jean Whittaker, and Robert Reed. Marc Gregory, SGA Senator will also be on the search committee.

The committee will meet September 18 to begin the process of screening applicants. Already a large number of applications have been received for the position, according to Walter Jones, vice chancellor of academic affairs.