



## University News

### New Administrative Arrangements for Several Service Units

#### New Structure for Academic Link Activities

The University reaffirms the policy of continuing to expand academic links with major centres of excellence worldwide. To facilitate such an expansion the following new arrangements have been made:

A Committee on Academic Links (for membership please refer to P.7) was set up in June 1991 to replace the Senate Committee on International Programmes. The new committee reports to the Administrative and Planning Committee and is chaired by Prof. Ambrose

King, the pro-vice-chancellor, who will provide guidance and supervision for the development of the University's academic link activities.

A new Office of Academic Links will also be established from 1st September 1991, with staff redeployed from the University Secretariat and the Office of International Studies Programme, to provide better coordinated and cost-effective administrative support services to various departments involved in the development of

academic link activities. A director will be recruited to head the office and he will report administratively to Prof. Ambrose King.

#### Office of Academic Links

*Director* – to be appointed

*Associate Directors* –

Dr. C. B. Luen Ext. 7298

(also supports China link activities)

Dr. Y. F. Law Ext. 7588

(also supports the International

Asian Studies Programme and other international link activities)

#### Coordination of Research and Development Activities

Prof. S. W. Tam, pro-vice-chancellor, has assumed overall responsibility for providing guidance and supervision to the University's research and development (R & D) activities, as well as its industrial and business liaison programmes. He will also succeed the vice-chancellor as chairman of the Research Committee.

The existing Office of Industrial and Business Development (OIBD)

including the R & D Contract Administration Unit will from 1st August 1991 report administratively to Prof. S. W. Tam. The umbrella

structure of the University Development Section in the University Secretariat will thereafter cease to exist.

#### Office of Industrial & Business Development

*Director* – Mr. Robert Wu  
Ext. 7865

*Project Manager* –  
Ms. Brenda Sun Ext. 7867

#### R & D Contract Administration Unit

*R & D Contract Administration Officer and Secretary to Research Committee* –

Mrs. Alice Yip Ext. 7869

#### New Line of Report for Transport Unit and Central Office Support Service Unit

With effect from 13th May 1991, the Transport Officer and the Supervisor of the Central Office Support Service Unit report administratively to Mr. Patrick Yiu, Senior Assistant Bursar. The two unit heads will

however continue to be fully responsible for the efficient and

smooth operation of their respective units.

*Transport Officer* –  
Mr. Chan Kim Wan Ext. 7990

*Supervisor, Central Office Support Service* –  
Mr. Cho Chung Ngok Ext. 7276



### The Queen's Birthday Honours List

Three members of the University were on the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1991 issued last month. Dr. Wang Gungwu, a member of the University Council, was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE). The Hon. Chung Pui Lam, a member of the University Council, and the Hon. Andrew W. F. Wong, lecturer in government and public administration, were made Officers of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE).

### Open Forum on Chinese Medicine

An open forum on Chinese medicine organized by the Chinese Medicinal Material Research Centre was held last month at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The objective was to discuss recent developments in Chinese medicine in specific areas like scientific research, education, trading and legislation. Speakers included academic researchers, legislative councillors, pharmacists, and practitioners of Chinese medicine.

### 386 Awarded Diploma-in-Education

This year, a total of 386 postgraduate students of the University's School of Education completed programmes leading to the Diploma-in-Education. Of these, 121 are from the one-year full-time programme, 137 from the two-year part-time evening programme and 128 from the two-year part-time day programme.

### Presentation Ceremony in Honour of Dr. Cheng Yu Tung & Dr. Lee Shau Kee

Yale University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong held a presentation ceremony on 20th June at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in honour of Dr. Cheng Yu Tung and Dr. Lee Shau Kee, who generously contributed US\$6 million to the two universities for a joint research programme on South China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Prof. Benno C. Schmidt, Jr., president of Yale University, and Prof. Charles K. Kao, vice-chancellor of CUHK, officiated at the ceremony and presented medals and certificates of

appreciation to Dr. Cheng and Dr. Lee.

Prior to the ceremony, Prof. Schmidt and Prof. Kao met the local press to explain the significance of the collaborative research programme. The project will be jointly administered by the Council of East Asian Studies at Yale and the Hong Kong Institute of Asia Pacific Studies (HKIAPS) of CUHK. Prof. Yeung Yue-man, director of the HKIAPS, and Prof. William Kelly, chairman of the Council of East Asian Studies, also attended the press conference.

### Professor of Physiology Gives Inaugural Lecture

Prof. Patrick Y. D. Wong, professor of physiology, gave his inaugural lecture on 31st May at Lecture Theatre I of the Lady Shaw Building. In his lecture entitled 'The Challenge of Male Contraception', Prof. Wong described the various new methods and approaches of male contraception, explaining their underlying principles and pointing out the merits and side effects of each. Prof. Wong believes that new technological advancements have made possible indepth study of human

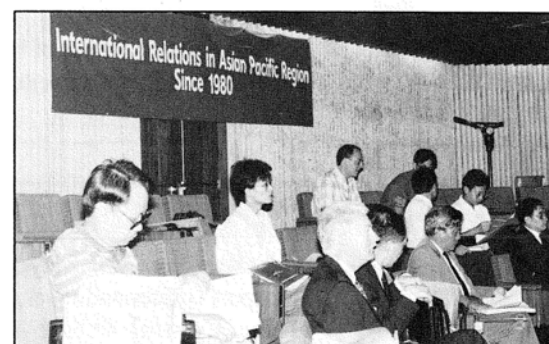


reproduction, and if male contraception is given the priority it deserves, a 'male pill' will very soon emerge.

### Conference on International Relations in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Japan and Asia-Pacific Development Programme of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies hosted an international conference on 25th and 26th June to investigate the development of international relations in the Asia-Pacific region since the 1980s.

The conference comprised five sessions, covering a wide range of themes including international relations between China, Japan, Taiwan, and the Asia Pacific region and the prospects of economic cooperation in the area. Participants included Mr. Arthur W. Hummel, former US ambassador to



China, Mr. Bert Levin, former US ambassador to Burma, and academics from the USA, Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

## Ordered Structures and Algebra for Computer Languages

An international conference on 'Ordered Structures and Algebra for Computer Languages' was held from 26th to 29th June at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. The conference was organized by the Southeast Asian Mathematical Society (SEAMS) and cosponsored by the Hong Kong Mathematical

Society and The Chinese University.

Prof. Charles K. Kao, vice-chancellor of the University, officiated at the opening ceremony, and Prof. S. Mori of Kyoto University, Fields Medallist for 1990, gave a keynote lecture on 'Rational Curves on Algebraic Varieties'. About 100 mathe-

maticians from different parts of the world attended the function.

The Southeast Asian Mathematical Society was founded in 1972 under the International Mathematical Union. Dr. K. P. Shum, senior lecturer in mathematics of this university, is the current president of the society.

## College Graduations

A total of 1,442 students graduated from the University's four constituent colleges this year, and college graduation ceremonies were held early last month on the campus.

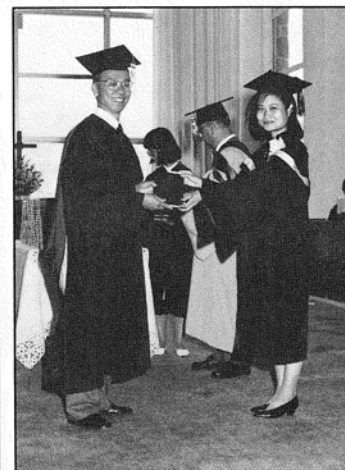
### United College

The 1991 graduation ceremony of United College was held on the morning of 1st June at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. Mr. Christopher Wigan, chief executive of Standard Chartered Asia, Ltd., and Mr. Thomas Cheung, chairman of the alumni association of the college, officiated at the ceremony and addressed the 465 graduates. Over 1,000 guests attended the function.

United College

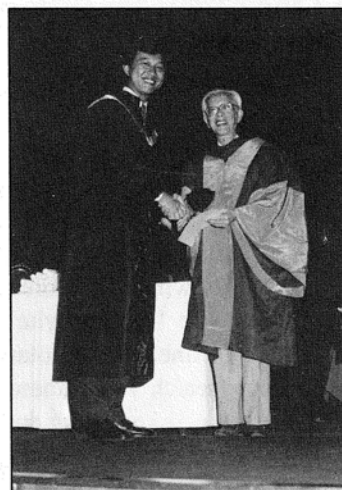


Chung Chi College

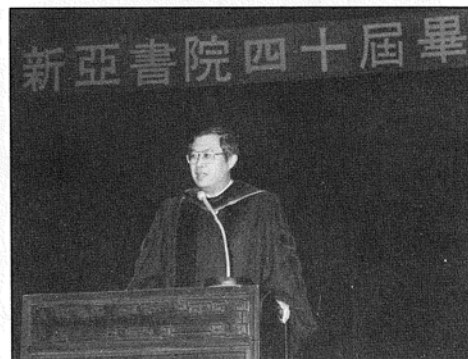


### Shaw College

Shaw College turned out its second batch of 136 graduates this year. The graduation ceremony took place on the afternoon of 1st June, also at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. Officiating at the ceremony was Prof. D. C. Lau, senior college tutor, who, together with Prof. C. N. Chen, the college head, and other college fellows, also presented certificates of merit to prize winners.



Shaw College



New Asia College

### Chung Chi College

Chung Chi College's 37th valedictory service took place on 2nd June in the college chapel. Dr. John Chen, president of Lingnan College, was the guest speaker. Immediately after the service a tree-planting ceremony was held by the graduates to express their thanks to the college. A tea reception for guests and parents was

then organized at the college staff club and chapel lounge. The college produced 427 graduates this year.

### New Asia College

The 40th farewell assembly in honour of the 1990-91 graduates of New Asia College was held on 9th June at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. Prof. Chia-wei Woo, vice-chancellor of the Hong Kong

University of Science and Technology, was invited to address the graduates, and Mr. Lee Kam-chung, chairman of the college's alumni association, congratulated the 414 graduates on behalf of the association. Included in the day's programme were a tree-planting ceremony, the taking of group photos, and refreshments for both guests and students on the New Asia campus.



## The Universities Service Centre – a World Famous China Research Centre

From 1st July 1991 a permanent part of the University

### What Kind of 'Service' Does It Render?

Near the side door of the University Library hangs an inconspicuous bronze plaque, bearing the inscription, 'Universities Service Centre'; an unlikely sounding name for what is actually a world famous research centre. For nearly a quarter of a century this research centre has been an oasis for those carrying out research into modern China. By the early eighties, over 200 books had been published following research at the centre, many of which have since become required reading for other researchers in the field.

### A Landmark in the History of China Research

Established in Hong Kong in 1963, the centre symbolized the dawning of a new age in China research. This had been at a low ebb since the deterioration of China - US relations following the Korean War and the 'McCarthyite persecution'. American scholars conducting research into Chinese affairs at that time risked being suspected of having communist leanings and might become subject to investigation by the FBI. However, by the end of the fifties, a group of China scholars possessing the vision and foresight to recognize the future importance of such a great country decided to set up a Chinese research centre and launch a new phase in China research. Since it was impossible at that time to enter China for research purposes, the next best choice of location for the research centre was Hong Kong. Eventually,

through the persistence of the group of scholars, support was obtained from various foundations to establish the Universities Service Centre in Argyle Street, Kowloon.

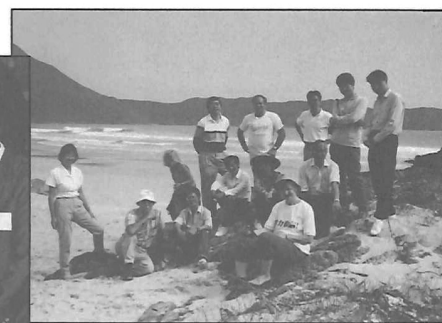
Many famous scholars in the field of China research have made use of the facilities of the centre, including Lucian Pye, Michael Oksenberg, Ezra Vogel, as well as younger researchers such as Andrew Nathan, Martin Whyte, Suzanne Pepper and Andrew Walder. In the early days of the centre, researchers spent many a long hot summer in the two-storey building on Argyle Street, using materials from the centre and interviewing immigrants from China. The centre attracted China scholars from all over the world throughout the seventies, and it soon became a valuable meeting place. Strong bonds were formed amongst this close-knit community of China scholars, many of which have been maintained up to the present day.

A great many important scholarly works were published during the seventies and early eighties which gave the world a clearer picture of China. The contribution of the Universities Service Centre in this respect cannot be underestimated. It provided the base from which valuable indepth research on China was carried out, and where Chinese immigrants bearing news were eagerly interviewed and their stories analysed.

Apart from the academic significance of its work, the centre has also contributed to a deeper understanding of China, and this in turn has helped many countries to determine their China policies. Many of the centre's past scholars have gone on to work for their respective governments – some to become advisers on Chinese affairs, others to become diplomats. Stephen Fitzgerald, for example, became the first ambassador of Australia to Beijing, while Sir David Wilson became Governor of Hong Kong. Both are former researchers at the Universities Service Centre.







### Changing Role as a Library of Publications on China

Towards the end of the seventies, China opened its doors to the outside world and China scholars throughout the world were able to fulfil their dreams and observe China at first hand. Not surprisingly, demand for the research facilities at the centre slackened, but John Dolfin, the director at that time, began with considerable foresight to promote another of the centre's strong points: collecting materials. Despite the limited budget of the centre, and relying mainly on the tenacity and energy of the staff, he built it up into one of the world's most comprehensive collections of publications on China.

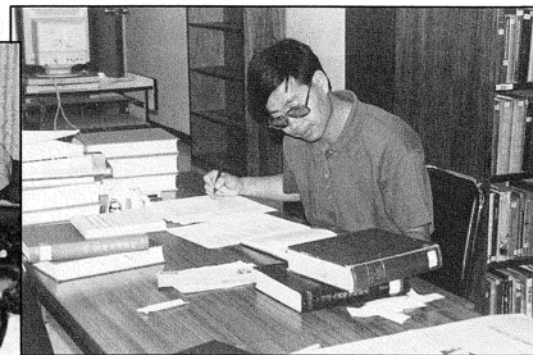
Foreign scholars in China usually find that they must adapt patiently to the varying degrees of bureaucracy with which they are often faced when trying to gather materials for their research. Many of them return home via Hong Kong and call in at the famous centre. They are usually pleasantly surprised at the completeness and accessibility of the collection, having searched far and wide for just such a library.

The centre possibly possesses the most complete and comprehensive collection of post-1949 Chinese material in the world, including entire runs of many national and local Chinese newspapers. For example, it has the *People's Daily* from its first edition on 15th May 1946 up to the present, and also other provincial newspapers which were first published in the early fifties.

Of the 300 Chinese newspapers currently subscribed to by the centre, 28 are from Guangdong Province, 27 from Shanghai, and 10 from Sichuan Province. These are all invaluable primary sources of information for those engaged in regional research. The centre also subscribes to some 1,200 periodicals, amongst which can be found the usual social science and humanities journals, and also a rare collection of local Chinese periodicals that may well not be available in other libraries outside China. There is also a valuable collec-

tion of provincial yearbooks and other statistical data dating from the mid-eighties. Recently published county annals are also being collected now, along with international publications on China. Translations of Chinese periodicals and broadcasts edited in England or America, English translations of daily newspapers, and research works in Chinese or English can also be studied at the centre. There are over 5,000 volumes in the English section of the library, and more than 20,000 volumes in the Chinese section.





### The Centre Changed Hands

In a city like Hong Kong where rents are rising every day, it has not been easy to maintain a non-profit-making academic organization. Each year the International Advisory Committee of the centre, and the American Council of Learned Societies, which had been responsible for the management of the centre since the early seventies, had the headache of fund raising and managing the budget. Although for many years organizations such as the Carnegie Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Mellon Foundation, the Luce Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities generously supported the centre when it was the focal point for China research in Far East, as the situation changed it became more difficult to justify asking for support. In 1988, therefore, the American Council of Learned Societies decided to transfer the centre to another American or Hong Kong academic organization for management and support.

Most Western scholars felt that the Universities Service Centre should remain in Hong Kong, since Hong Kong was still an important place for research into Chinese affairs. Hong Kong scholars also felt that having such a rich library of materials available on their doorstep would encourage and stimulate local Hong Kong researchers themselves.

One of the educational goals of The Chinese University is to promote

cultural exchange between China and the West. The University has always taken a great interest in China research, and this led to the idea that perhaps it would be in the best interests of both the University and Hong Kong if it were to take over the management of the Universities Service Centre. Negotiations went ahead and the centre moved to The Chinese University campus in the middle of 1988. After a year's frantic preparation the centre reopened in June 1989, just in time to welcome the stream of foreign scholars who had to leave China following the Tiananmen Incident.

Last February, the centre's International Advisory Committee held its third annual meeting since the transfer of the management rights of the centre to The Chinese University. Everyone present at the meeting expressed great satisfaction with the development of the centre and unanimously agreed to the transfer of ownership of the centre to The Chinese University, thus ensuring that the centre would now remain in Hong Kong forever.

### A New Lease of Life in CUHK

Located as it is within the academic setting of The Chinese University, the centre can obviously be put to fuller use. No entry fees or special application forms are required of foreign scholars wishing to use the centre – all that is asked is that they should be willing to give a talk at one of the centre's regular lunchtime seminars. These seminars,

held twice a month, attract many people interested in China and usually give rise to much useful discussion. Researchers are also asked to acknowledge the services provided by the centre, should any of their work be published after research there. The centre can also help with application for visas, accommodation arrangements and other problems arising. Last year the centre received a subsidy from the American Council of the Learned Societies to invite famous scholars to lecture there. Most of these guest speakers are accomplished professors who have studied at the centre in the past. They often recall with nostalgia their early days at the centre, where many of them first discovered their ideals.

Beginning from last year, undergraduate students of The Chinese University have been granted limited access to the collection. Eventually the centre may be open to postgraduates and even students from other colleges and universities. Because of the amount of support that the centre has received from other departments at the University, especially the library, its management has improved and its finances have been guaranteed.

For a Hong Kong that is destined to return to Chinese sovereignty soon, the maintenance of a superlative collection of resources on China is vital. As that time approaches we are fortunate to have an already well-established Chinese research centre in the form of the Universities Service Centre. ○

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Council Appointments

### Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Ambrose Y. C. King has been reappointed pro-vice-chancellor of the University for a period of two years from 11th October 1991.

### Dean of the Graduate School

Prof. S. W. Tam has been reappointed dean of the Graduate School for a period of one year from 1st September 1991.

## New Faculty Deans

### Dean of Faculty of Education

Dr. Leslie N. K. Lo has been elected dean of the Faculty of Education for a term of three years from 1st August 1991.

### Dean of Faculty of Engineering

Prof. Omar Wing has been appointed by the vice-chancellor to discharge the functions and duties of the dean of the Faculty of Engineering from 1st August 1991, until such a time when a dean of the faculty is elected, which will take place not later than 1st August 1992.

## Research Committee

The following members of the University have been appointed or reappointed to be members of the Research Committee for a year from 1st August 1991:

Chairman: Prof. S.W. Tam  
 Members: Prof. S.T. Chang  
 Prof. D.C. Lau  
 Prof. Rance P.L. Lee  
 Prof. P.C. Leung  
 Prof. S.H. Liu  
 Prof. K.C. Mun  
 Prof. Omar Wing  
 Prof. Kenneth Young  
 Secretary: Mrs. Alice Yip

## Committee on Academic Links

A Committee on Academic Links has recently been established under the Administrative and Planning Committee to give advice on the development of academic link activities in the University:

Chairman: Prof. Ambrose Y. C. King  
 Members: Prof. S. W. Tam            Prof. C. N. Chen  
 Dr. H. H. Ho                      Dr. K. H. Lee  
 Prof. Kenneth Young          Prof. H. C. Kuan

## Ex-officio Members:

Registrar  
 Director of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies  
 Director of the Office of International Studies Programmes  
 Director of the Chinese Language Centre  
 One to two members to be co-opted by the committee  
 All members other than the ex-officio members have been appointed from 19th June 1991 to 31st July 1993.

## Lady Shaw Building Indoor Carpark Parking Regulations

The Security Unit has since 10th June 1991 taken over the management of the indoor carpark in the Lady Shaw Building.

Only vehicles with valid University Staff Vehicle Registration Labels on their windscreens will be allowed to park inside the carpark. Overnight parking is forbidden.

Vehicles that violate parking regulations and that are parked inside the carpark from 3.00 to 4.00 a.m. will be impounded. Release charges are set at HK\$140 per car. An additional storage charge of \$50 per day will be levied after the vehicle has been impounded for 24 hours.

Staff members who are on official duties and need to park their vehicles overnight should make prior arrangements with the Security Unit (Tel: 6952666 or 6097999).

## Access Road to University Library Closed

The access road to the University library was closed on 20th June 1991 to facilitate engineering works for the library extension. It will not be reopened before the end of August.

The section of the road to the south of the flower bed outside the library is still open and has been made two-way. The parking area nearby has also been temporarily reduced to allow more room for traffic. Meantime the mobile post office will conduct business at the northeastern corner of the large car park outside the John Fulton Centre.

## Local Education Allowances (LEA)

Staff members who are entitled to claim LEA for their dependent children in 1991-92 are requested to complete an application form for each child and return it to the Personnel Section with receipts of school fees as early as possible. Please direct all enquiries to the Personnel Section at Ext. 2224 or direct line 6097292.



### University to Accommodate 700 Disabled Persons

The third International Abilympics 1991 will be held in Hong Kong this August, and the University will help accommodate some 700 disabled participants from different parts of the world. They will live in the University's guesthouses and student hostels in United College and Shaw College from 8th to 16th August.

As these participants have different handicaps such as blindness and deafness, and some are wheelchair-bound, members of the University are requested to offer help whenever necessary to make their stay on campus more congenial. Motorists should also pay special attention when driving on campus roads during that period.

### New Publications of the University Press

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

- *China and Europe: Images and Influences in Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries* (in English) edited by Thomas H. C. Lee, viii + 356 pp., (hardcover, HK\$160).
- *China's Economic Reform: Analysis, Reflections and Prospects* (《中國經濟改革：分析、反省、前瞻》) (in Chinese) edited by Xu Dianqing, Francis T. Lui and Chang Hsin, xxxii + 240 pp., (paperback, HK\$48).



- Prof. Chen Char-nie, professor of psychiatry and head of Shaw College, has been appointed a member of the Board of Review – Long Term Prison Sentences by HE the Governor for three years from 1st May 1991.

- Mrs. Grace Chow, director of student affairs, has been appointed a member of the Joint Committee on Student Finance (JCSF) by HE the Governor for one year from 1st May 1991. Mrs. Chow has also been elected chairman of the Review Committee of the JCSF.

- Prof. P. C. Leung, professor of orthopaedics and traumatology, has been reappointed by His Honour the Deputy to the Governor as an appointed member of the Urban Council from 1st June 1991 to 31st March 1995.

- Dr. Richard M. W. Ho, lecturer in Chinese language and literature, and Dr. Fanny M. C. Cheung, senior lecturer in psychology, have been appointed by HE the Governor as

### Services to the Community and International Organizations

appointed members of the Regional Council from 1st June 1991 to 31st March 1995.

- Prof. T. B. Lin, head of New Asia College and professor of economics, has been invited by Lingnan College to serve as chairman of the advisory board of its Department of Social Sciences for two years from 1st September 1991.

- Dr. Eva Hung, director of Research Centre for Translation, has been

appointed a member of the Translation Course Advisory Committee, Baptist College, from 1st March 1991 to 31st August 1993.

- Prof. Patrick C. P. Ho, professor of surgery, has been re-elected vice-president of the Asia Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology from 1991 to 1993.

- Dr. Chan Wing Wah, lecturer in music, conducted the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts Symphony Orchestra to present four new compositions by students of the academy on 22nd May 1991. Dr. Chan has also been re-elected vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Composers' Guild from June 1991 to May 1993.

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

### We welcome your contributions

1. Items for the next issue (mid-August 1991) should reach the Editor by 27th July 1991.
2. All contributions and suggestions should be sent to the Editor, CUHK Newsletter, c/o the Publication Office, University Secretariat, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (ext. 7297).
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