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Student on China's 'most wanted' list Dissident blasts Beijing regime for Tiananmen massacre

By David T. Gordon • The Spectator Columbia U.

Just over five months ago, in the early morning of June 4, Li Lu and 2,000 weary university students began leaving the south end of Beijing's Tiananmen Square. The massacre which followed killed hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Chinese.

Li, a fourth-year student at Nanjing University and deputy director of the students' Tiananmen Square Command Post, survived the bloody attack. Afterward, there was only one thing he could do: try to escape China.

Today, Li is a student in Columbia U.'s American Language Program. He is also an exiled Chinese dissident on the government's "21 Most Wanted List."

He looks like any other college student.



Chinese dissident Li Lu

His hair is thick and unkempt. He wears a blue-striped button-down oxford shirt, cotton twill pants and Reeboks.

Like many Columbia students, he complains of not having enough time for his schoolwork. But if Li's homework isn't turned in on time, it's probably because he's been testifying before a U.N. subcommittee, a congressional panel or a human rights organization.

As one of two "Most Wanted" students to escape China — Wuer Kaixi is the other — he is trying to keep the world from forgetting the efforts and goals of the Chinese democracy movement.

"I feel it is my responsibility to tell the world not only about the events of this past year," Li says, "but also that they are only the latest in the long pattern of repression and suffering inflicted on the Chinese people by the People's Republic."

Since his birth during the Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s, he has lived with the consequences of that repression.

Both his parents and two of his grand-See DISSIDENT, Page 4

Misleading statistics hide violent crime on campus

By Charles A. Hahn U. Editor on fellowship

On a Thursday night in November 1986, LaSalle U. student Christine Desiderati left her apartment to visit friends across the street. While walking through a parking lot rented by the university, she was raped at knife point.

It was the second time in three years she had been raped on a university SPECIAL REPORT campus.

"He kept the knife on me the whole time, forced me to commit sodomy and raped me," she recounts. "The whole incident took about 20 minutes, during which time no security guards approached the area."

The first rape occurred in 1983. While a freshman at Pennsylvania's St. Francis College, Desiderati was assaulted by a student she had known seven months.

After the incident at La Salle, which is also in Pennsylvania, Desiderati began fighting back.

Contending that security was inadequate in the parking lot where she had been raped, she initiated a premises liability suit against LaSalle. The university settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.

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Former members accuse church of mind control, manipulation

By Michelle Latimer • The Daily Illini U. of Illinois

The last thing Todd Hohman's mother told him before he left for the U. of Illinois last fall was to find a church. Although he had not been very active in the Baptist

church his family attended back home, Hohman decided he would at least visit a few churches in the area to see what they were like. During the second or third week of school, he heard one of his residence-hall neighbors talking about going to church. He asked about the church, and the neighbor invited him to come to the next meeting.

That evening, the church leaders spoke with Hohman, and in the days that followed, members of the church whirled about him. Parishioners met with him at least once a day, preaching their philosophy, asking him questions and challenging him to make a commitment to the church. Nine days later, Hohman was baptized into the Champaign-Urbana Church of Christ.

What his new family didn't tell him was that he also had pledged his faith to a larger organization, the Boston Church of Christ, of which the C-U church is part. He was now part of the worldwide Boston church's community — a radical, strictly regimented and unsanctioned offshoot of the traditional, age-old Churches of Christ organization. Headquartered in Boston, the group recruits extensively on college campuses nationwide.

The Boston church has come under fire from mainstream Churches of Christ for its teachings.

"When I was in high school, I was a very social person," Hohman said. "And even the first week or two here, my roommate and I used to go to fraternity parties and the bars all the time.

"But after I joined the C-U Church of Christ, all that stopped overnight. I was devoting all my time to the church — period," he said of his next 10 months at the

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