

CHINA 1980 — ?

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UNIVERSITY LIFE



Beijing University 1980



Beijing University Library 1980



Beijing University Library Parking 1980



Beijing University – Daily "Broadcast Calisthenics"



Beijing University Student Body Activity 1980



学雷锋 树新风

我厂团员青年积极响应团中央的号召，在学雷锋树新风活动中，人人争做建设社会主义精神文明的先锋。他们开展各项活动，以实际行动向雷锋同志学习，好人好事层出不穷。



为了美化厂石环境，团员青年不畏严寒，组织起来，进行植树活动。

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这是青年们去公共场所打扫卫生。



团员青年在绿化植树活动中，不怕苦不怕累，把汗水洒在土地上。



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Beijing University Foreign Student Cafeteria - 1980



Beijing University Dorms -1980 - 8 students per room for local students



Beijing University Dorms -1980 – Dorm rooms were mini “UN Assembly Halls”



Beijing University 1981
National Tree Planting Movement Day



SHOPPING



Foreigner's had their "own money" Which to use, where and when?



Most major commodities were rationed and one needed coupons to buy rice, oil, cotton clothes etc.



Wet Market 1981



Grocery Shopping 1981



Grocery Shopping 1981 – Piles of Cabbage on the streets all winter



Upscale Urban Shopping on Shanghai's Nanjing Road - 1981



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Upscale Shopping on Shanghai's Nanjing Road – circa 2019”



EXPLORING



Travel permits were needed to leave Beijing and visit other cities.

中华人民共和国
外国人旅行证
 The People's Republic of China
Aliens' Travel Permit

北京市
首都
汽车公司
贰元
¥2.00元

报销凭证
34组 551000

准第 105533 号旅行证持证人
前往泰山、苏州、常州、无锡、杭州、上海

京字第 100408 号
No.

姓名 薄 马克
Name

国籍 美 国
Nationality

护照或居留证号码 814 635
Passport No. or Residence Certificate No.

偕行人 _____
Accompanied by

旅行地点 南京 常州
无锡 杭州
苏州 上海
Places to travel

加 签
Endorsements

有效期至 1981 年 5 月 5 日止
Valid until yr mon dy

交通工具 飞机 火车 轮船 汽车
Means of transportation: Plane Train Ship Car

1981 年 4 月 9 日
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Foreigners had their own money which to use, where and when?



Crowds would come out to see us wherever we visited



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Especially Children



Wherever we were people were eager and curious to engage us – as were we with them



Simple cultural exchanges were of great interest



These types of interactions was the education, language class and cultural bridge



Xi Dan Street and Chang An Boulevard



Downtown Beijing near Chang An Boulevard



Sunrise Tai Qi along the Bund in Shanghai



Shanghai Bund – circa 2019



Shanghai Harbor 1981



Shanghai harbor – same view today



Some of the first American "hooligans" climbing the stone animals at the Ming Tombs



SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

- Dive deep into the culture through local experiences
- Push your comfort zone – be present - make your self available
- Speaking a foreign language is not the same as communicating in a foreign language
- The joys of “breaking through”

