Faculty of Social Science Compiles the First Dean's List

Eighty-six students in the Faculty of Social Science have been selected for inclusion on the Dean’s List for 1996-97. All of them are academically outstanding, and have obtained a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.60 or above for the year. They represent 4.67 percent of the total enrolment in the faculty.

The first of its kind in the University, the Dean’s List for the Faculty of Social Science was compiled in response to a proposal by the Publicity Committee of the Faculty Board, who believes that the honour of being included on the list may be helpful to students in competing for scholarships and employment, and in application for further studies. The proposal was endorsed by the Faculty Board last June.

Only students with year GPA 3.60 or above will be granted the honour, which is higher than the 3.50 cut-off for first class honours. The University has already been requested to consider including the honour in the students’ academic transcripts.

RESEARCH GRANTS FOR THREE NURSING PROJECTS

The following three projects by staff of the Department of Nursing recently received financial support from the Action Learning Project Fund:

- Promoting Independent Learning and Clinical Competence through Implementing Contract Learning in a Clinical Context (HK$72,800)
  Researcher: Prof. Sally Chan

- Promoting Students’ Critical Thinking: The Use of Videotaped Vignettes in a Baccalaureate Nursing Programme (HK$124,000)
  Researchers: Prof. Anne Chang, Mrs. Iris Lee, Mrs. Janita Chau, Prof. Diana Lee, Prof. Yvonne Wootten, Prof. Betty Wills, Ms. Ip Wan-yim

- Telling Stories: A Strategy to Enhance Ethical Decision-making (HK$83,300)
  Researcher: Prof. Hilary Yung Ha-ping

Medical Staff Appointed Sims Black Professor by Royal College

Prof. Allan Chang Mang-zing, sub-dean (clinical) of the Faculty of Medicine and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, was appointed Sims Black Professor for 1997 by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Prof. Chang is the first Chinese academic to have received this prestigious appointment.

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was founded in 1929 for the promotion of the science and practice of obstetrics and gynaecology. Each year, the college appoints an outstanding obstetrician or gynaecologist from England or the British Commonwealth as Sims Black Professor. The person thus honoured is invited to give lectures in British Commonwealth countries if he/she is practising in England, and vice versa. This year, for the first time, two academics are given the appointment.

The Royal College has been instrumental to the establishment of and standard-setting for the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Prof. Chang was president of the Hong Kong College from 1992 to 1994.

Professor of Nursing Lectures on Recovery from Stroke

In her professorial inaugural lecture entitled ‘Recovery from Stroke: The Evidence for Nursing’, Prof. Ann Mackenzie explored the effect of rehabilitation on stroke patients and how it may be improved by the therapeutic interventions of nurses.

Evidence drawn from the ongoing research in the Department of Nursing indicates that self-esteem is an important factor in recovery and that psychological variables account for a large part in the variation in functional recovery. The highlights of the lecture included the needs of stroke patients and their family carers, as well as ways to improve nursing interventions in rehabilitation.

Prof. Mackenzie, currently chair of the Department of Nursing, was appointed professor of nursing (clinical nursing) on 1st June 1995. Her inaugural lecture was delivered on 31st October at the Prince of Wales Hospital.

The Classroom of the Future: Professionals Examine IT Education

The first of the lecture series ‘Unexplored Treasure: Information Technology Education’, launched by the Faculty of Education and the Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research, took place on 1st November.

The theme of the first lecture was information technology and language education. It explored the integration of information technology in the teaching of Chinese and English reading and writing, and reviewed the difficulties and obstacles in the implementation of information technology education in secondary schools and universities. The lecture was conducted by Prof. Chen Hsuan Chih of the Department of Psychology, Ms. Jose Lai Chan Sau-hing of the English Language Teaching Unit, Prof. Wong Po-choi of the Department of Information Engineering, and Mr. Yip Chee-tim of Pui Ching Middle School.

Relaunch of Fight for Sight Hotline

The University’s Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences has relaunched its 24-hour hotline in October following a successful three-month pilot scheme ending in August.

Results of the scheme showed that the hotline was in high demand and was a much valued source of information on eye care, eye diseases, eye clinics, and the Fight for Sight Foundation’s educational materials. The Fight for Sight Foundation was established in August 1996 to help those in the territory with eye disease and other vision impairments. The hotline 187-8826 is its first step in providing eye care facilities to the public.
ED Official Addresses Local Education in College Talk

On 15th October, Mr. Kwan Ting-fai, deputy director of the Hong Kong Education Department, spoke on the development of quality education in Hong Kong in a speech entitled 'Innovative Teaching Methods and Management: Promote Excellence in Hong Kong's Education' during the Chung Chi College Life Luncheon Gathering. Mr. Kwan expounded the government's education policy to provide quality education, ensure the full development of individual potential, and equip young people for future challenges, and pointed out that the University Grants Committee will work with tertiary institutions to identify their respective strengths for further development into areas of excellence. He also stressed the importance of competence in information technology and in language, for teachers and students alike.

The Opening of Weiyuan Lake Marks Chung Chi's 46th Birthday

The official re-opening of the Lily Pond on the Chung Chi campus on the afternoon of 31st October was one of the highlights of the College's 46th anniversary celebrations. Long a well-known picturesque spot in the University, the pond and its surroundings recently underwent a facelift and has now been renamed Weiyuan Lake. Officializing at the reopening ceremony was vice-chancellor of the University, Prof. Arthur K.C. Li.

Other celebration activities held on the same day included a thanksgiving service held in the college chapel, with Mr. Andrew So, the Ombudsman, as the guest speaker. He gave a clear description of the history and future of the ombudsman system, and the duties vested in the ombudsman. During the service, Mr. George H.C. Hung, chairman of the college board of Trustees, presented major scholarships and other awards to students in recognition of their academic and extracurricular achievements. At the end of the service, Mr. Clarence Chang, president of the Chung Chi College Alumni Association, presented a souvenir to the college.

More Networking & Publicity Required

New director of the Environmental Science Programme, Prof. Jimmy Yu believes that the programme needs greater recognition and publicity. To this end, he and other staff members of the programme are organizing a consultative committee which draws its members from senior officials of the government, Environmental Protection Department, managers of consultancy firms, and academics from the world over who are experienced in research and teaching related to the environment. "We hope the committee will help us build a network to facilitate academic exchange and to open up more career opportunities for our graduates," he said. The committee will have its first meeting, Prof. Yu hopes, at the end of the year.

A Multidisciplinary Programme

Established in 1994-95, the programme has been fairing well in its three years of existence. It takes in approximately 30 students each year, and so far, most graduates have found jobs related directly or indirectly to environmental science, while others have taken up postgraduate studies. Part of the credit goes to the programme’s solid curriculum and dedicated teachers.

Its curriculum, which includes studies in environmental chemistry, environmental biology, conservation, biochemical toxicology, and environmental impact assessment, is taught mainly by six teachers from the departments of biochemistry, biology, and chemistry. Prof. Yu, for example, belongs also to the Department of Chemistry. The core courses are complemented by courses on other subjects including ecology, geography, and statistics, taught by teachers from the relevant departments. "We hope to give students a strong foundation to enable them to develop fully and comprehensively. Environmental science is a practical subject. We need to ensure that the curriculum is synchronous with society’s needs and changes. That’s why we constantly review our curriculum," said Prof. Yu.

To encourage specialized research in environmental science, Prof. Yu is painstakingly paving the way for the launch of a Ph.D. programme in 1998-99.
**Profiles**

**Introducing new members of staff to the campus community**

Chen Yongqin 陈永勤
PhD
Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography from 2nd January 1997 (Ext. 6539); previously research associate at US Environmental Protection Agency.

Prof. Chen teaches mainly hydrology and environmental studies. His research interests are hydrologic and water quality modeling, and urban water resources and water supply.

Cheng Shouquan 程寿全
BS, MB, PhD
Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography from 1st January 1997 (Ext. 6539); previously research assistant/PhD student at the University of Delaware and postdoctoral fellow at CUHK.

Prof. Cheng teaches mainly principles of climatology, applied climatology, and micro-climatology. He supervises postgraduate students pursuing master degrees and undergraduate students working on their graduation theses. His research interests are assessment of climatic impact on human health, air pollution, climate change, and climatic classification.

Michael J. Ferguson
PhD (Business Admin.)
Assistant Professor in the School of Accountancy from August 1997 (Ext. 7964); previously instructor at the University of Minnesota.

Prof. Ferguson’s research interests are behavioural decision theory, critical thinking, education, and behavioural economics.

Hui Sai-chen 何采全
EdD
Assistant Professor in the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education from 1st September 1997 (Ext. 6081); previously assistant physical education officer at Lingnan College.

Prof. Hui teaches fitness appraisal and prescription, measurement and statistics, and human anatomy and growth. He also carries out research in related topics.

Peter H. Koehn 孔秉德
BA (Hon.), MPA, PhD
Director of Research and Development at the Hong Kong-America Center from 4th August 1997 (Ext. 8755); previously Missoula Professor of Political Science at the University of Montana.

Prof. Koehn organizes an inter-institutional seminar on migration issues in China and the SAR to be held next spring, and an international symposium on China-USA relations to be held in June 1998. He will also teach a postgraduate GPA seminar as honorary visiting professor.

Lam Hon-ming 林漢明
BSc (Hons), MPhil, PhD
Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology from 2nd January 1997 (Ext. 6336); previously research scientist at New York University.

Dr. Lam teaches molecular biology, genetic engineering, cellular biochemistry, and plant physiology. His research interests are plant molecular biology and plant gene transfer.

Li Jian 李健
PhD (Musical Arts)
Course Coordinator (Music) at the School of Continuing Studies from 1st September 1997 (Tel. 27244560); previously director of studies of the Certificate Course in Piano Performance Pedagogy at SPACE, the University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Li observes and monitors new trends in the continuing professional and life-long education market, develops and designs new programmes and courses, recruits part-time instructors and evaluates their teaching performance, and teaches certificate and diploma programmes in music performance (piano).

Yip Lam, Christine 葉麗
BA (Musics), MA
Executive Officer at the Graduate School from 22nd October 1996 (Ext. 8974); previously tutor at the University of Hong Kong and free-lance musician.

Ms Yip is secretary to the Postgraduate Hall Complex Management Committee and the Graduate School Bursary Sub-Committee, and looks after transcripts and certifying letters, postgraduate programmes of studies, the Graduate School Brochure, and common data collection.

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New Academic Programmes

The University Senate has approved the introduction of the following two academic programmes in the 1997/98 academic year:

- Master of Science Programme in Epidemiology and Biostatistics (part-time, self-financed) in January 1998
- Diploma Course in Information and Quality Management by the Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics and the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business in April 1998

The Senate has also approved the introduction of the following five programmes offered by the School of Continuing Studies:

- Diploma Programme in Music Performance (Piano) in November 1997
- Diploma Programme in Police Studies (Distance Education) in January 1998

Conference on Chinese Food and Civilization

The University's Department of Anthropology and the Foundation of Chinese Dietary Culture, the held on 21st and 22nd November at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall. Over 20 papers on translation-related topics, including curriculum design, translation training, and the teaching of translation courses, will be presented.

The conference is open to teachers and students of translation, members of the Translation Society, and other interested persons. The papers will be available in print at the conference venue. There will be an opening ceremony at 9.30 a.m. on 2nd December at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall.

Extra Outpatient Consultation Services Scheme

The University has just decided to continue with the Extra Outpatient Consultation Services Scheme. An additional physician has been designated on 1st November 1997 by the Department of General Practice. The extra consultation services scheme is an integral part of the University's overall health service policy. It has been well received by the University community and is expected to continue to meet the needs of the University's staff and students.

Department of Translation will join the Conference on Translation Teaching from 2nd to 4th December 1997 at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall. Over 20 papers on translation-related topics, including curriculum design, translation training, and the teaching of translation courses, will be presented.

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The new homepage of the Department of Nursing has been loaded onto the campus network. Besides containing the most up-to-date information on the department and its programmes, the homepage also provides links to the university homepage. Feel free to visit their new website at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/med/nur/index.htm.

The Physical Education Unit will organize seven physical fitness training courses for staff and students every Wednesday and Friday (except public holidays) from 5th December 1997 to 17th April 1998 in the University weight training room. The courses will be conducted in Cantonese, with the exception of course 1/98 which will be conducted in English. Enrolment, limited to 20 persons per course, is on a first-come-first-served basis; courses will be cancelled or combined if enrolment falls below 10. A weight training room user card will be issued to participants. Please note that from 1st September 1998, only holders of the card are eligible to use the equipment in the University weight training room.

Registration should be done in person at the reception counter of the University Sports Centre. Please bring HK$10 and a recent photo. Other details of the courses are as follows:

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The University swimming pool will be closed from 1st December 1997 for annual maintenance. It will reopen in April 1998. The exact reopening date will be announced in due course.

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University is searching for alumni whose records are not on its alumni database. PolyU wishes to keep them posted of its latest developments and upcoming activities, and to solicit their advice and support in its ventures. If you are a graduate of PolyU or its predecessor institutions, Hong Kong Polytechnic and Hong Kong Technical College, you can send your name and contact address or fax number to Alumni Database Section, Office of Communications & Public Affairs, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong, Hunghom, Kowloon. You will be sent an alumni reply form. You can also e-mail alfaa@polyu.edu.hk, call 27665102, or fax 23640246.

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請須輸入中大校園電子郵件密碼。
我們總是相信自己的眼睛和耳朵，常常忽略了觸覺。然而，人類和其它哺乳類動物出生時都只是依靠觸覺來尋找母乳，一些夜行動物和失明人士更要靠觸覺來辨認四周環境。事實上，我們的觸覺極為靈敏——手指尖可以感受到只有數毫克的輕壓。

究竟皮膚是怎樣把受到的壓力傳達至中樞神經呢？原來表皮之下有各種對壓力敏感的受體，它們受到刺激便會產生電脈衝（神經細胞均以電脈衝傳遞訊息），這些訊息經過神經纖維傳到我們的中樞神經。

表皮之下，還存著一組又一組的麥高爾氏細胞與神經纖維組成一個系統，稱麥高爾氏細胞受體。由於這類受體的結構和特性類似神經系統內神經纖維的神經終端（指一個神經元的軸突接觸並影響另一個神經元的樹突或胞體的部位），科學家便推想麥高爾氏細胞可能擔當轉化及傳遞訊息的任務。

要證明並不容易，因為麥高爾氏細胞位於堅硬的表皮和由膠原纖維組成的真皮之間，難以直接觀看。即使微電極（插入神經細胞或肌肉組織，用以檢測其電脈衝的超小型電極）也無法接近和量度它們的活動。所以，麥高爾氏細胞的功能向來廣受爭議。

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聯合四十一周年院慶
破千人宴紀錄

聯合書院上月廿四日舉行四十一周年院慶典禮，主禮嘉賓包括該院校董會主席岑才生先生及香港城市大學校長張信剛教授。典禮後並於校園舉行大型露天生日會，有醒師表演；書院教職員聯誼會又捐贈重達四十磅的蛋糕，十分熱鬧。

當晚於校園舉行的千人宴為院慶高潮，刷新了去年的出席人數紀錄，逾二千名師生及校友出席，場面哄動。宴會節目除校際及舍際競技比賽外，還有現代舞和歌唱表演，壓軸項目由歌星孫耀威獻藝。中場加插幸運抽獎，禮物由熱心校董及校友捐助，該院校友會贊助全場燒豬。

社會科學院新設院長榮譽錄

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中國文化硏究所三十周年

中國文化研究所於本月一日假尖沙咀麗晶酒店貴賓廳舉行三十周年慶祝晚宴。餐會筵開十席，出席者包括校董會主席利漢釗博士，剛於上月卅一日卸任之前任校董會主席、終身校董利國偉博士伉儷，終身校董利榮森博士，校董冼為堅博士伉儷，校董兼中大校友會聯會顧問張煊昌博士，校長李國章教授，前任校長馬臨教授伉儷及高錕教授伉儷，以及多位副校長、書院及學院院長等校內外嘉賓共五十餘人，暨該所全體同人。

當晚節目豐富，氣氛熱烈。拍攝團體照片之後，由陳方正所長致歡迎詞，李國章校長以「刀緣」及「前緣」(cutting edge)為比譬，發表題為「迎接二十一世紀」的演說，繼後由李校長、馬敎授、高敎授及陳所長切生日蛋糕。其後更由利國偉博士、利漢釗博士及利榮森博士等三位校董主持開香檳儀式，由利國偉博士及利漢釗博士祝酒，慶賀文化硏究所的三十歲生辰，以及由李校長代表該所致送紀念品予多位捐款人。餐後陳方正所長頒發該所長期服務紀念牌扁予孔黃秋月女士、林業強先生、葉黎淑儀女士和黃逐貴先生，最後以幻燈歷史圖片介紹三十年來文化硏究所與中大一同成長之歷程。

關於《爾雅》一書的若干考察

中國古代哲學、語言學著名學者劉殿爵敎授上月十八日以「關於《爾雅》一書的若干考察」為題，推論《爾雅》之編纂方法，見解獨到，不囿於傳統舊說而自出機杼。

劉敎授長期從事先秦兩漢典籍硏究，在海內外享有盛名。劉敎授治學嚴謹，造詣精深，以精確的語言翻譯古代典籍，其中《論語》、《孟子》、《老子》三書英譯，已成海外硏習中國哲學必讀之書。
中風後的復元

護理學(臨床護理)講座教授麥建思教授指出，護理學對促進健康、預防疾病，以及照顧病人的心理、生理、社交及心靈等需要方面，舉足輕重。

麥建思教授上月卅一日假威爾斯親王醫院臨床醫學大樓二樓演講廳主持就職演講，講題是「中風後的復元」。

由教育局和香港教育研究所合辦的「未發掘的寶藏：資訊科技教育」講座，於本月十一日舉行首次講座，主題為「資訊科技與語文敎育」。

張明仁教授獲婦產科殊榮

婦產科講座教授張明仁教授最近獲英國皇家婦產科醫學院委任為本年度Sims Black訪問講座教授，是首位華裔人士亦是首位香港學者獲此榮譽。

崇基四十六周年校慶末圓湖正式開放

第四十六屆崇基校慶感恩崇拜於上月卅一日舉行，由香港大學校董熊翰章先生主講嘉賓，崇基校董會主席張正甫先生及校長李沛良教授則頒發獎學金予品學兼優的學生。崇基校友會在會上致送了校訓「止於至善」的題字予母校作紀念。

崇基「未圓湖」開幕典禮隨校慶懸掛慶典掛圖舉行，由李國章校長主禮。荷花池是崇基著名景點，一直吸引不少校內外人士遊覽，去今年獲崇基學院校董會捐資重建，廣植樹木，修橋築路，美觀實用兼顧；工程於上月完成，該池亦正式改名為「未圓湖」。

典禮完畢後，崇基學生會舉行一連串校慶活動，包括環校跑、校慶歌唱比賽等。千人宴當晚在嶺南運動場舉行，筵開二百多席。