



University News

A New Institute for Educational Research

The Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research of The Chinese University of Hong Kong will be formally established in September 1993 to promote educational research activities in the University.

The objectives of the institute are to conduct strategic research with strong policy implications for educational developments in China and Hong Kong, to effectively deploy resources for educational research, to provide consultancy services and to conduct development programmes for local schools, professional organizations, government bodies and private agencies.

The institute plans to establish a data bank to store useful data from important international and local research projects, publish research

findings and ideas in the form of monographs, occasional papers and journals, host international conferences, seminars, workshops, and public lectures for the academic community and the educational profession, and develop relevant instructional and training materials.

Six potential research programmes have initially been identified:

- (1) educational development in contemporary China,
- (2) policy of language education in Hong Kong,
- (3) effectiveness of schooling in Hong Kong and South China,
- (4) education for the gifted,
- (5) educational administration and reform, and

- (6) curriculum development in Chinese societies.

The institute is an independent entity but is closely linked to the Faculty of Education. It is supported by private donations, University funds, research grants, and revenue generated by its educational and consultancy programmes.

30th Anniversary Celebration in August

■ First International Conference on Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products

Date: 23rd to 26th August

Venue: Sir Run Run Shaw Hall and Sha Tin Town Hall

Organizer: Department of Biology

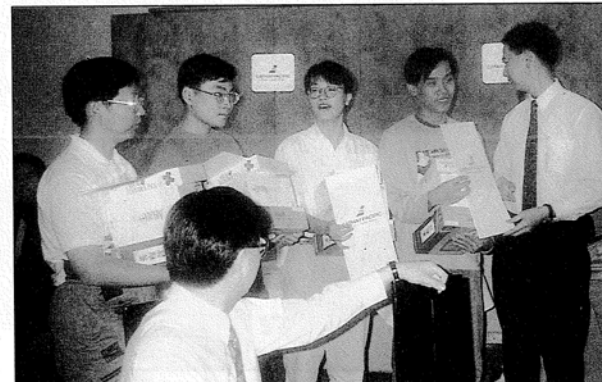
CUHK Produces the Best Computer Programming Team

Four undergraduate students from the University's Department of Computer Science captured the champion trophy at the Third Annual ACM Hong Kong Chapter Scholastic Programming Contest, which was held at the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong on 2nd July. The event was organized by the Hong Kong Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery and was modelled after ACM Scholastic Programming Contests in other parts of the world. All seven UPGC-funded tertiary institutions sent teams to take part in the contest this year.

In the competition, a set of six programming problems ranging from scientific computation to puzzles and robot path planning were given to the contestants, who then competed to solve as many problems as possible in four hours. The CUHK team successfully completed four problems, two more than the first runner-up, and will represent Hong Kong to compete in the ACM Far East Regional Programming Contest to be held in November 1993 in Taiwan.

Representing the Uni-

versity were Chan Wai Wai, Lou Chi Wai, Tong Ka Leung, and Won Hon Wing. And their coaches were Dr. Hsu Siu Chi and Dr. Ting Hing Fung.



One in Five Mentally Ill

One in every five people in Hong Kong suffers from some form of mental illness in his life time, according to a study conducted by the University's Psychiatric Epidemiology Research Unit in the Department of Psychiatry.

The findings of the Shatin Community Mental Health Survey were released to the public on 29th June. Conducted between 1984 and 1986, the project represents the first large-scale community survey of mental illness in Hong Kong. More than 10,000 house-

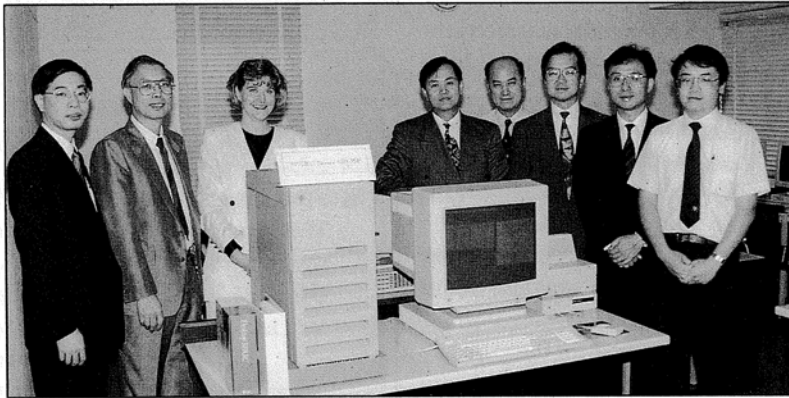
holds in Sha Tin were interviewed, and researchers spent six years to analyse the data collected.

Research results show that while the incidence of mental problems is more or less the same among men and women, men are more prone to behavioural problems such as tobacco dependence and alcohol abuse, whereas women are more vulnerable to emotional illnesses such as generalized anxiety, phobias, and depression. In comparison with similar research conducted in the West, Chinese

subjects seem to suffer less from chronic psychotic illnesses such as schizophrenia or manic-depressive psychoses. This might be a result of the influence of traditional Chinese culture, which discourages extreme individualism and emphasizes family support and harmony in interpersonal relationships.

The study urges the government to improve mental health services for the public, and to divert more resources to the training in psychiatry of general practitioners in Hong Kong.

New Computer Equipment for the University



A new computer system was recently donated to the University to serve the growing number of workstations in the Department of Systems Engineering

and facilitate research that involves extensive and complicated computations.

The new system, SUN SPARC-

system 630MP model 41, can run at a speed of over 100 million instructions per second and is manufactured by the donor, Sun Microsystems. It is one of the most advanced models of the company's SuperSPARC processor technology and is worth over HK\$500,000.

The system has been installed at the Workstation Laboratory of the Department of Systems Engineering, and will be used as a central workstation server for existing and new workstations. It also forms part of the Chinese University Engineering Computer Network, and can be accessed remotely from any workstation and personal computer in Hong Kong using the UNIX operation system.

APIB Helps to Train American Business Executives



The University's Asia-Pacific Institute of Business (APIB) organized a week-long Asia Advanced Management Programme for 30 business executives from the States last month. The programme is a component part of the Executive MBA Programme offered by the College of William and Mary, USA.

With an aim to provide trainees with a better understanding of business operation

in the Asia-Pacific region and of China's economic reform and business environment, the programme was conducted by academics from CUHK's Faculty of Business Administration and key executives of the local business community. Lectures, case studies and panel discussions were held at the University's MBA Town Centre from 12th to 13th July, and a field trip to a joint-venture factory in Shenzhen was organized to enable participants to get first-hand experience of Chinese-style management.

1,598 Graduates in 1993

This year, a total of 1,598 students from six different faculties completed their full-time undergraduate studies. The number of graduates from each faculty/department is given below:

Faculty of Arts

Chinese Language & Literature	72
English	72
Fine Arts	23
History	57
Music	12
Philosophy	23
Religious Studies/Theology	19
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Faculty of Business Administration

Professional Accountancy	78
Integrated BBA Programme	244
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Faculty of Engineering

Computer Science	52
Computer Engineering	13
Electronics/Electronic Engineering	50
Information Engineering	66
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Faculty of Medicine

Medicine & Surgery	114
Intercalated Degree Programme in Medical Sciences	8
Nursing	46
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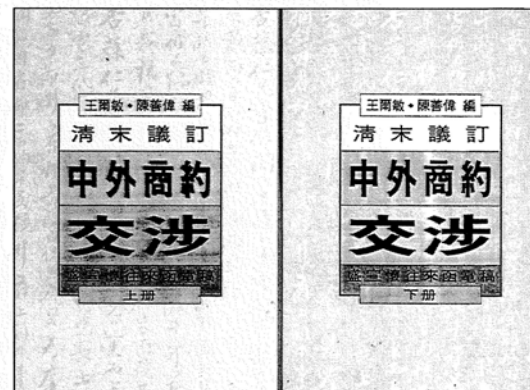
Faculty of Science

Biochemistry	45
Biology	43
Chemistry	59
Physics	53
Mathematics	46
Statistics	21
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Faculty of Social Science

Anthropology	14
Economics	59
Geography	48
Government & Public Administration	44
Journalism & Communication	41
Psychology	27
Sociology	62
Social Work	87
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New Publication of the University Press



Documents on Commercial Treaty Negotiation Between China and the West in Late Qing, compiled by Wong Erh-min and Chan Sin-wai, 846 pages, paperback, HK\$448.

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

Staff Development Grants/Programmes 1992-93

The University administers a variety of fellowships and scholarships for teaching and administrative staff to conduct research, pursue further studies in local or overseas institutions, or to broaden their experience through participation in conferences and publication projects. Here is a summary of the major grants for staff development in 1992-93 and the recipients of such grants:

ACU Development Fellowships: Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club Fellowship

Awardee: Dr. Hung Wai-ye, Eva, Director of Research Centre for Translation, Institute of Chinese Studies

Programme: To investigate the national accreditation system for translators and interpreters, and government and commercially-run networks of translation and interpreting service in Australia.

Period: 1st-28th September 1992

Asian Productivity Organization

Awardee: Dr. Cheung Wai-man, lecturer in decision sciences and managerial economics

Programme: To attend a training course on production management information systems in Japan.

Period: 11th August - 18th September 1992

Bei Shan Tang Foundation

Awardee: Mr. Steven Ng Wai-hung, archaeology field work assistant, Centre for Chinese Archaeology and Art, Institute of Chinese Studies

Programme: To pursue a part-time master's programme in archaeology at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou.

Period: September 1992 - July 1995/6

Block Grant Funding for Staff Development

Awardee: Dr. Chan Nang-fong, senior lecturer in community and family medicine

Programme: To pursue a distance learning course leading to the award of a diploma in medical education offered by the University of Dundee, Scotland, UK.

Period: October 1992 - September 1993

Commonwealth Medical Fellowship

Awardee: Dr. Lai Yee-ching, Kelly, lecturer in psychiatry
Programme: To study child psychiatry at the Institute of Child Health in London, UK.

Period: 2nd September 1992 - 1st September 1993

CUHK-Robinson College Exchange Scheme

Awardee: Dr. Lai Fung-kuen, Eva, lecturer, English Language Teaching Unit

Programme: To conduct research at Cambridge University and visit other language centres in the UK.

Period: 28th June - 14th August 1993

Diploma Course in Management of Executive Development (MED) Scholarships

Awardees: Mr. Simon Tam Sheung-wing, senior computer officer II, Information Management Unit; Mr. Thomas Tsui Yiu-ming, computer officer I, Computer Services Centre.

Programme: To attend the MED diploma course.

Period: 3rd September 1992 - July 1993

Japan Foundation Training Programme

Awardee: Mr. Kojima Yoshiharu, instructor I, Department of Japanese Studies

Programme: To attend a training programme in Japan for Japanese language teachers.

Period: 24th November - 31st December 1992

C.Y. Kwan Endowment Fund for Staff Development

Awardee: Mrs. Lai Chan Sau-hing, instructor I, English Language Teaching Unit

Programme: To pursue further studies leading to the award of a PhD degree at Macquarie University in Australia.

Period: 1st February 1993 - 8th January 1994

Awardee: Miss Tam Mei-ngan, counselling assistant, Office of Student Affairs

Programme: To attend the 'Gender Consciousness and Values Development Orientation Workshop for College Counsellors' held in Quezon City, the Philippines.

Period: 20th-24th October 1992

Lee Hysan Foundation Endowment Fund for Staff Development

Awardee: Dr. Ng Heung-ling, Margaret, lecturer in anatomical and cellular pathology

Programme: To undertake an attachment programme in the UK to study the set-up, structure and operation of specialist haematology centres and to sit for the final practical examination of MRCPath (part II) in haematology.

Period: 23rd June - 10th December 1993

- Prof. Kenneth Young, dean of science and of the Graduate School, has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Radiation Board for two years from 23rd March 1993.
- Dr. Daniel T. L. Shek, senior lecturer in social work, has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal for two years from 1st July 1993.
- Prof. Ho Chi-ping of the Department of Surgery has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board for 14 months from 1st August 1993. Prof. Ho has also been appointed as an external examiner in ophthalmology of the faculties of medicine at the National University of Malaysia and the University of Malaya from April 1993 and June 1993 respectively.
- Dr. Liu Pak-wai, reader in economics, has been reappointed as a member of the School Examinations Board of the Hong

Kong Examinations Authority for three years from 1st September 1993.

- Prof. Joseph C. K. Lee of the Department of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology has been invited to serve on the Supplementary Medical Professions Council from 1st October 1993.

Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Prof. Mun Kin-chok of the Department of International Business has been invited to serve as the chairman of the advisory board for the Department of Marketing and International Business at Lingnan College for two academic years from 1st September 1993.
- Prof. Rance P. L. Lee, dean of social science, has been invited by Lingnan College to serve as an external examiner of its honors diploma in social issues and policy for the academic year 1993-94.

- Dr. Serena S. H. Jin, reader in translation, has been invited to serve as a member of the advisory board for the Department of Translation at Lingnan College for two years from 1st September 1993.

- Dr. Tam Yue Him, senior lecturer in history, has been elected a founding member of the Committee on Sino-Japanese Studies of the Association for Asian Studies (USA) from May 1993 to May 1996.

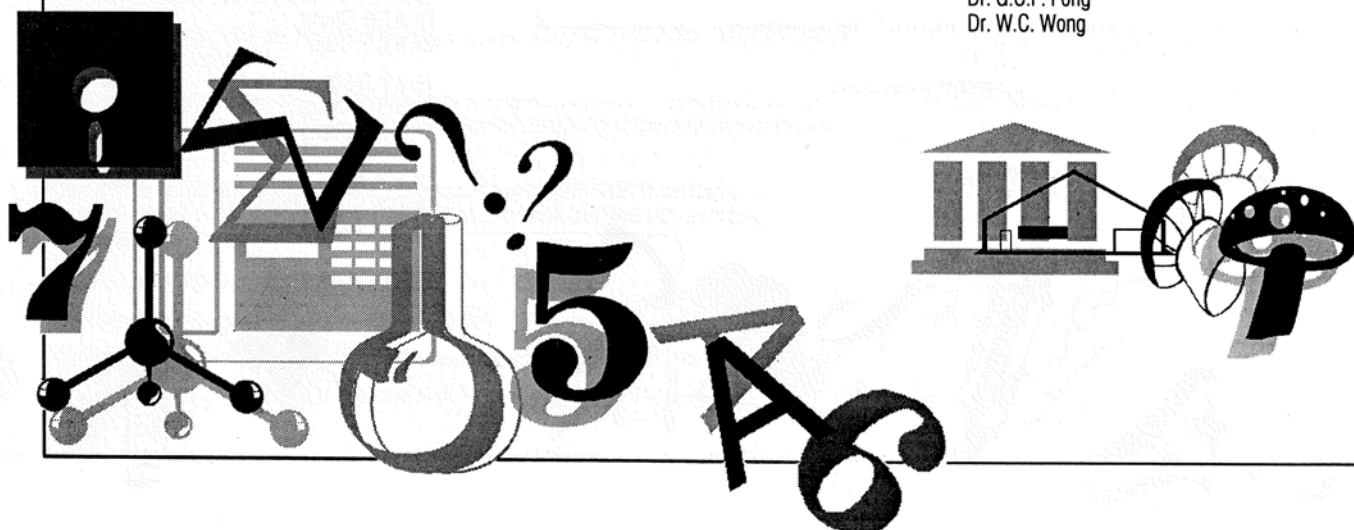
- Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, dean of medicine, has been invited to serve as a member of the International Scientific Council of the European Postgraduate Gastro-Surgical School.

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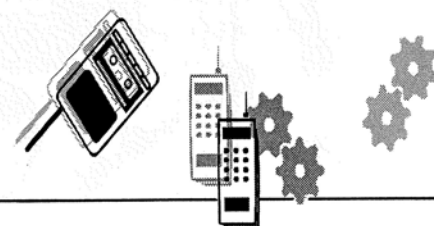
HK\$30 MILLION-BILL FOR THE PURSUIT OF NEW KNOWLEDGE

As reported in the last issue of the CUHK Newsletter, 56 research projects proposed by members of the University have successfully attracted grants totalling HK\$29.348 million from the government's Research Grants Council. Given below are more details about the 56 projects, grouped under eight categories.

<i>Project Title</i>	<i>CUHK Investigator(s)</i>	<i>Amount Approved (HK\$ million)</i>
Administrative, Business & Social Studies		
Impact of transient mood changes on depressive realism	Dr. C.S.K. Tang	0.275
Decline of authority, social conflict and social re-integration in Hong Kong: patterns of social change in the last years of British rule	Prof. S.K. Lau Mrs. S.P.S. Wan Law Dr. T.L. Lui Prof. H.F.H. Siu	1.2
Sustaining the competitive advantage of Hong Kong: the role of quantity, quality, and tracking in higher education	Dr. S.L.W. Tang	0.32
A psychological study of social axioms	Dr. K. Leung Prof. M.H. Bond	0.27
Underpricing of new issues and their volatility in China's stock markets	Dr. H.M.K. Mok	0.15
Exchange rate policy of a small open economy in a multi-currency world with capital flows	Dr. G.W.L. Hui	0.266
Attention as self-organization to form special purpose devices: theoretical and applied studies using behavioural and psychophysiological measures	Dr. T.C. Chan Dr. D.T.L. Shek	0.281
Hybrid connectionist expert systems for spatial inference and analysis – an integration of neural networks and expert systems technologies	Dr. Y. Leung	0.6
An object-oriented knowledge-based image analysis system for environmental monitoring using remote sensing and geographic information systems	Dr. T. Fung Dr. Y. Leung Dr. K.S. Leung	0.8
Architecture		
Ceremony, legitimacy, and architecture: the Qing dynasty	Prof. T.F. Lee Mr. A. Li	0.286
Arts & Languages		
A study of sign language varieties in Hong Kong	Dr. J.C. Woodward Dr. G.W.L. Tang	0.247
The self-reflecting mirror: early 20th century Chinese translations of Western literature	Prof. D.E. Pollard Dr. G.C.F. Fong Dr. W.C. Wong	0.25



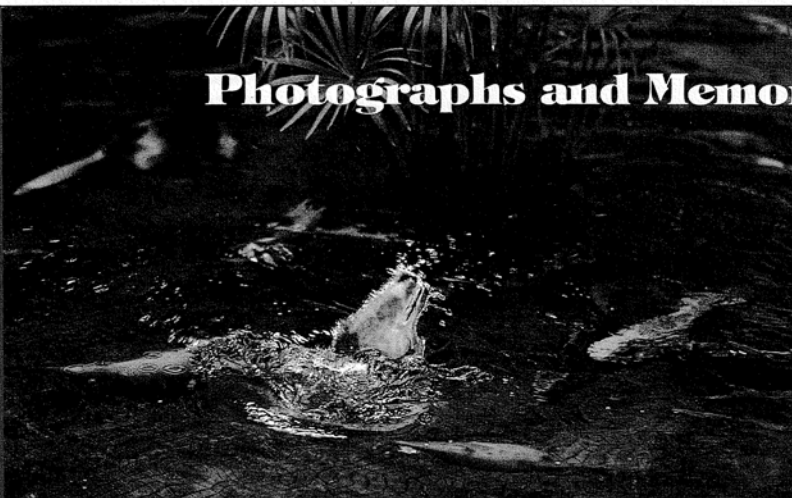
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Biological Sciences		
Study on the regulatory elements of the grass carp growth hormone gene	Dr. W.K.K. Ho	0.526
Sequence analysis of human heart cDNA clones	Dr. M.M.Y. Waye Prof. C.Y. Lee	0.766
Somatolactin: studies on its expression in a bacterial system, its physiological functions and molecular mechanism of action in teleosts	Dr. K.M. Chan Dr. T.B. Ng	0.616
Molecular cloning and functional expression of the growth hormone receptor cDNA from dace (<i>Cirrhinus molitorella</i>) liver	Dr. H.K. Cheng Dr. P.C. Shaw	1.13
Identification of Chinese medicinal herbs by combined molecular and chemical approaches	Dr. P.C. Shaw Dr. P.P.H. But	0.766
Generation of molecular markers for construction of a genetic map and characterization of genetic determinants of some phenotypic traits in shiitake mushroom <i>lentinula edodes</i>	Dr. H.S. Kwan	0.756
Computer Science, Information Technology & Mathematics		
Development of a knowledge based geometric modeller for industrial design	Dr. K.C. Hui	0.266
Implementation and application of binary relation inference networks	Dr. K.P. Lam	0.626
Integrated approach for robust control design	Dr. Y. Yam	0.266
A hybrid neural network system for Chinese text parsing	Dr. W.S. Wong	0.56
Interactive visualization and analysis of 3D digital images	Dr. W.Y. Ng	0.731
Design and implementation of a distributed concurrent constraint logic programming system and its applications	Dr. J.H.M. Lee Dr. H.F. Leung	0.266
Electrical & Electronic Engineering		
A high performance microwave-to-lightwave modulator for microwave subcarrier multiplexed broadband integrated service networks	Dr. K.T. Chan Dr. A.K.Y. Lai Dr. C.C. Hsu	0.666
Geolocation by satellites	Dr. P.C. Ching	0.742
Metalorganic vapour phase epitaxy (MOVPE) for high speed optoelectronics	Dr. C.C. Hsu	0.512
Medicine		
Studies of intracellular calcium homeostasis in cultured epididymal cells of the rat	Prof. P.Y.D. Wong	0.412
Stimulus-response coupling in human neutrophils: the role of prostaglandins	Dr. H. Wise Prof. R.L. Jone	0.652
Expression of cytokine genes in CD4 ⁺ T helper cells that control IgA synthesis: a molecular exploration of the pathogenesis of IgA nephropathy	Prof. K.N. Lai Dr. Y.L. Chui	0.526
Plasmid-mediated β -lactamases conferring resistance to broad-spectrum cephalosporins in clinical isolates: prevalence and characteristics	Dr. J. Ling	0.666
Rapid diagnostic methods for mycobacterial infections - DNA amplification vs chemical detection of tuberculostearic acid	Dr. A.F.B. Cheng Dr. R.C.Y. Chan	0.506
Helicobacter pylori reinfection and recurrence of peptic ulcers	Dr. J.Y. Sung Dr. S.S.C. Chung Dr. A.F.B. Cheng	0.386
Studies on the genetic alterations of gliomas	Dr. H.K. Ng Dr. D.W.S. Poon Huang Dr. W.S. Poon	0.281



<i>Project Title</i>	<i>CUHK Investigator(s)</i>	<i>Amount Approved (HK\$ million)</i>
The study of cerebral perfusion and oxygenation by near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS) in head-injured patients	Dr. P.K.K. Au Yeung Dr. W.S. Poon Prof. T.E. Oh	0.432
Development of an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) using a novel monoclonal antibody against 6 β -hydroxycortisol to detect enzyme induction in man	Dr. J.H.K. Yeung	0.221
Production of autoantigens by gene fusion and peptide synthesis for use in the immunodiagnosis of autoimmune diseases	Dr. P.L. Lim Dr. Y.L. Chui	0.551
The immunomodulatory and antitumour properties of secretory products from cultured mushroom mycelia	Dr. W.K. Liu Dr. T.B. Ng Dr. V.E.C. Ooi Prof. S.T. Chang	0.741
Genotyping of the low-density receptor defects in familial hypercholesterolaemia in Hong Kong	Prof. J.R.L. Masarei Dr. C.P. Pang Dr. B. Tomlinson Dr. J.E. Sanderson	0.348
Studies on the renal sodium dopamine relationship and the effects of sodium loading on blood pressure, natriuretic and hormonal responses in normotensive Chinese with or without a family history of hypertension	Dr. T.Y.K. Chan Dr. B. Tomlinson Dr. J.C.N. Chan Prof. J.A.J.H. Critchley	0.841
An investigation of interactions between natriuretic peptides, vasoconstrictor hormones and growth factors in cultured glial cells	Dr. V.T.F. Yeung Dr. C.S. Cockram Dr. D.S.C. Tsang	0.756
Genetic changes in chromosome 3 in oncogenesis and pathogenesis of nasopharyngeal carcinoma (NPC)	Dr. D.W.S. Poon Huang Prof. J.C.K. Lee Dr. S.F. Leung	0.566
A territory-wide strategy for the prevention of occupational hazards arising from chemical substances	Dr. I.T.S. Yu Dr. T.W. Wong	0.401
Angiogenesis inhibitors: isolation, purification and characterization of a potential anti-cancer therapeutic from shark cartilage.	Prof. K.P. Wong	0.406
Physical Sciences		
3, 4-Bis (trimethylsilyl)- and 3, 4-Bis (trialkylstannyl)-furans, pyrroles and thiophenes: versatile building blocks of 3, 4-disubstituted five-membered heterocycles	Dr. N.C. Wong	0.619
Physics of random nonlinear composites	Dr. K.W. Yu Dr. P.M. Hui	0.52
Studies of structure, dynamics and kinetics of polyelectrolyte gels	Dr. C. Wu	0.546
Structural modification of highly undercooled semiconductors and metals	Dr. H.W. Kui	0.537
Correlated squeezed-state approach for a dissipative two-state system	Dr. C.F. Lo	0.266
The role of electronic factor on the stereoselectivity of organic reactions: a molecular design and artificial intelligent approach	Dr. H.F. Chow Dr. L.W. Chan	0.511
Application of polycrystalline ^{59}Co NMR to the study of synthetic biopolymer – probing the effect of outer-sphere interactions of diamagnetic Co(III)-ammine complexes on the secondary structure of nucleic acid	Dr. S.C.F. Au Yeung	0.672
Simultaneous quantitative analysis of natural sugars and amino acids in dilute aqueous solution by WATR-CPMG ^1H NMR spectroscopy – application in medical, environmental and biotechnology research	Dr. S.C.F. Au Yeung	0.328
Synthetic and structural studies of metallacycles	Dr. K.W.P. Leung	0.331
Transition metal carbene complexes in organic synthesis	Dr. K.S. Chan	0.412
Synthesis and structural studies of metal complexes containing polyfunctional carboxylate-like ligands	Prof. T.C.W. Mak	1.00
Expanding the uses of a new version of the Ramberg-Backlund reaction in organic synthesis	Dr. T.L. Chan	0.574

Photographs and Memories

— Gwen Kao



A 30th Anniversary Publication
Published by The Chinese University Press
To be Released Later This Month

The Chinese University of Hong Kong: A Celebration

Introduction by Gwen Kao, 144 pages, full colour,
hardcover, HK\$295.
To be sold at a 20 per cent discount to staff members at
the University Bookshop, John Fulton Centre.

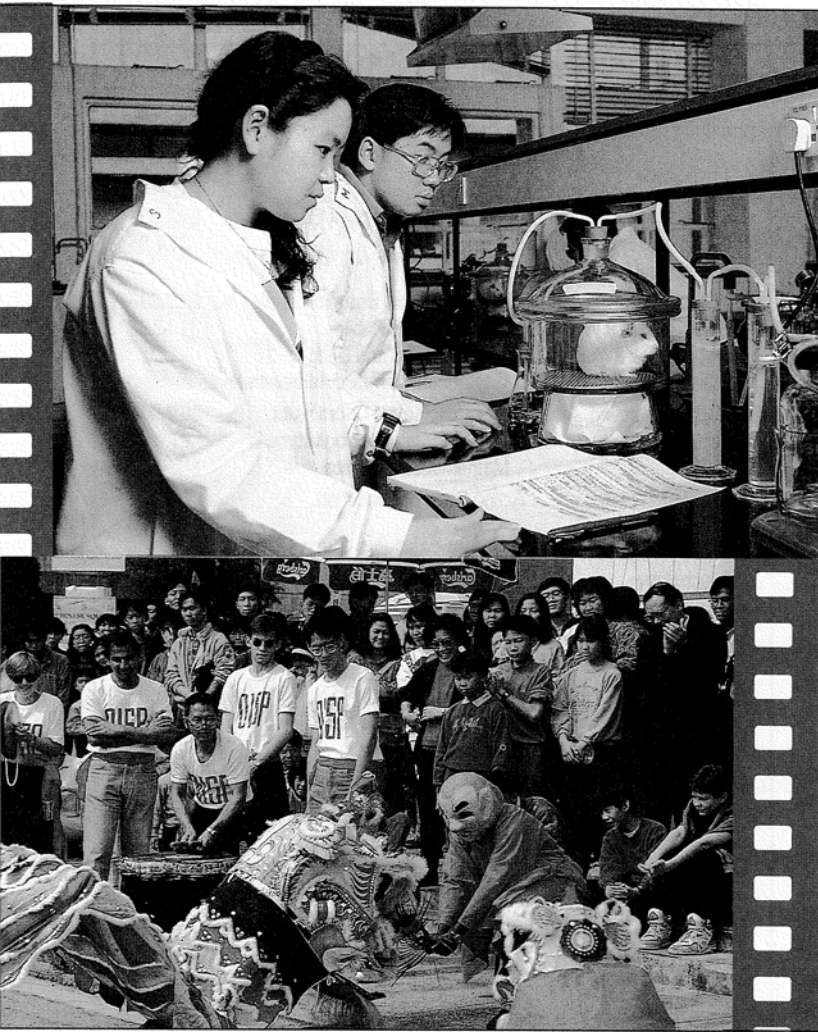
These past years I have had pleasant opportunities of visiting a great number of university campuses the world over. I quite like wandering on my own, and provided the weather cooperates, I can be free to follow my unfettered fancies for hours. Each campus has been a place for me to explore; each has had its own special attraction and appeal. Some campuses are like old friends. I have visited them on many occasions for various reasons and in different seasons of the year.

My first introduction to campus life, like most of us, was as a naive young undergraduate. In the very large city of London, the many colleges scattering city-wide, some very small and some large, made up the one entity – the University of London. Each had

its own little campus, but the mother campus with its less familiar Sunday feel was to me an altogether different and exciting world. The University of London Students' Union was housed in its own large multistorey building in Mallett Street, affectionately referred to as ULU, complete with athletic facilities, a bookshop, sitting areas with soft leather armchairs, libraries, a canteen, a theatre – in short, everything needed to delight the many young students who congregated there at weekends and on dance nights. Though heavily engrossed in my studies, I found the campus full of fun and excitement.

Time passed and other responsibilities of life, such as career and later, marriage and home, became priorities. Student fun fast faded into distant memories. But these preoccupations pass by too and at some stage in life we have a breathing space where we can start to explore our inner needs again.

In the early 1970s, with a young family in tow, I found myself in an intimate relationship with academic life on a new level. At that time, living on



another to souvenirs, or college insignia-covered clothing. Perhaps there is a snack bar attached too. But a bookshop, be it on-campus or nearby, be it large or small, is an invariant part of any university.

I inspect the paraphernalia that students may acquire or aspire to buy. Some items are very creatively marketed and tempt me to spend. Books can be tantalizing, read on the spot, or chewed slowly in small bites. I compare the many approaches there are to publications of photo studies of campus life and history. These latter books are public relations efforts that create an image of the institution. If one of these institutions had been my alma mater, I would have bought a copy to remind myself of bygone times.

It was as a result of these many probing and prying expeditions that the thought came to me to suggest a photo record of our own beautiful campus at The Chinese University. This is the 30th anniversary of our University. It seems timely for such a publication. The number of graduates increases annually and when CU alumni reach my mellow years how faded their memories will be of those

the newly formed campus of The Chinese University meant coping with and compromising on aspects taken for granted in a more established environment. The bookshop was certainly not nearby. Although the lack of this facility was greatly felt, the availability of interesting courses on campus made up in part for its absence. I regret not having had more time then, in my juggle of home, family and career, to partake of a greater meal selected from the menu of pleasures that had been spread before me.

Adult life continues to pass imperceptibly into middle age. What do I do when I wander through strange campuses in unfamiliar cities and places? I make a beeline for the bookstore. Much can be discovered about the history, the student activities, and the character of a university from the items that can be found there.

In some universities the 'bookstore' has grown into a huge commercial concern, a supermarket for students: one floor is devoted to course-related books, another to books for pleasure and general interest, yet

care-free student days. It would be a book to cherish as we pore over it on private sentimental journeys.

'We didn't do that... I recognize the maze... When did they build... Gosh, he's old... Isn't that Prof. Hu... The Mall is... I was here for... The azalea where you kissed...!'

This is a book to give to friends to show and tell, a book for alumni to leaf through with their families as they encourage a new generation to study at their alma mater, a book to bestow on our distinguished visitors from overseas as a visual reminder of our beautiful campus. Through its pages we can all show the pride we feel for our University.

Mr. T. L. Tsim, Director of The Chinese University Press, was very receptive to the idea and marshalled support for the project. With input from many talented persons it has taken on a distinct character that is the essence of the University. Entitled *The Chinese University of Hong Kong: A Celebration*, the book will surely sell itself. Be sure to buy your copy before the first edition runs out!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Local Education Allowances (LEA)

Members of staff who are entitled to claim LEA for their dependent children in 1993-94 are requested to complete and return an application form for each child with receipts of school-fees as early as possible to the Personnel Office. Please direct all enquiries to the office (Ext. 7292).

Reimbursement of Course Fees to Terms of Service (B) and (C) Staff

The University will soon consider requests for reimbursement of fees to staff members on Terms of Service (B) and (C) who will attend training courses which start between September and December 1993. All applications together with written recommendations by unit heads should be forwarded to Mr. S. S. Tam, Secretary, Administrative Affairs Committee, c/o Personnel Office, University Administration Building (Ext. 7269) by Saturday, 4th September 1993.

Salary Revisions for Terms (A) Staff

The Hong Kong Government recently approved a 9.756 per cent pay rise for senior civil servants from 1st April 1993. Salaries for University staff employed under Terms of Service (A) will be similarly revised and new salaries will be paid in the August payroll. Backpay for the months from April to July will be paid in September.

Certificate Courses in Theology

The Theology Division and the Department of Extramural Studies will jointly offer one-year elementary and intermediate certificate courses in theology this October.

Elementary Course

Course contents will include introduction to theology, introduction to the Old and New Testaments, church history, Christian education, and pastoral care.

Intermediate Course

Course contents will include theology in social context,

synoptic Gospels, Old Testament theology in Hong Kong context, Chinese church history, Christian ethics, and counselling and growth.

Those who are interested should apply before 25th August. For further information, please contact the Theology Division (Ext. 6705) or the Department of Extramural Studies.

Mandarin and Cantonese Courses for Staff and Spouses

The New Asia Yale-in-China Chinese Language Centre will again offer Mandarin and Cantonese courses to the University's academic and administrative staff and their spouses from 14th September to 30th November 1993. The following courses have been tentatively scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday during the period from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. at the Fong Shu Chuen Building:

- (1) Beginner's courses in Mandarin and Cantonese for foreigners;
- (2) Beginner's course in Mandarin for non-Mandarin speakers of Chinese origin;
- (3) Beginner's course in Cantonese for non-Cantonese speakers of Chinese origin.

The size of each class will be limited and participants will be enrolled on a first-come-first-served basis. The minimum number of students to form a class is four.

Basic tuition fee for each course is HK\$3,995. The University will subsidize 40 per cent of the tuition fee for all full-time academic and administrative staff as well as their spouses who are expected to be with the University for at least two years, and who are not receiving a language study subsidy from any other source. For enrolment, please contact the Chinese Language Centre (Ext. 6727-9) before 31st August 1993.

Home Purchase Scheme Invites Application

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