UNIVERSITY LIFE
Beijing University – Daily "Broadcast Calisthenics"
Beijing University 1981 – Learning by the examples of “Great Communist Model Citizens”
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
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.
Grocery Shopping 1981 – Piles of Cabbage on the streets all winter
Upscale Urban Shopping on Shanghai's Nanjing Road - 1981
Upscale Shopping on Shanghai’s Nanjing Road – circa 2019
Travel permits were needed to leave Beijing and visit other cities.
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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.
Sunrise Tai Qi along the Bund in Shanghai
Shanghai Bund – circa 2019
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”