

Had no idea what a cowboy hat is

# Chinese ballet students learn more than dance in Houston

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HOUSTON — Politics, more than custom, dictate that the first Chinese dance students to study in the United States will spend their lives and talent in a ballet considered drab by American standards.

But ever so briefly this summer Li Cunxin and Zhang Weiqiang, both 18, discovered ice cream, Star Wars, vacuum cleaners, James Bond movies, traffic, Houston heat and Texas hospitality.

Given traditional cowboy hats upon their arrival, they accepted

them graciously before confessing they had no idea what a cowboy hat was.

Offered the companionship of Chinese-Americans to soften their culture shock, they politely refused.

"When they came, I tried to get hold of a lot of Chinese people — one must be careful about the Taiwanese situation — I tried to get Chinese people and they said, 'no, we don't want to go out with Chinese people,'" said Ben Stevenson, artistic director of the Houston Ballet.

"And I had some Chinese people who were going to be interpreters for them and they said, 'no, we want to try to speak English.' And, there's a Chinese family, very sweet, who have sons their age, a very nice house and they would like to host them for the weekend and they (Li and Zhang) said no. And they said, 'you would not like to come to China and go out with Americans.'"

Stevenson discovered the boys at the Peking Institute of Dance in March while traveling with the first U.S. cultural delegation to visit China.

"I was teaching in Peking," he said. "I liked those two boys very much. I said it would be marvelous if I could get some sort of scholarship for them to come here and the feeling was from the people involved that it was a very nice gesture but it would take perhaps two years to organize something like that."

The six-week trip and scholarships were arranged in less than three months, however, with the help of Columbia University's Center for U.S.-China Arts Exchange and for reasons Stevenson can only speculate upon.

"I'm going back to Peking for a month to teach, I think that helped a lot, the fact that I sort of think they need me," he said shortly before the boys' stay ended. At the time, he was waiting in his Ballet Academy office for the boys' return from English classes.

"It's very unusual for young people to come out (of China) like that. They're the youngest students out for anything and the first performing arts students. I don't think any of us really thought it would happen. That they'd come over here."

Stevenson choreographed a pas

de deux (dance for two) for Li and Zhang, although their only performance was before 120 persons active in the local ballet workshop. No public performances were planned before their departure (Aug. 5) by way of New York where they hoped to meet Mikhail Baryshnikov during a three-day stopover.

"I've learned a lot from their simplicity," Stevenson said. "It's like having ideal sons. They're very honest. Their emotions are very ready. They smile easily. It's not phony."

"Their evaluation of themselves is very good. Strangely enough in West very few students have the

## Season's first show cancelled, never appeared

By JOAN HANAUER

UPI Television Writer  
NEW YORK — The first new show of the season to be cancelled before it ever appeared on the air — was aptly titled "Nobody Perfect."

It also was one of the most promising, to judge by the pilot when it scheduled the half-hour sitcom starring British actor Ron Moody as an elegant Scotland Yard inspector on loan to the San Francisco Police Department.

Moody's Roger Hart reads Sherlock Holmes, but at work he resembles Peter Seller's Inspector Clouseau, breaking as he enters the pilot with the best of them but who wasn't obviously AWOL when the brains were passed around.

ABC discovered, however, that succeeding installments of the com did not live up to the opening episode's promise.

It happens all the time — television land has a whole group of writers who specialize in pilots, because those are the scripts which series are sold. Once a show is bought, the quality often goes down.

In this instance, rather than accept a weak half-hour, ABC shelved the show's premiere while production work continues. "Nobody Perfect" probably will be an early winter replacement.

That left a hole in the ABC schedule, which will be filled by the "Detective School" run by James Gregory, aka Inspector Luger or "Barney Miller." Originally scheduled as a limited-run summer replacement, "Detective School" has scored top marks in the ultimate test — the Nielsen ratings.

A pilot that failed to turn into a series will be shown on CBS Aug. 25, 8:30-9 p.m., Eastern time. The laughs — such as they are — "The 116th" center around four hapless young Army reservists called up in 1968 and in danger of being shipped to Vietnam as a four-man unit with no training or purpose.

One of them has a mother with a whim of iron, and they are plagued by a stupidly sadistic Southern lieutenant but protected by a paternal black colonel.

It's easy to see why CBS didn't buy this show as a series. The question remains: why is the network subjecting its audience to the pilot?

The United States only has one president, but ABC, CBS and NBC among them have dozens in charge of various corporate entities. The latest to make president rank is NBC's Irwin Segelstein, promoted from executive vice president, broadcasting, to president, NBC television stations-radio. As far as can be determined, his areas of responsibility remain the same. The announcement was made by President Fred Silverman, NBC's boss of all bosses.

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