



Third Open Letter from the Vice-Chancellor

The VC issued his third open letter to all staff and students on 22nd March. In the letter, he calls on everyone to do their utmost to make the University a truly bilingual, multi-cultural, multi-disciplined university and a quality place of learning which can serve as a knowledge pool for the community and a stimulus to new enterprises in Hong Kong.

He then goes on to discuss

how, as the University is going in the direction of decentralization to better cope with growth and expansion, the duties of deans, department chairmen and boards of studies need to be redefined.

To summarize, the responsibility of the dean will be to guide the overall development of the faculty, introducing or reconstituting areas of studies when necessary, allocating resources according to priority, and en-

suring quality through appointment, substantiation, promotion and removal from office. The department chairman will be responsible for the personnel and administrative affairs within the department, including promotion assessment, teaching duty assignment and quality control. The board of studies will be responsible for the design and implementation of the undergraduate and post-graduate curricula, the dialogue with students on academic matters, student admission and counselling and all other academic affairs.

The VC also reminds students of their duties to seek learning for self-improvement, to put forward constructive suggestions on teaching related matters through proper channels, and to have a correct attitude towards course examinations. ○

Credit Unit System – Implementation Details

The Senate recently approved, with effect from the 1991-92 intake, the proposals on the details related to the implementation of the flexible credit unit system for bachelor's programmes other than medicine:

- (a) The minimum units required for graduation will be 123 units.
- (b) Secondary 7 entrants will be granted 24 units in recognition of their pre-university achievement; however they

will be allowed to graduate only after all University and major programme requirements have been met.

- (c) Students in their first two years of attendance may take 36 units per year without exceeding 20 units in any one term and for the ensuing years 30 per year with 17 as the ceiling in any one term.
- (d) Professional programmes may have a higher ceiling and students with a 'B+' average

in the preceding year may take the same maximum course load in their third or higher year as is permitted for their first two years.

- (e) Units taken from repeating a failed course (3 units or less) and units of the two University required PE courses will not count towards the course load in the term/year concerned.

To allow Secondary 7 entrants greater flexibility in course selection, boards of studies have been asked to consider exemption of certain major required courses under their purview for those who have completed comparable A – level subjects. ○

University News



Sir Quo-wei Lee Honoured

Sir Quo-wei Lee, chairman of the University Council since 1982, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the University of Hong Kong on 22nd March. A leading local banker, Sir Quo-wei has a highly distinguished record of

public service. He was a member of the Legislative and the Executive Councils, and has been chairman of the Hong Kong Heart Foundation and the Hong Kong Kidney Foundation. He was also chairman of the Education Commission and has made significant contribution towards the development of local education. Sir Quo-wei was awarded CBE in 1977 and knighted in 1988.



The Vice-Chancellor Elected Member of US National Academy of Engineering

Prof. Charles K. Kao was recently elected a member of the US National Academy of Engineering.

The National Academy of Engineering is a private honorary organization established in 1964. With a current US membership of 1,535 and 126 foreign associates, the academy honours only those who have made 'important contributions to engineering theory and practice', or those who have demonstrated 'unusual accomplishment in new and developing fields of tech-

nology'.

With the National Academy of Sciences, the academy advises the US federal government on questions of science and technology through the National Research Council. It also recognizes distinguished engineers, sponsors engineering programmes aimed at meeting national needs, and encourages education and research.

Prof. Kao is famed for his pioneering work on optical fibres. Over the years, he has received numerous prestigious international awards for his outstanding achievements in this field.

CUHK Debate Team Champion Again in Inter-Postsecondary Debate

The CUHK Debating Team beat its Hong Kong Polytechnic counterpart in the finals of the seventh annual inter-postsecondary debate which took place on 11th March and captured the prize trophy. This is the team's second victory in two years.

The motion of the debate was 'The Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China Should Disband' and the CU team were speaking against the motion. Representing CUHK were Mr. Kwok Man-leung (Business Administration, 3rd Year), Mr. Sam Ho

(Journalism, 3rd Year), Miss Cecilia Tam (Journalism, 2nd Year), and Mr. Alex Siu (Business Administration, 4th Year), who was also selected Best Speaker in the debate.



The function is organized annually by Radio Television Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Federation of Students to train students to use their analytical power and think independently. Eleven postsecondary institutions including the two universities and two polytechnics took part in this competition.

Optical Fibres Used to Link up Computers on Campus

The University has linked up the computing networks in the Department of Electronic Engineering and the Computer Services Centre (CSC) through an optical fibre link. The optical link is the first of its kind in operation at the University. The 400 metre long, six-core optical fibre has been installed with the help of Hong Kong Telephone. The fibre is ducted through the new cable ducting route at the University and has initially been routed to Mong Kwok Ping Computer Communication Laboratory at the Department of Electronic Engineering, where a pair of fibres were fusion spliced for connection to the Departmental Computing Laboratory. Three-way communications among CSC, Mong Kwok Ping Computer Communication Laboratory and the Departmental Computing Laboratory are possible with data, voice, still image or video transmission. The Department of

Electronic Engineering can also be connected to other member institutions of the University and Polytechnic Computer Centre and overseas computer networks through CSC.

The first fibre pair connecting CSC and the Departmental Computing Laboratory is an Ethernet link through optical transceivers operating at a data rate of 10 Mb/s. The remaining two fibre pairs will be used in the future for the development of ISDN trial with simultaneous on-campus and off-campus voice, data and video transmission.

Two additional optical fibre cables linking Shaw College and CSC (1 km) and Lady Shaw Building and CSC (400 m) are being installed. These cables are six-fibre single-mode fibres capable of operating at phenomenally high data rate. The two cable links are expected to be completed this summer.

The University recently received a donation of HK\$12 million from Mr. Chiang Chen, managing director of Chen Hsong Holdings Ltd., to build a new hostel which will provide accommodation for visiting scholars and

Donation of \$12 Million for New Hostel

fellows on training programmes. The hostel will be built at the eastern tip of the campus near the Yali Guest House.

At a time when the University is actively developing exchange programmes with overseas institutions, and when the number of visiting scholars and research fellows, especially from mainland China, is expected to be on the steady increase, the donation from Mr. Chiang is most timely and welcome.

Fong Yun Wah Hall Opened

The Fong Yun Wah Hall was formally opened by Mr. John Higginbotham, Commissioner for Canada, and Mr. Fong Yun Wah, MBE, JP, chairman of the Fong Shu Fook Tong Foundation, on 15th March. Over 100 guests from the education, business and industrial sectors attended the ceremony.

The new hall with a total floor area of 282 square metres has been built with a generous donation of HK\$1.3 million from the Fong Shu Fook Tong Foundation. It is an extension to the Fong Shu Chuen Building which houses the New Asia - Yale-In-China Chinese Language Centre, and will provide additional teaching facilities and student/staff amenities for the language centre.



Hong Kong – Shanghai Biotechnology Development Centre Established

The Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology (HKIB) recently signed an agreement with the Shanghai Branch of Chinese Academy of Sciences (SBCAS) to establish a Hong Kong – Shanghai Biotechnology Development Centre. The centre will capitalize on the biotechnological research strengths of SBCAS as well as the strategic position of HKIB in the region to commercialize novel biotechnology products targeted for the world market.

The biotechnology industry of Hong Kong will definitely benefit from the research experience and technical expertise of SBCAS which has over 11,000 technicians and research staff. HKIB on the other hand

will provide the know-how in marketing and the commercialization of biotechnology products. It will also



arrange training in management and administration for exchange scholars from SBCAS.

The offices of the new centre to be

set up in both Hong Kong and Shanghai will be managed by an administration committee with support from HKIB on the provision of management services and office and laboratory facilities. Prof. Dominic Man-Kit Lam, director of HKIB, is an honorary professor of the Cell Biology Institute of SBCAS. Prof. Tai-an Wang, deputy director of the Cell Biology Institute, is a senior consultant of HKIB.

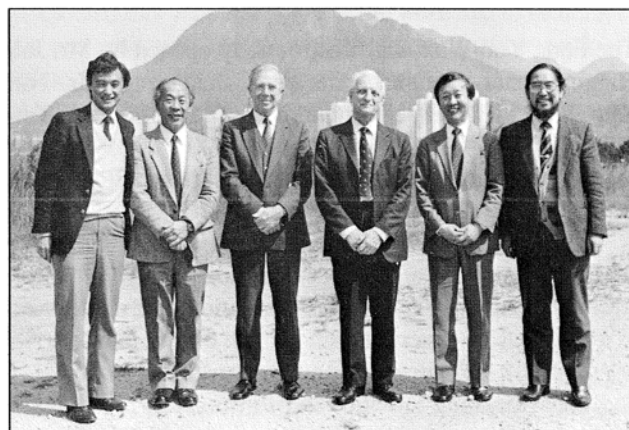
Meantime, the HKIB received the first donation by a biotechnology related industry in Hong Kong – the Hong Kong Soya Bean Products Company Ltd. To commemorate its 50th anniversary, the company donated HK\$1,000,000 to HKIB to support research on food and nutrition.

HKIB Formed Its Project Evaluation Committee

The Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology (HKIB) has recently formed a Project Evaluation Committee to assess the viability of its research projects and their potential for commercial development. Sir Jack Cater is the chairman of the committee and other members include Sir David Akers-Jones, chairman of the Hong Kong Housing Authority; Prof. S. T. Chang, chairman of the department of biology, CUHK; and Prof. M. H. Ng, head of microbiology, University of Hong Kong. Ex-officio members are Prof. Charles K. Kao, chairman of HKIB's Board of Directors and Prof. Dominic Man-Kit Lam, founding director, HKIB.

The committee will help promote joint ventures between HKIB and the government, the industries, or academic institutions to develop a biotechnology industry in Hong Kong. They will give advice on the relative merits of proposals submitted by various sources to HKIB for consideration and

evaluate commercialization strategies planned for various biotechnological projects.



New Asia College S. Y. Chung Visiting Fellow

Prof. Chan Hok-lam, professor of Chinese history, University of Washington, USA, visited New Asia College as its S. Y. Chung Visiting Fellow from 5th to 15th March. During his visit, Prof. Chan spoke on 'A Historical Inquiry into the Legends about the Building of Beijing City'.

Prof. Chan graduated from the University of Hong Kong and received his Ph.D. from Princeton University, USA. He specializes in the history of the Yuan and Ming dynasties of China and is a prolific writer. He has been visiting professor and research fellow in such famous universities as Yale University, Columbia University, Princeton University, National

University of Australia and National Tsinghua University of Taiwan.



1990 Sports Medicine Conference



The 7th Annual Sports Medicine Conference on 'Development of Sports Culture and Primary Care of the Athletes' was held on 25th March at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The organizers were the Hong Kong Centre of Sports Medicine and Sports Science; the Department of Extramural Studies, CUHK; the Hong

Kong Association of Sports Medicine and Sports Science; and Hong Kong College of General Practitioners.

Some 350 sports scientists and administrators, doctors, therapists, and athletes attended the function and shared their expertise and experience in the promotion of sports medicine and sports science. Discussion topics included the development of sports culture, respiratory diseases and sports, diabetics and sports, clinical exercise testing, fluid and electrolyte balance in endurance sports, and sports rehabilitation.

The conference was sponsored by the Amateur Sports Federation & Olympic Committee, Hong Kong and the Jubilee Sports Centre.

New Publications of The University Press

The following new books will be sold at a 20 per cent discount to staff members at the University Bookshop, John Fulton Centre :

- 《薪酬管理》 (in Chinese) by Irene H. S. Chow, viii + 204 pp., (paperback, HK\$30).



- 《管理理論和應用》 (in Chinese) by King W. Chow, viii + 131 pp., (paperback, HK\$30).



Long Service Award Presentation Ceremony 1989-90

In the March issue of the Newsletter we reported on the University's 'Long Service Award Presentation Ceremony 1989-90' held on 10th February 1990. We profiled 11 recipients of the award in that issue. In this issue we will profile 10 more University staff members honoured for 25 years' service to the University.

Dr. Lee Yun-kuang

Dr. Lee, senior lecturer in the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, joined the University 25 years ago after serving as an associate professor at his alma mater, National Taiwan University. He came to Hong Kong and CUHK so as to continue learning from his two teachers: Mr. Kao Ming, chairman of the Chinese Department at United College, and Mr. Pan Chung Kwei, chairman of the Chinese Department at New Asia College. Shortly thereafter, he met his wife and made Hong Kong his home. Since that time he has returned to Taiwan just twice.

Interestingly, Dr. Lee's wife is the granddaughter of Kang Yu-wei, a famous reformer in the late Ching dynasty, about whom Dr. Lee has published a book. Dr. Lee is also a specialist in pre-Han literature, a subject he plans to continue researching upon his retirement.



Mr. John Wu Heng-yu

A graduate in history at National Taiwan University, Mr. Wu works in the Cataloguing Section of the University Library. That job gives him the satisfaction of systematically cataloguing books to facilitate readers in finding what they want.

Mr. Wu uses an interesting analogy to describe his work. He sees himself as a kind of cook. Just as a cook spends considerable time and effort preparing food for others with little time to eat it himself, Mr. Wu's



opportunities to taste the fruits of his labour in the library are limited. He simply doesn't have enough time to read all the books he catalogues.

Mr. Wu's hobby is drawing, a pursuit he plans to continue after he retires. He is already an accomplished sketcher who has published a collection of his sketches of people.

Mr. Ng Kam-hung

CUHK is literally and figuratively home for Mr. Ng. Originally employed by the University as a lab attendant in the Department of Biology at Chung Chi College, Mr. Ng later became technician in the Department of Biochemistry. It is a post which has brought him great satisfaction, particularly in his work with his super-



visor, Prof. Kong Yun-cheung, who gives him a free hand in conducting various research projects, and with whom he has coauthored many scientific articles.

Mr. Ng feels a strong sense of belonging to CUHK. It was the University which offered him his first job and, as a 25-year employee of the University, he has witnessed its growth from its earliest days. As a campus resident, he has also raised his family here, and spends most of his leisure time utilizing the University's sports facilities while playing football and badminton with his children.

Mr. Chan Chi-wa

Now an accountant in the Accounts Section of the Bursary, Mr. Chan's roots at the University run very deep. He graduated from Chung Chi College in 1963 and, after a short stint



upon graduation as assistant manager in a trading firm, he took up the post of accounts clerk at the University. At the time it seemed like a strange move to some of his friends:

why accept the seemingly lower post of accounts clerk after being an assistant manager? For Mr. Chan the answer was easy: he didn't care for the socializing which went with the

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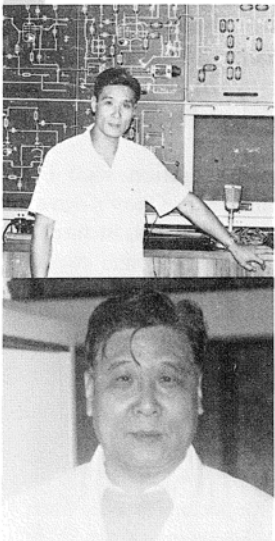
assistant manager's job, nor did he enjoy working for a small firm.

Mr. Chan's work at the University has always involved money, from preparing budgets and financial statements to handling expenditure applications and cheques.

In his leisure time Mr. Chan likes to go hiking with his wife.

Mr. Cheng Kwok-hung

Mr. Cheng, laboratory assistant in the Department of Electrical Engineering, joined the University 25 years ago after holding an interesting assortment of jobs, including auxiliary



policeman, waiter, and salesman in a furniture store. He was originally employed by the University as a helper in the laboratory of the Physics Department of United College. He later transferred to the Department of Electrical Engineering upon

its establishment.

In his earlier days, when United College was still located on Hong Kong Island, Mr. Cheng was responsible for preparing apparatus to be used in classroom experiments and for cleaning and removing the apparatus following classes. In those days, when laboratory facilities were limited, the job was quite demanding. In recent years, with the advent of

better equipped and much more spacious laboratory facilities, as well as increased student use of computers, life has been easier for Mr. Cheng.

Mrs. Lau Shuen Nai-man

Mrs. Lau, library assistant in the United College Library, has worked for the UC Library throughout her 25 years at the University. During those years her work has remained pretty much the same; the only real difference is that many tasks previously performed manually are now handled via computers. The job has always suited Mrs. Lau, who has always respected her duties and never found them boring.

Mrs. Lau's fondest memory of her years at CUHK is of the UC Library's

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move from Hong Kong Island to the Sha Tin campus. She still has very warm feelings when she recalls how all the library staff worked together in packing and escorting the books to Sha Tin. Exhausted after packing and loading the books at the Hong Kong Island campus, they lifted each other's spirits by singing, laughing, and joking all the way to Sha Tin.

A devoted wife and mother, Mrs. Lau spends all of her free time caring for her family.

Mr. Ho Yui

'Uncle Yui', as his colleagues fondly call him, serves as laboratory assistant in the Department of Biochemistry. Before he joined the University, however, Mr. Ho thought a lot about shoes. He was a shoemaker before hired as a night-shift watchman

by United College in 1964, and he continued making shoes until United College moved to Sha Tin and he was subsequently put on day-shift work. In 1972 he transferred to the Department of Biochemistry, where he was joined by his wife in 1977. The only drawback to this happy arrangement was



that he and his wife could not take leave at the same time.

Popular with his colleagues, Mr. Ho enjoys playing mah-jong with them in his spare time.

Mr. Ho looks at his receipt of the Long Service Award with mixed feelings. While proud of the award and his service to the University, Mr. Ho is saddened, too, because it reminds him that he is growing older and nearing his retirement in 1991.

Mrs. Esther Mak Ngan

Mrs. Mak works as a telephone operator in the Central Office Support Service. She received her training for this type of post while studying at the Ebenezer School for the Blind. Upon



graduation, she was encouraged by her headmaster to apply for the post of telephone operator in New Asia College in 1964. It was a job she didn't expect to get, as competition for

the post was keen, and there were few opportunities for blind people. She still remembers with deep gratitude Mr. Donald McCabe, then controller of New Asia College, who gave

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her application special consideration and decided to offer her the job. She recalls with equal gratitude the help her colleagues gave her in adapting to the new environment and in assisting her in the production of telephone books in braille.

Mrs. Mak also expresses appreciation to the University for providing her with quarters on campus all these years.

Mr. Kwok Wai-leung

Mr. Kwok's 25 years of service at CUHK have been somewhat unique, in that he has held a variety of posts in different departments and areas of the University.

Now a clerk in the Medical Media Services Unit



at Prince of Wales Hospital in Sha Tin, Mr. Kwok initially worked in the Chinese History Department at New Asia College when it was

located in Kowloon. Later he worked

in the MBA Programme when it was stationed in Central on Hong Kong Island. From there he moved to the Faculty of Medicine on the University campus in Sha Tin.

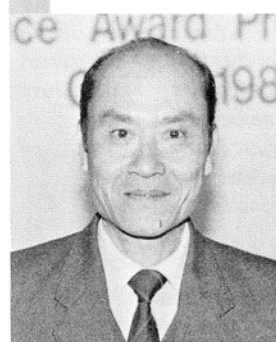
Such mobility has suited Mr. Kwok well. He has enjoyed the challenge of taking on very different job natures in each post and has also appreciated being able to learn new things and acquiring new skills. His one regret is that in his current posting he is unable to enjoy the picturesque Sha Tin campus, as well as its sports facilities.

A very active man, Mr. Kwok's hobbies are tennis and cycling. He especially enjoys cruising along the cycling track near Tolo Harbour.

Mr. Choy Chun-ming

Mr. Choy joined the University with a background in civil engineering, which he studied at Zhongshan University, and in education as a secondary school teacher in Vietnam. The chaos of the Vietnam War brought him back to Hong Kong, where he took up a post as a clerk in the Chinese Department of

Chung Chi College in 1964. He is now a clerk in the Ng Tor-tai Chinese Language Research Unit at the Institute of Chinese Studies.



During his years at Chung Chi, Mr. Choy was literally the 'eye' and 'hand' of the head of the Chinese Department, Prof. Chou Fa Kao, who suffered from a detached retina, making

eyesight difficult, and also could not hold a pen steadily. As a result, Mr. Choy read aloud reference materials when Prof. Chou prepared lectures, wrote his notes on the chalkboard during classes, and recorded Prof. Chou's research findings. Mr. Choy also wrote letters to Prof. Chou's family members which Prof. Chou dictated to him.

His close association with Prof. Chou deepened Mr. Choy's love of Chinese culture, and this, in turn, led him to compile and publish two dictionaries on the Chauzhou dialect in the 1970s.

* Prof. Allan M. Z. Chang, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology, has been nominated to represent the University on the Exemptions Sub-Committee of the Licentiate Committee of the Medical Council of Hong Kong.

* Dr. Joseph Boyle, senior lecturer in English, has been nominated to represent the University on the Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee for Hong Kong.

* Dr. Nicholas Tapp, lecturer in anthropology, has been reappointed research associate at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University for a term of three years.

* Mr. Stephen Yam, lecturer in accountancy, was invited by the Hong Kong Children's

Arts Society to serve as honorary auditor from 22nd November 1989 to November 1990.

Services to the Community and International Organizations

* Dr. Walter W. K. King, senior lecturer in surgery, has been elected a member of the International Society of Surgery.

* Mr. Anthony M. Y. Chan, assistant lecturer in accountancy, has become an affiliated member of the Association of International Accountants (AMIA) from 7th February

1990.

* Mr. Wong Chack Kie, lecturer in social work, has been invited to serve as a member of the management committee of the Conservancy Association's Hong Kong Environment Centre from February 1990. Mr. Wong has been a member of the Urban Concern Committee, Hong Kong Council of Social Service since 1987.

* Prof. Chen Char-nie, head of Shaw College and professor of psychiatry, has been appointed a member of the Council of the Baptist College by H.E. the Governor for a term of three years from 1st January 1990.

* Prof. T. E. Oh, dean of medicine and professor of anaesthesia and intensive care, has

been appointed a member of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine Preparatory Committee by HE the Governor.

- * Prof. Joseph C. K. Lee, professor of anatomical and cellular pathology, has been appointed a member of the Advisory Council on AIDS by HE the Governor for a term of three years from 1st March 1990.
- * Prof. T. B. Lin, head of New Asia College and professor of economics, has been invited by the Asian Research Service to continue to serve as editor of the *Journal of Economics and International Relations*.
- * Prof. S. W. Tam, head of Chung Chi College, dean of the Graduate School and professor of chemistry, has been invited by the Open Learning Institute to serve as a member of its Advisory Peer Group – Environmental Studies.
- * Dr. Shaw Pang-chui, lecturer in bio-chemistry, has been invited by the Genesys Ltd. to serve as a member of its Scientific Advisory Committee.
- * Dr. Daniel P. Law and Dr. Victor Chan, lecturers in music, were invited by the Hong Kong School Music and Speech Association to be adjudicators for the 42nd Hong Kong Schools Music Festival held between 26th

February and 17th March 1990.

- * Dr. Victor Chan, lecturer in music, was invited by the Hong Kong Music Office and RTHK to be a juror of the 1989 Hong Kong Young Musicians' Award. He has also served as the adjudicator for the 1989 annual music competition of the Gratham College of Education. Dr. Chan has been elected honorary secretary of the British Council Scholars Association for 1990.
- * Mr. Yung Yuk Yu, assistant audio-visual officer of the University Instructional Media Services, has been invited by the Education Department's Visual Education Section to hold two repeated in-service training courses on 'Creative Use of Camcorder – Basic Expressive Techniques in Making Instructional Videos' for 300 secondary school teachers in February and March 1990.
- * Mr. Kelvin K. W. Liu, lecturer in surgery, has been elected a member of the British Association of Paediatric Surgeons and of the Pacific Association of Paediatric Surgeons.
- * Dr. Leo P. K. Yam, lecturer in education, was awarded the 1990 Robert deKieffer International Fellowship by the Educational Communications and Technology Foundation, USA on 2nd February 1990 in re-

cognition of his 'outstanding contributions as an international leader in the field of educational communications and technology'.

- * Dr. Tuan Chyau, chairman of the Department of Operations and System Management, has been invited to serve as executive editor of *Journal of Asian Economics*, an international journal published by JAI and The American Committee on Asian Economic Studies. Dr. Tuan has also been invited to serve on the International Editorial Board of *Total Quality Management*, an international journal published by Carfax Pub. Co. of UK.
- * Dr. Wong Chung-kwong, senior lecturer in psychiatry, has been appointed an honorary consultant of psychiatry at the United Christian Hospital for 1990. Dr. Wong has also been invited to be a member of the executive committee, the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers for 1990.
- * Dr. Serena Jin, senior lecturer of the Department of Translation, has been elected president of the Translation Society of Hong Kong for a term of two years from 24th March 1990.

(All information in this column is provided by the Information Office.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **The Staff/Student Centres Management Committee** announces that the University Swimming Pool will re-open on Sunday, 15th April 1990. The pool is open seven days a week including public holidays. Opening hours are from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., with a half-hour break from 2.00 to 2.30 p.m. Admission charges have been revised as follows:

Students	\$ 4.00
Staff and immediate family members over 18	\$ 7.00
Immediate family members aged 18 or under	\$ 4.00
Alumni (after payment of annual subscription)	\$ 7.00
Alumni annual subscription fee	\$150.00
Accompanied guests	\$ 20.00
Re-issue of membership card (staff family members & alumni)	\$ 12.00

From 1st April, staff dependants may apply for new swimming pool admission cards at the Office of Student Affairs, Room 108, Benjamin Franklin Centre. Each applicant has to bring along one photo and the staff I/D card concerned. Applicants under 18 are required to produce copies of birth certificates for inspection.

* **The Consulate General of the Arab Republic of Egypt** recently announced that effective from March 1990, all foreigners entering the Arab Republic of Egypt to undertake education or training courses held in schools and other education institutions for more than one month are required to take AIDS tests conducted by recognized medical centres in Egypt.

* Overseas Education Allowance

Rates of Overseas Education Allowance (Boarding School Allowance) payable to eligible staff members with children studying in UK, USA, and the Republic of Ireland have been revised in accordance with a similar revision by the government with retroactive effect from the Autumn term of 1989.

Payment calculated on the basis of the old rates will be adjusted accordingly and arrangements for appropriate reimbursement will be made by the Bursar's Office to the staff members concerned.

Side Lights

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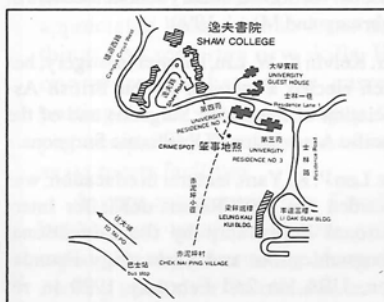
Over the last eight months, there have been four cases of armed robbery and indecent assault at the little path between Chek Nai Ping Village and University Residences No.3 and 4 near the Shaw College campus. Three of the four victims are female students of CUHK. For safety reasons, therefore, students and staff are advised not to use this path.

Mr. Linus Lau, Security Officer, points out that the path is a shortcut between Shaw College and Chek Nai Ping Village. There is a banana grove nearby providing ideal hiding places. However, as the path is not within the confines of the campus, University

security guards will not be allowed to patrol the place.

'We've requested the Sha Tin Police Station to step up security measures,' Mr. Lau added, 'and they have agreed to patrol the area more frequently for a certain period.' The

Security Unit has also put up notices at the entrances of the path and all over the campus warning students and staff not to use the shortcut. They should always be accompanied while going out at night and avoid dark and remote spots on the campus.



'Professor T.B. Lin Cup' Competition



The 'Professor T.B. Lin Cup' competition is an inter-departmental sports event within New Asia College first introduced in 1987/88. Different teaching departments compete for the cup through matches in basketball, volleyball, football, tennis, badminton and table-tennis.

The event is cosponsored by the Head's Office and the Dean of Students' Office and coordinated by the Physical Education Unit of New Asia College.

This year 17 departments took part in the competition between 3rd and 16th February and the Department of Chemistry finally captured the champion trophy. Prof. T.B. Lin himself presided at the prize-giving ceremony on 16th February.

New Staircase in Use

The staircase between the Institute of Chinese Studies and University Administration Building connecting the University Mall and University Drive has been completely rebuilt.

The staircase was demolished about two months ago after cracks had been found. The cracks were caused by soil loss and subsidence which were in turn the results of water mains leakage underneath the staircase. The Buildings Office therefore made plans to repair the water mains and rebuild the whole staircase before the rainy season set in. But rain came earlier than expected this year and much of the work had to be delayed. It was not until mid-March that the reconstruction work was complete.

Users of the new staircase may find that it is now less steep, that the steps are wider, and that the railings have been improved to cater to the needs of the aged and the handicapped.

How much does the new staircase cost the University? About \$180,000, according to Mr. K.C. Wong, senior architect of the Buildings Office.



CUHK Book of Records

The Working Party Which Held the Largest Number of Meetings

Very probably no working group, past or present, has held more meetings than the Working Party on Educational Policy and University Structure. From its inception in 1974 to the publication of its final report in mid 1975, over 60 full meetings and a number of sub-committee meetings were held.

It is customary for the University to set up working parties to deal with specific tasks. One example is the Planning and Implementation Committee for Architecture set up in mid 1989 to prepare for the establishment of a Department of Architecture in 1991-92.

Working groups normally have to hold a series of meetings before proposals and recommendations can be drawn up for the University's consideration. The number of meetings will depend on the complexity of the problems involved, and therefore it is difficult to estimate how many will be needed.

The Working Party on Educational Policy and University Structure began work in February 1974 with a mandate to consider and make recommendations on all basic educational policy matters, especially those concerning undergraduate programmes and structural changes. After careful deliberation, this group made two major proposals. First, they advised that teaching departments belonging to the same discipline, but at that time belonging to different colleges, should be integrated into single departments. This group also recommended that teachers at the University should play an important part in the decision-making processes at all levels of the University. Both these suggestions were later fully endorsed in the 1976 Fulton Report, an important document in the development of the University.

The working party was appointed with the following membership: chairing the group was Dr. Ying-shih Yü, with Mr. N. H. Young acting as secretary and Dr. L. H. Kwan as deputy secretary. Academic staff serving as members included Mr. Lee Yim, Prof. Hsing Mo-huan, Prof. Ma Lin, Mr. Wang Teh-chao, Prof. Sutu Hsin, Dr. Chang Hson-mou, Dr. Chen Fong-ching, Dr. Ambrose Y. C. King, and Dr. Philip Fu. There were three other student members. All these committee members generously devoted their time and energy, meeting on an average of nearly once per week to discuss important issues of educational policy and university structure.

Not only were the meetings numerous; they were also



very long. It was not infrequent that meetings which began in the afternoon would end at 8 or 9 p.m. The deputy secretary for the working party, Dr. L. H. Kwan, recalled that on many occasions he had to stay behind in the office after the meetings

to sort out the agenda papers and minutes, and therefore he couldn't leave until after midnight, when the main entrance to the Administration Building would be locked. Then he would need to loudly call out the name of the watchman, who would emerge from some part of the building with the latch-key. 'Not even once did he fail to respond to my call,' Dr. Kwan says, 'no matter how late.' That watchman (Mr. Chang Ki Choi) still guards the Administration Building today.

Was being a member of the Working Party on Educational Policy and University Structure a very taxing responsibility? All members had to work very hard discussing a wide range of issues pertaining to the organization and curriculum of the University. Dr. Kwan says he learnt a lot from such meetings and that it was a worthwhile experience. Another gain was that his Mandarin

improved a lot after the meetings because members had to use that language to converse, whether or not they were able to do so fluently. One who could converse fluently in R.P. Mandarin was Professor Ma Lin, and members joked that he should run a Mandarin course for them.

Whatever the gains obtained by members of the Working Committee on Educational Policy and University Structure, the University benefited from their devotion. The frequent meetings and hard work of this working group resulted in changes which have become history to us today.

One working group with the potential to break this record of the most numerous meetings is the Working Group on Curriculum Review. Since its establishment in February 1989 to late March 1990, some 50 meetings were held, and the group is likely to continue to meet until the flexible credit unit system is fully implemented. This working group is smaller in size, consisting of only three members: Prof. Ambrose King, Dr. P. W. Liu, Ms. Linda Hu (until February 1990), and Mrs. S. W. Ho (from March 1990). ○

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