

# Big Brother a reality for some Chinese students

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Despite evidence that they are being monitored by government officials from their homeland, Chinese students at several universities claim they aren't worried about repercussions stemming from their political activism.

"It's nothing to fear," said Ping Luo, a U. of Washington grad student who heads the Associated Chinese Students and Scholars, a group representing Chinese grad students. "They can watch all they want... Nobody here cares much about it. We're still going to continue doing and saying what we want."

Luo suspects the surveillance is being conducted by small factions of local Chinese governments, rather than an all-out effort from the Chinese central government.

"The central government don't want to take that risk," he said. "That image would damage the face they want to project, especially right now."

Reports of alleged spying at UW surfaced around the same time Chinese students began gearing up in June for

the second anniversary of the Tiananmen Square massacre.

Several Chinese students at UW believe they have identified a government informant. They are familiar with a man who claims to be a fellow UW student but never attends classes. He often appears at activist meetings, asking about students and their political beliefs. But Luo said he was

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uncertain of the exact nature of the man's activities and didn't believe he posed any threat.

The report from UW preceded events at the U. of California, Los Angeles, where the UCLA Taiwanese Student Association circulated fliers urging students and faculty to "Clean Out Campus Spies from Taiwan."

The outcry followed the arrest of Jean-Ren Chen. The Taiwanese doctoral candidate was jailed on sedition charges during a research visit to his native country.

The student group said that the Taiwan government brought evidence against Chen that could only have been gathered by informants operating on the UCLA campus.

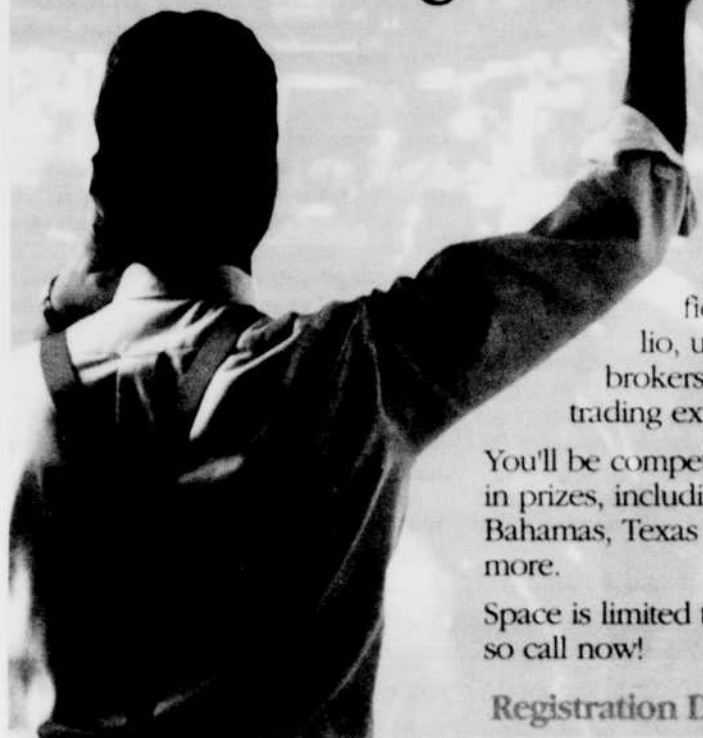
But Luo said any evidence gathered against Chinese students probably wouldn't be used against them if they returned to China to visit. In fact, he said, several of his friends had traveled there this summer without incident.

Luo was at Tiananmen Square two years ago and after the bloody crackdown on pro-democracy protests, he was informed by friends that he was in danger and should leave Beijing. He made his way to the United States, where he continues to work on behalf of the activists remaining in China. Luo attributes his lack of fear now to two important elements: the strong organization of Chinese students in the United States and support from U.S. citizens.

"The Americans are very concerned with the issue of civil rights here, and they wouldn't tolerate anything happening to us," he said.

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## Cookbook

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from police and military manuals, *The Anarchist Cookbook* contains detailed, step-by-step information on everything from how to turn a shotgun into a grenade launcher to "recipes" for tear gas and blasting gelatin.

There's also a lengthy section on drugs, with information on the uses, preparation and effects of substances from pot and peyote to glue and cough syrup. One recipe for "bananadine" can even have those desperate for a buzz high in about five hours if they have the patience to prepare 15 pounds of bananas.

The purpose of all this? To "stir some stagnant brain cells in action," *Cookbook* author William Powell said in the book's introduction. At the time of the book's publishing Powell was 21, and some of those around at the time of the book's publishing said the book was never meant to be taken seriously.

"It was both a curiosity and an amusement to student radicals... more an artifact than an instruction book," said FSU history professor Pete Ripley, who owns a copy of the *Cookbook*. "It was like a counterculture coffee-table book."

Jerome Stern agreed.

"It was for fantasy revolutionaries," said the FSU English professor, who teaches a class on pop culture. "To the conservative middle class, it might appear quite frightening, but its real place in history has to do with the romance of the revolutionary."

The sheriff's department doesn't quite see it that way. It takes the potential threat seriously — so seriously, in fact, that while Ledbetter was still in the Capitol, undersheriff Larry Campbell appeared on local television with a copy of the book to announce that Ledbetter had been studying it.

Ledbetter gave up without incident and without getting his 666 jelly doughnuts. And since that time he has been deemed unfit to stand trial in the state of Florida.

But Simpson said there were materials in the office that Ledbetter seized that could have been used to make explosives by someone familiar with the *Cookbook*.

But Stuart said the police scenario is ridiculous.

"I think it is amusing," he said. "The guy didn't even have a fake gun. The fact that this guy had this book doesn't have any real meaning."

"It seems that (police) have nothing better to do than talk about this book," he said.

College and high school students make up the largest portion of the *Cookbook* market. Besides bookstores, local libraries either have it or can get it.

But Stuart said there are more dangerous books on the market than *The Anarchist Cookbook*, and he cites paramilitary manuals attainable through advertisements in *Soldier of Fortune* magazine as proof.

"It's kind of like selling a Derringer pistol," said Arnold Levy, a representative of Barricade Books, the New Jersey company that publishes the *Cookbook*. "Now they have books that show you how to make a hydrogen bomb in your basement."