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Visiting journalist known as 'China's Conscience'

■ SPEAKER: Former Communist Liu Minyan discussed his support of democracy in Taiwan

By Nicole Waddell
Freelance Reporter

Former Chinese journalist Liu Minyan hosted a question and answer session Friday in the Knight Library. Minyan discussed topics ranging from his view of democracy to human rights issues in China.

Stephen Durrant, director of the University Center for Asian and Pacific Studies, commented on the significance of Minyan's visit to the University.

"He is one of the most important voices of China. He joined the Communist Party early, saw the Cultural Revolution, saw everything up close," Durrant said. "He is sometimes called, 'China's Conscience.'"

Minyan is associated with the Princeton China Initiative at Princeton University. The group supports Chinese dissidents who cannot return home. According to Minyan, some of the people who PCI supports are still on China's "most wanted" list, which includes one of the student leaders of the Tiananmen Square incident.

He sees the free elections in Taiwan as an example of what he believes must happen in order for democracy to take hold in a nation.

"For ordinary people, if the new form of government is not supplemented by a change in social structure, it will not work," he said. "In the Taiwan Parliament, 28 out of the 40 seat holders are either supported by — or members of — the mafia."

Minyan also explained how overpopulation has become a problem in China. He said there is not enough land or work to sustain China's population, and the extreme proximity of people causes high crime rates.

In addition to overpopulation, Minyan cited human rights violations as one of China's greatest areas of concern.

"In the first half of 1995 more than 2,000 people were executed," he said. "This year the number will double or triple."

Minyan was a member of the Communist Party and a prominent journalist from 1944-1957. He witnessed first-hand Chairman Mao Tse-Tung's Cultural Revolution. An outspoken critic of the Communist Party, he was kicked out in 1957 in an anti-rightist campaign and subsequently left the country.

Following the death of Mao, Minyan was rehabilitated in 1979. For the next eight years he reported on corruption within the Communist Party for China's leading newspaper, the *People's Daily*. Minyan was again banished in 1987 and arrived in the United States in 1988.

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