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30th Anniversary Celebration Activities

Highlights from 16th November to 31st December

■ CU Open Day

Date: 20th and 21st November

 Portmann Course on Functional Microsurgery of the Ear and Workshop on the 'Hong Kong Flap' in Open Mastoid Surgery

Date: 22nd to 26th November
Venue: Prince of Wales Hospital
Organizer: Department of Surgery

■ 30th Anniversary Lecture: C₆₀ Buckminsterfullerene, the Celestial Sphere that Fell to Earth

Speaker: Prof. Harold Walter Kroto, FRS

School of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences, University of

Sussex, UK

Date: Tuesday, 23rd November

Time: 4.30 p.m.

Venue: Shaw College Lecture Theatre

Organizer: Faculty of Science

■ International Symposium on Contemporary Playwriting in the Chinese Language

Date: 1st to 5th December Venue: Sir Run Run Shaw Hall Organizer: Sir Run Run Shaw Hall

47th Congregation

Date: Thursday, 9th December

Time: 2.30 p.m. Venue: University Mall

Nobel Laureate Lectures on the Speed and Scope of Economic Transition

Over 1,000 students, staff members and guests gathered in the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall on 4th October to hear a talk on 'Economic Transition: Speed and Scope' delivered by Prof. Kenneth J. Arrow, Nobel Laureate in Economic Science. The lecture was presented by the Faculty of Social Science to commemorate the University's 30th anniversary.

Prof. Arrow, Joan Kenney Emeritus Professor of Economics and Emeritus Professor of Operations Research at Stanford University, USA, is a giant in the field of modern economics. His exposition of the general equilibrium systems, his analysis of collective and social choice based on individual preferences, and his theories on production functions, optimal public investments and inventory policies have all won him international acclaim. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Science in 1972 and his influence is far-reaching.

In his lecture, Prof. Arrow analysed the transition of the economies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union along two major themes, the role of time and the role of state direction. He pointed out that



even given the ultimate goal of a free market economy, there were a range of alternative immediate steps in the transition and many possibilities for the structure of the free market economy when it emerges. The speed and modalities of change in different places might be very different. He discussed the alternatives in the light of general economic theory and new developments in the theory of organization, and stressed that movement to a free economy must take time for very elementary reasons of economics.

Father of Fuzzy Logic on Campus

Prof Lotfi A. Zadeh, creator of the theory of fuzzy logic in 1965, gave a public lecture entitled 'Fuzzy Logic and Soft Computing: Principles, Applications and Perspectives' on 26th October at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. The function was organized by the Faculty of Engineering.

Now Professor Emeritus of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences and director of the Berkeley Initiative on Soft Computing at the University of California at Berkeley, Prof. Zadeh is still active in research on fuzzy logic and neural network theory.

Fuzzy logic describes human activities, which are by nature imprecise, in a mathematical and structured way. It recognizes the fact that there are many situations where an exact, quantitative or measurable description is unnecessary, and where

imperfect (or 'fuzzy') information is sufficient to guide human decisions. Present-day applications of fuzzy logic ranges from the guidance of spacecraft and robotics to the control of domestic appliances such as ricecookers and washing machines.

In his lecture, Prof. Zadeh described soft computing as a collection of computing methodologies which were effective in

dealing with problems having approximate solutions. Its principal aim is to exploit the tolerance for imprecision and uncertainty to achieve tractability, robustness and low solution cost. The major constituents of soft computing are fuzzy logic, neural networks, and probabilistic reasoning. Computers armed with these



elements may imitate the decision-making processes of human minds, which have the ability to summarize data and focus on decision-relevant information.

Prof. Zadeh also examined recent advances in fuzzy logic and soft computing and discussed their potential applications.

Hanzix: Chinese Open System Computing

A group of researchers from the Department of Computer Science attended a seminar held in Beijing from 18th to 21st October on information technology in mainland China and Taiwan.

The function was jointly organized by the Chinese Information Technology Committee on the mainland and the Institute for Information Industry in Taiwan. The purpose was to discuss strategies for and technical issues involved in establishing common standards in Chinese computing. The CUHK contingent was invited because of its research on Chinese open system computing, or the 'Hanzix' project.

The objective of the Hanzix project

is to devise a standard platform for Chinese computing in an open system environment, so that Chinese software can be developed for use without modification in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and other Chinese communities overseas.

In the seminar CUHK representatives introduced to other participants the progress of their research and gained support from the right groups for the Hanzix project. They will continue to liaise with relevant government departments and private industries in mainland China and Taiwan and contribute their share towards establishing common standards for Chinese information technology.

Workshop on Pelviscopic Surgery

The first ever workshop on pelviscopic surgery in Hong Kong was organized on 8th and 9th October by the University's Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, with assistance from the Department of Surgery, the Animal House and the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Over 30 local gynaecologists from the Hospital Authority and the private sector attended the function. Dr. C. S. Ou from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Washington, Seattle, performed three live surgical demonstrations on laparoscopic hysterectomy, colposuspension and ovarian cystectomy. Participants were also given the opportunity to obtain 'hands on' experience in operating with video laparoscopy under the supervision of experienced surgeons in a practical session conducted in the Animal House.

The workshop was sponsored by Olympus Instruments and Johnson and Johnson.

- Prof. S. W. Tam, pro-vice-chancellor, has been appointed by HE the Governor as chairman of the Supplementary Medical Professions Council for two years from 1st October 1993. Prof. Tam has also been appointed by the Hospital Authority as chairman of the Hospital Governing Committee for Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital from September 1993 to March
- Prof. Joseph C. K. Lee of the Department of Anatomical and Cellular Pathology has been reappointed by HE the Governor as chairman of the Optometrists Board for two years from 1st October 1993.
- Dr. Paul P. H. But, senior lecturer in biology, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the

Endangered Species Advisory Committee for two years from 1st October 1993.

■ Dr. Chan Wing-wah, senior lecturer in music, has been appointed by HE the

Service to the Community and International Organizations

Governor as a member of the Working Group for the establishment of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council from 8th October 1993.

Mrs. Ho Wan Siu-wan, acting registrar, has been nominated by the University to serve as a member of the School Examinations Board, Hong Kong Examination Authority, from 18th October 1993.

Entrepreneurship Luncheon Talk



Two MBA alumni associations of the University launched their Entrepreneurship Luncheon Talk Series on 6th October 1993 at the Regent Hotel.

The first guest speaker invited was local business magnate Dr. Cheng Yutung. Prof. Lee Kam-hon, dean of business administration, introduced Dr. Cheng as a world class entrepreneur with global visions in his business strategies.

Dr. Cheng let the audience in on the key of his success, which can be summarized in 22 words: establish your credibility; keep your promises; be diligent; be cautious; honour those who have helped you; and never trade righteousness for profit. He also elaborated on business opportunities in China and called upon MBA students and alumni of the University to apply their professional knowledge not only to business management but also social service.

- Mr. Lee Shu-wing, deputy registrar, has been nominated by the University to serve as director of the Joint University and Polytechnic Admissions System from 18th October 1993.
 - Dr. Sydney Chung, reader in surgery, was appointed visiting professor of Tong Ji Medical University at Wuhan on 7th October 1993.
- Dr. Julian A. J. Critchley, reader in clinical pharmacology, has been reappointed as chairman of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board's Examination Committee

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A Musical Celebration

The Department of Music recently released a compact disc entitled 'A Musical Celebration' to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the University. It includes works composed and performed by members of the department and well-known international artists. The CD is now on sale at HK\$89 at the University souvenir counter in the John Fulton Centre. Orders can also be placed via the Department of Music.





42nd Anniversary of Chung Chi College

Chung Chi College held its 42nd Founders' Day Thanksgiving Service on 29th October in its college chapel. The Rev. Dr. Daniel Chow Tin Wo, district minister of Tsung Tsin Mission, Hong Kong, addressed the assembly. Mr. George Hung, chairman of the college board of trustees, and Dr. Philip Shen, head of college, presented awards and scholarships to prize winners. The Chung Chi College Alumni Association presented gifts to their alma mater, which included a song composed by Dr. Chan Wingwah with lyrics written by Dr. Sonia Ng. A rendition of the song was given by Miss Lee Bing, a well-known singer, on the same occasion.

The college student union also organized a host of celebration activities: a carnival, a round-thecampus race, debates and departmental singing contests. The traditional 'Thousand-People Feast' was held at the Lingnan Stadium in the evening.



United College's 37th Anniversary Celebration

United College held its 37th anniversary ceremony on 22nd October at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. Dr. Ho Tim, chairman of the college board of trustees, and Dr. Daniel C. W. Tse, president of Hong Kong Baptist College, officiated at the ceremony and presented prizes to academically outstanding students. An anniversary celebration party was held after the ceremony on the college campus. Students of the Chinese Martial Arts Club performed the traditional lion dance and the United College Staff Association presented a 37-pound birthday cake to the college to mark the event.

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The Pearl Reunion

A 30th Anniversary Celebration



Every fifth year this university enjoys a glow of pride as it celebrates another milestone in its history. This year it shares this pride with the more than 800 alumni attending the 30th anniversary dinner on 16th October. Comprising faculty members, trustees, council members, honorary graduates, benefactors and friends from all walks, the total attendance at the dinner, a high point in this year of celebration, was over one thousand.

This 30th birthday party celebrates many firsts: the first gathering together of such illuminati in 30 years, the inauguration of the University Convocation, the first donation to open an Alumni Fund....

So here we are on the very night of the event. The Subcommittee on Anniversary Dinner has gone into top gear as all of its many hours of planning and worrying come to the test.

The first of the many planning meetings took place early in the year when we all cheerfully felt we had much time. The location for the event had been booked already and our very competent secretary, C. M. Tai, had compiled a detailed work schedule. The use of the Convention Hall facilities together with catering

and floral arrangements on each table was based on a fixed charge per head. As the event had to be self-financing, the need to break even weighed heavily and additional expenses had to be given careful consideration.

We gave thought to the more recent alumni, now only on the lower rungs of their career ladders, and set ticket prices at a marketable rate. But what should be done to make up the shortfall if ticket income could not fully cover total expenses? How could we avoid further calls on the generosity of donors who had already contributed substantially towards the costs of the many other events celebrating the 30th anniversary?

In the end we succumbed to the old, old formula of asking friendly businesses and individuals to donate raffle prizes and enchanting young ladies to urge the wealthier amongst us to buy the raffle tickets in bulk effectively a customer-administered multi-tiered pricing of tickets, with the added lure of prizes. The two gracious citizens on either side of me at my table, Drs Lee Shau-kee and Cheng Yu-tung, fulfilled this need most generously, as did many others. But it has become a very over-used solution and anyone who can create an innovative way of achieving the same ends deserves an accolade.

Our designer, a recommendation from Hardy Tsoi, delighted us with his interestingly different backdrops for the stage and the simple purple drapery with pearls and shells on





each table. It was low cost and effective. However the choice of the table flowers by the Convention Centre turned out, at the last minute, to be pink carnations or an additional charge for blooms of a different hue. Neither option was deemed satisfactory. Running out of time to investigate less expensive alternatives, I made the decision to produce our own table centrepieces using silk flowers. My house staff, who had happily made the napkin rings over the summer for us, now were equally helpful. The flowers were bought, taken apart, cut and arranged into 90 centrepieces (each crowned with a folded paper-crane) over the four days before D-day to become one of the table prizes. I was pleased to see laughing people carrying floral table prizes out on their way home. Coincidentally I picked the lucky number seven on my table and became one with the laughing crowd.

For those who still find the music too loud or too soft, it was not possible to compromise more. In a hall as large as this, with the equipment available, the band was just great. Quieter spots could easily be found at the periphery for those wishing to converse. And for those enamoured with the big beat, the ringside tables were ideal. The choice of where to sit in the latter part of the night became a free one as people moved around and any grumbler would be lacking in initiative!

Comes the raffle time - a long



Above: Mr. Michael Hui (left), Ms. Lina Yan Hau-Yee (middle) and Mr. Chung King-Fai (right) as M. C.s of the dinner

Middle: Prof. S. W. Tam (left), chairman of the 30th Anniversary Celebration Coordinating and Steering Committee, presents a donation to Prof. Arthur K. C. Li (right), representative of the Hong Kong Cancer Institute.

Below: Mrs. Gwen Kao (middle) chats with Dr. Cheng Yu-tung (left), and Dr. Lee Shau-kee (right), both honorary graduates of 1993.





drumroll to announce ubiquitously

the draw of the grand prizes! Alas,

not long or loud enough for the

holder of the first lucky number

called. In answering a call of nature

instead of responding to the call on

stage she loses her winning to

another's gain, much to her dismay.

Another lucky winner is unhappy

with the joking suggestion the M. C.

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I, in the full glare of the spotlight, goodnaturedly accept my failure to enunciate correctly in Cantonese the names of the M. C.s. We three contribute much to the lighter side of the evening!

One committee member, Shirley Kwok, says to me, 'I can't believe it. Everything is going so smoothly. Do you think we are rushing through the programme too fast?'

Left: The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Lavender Patten, patron of the dinner, lead off the dance.

Right: Mr. Hilson H. S. Ng, president of the Federation of Alumni Associations of CUHK, draws the lucky numbers for the grand raffle.

Indeed all too soon the evening entertainment is over. The photographs have been taken, the food — well presented and quite tasty — has been eaten. Some agree with Shirley. The programmed part was too short. Yet others are happy that the formal speeches and ceremonies were not overlong, being quickly and efficiently conducted.

The Vice-Chancellor and I stay to enjoy a short boogie session on the now uncrowded dance floor. Before I leave, the committee assures me all is winding down in good order. In the final analysis, one can only expect to please some of the people some of the time. Most of us had a fun-filled evening. All went smoothly with only the usual small, to-be-expected, hitches.

I count myself lucky to have had such a talented committee to chair. They did all the hard work and made my task an easy one. The committee knows it takes much coordinated teamwork and effort for the staging of such an event. I hope all who attended worked equally hard at happily enjoying themselves!

by Mrs. Gwen Kao, Convener, Subcommittee on Anniversary Dinner

We welcome your contributions

- 1. Items for the next issue (mid-December 1993) should reach the Editor by 26th November 1993.
- 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 (tel. 6097297; fax. 6035503).
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 47th Congregation and Special Arrangements on the Congregation Day

The 47th congregation for the conferment of degrees will be held at the University Mall on Thursday, 9th December 1993 at 2.30 p.m. This year over 2,000 graduates will be awarded first or higher degrees.

The Pro-Chancellor of the University, Sir Yuet-keung Kan, will officiate at the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception at the University Square.

Robing Room for Procession Members

Staff members joining the official procession should assemble by 2.00 p.m. at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall on the ground floor of the University Administration Building, which will serve as the robing room.

Marshalling of the procession will begin at 2.10 p.m. The procession will leave the Administration Building at 2.26 p.m.

Traffic Arrangements

Traffic on the Central Avenue will be made one-way only (west-bound) from 1.30 p.m., leaving one lane of the avenue for parking. The section between the Leung Kau Kui Building and the Y. C. Liang Hall will remain two-way.

The car park in Tin Ka Ping Building and the parking area outside the University Administration Building will be reserved for members of the procession.

Appropriate road signs will be put up and campus guards will be on hand to assist motorists.

Suspension of Classes

Classes for Medical Studies (Year 1 & 2) will be suspended from 1.30 to 5.30 p.m.

BFC Staff Canteen to be Closed

The Benjamin Franklin Centre Staff Canteen will be closed on 9th December to be used as the robing room for graduates.

Art Gallery East Wing to Extend Opening Hours

For the convenience of guests attending the congregation who may also be interested in visiting the Art Gallery, the gallery (east wing) will extend its opening hours to 5.30 p.m. on 9th December.

Wet Weather Arrangement

In case of wet weather, the congregation will be held at the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall.

Professorial Inaugural Lectures

Prof. Kuan Hsin-chi, professor of government and public administration, will deliver his inaugural lecture entitled

'The Quest for a Political Order in Hong Kong' on 26th November.

Prof. Lau Siu-kai, professor of sociology, will deliver his inaugural lecture entitled 'Hong Kong's Path of Democratization' on 3rd December.

Both lectures will be held at 5.00 p.m. in lecture theatre L1, Science Centre. All are welcome.

Lectures on the English Language

Prof. Sidney Greenbaum, director of Survey of English Usage at University College London, will serve as Distinguished Visiting Scholar of United College 1993-94 and give three open lectures on the following topics:

- English as an International Language (17th November)
- Corpus Linguistics (19th November)
- The English Language in Britain Today (24th November)

The lectures will be held at 4.30 p.m. at the college's lecture theatre C1. Please direct all enquiries to Ms. Jackie Chung (ext. 7581).

Committee on Academic Links

The composition of the Committee on Academic Links for the period 1st August 1993 to 31st July 1995 is as follows:

Chairman Prof. S. W. Tam

Members Prof. Ambrose Y. C. King

> Dr. Ho Hsiu-hwang Prof. Lee Kam-hon Prof. Kenneth Young Prof. H. C. Kuan

Mrs. Ho Wan Siu-wan (Acting Registrar) Prof. Yeung Yue-man (Director of HKIAPS) Dr. Wong Kin-yuen (Director of OISP) Prof. John C. Jamieson (Director of

Chinese Language Centre)

Secretary

Mr. Mark Sheldon (Director of the Office of Academic Links)

UWA Triennial Conference

A triennial conference of the University Women of Asia (UWA) will be held at the University's Cho Yiu Conference Hall from 18th to 20th November.

The conference is organized by the Hong Kong Association of University Women, which serves as the headquarters of the UWA from 1992 to 1995. The theme of this year is 'Women in Asia - Change and Challenge in the 1990s'. Over 150 university and professional women representing different member countries will meet to discuss the status and welfare of women in Asia. All are

welcome.

For details, please contact Dr. Chua Bee-leng (tel. 6097787 or fax. 6035104).

Concessionary Rates for EMSD Courses

University staff members on Terms of Service (B) and (C) and full-time students can enjoy the following concessionary rates for courses offered by the Department of Extramural Studies (EMSD):

- (a) 50 per cent discount for general courses,
- (b) 20 per cent discount for certificate/diploma courses.

The same rates will apply for distance learning courses.

EMSD Invites New Ideas

The Department of Extramural Studies invites new ideas and/or new course proposals from all academic staff members. Those interested please contact the department (tel. 3683503 or fax. 3672593).

Office-bearers of NACAA 1993-95

The New Asia College Alumni Association recently held its general meeting and elected office-bearers of its Executive Committee for 1993-95:

Chairman Vice-Chairman Dr. Fung Kin-kong, William Mr. Sau Chi-ming, Colin Miss Mak Mei-kuen, Alice

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Mr. Li Kai-ming (chief representative), Mr. Ip Hon-chow, Mr. Sau Chi-ming, Colin, Ms. Lee Suk-yee, Mr. Keung Kwok-keung, Kenneth

Representative to the Convocation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Mr. Li Kai-ming

For enquiries, please contact Mr. Sau Chi-ming, Colin (tel. 7230818 ext. 74 or fax. 7213494).

Swimming Pool to Be Closed

The Benjamin Franklin Centre Swimming Pool will be closed from December 1993 to March 1994 for annual maintenance.

The reopening date will be announced in due course.

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.

- Air Cargo and The Opening of China: New Opportunities for Hong Kong, by Joseph P. Schwieterman, 116 pages, paperback, HK\$80.
- Health Care in Hong Kong: An Economic Policy Assessment (in Chinese), by Joel W. Hay, 114 pages, paperback, HK\$58.

Obituaries

Mr. Wu Tong-chuen, workman II at the Buildings Office, passed away on 9th October 1993. Mr. Wu first joined the University in June 1990.

Mrs. Yau Fung Tai, workman I at the Buildings Office, passed away on 16th October 1993. Mrs. Yau first joined the University in December 1973.

Donations for Bereaved Families

The Buildings Office express condolences on the death of their colleagues, Mr. Wu Tong-chuen and Mrs. Yau Fung Tai, and are collecting donations from members of the University for the bereaved families.

Mr. Wu is survived by his wife and five children, the youngest being 12. Mrs. Yau's husband retired from the Buildings Office last summer. Both families have lost their breadwinners.

Donations can be sent to Mr. K. M. Li of the Buildings Office (ext. 6674).