Wei Lun Professor Speaks on Curriculum Reforms in HK and UK

Prof. John White, emeritus professor of philosophy of education at the Institute of Education, University of London, delivered a Wei Lun Public Lecture entitled ‘What Is Education for? The School Curriculum and Its Aims in Hong Kong and Britain’ on 22nd March in the Ho Tim Building.

Both Hong Kong and England have recently embarked on a reform of the school curriculum. In both communities, attention has been paid to the overall aims of school education, but the reforms reflect a general tension between two broad aims: the promotion of economic growth, and equipping students to lead a flourishing life. In the lecture, Prof. White discussed whether new elements in the curriculum truly reflect the aims it sets out to achieve. He believes that in both communities, much work is to be done to shape a more coherent curriculum in which the general aims and the curriculum details are closely matched.

Prof. White has worked as lecturer, reader, and then professor at the Institute of Education since 1965. Before that, he taught in secondary schools and colleges in Britain and France. He holds a BA from Oxford University in modern history, a BA from London University in philosophy and psychology, and a diploma in education from Bristol University.

EBV Expert on Boosting Immunity Against the Virus

Prof. Alan B. Rickinson, professor of cancer studies at the University of Birmingham, delivered a lecture entitled ‘Epstein-Barr Virus and Human Cancer: Prospects for Immune Intervention’ on 14th March in the Postgraduate Education Centre of the Faculty of Medicine. The lecture is a Royal Society Kan Tong Po Visiting Professorship Public Lecture.

The Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) is widely distributed in all human populations and is carried by the great majority of people as a life-long asymptomatic infection. Yet this same virus is capable of driving infected cells into permanent growth and is involved in the development of an increasingly wide range of human tumours. The lecture considered how an active immune system helps most people to live with this potentially dangerous virus, to what extent failures of the immune system predispose the individual to EBV-associated malignancies, and how people might develop immunotherapeutic vaccines that boost anti-viral immunity, thereby helping to treat, or even to prevent, important EBV-positive tumours such as nasopharyngeal carcinoma.

Prof. Rickinson once worked under the mentorship of Prof. Tony Epstein, the discoverer of EBV, at the University of Bristol, UK. His own research encompasses a variety of aspects of EBV biology, including the host cellular immune response to virus infection, the virus’s mechanism of persistence within the lymphoid system of the immunocompetent host, and the nature of the virus’s association with several different types of human cancer.

Two Exemplary Teachers from the Faculty of Social Science Honoured

Prof. Gordon Matthews of the Department of Anthropology and Prof. Winton Au of the Department of Psychology were selected recipients of the Faculty of Social Science’s Exemplary Teaching Award 2001.

Each year, the Faculty of Social Science appoints a selection committee for the award, which comprises internal, external, and student members. This year, Dr. Kenneth Leung of the School of Journalism and Communication is chairperson of the committee, and Ms. Lina Yan Hau-yee, University Council member and chairperson of the Convocation, is the external member.

At the award presentation ceremony held at the United College Staff Common Room on 7th March 2002, Prof. Matthews shared with the audience his belief that teaching students to think critically is the most important thing in education, and his personal experience that the students of the University are the best students he has ever taught. Prof. Au told the audience that his enthusiasm in and devotion to teaching have been most crucial in his ability to arouse interest in class and to establish close relationships with his students outside the classroom.

The awards were presented by Prof. Ambrose King, pro-vice-chancellor, who also gave a speech on the occasion, reiterating the University’s mission of pursuing excellence in teaching.

Using IT to Provide Better Air Cargo Services

The widespread use of IT and the worldwide trend of e-commerce have enabled small and medium-sized companies in the air cargo industry to provide customized services to individual shippers at the cost of mass production. The key components of air cargo logistics are a fourth-party e-community platform and a fourth-party logistics centre. This platform provides an integrated web-based environment for third-party logistics service providers to trade and manage their logistics processes.

The Centre of Cyber Logistics of the University held an open forum entitled ‘Towards E-Community for Hong Kong’s Air Cargo Logistics’ on 5th March to discuss the setting up of a fourth-party e-community platform in Hong Kong. The forum highlighted the centre’s efforts at providing constructive policy recommendations to the government and the air cargo industry alike.

The function, which took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Tsimshatsui, included an introduction to the e-community platform and its functions — information exchange, logistics services trading, and business management facilitation. A demonstration was also staged.
Personality Lecture Kicks off 20th Anniversary Lectures of Psychology Department

Prof. Fanny Cheung, professor of psychology, delivered a lecture entitled ‘Understanding Your Personality’ in the Esther Lee Building on 16th March. The lecture is the first of a public lecture series organized by the Department of Psychology in celebration of its 20th anniversary this year.

In the lecture, Prof. Cheung explained what personality is and how psychologists use different methods such as interviews, observation, rating, and personality testing to study personality. She further outlined what constitutes a reliable and valid personality test. The talk also introduced the advances made by the Department of Psychology in developing a culturally relevant personality test for Chinese: the Chinese Personality Assessment Inventory (CPAI).

Three other lectures will take place in the year. Prof. Darius Chan and Prof. Winton Au will speak on ‘Meeting Challenges at Work’ on 13th April, Prof. Freedom Leung will deliver a talk on ‘Weight: To Lose or Not to Lose’ on 5th June, and Prof. Angus Chan will lecture on ‘How to Improve the Brain’s Functioning’ on 28th September. They will all take place at the Li Koon Chun Hall.

Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Prof. Tung Ho Suk Ching, professor in the Department of Marketing, has been appointed by the Secretary for the Environment and Food as a member of the Marketing Advisory Board for one year from 15th February 2002.
- Prof. Tony Gin, professor of anaesthesiology and intensive care, has been appointed by the Medical Council of Hong Kong as a member of the Council’s Education and Accreditation Committee for three years from 6th February 2002.
- Prof. Tam Man Kwan, professor in the Department of Educational Administration and Policy, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Council on the E.G. West Centre for Market Solutions in Education, Faculty of Education, University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England. He has also been appointed as a mentor of the Career Mentorship Programme 2001–2 for the Hong Kong Baptist University from November 2001.
- Prof. Chan Kai Ming, professor of orthopaedics and traumatology, has been appointed as a member of the Bone and Joint Decade International Steering Committee for the period 2002–10.

Professor of Social Work Visits United College

Prof. Richard J. Estes, professor of social work at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, visited United College from 10th to 17th March as the college’s Distinguished Visiting Scholar in 2001–2.

During his visit, Prof. Estes delivered two public lectures in the T.C. Cheng Building: ‘Trends in Social Development: Implications for Hong Kong and Other Well-off Societies’ on 12th March, and ‘Trends in World Social Development: Obstacles and Opportunities at the Beginning of a New Century’ on 14th March.

Prof. Estes is the author of nine books and 60 journal articles and book chapters on international and comparative social development, comparative social welfare, social indicators, strategic and long range planning, private philanthropy, poor children in rich countries, and commercial exploitation of children. In 1999, he was invited by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service to serve as a consultant to help develop a Social Development Index (SDI-2000) for assessing the HKSAR’s past accomplishments in social development and for establishing new development goals for the future.

Ethical Issues in Clinical Trials Examined

Over a hundred researchers, members of clinical research ethics committees from hospitals, clinicians, lawyers, employees of pharmaceutical companies, and hospital administrators participated in the Symposium on Ethical Issues in Clinical Trials and a pre-symposium workshop on Challenges and Solutions for the Operations of Clinical Research Ethics Committee on 22nd and 23rd February, at the Prince of Wales Hospital and the Hospital Authority headquarters respectively. The two events were organized by the Centre for Clinical Trials and Epidemiological Research and the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, jointly with the Hospital Authority and the Hong Kong Epidemiological Association.

The participants reviewed complex ethical issues and explored ways in which researchers and ethics committees in Hong Kong can resolve them in order to protect the interest of patient subjects participating in clinical trials and to comply with relevant international guidelines. A better understanding of the issues will help them develop an efficient and effective system to deal with ethical issues.

Speakers for the two events included experienced chairpersons of ethics committees in Canada, New Zealand, and Hong Kong, heads of clinical research departments of major international pharmaceutical companies, the director of Professional Services and Medical Development of the Hospital Authority, the chief legal councillor of the Hospital Authority, clinical investigators, directors of clinical trial units in universities, and biostatisticians.

New Publications

Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research

Response to Austerity: The Imperatives and Limitations of Revenue Diversification in Higher Education

D. Bruce Johnston

A standard nostrum for higher education economists, consultants, and policy advisors is the recommendation that universities and other higher educational institutions (especially but not exclusively in the less industrialized countries) lessen their revenue dependence on governments or taxpayers. The prescription is easy to rationalize, and is theoretically — and even practically — virtually unsalvageable. However, there are also significant limitations in a revenue diversification policy, especially in the less industrialized world where the need for such a policy may be most compelling. These limitations go far beyond the ideological disarray that many have for the neo-liberal economic medicines of cost sharing and privatization, and extend to certain technical and strategic dilemmas that confound even the staunchest believer in tuition, privatization, and student lending. This paper discusses some of these technical difficulties, especially of making cost sharing and student lending work in developing countries, and provides some ‘cautions’ and a few recommendations.

ISBN 962-8077-57-0, paperback, 46 pages, HK$15
The University held its second Environmental Protection Week from 12th to 20th March. Themed "Waste Reduction and Resources Conservation", the event was aimed at encouraging staff and students to adopt the "Four R's Strategy" in their daily lives: Reduce, Replace, Reuse, and Recycle.

Major events during the week included a waste reduction workshop conducted by Dr. Gordon Ng, chair of the Conservancy Association on how Hong Kong can contribute to the fight against global warming — how it can, for example, stabilize greenhouse gas emissions by reducing energy consumption. The workshop, which took place in the Ho Sin-Hang Engineering Building on 15th March, was complemented by an exhibition and a video show to introduce the concepts of waste reduction, recycling, and Hong Kong's Waste Reduction Framework Plan. Attending the workshop were students and staff, including a large number of minor staff.

Four ecotours were arranged on 18th and 19th March to introduce students and staff of the University to the rich flora and fauna on campus. The tours, which began at University Station and ended at the main entrance on Tai Po Road, were led by graduate students of the Department of Geography and Resource Management. At the end of the last tour, Prof. Chan King-ming joined the participants in planting an azalea shrub at the University's main entrance, and a small pot-plant, provided by the Landscape Section of the Estates Management Office, was given to each participant as a souvenir.

On 20th March, Ms. Li Lok Sze, seasoned traveller, photographer, and artist, gave a talk and slide show in Y.C. Liau hall to an enthusiastic audience consisting mainly of students. Ms. Li outlined how, years ago, she was captivated by pictures of the South Pole while working as an artist on an exhibition in the City Hall. This initial enchantment led her to embark on a life of adventure travel and campaigning for the green cause — she has been to the South Pole four times, the North Pole, seven times, as well as the Chamdungma summit (Mount Everest). She is currently assisting scientists by conducting science popularization work for the sake of environmental protection. In the talk, she cautioned that as the Arctic and Antarctic circles have an enormous influence over the global climate, pollution of those regions can result in disaster for all.

The Environmental Protection Week is but a symbol of the University's continuous efforts at environmental protection, and an opportunity to promote green concepts and awareness among the University community and the general public. Although activities for the week have come to a close, efforts are still ongoing at all levels of the University and the green spirit is still very much alive.

Piera Chen
公積金及強積金計劃投資回報
Investment Returns of Staff Superannuation Schemes and MPFS

The Bursary announces the following investment returns in the Designated Investment Funds of the 1995 and 1983 Schemes and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (MPFS).

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設立運動員獎學金計劃

吸納體育精英 推廣運動風氣

大學於本學年首次推出「運動員獎學金計劃」，吸納體育精英推廣運動風氣

大學體育委員會主席陳啟明教授表示，中大向來注重全人教育，傳授知識之餘，亦不忘鼓勵學生多元發展。大學率先於一九九八年透過康體發展局運動員精英訓練計劃，招收趙詠賢（壁球）和李致和（三項鐵人）入讀本校的體育運動科學系。在學期間，他們代表中大和香港出賽，先後獲得不少獎項，並獲選為大專最佳運動員。

黃海湲

姓名：黃海湲

性別：女

主修：酒店管理

運動專項：游泳

表現：黃海湲兩歲起由爸爸教游泳，六歲時與年長一歲的姐姐組隊參加二乘五十米蛙式接力賽，竟然奪得亞軍。自此加入泳會，接受正式訓練，而獲獎也越來越多，她也數不清有多少。由於獎牌、獎杯實在太多，家裡放不下，大部分都放在泳會裡。

為什麼會愛上游泳？「游泳是最佳的發洩方法。有時候心情不好，練水後整個人便會頓時舒暢了。而且，我的游泳夥伴都是從小認識的，是我最好的朋友，大家感情十分要好。」

黃海湲是香港八百米自由式紀錄保持者。她表示，學生生活壓力大，每星期要遊兩次，甚麼玩樂都沒有個分毫。「中二至中五的四年，正值青春期的叛逆時期，游泳成績又停滯不前，要不是家人強迫，早就放棄了。」她又說：「中學會考前一個月還要加練，鐵定考不到及格，幸好考及格又不代表畢業。」

儘管犧牲了玩樂及課業時間，中至七仍然積極訓練。她說：「游泳成績並沒有退步，「運動員獎學金計劃」給我更多的機會，甚麼課業也不會太難，因為我已經拿過了很多獎項。」

黃海湲說：「獎學金計劃是一個鼓勵，讓運動員多一個選擇。對我來說，實際意義更大，因為可以減輕家裡的經濟負擔，使我可以專心學習和游泳。」

黃海湲還說：「獎學金計劃是由香港游泳總會、香港壁球總會、香港田徑總會和香港鐵人總會聯合資助，由香港大學負責計劃的執行。」

中大學通
自我反省以求进步。還有，我能說流利的普通話，也是因為常到內地比賽的緣故。

黃海湲中學時遇上一位很好的英國文學老師，引發了她對英國文學的興趣，目標是入讀香港大學比較文學系。後來從教練處得知中大的「運動員獎學金計劃」，決定申請之餘，也重新考慮修讀的學科，覺得「光唸文學似乎限制了出路，於是選擇酒店管理，希望日後投身如渡假村之類的消閒企業，擔任管理工作。」

黃海湲坦言，現在修讀的基礎科目如會計、統計及財務等，她都沒有根底，唸起來伴感吃力，加上要兼顧練水，成績只是一般。不過，校方很關心她的情況，教練特別請商學院的高年級學生給她指導。她相信日後修讀酒店管理的科目時，情況會樂觀很多。

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音樂和標槍，喜歡哪樣多些？她堅決地說：「同樣喜歡，就像魚與熊掌，我都要兩者兼得。音樂總是帶給我愉悅，況且是天賦的才能，不應浪費，老師亦鼓勵我朝這方面發展。標槍則給我成就感和滿足感，以及健康的身體。」她打算畢業後繼續進修音樂。至於運動，她希望能突破自己的三十六米紀錄，向香港的四十一米青年紀錄邁進。
伟伦讲座
教育所为何事

英国伦敦大学教育研究所荣誉讲座教授Prof. John White表示，教育除了促进经济效益外，亦要装备学生活出丰盛人生。

Prof. White上月二十二日在何添楼主持伟伦教授讲座，探讨「教育所为何事？香港和英国的学校课程及其目的」。

他指出，课程的制定往往以经济目标为重，但教育学生活出丰盛的人生，理应比促进经济发展更为重要。

香港和英国的课程改革虽然都标榜学生活出丰盛的人生，但此目标很容易在实行过程中流失，两地政府须确保课程改革中的每一项细节均与这个目标相符，才能制定较完善的课程。

Prof. White是英国教育哲学学会的前任会长和现任副主席，亦是多份教育学期刊的编辑委员会成员，出版论文逾百篇，专著十六种。

物流信息管理高阶培训班

地球信息科学联合作实验室上月十一至十四日举办物流信息高阶培训课程，首席研究员及香港特区政府的物流信息管理专家教授表示，物流信息管理技术的普及，使物流业得以降低成本，促进各业的发展。

两名来自美国、中国内地和香港的学者，以及香港中医药界的专家参加了研讨会，他们认为，香港需尽快完善物流信息管理机制，以提升物流服务的效率和质量。

物流公司中的物流信息管理

第二届环保周鼓吹四R政策

本校物流信息管理中心上月八日联合主办绿色博览会，介绍及展示最新的绿色物流技术和功能，包括资讯交流、物流服务交易和物业管理设施，鼓励工业区与政府共同设计香港空运物流业的未来发展策略。

中主任张伟文教授表示，香港空运物流业的发展须依赖政府的推动和支持，以及社会各界的积极参与。

心理系二周年公开讲座

心理系于上月十六日在利黄瑽壁楼二号演播室举办心理系二周年公开讲座，由张妙清教授主讲「理解你的性格」。

性格是个人的特质和倾向，普遍在思想、情绪、行为和人际关系中表现出来，但人的性格并不容易被理解。

张教授表示，心理系与北京大学心理研究所合作研究性格理论，近年来已经取得了重要的研究成果。