

LETTERS AND GREETINGS FROM FORMER STAFF



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Dear Kung Lee College Students, Staff, and Friends:

As I sit at my desk today looking again at the lovely new Kung Lee College Prospectus kindly sent to me by your present principal, Hudson Soo, I find myself reliving those early years of the school's existence. In fact, I was assigned to work as the "fu hau jung" of Kung Lee before the school was even completed; that was way back in 1966. A couple of years later, I went on to become the school's principal.

My earliest recollection of Kung Lee College was a secondary school hiding behind its bamboo scaffolding – not yet ready to be born and take its place among the fast-growing number of Anglo-Chinese secondary schools. I was excited about being assigned to work in a school that as yet had no history, no traditions, no prescribed way of doing things. There were uniforms to design, fabric colors to pick out, classrooms to set up, furnishings to buy, a school song to write, and (most important) there was an opportunity to help Kung Lee grow as a school that would care about students' total development – academic, social, and spiritual. But, I am equally excited twenty years later to read and see that Kung Lee College has not only strengthened its early goals but has gone on to expand its facilities and programs in ways that were never dreamed of in 1967 – the exciting world of computer technology. I am also pleased to read that in 1987 Kung Lee College students will have many additional courses from which to choose. That is certainly fulfilling the school's motto of daring to know and letting your colors show.

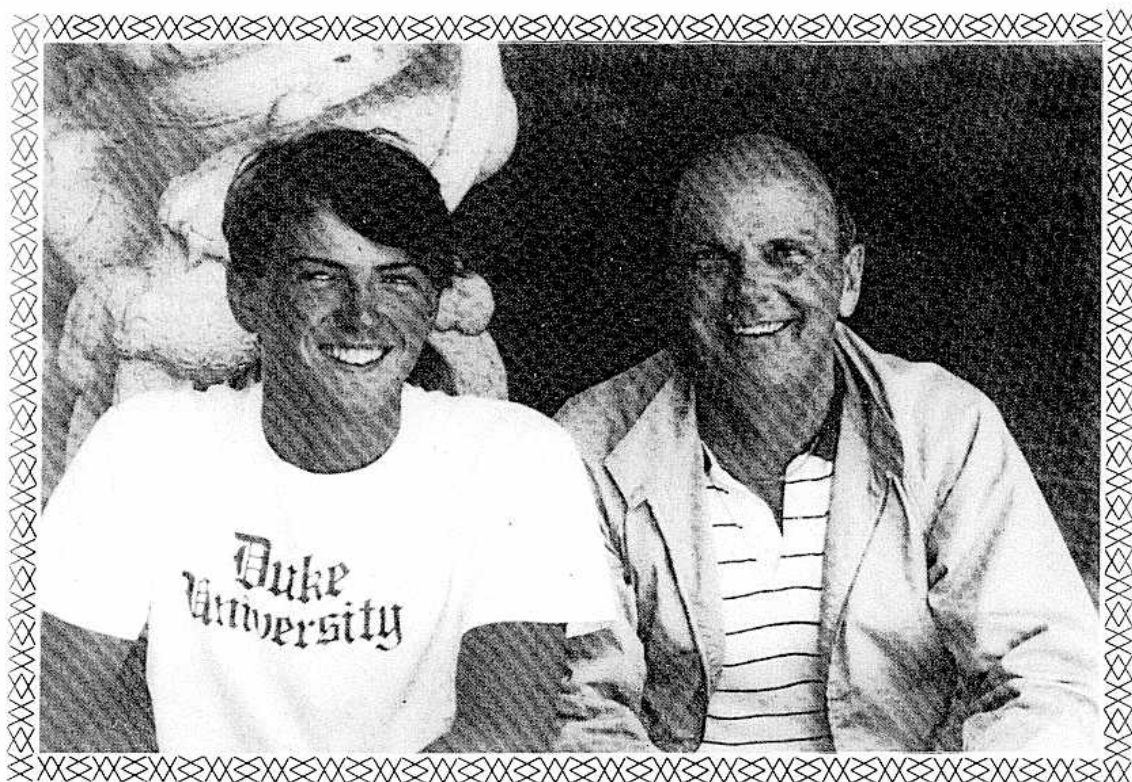
It seems to me that on the occasion of its Twentieth Anniversary, Kung Lee College stands taller than ever on its beautiful location overlooking Hong Kong's Harbour. I salute you Kung Lee College, staff, students, and friends'.

Sincerely,

Gordon De Pree

P.S. As a reminder of the twenty years which have passed, I am enclosing a photo of me and our Hong Kong born son, Christopher Gordon, who used to be carried around Kung Lee in 1967 as a 1-year old. He is now a junior at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

At the present time, my wife and I are living and working in Saudi Arabia where I am involved in an intensive English program for the employees of a large oil company. We still enjoy using Cantonese and occasionally find Chinese friends here in "Sa-Deih-A-Lai-Bak."



Magazine article for Kung Lee College's 20th anniversary

Greetings to all my previous students and colleagues. It hardly seems possible that it is 20 years since we were together. By now those whom I taught will be men and women of responsibility and importance. I wish you well in the careers you are following and hope that you find a fulfilment that goes beyond mere status and salary, useful as they are.

I, too, have had a change of direction. I am now a minister with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. My parish is in the country, about the size of Hong Kong Island. It has more sheep than people and lots of empty spaces, with plenty of snow and cold weather in the winter. It has been a big change which has made me ask myself what things are important to me; what I want of life. As I have been pondering that, I came across this article. Think it over and let it ask you what the most important things are in your lives.

"He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter's shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the public turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE."

May your lives make their mark for good on the lives of those you meet, work and live with.
Best wishes to you all,

Rev. Alison Bell

Miss Bell was a teacher and counsellor at Kung Lee College. She now lives in New Zealand.

Dear Mr. Soo,

Please send my best regards to my former colleagues and students at Kung Lee College.

I have many fond memories of my years there as an English teacher in Forms 3 & 4. My colleagues were very kind and helpful when I first arrived, teaching me many of things I should know about life in Hong Kong. The students were usually serious and studious, a fact which made a teacher's job as pleasurable. Canadian students are amazed at how hard working a Chinese student must be in order to compete for school places and then jobs, not to mention sitting for examinations in a foreign language.

Kung Lee College has progressed tremendously in the 10 years since I've left. I am delighted to see the so many new programs and facilities designed to better serve the students. Students must have difficulty in picking and choosing among all the courses and extra-curricular activities offered.

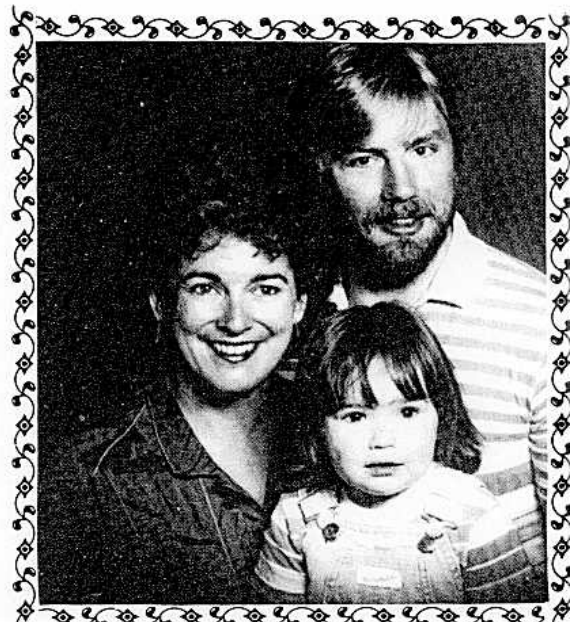
Since my return to Canada, I have married and we have a little daughter. I am teaching little children who are mentally and physically handicapped. Many of them have cerebral palsy which is a birth defect causing brain damage, leaving the children with some intellectual impairment as well as affecting one or more limbs. I work closely with physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, various specialists and parents to design programs suited to the special needs of each child. It is a fascinating work which offers many rewards.

I do miss my friends and life in Hong Kong. I keep in touch with many people and have followed the lives of many of my former students. They are a credit to themselves and to their school. I feel confident that under the guidance of your good self and the teachers of Kung Lee College, the present and future students will also become good citizens — a credit to their school.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Mercer

Miss Mercer was a teacher of Kung Lee College. She lives with her family in New Foundland, Canada.



Dear Mr. Soo,

I was very happy to get your letter and news about Kung Lee. I was particularly touched that some of my colleagues from the "old days" are still teaching there and sent their regards. Please give my best thoughts to them, too!

Please add my congratulations to the 20th Anniversary of the school. I would just like to say to your present students that they are very fortunate to be attending an excellent Christian school and to take every advantage of the education they will receive there.

Sincerely yours,

Dirck de Velder

Mr. de Velder was a teacher of Kung Lee College. He now resides with his family in a suburb near Paris, France.

校友來鴻



姚會來校友：

校鐘响了，該是出門口的時候了。由於家居在學校的彼鄰，所以能聽到學校上課的鐘聲。聽到的依舊是那鐘聲，我趕着前赴的却不是課室，而是枯燥乏味、人事複雜的辦公室。

每天看見很多「同門後輩」返學，心想他們又遲到了，還不趕快跑？偶爾也會碰見一些老師，畢竟歲月催人，他們的面目和心境也不同了。他們在這座校舍裡不但只教導了我們這一批人，而且不斷地在培育另一批人材。這批「育苗者」實在居功不少。繼續努力吧！老師們。

離校十年了，心境改變了很多，但對母校那份感情却沒有多大改變。真希望能有一天，我可以和昔日的同窗好友、老師們相聚，在這座二十年歷史的校舍裏，細訴當年。

祝母校下一個二十年，百尺竿頭、更進一步。

周啓敦校友：

中學階段是成長中極重要的一環。在公理書院的五年中學生活中，除了在學術上得到造就外，更透過參予、服務和學習，使德、智、體、羣、美也得到栽培，這使我畢生受用。

在母校廿週年歷史中，我很榮幸能參予其中四份一的光陰。其間，師資及設備不斷在進步，使我深信母校在培育青少年的使命上是不遺餘力的。

如今，每當我在街上遇上穿着公理書院校服的學生，都為他們高興，也盼望他們與母校一樣，有燦爛美好的前途。

母校公理，創立廿紀，
作育英才，不懈不疲。

註：周啓敦校友（功社，1979）獲浸會學院音樂系榮譽文憑（優異），現任職香港管弦協會。

易洪燊校友：

「母校」這個名詞在我的腦海中很模糊。我在大學前是一個頑皮及懶惰的學生。我在五年的中學階段，就讀了三所學校，其中停留最久的一所也只有三年，就是三年已超過百分之五十，大概也可稱它作「母校」吧。姑勿論它是否配稱母校，它給我的影響是很大的。我現所擁有的，包括我太座，都是它「配給」。它全新的校舍、先進的設備、自由的學習環境和教師的班底——西方的、台灣來的、土產的、有責任的、混飯吃的、有經驗的和剛出來教學的——我都清楚地看在眼裡，盡責任和努力的老師我很尊敬，找三餐的，我跟他（她）為難，但最難忘的是一位數學老師的一個字「池」，這一切給了我一個新的開始，啓發了我的求學目的，也孕育了我到外國求學的決心。

祝母校聲名遠播，英才無限。

註：易洪燊校友（力社，1971），大學畢業後，投身商界，創辦日衡洋行。

李世元校友：

I learn with great interest that my Alma Mater is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Keep up with your good work!

註：李世元校友，功社（1979），在美國取得電腦碩士後，現在 AT & T Bell Laboratories 工作。

陳忍昌校友：

I entered Kung Lee College in September 1968 as a Form 3C student when Mr. Barton was the school principal. I was particularly grateful to Mr. Barton, Mr. Ma Hing-wah, Mr. Lam Wah-tong and other teachers who provided a liberal and stimulating academic environment for me to learn. I was determined to study hard when I was in Form 4 Science East stream in 1969 when Mr. Ma was the Form Master. Overall, I felt that the study environment at Kung Lee was very good at the time in the sense that the teachers were very attentive to student's needs, and the atmosphere was not so competitive. I was very pleased that I had my secondary school education at Kung Lee College.
My whole-hearted congratulations on the 20th Anniversary of Kung Lee College!

註：陳忍昌校友，力社（1971），獲英國倫敦大學博士，現任教香港中文大學電子學系。

甄錫輝校友：

我在母校讀書的時候，印象最深的是：校長及英文科老師都是西方人，使我能學習到較好的英語會話，這對我日後的工作有很大的幫助。還有，母校在數屆電視台舉辦的學術比賽中都有出色的表現，使我這已經畢業的校友亦治上一份光采。

敬祝母校，百尺竿頭更進一步！

註：甄錫輝校友（協社，1970）為耀輝洋行總經理。

馮少聰校友：

從牙週病的治療原理，我領悟到教導學生的原理：牙醫替病人清理所有牙石、牙垢；病人要接受及遵從牙醫的教導，小心地保持口腔衛生；老師把各課內、課外知識灌輸給學生；學生要接受及遵從老師的教導，勤奮地不斷裝備自己。

二十歲的公理書院有良好的師資，完善的設備，實能有效地把各方面的知識灌輸給學生。只要學生們能完成自己份內工作，我深信將來必成為對社會有貢獻的人。

師弟、師妹們，你們實在擁有極佳的客觀學習條件，你們的將來就是掌握在你們自己的手裡了。

熱烈祝賀母校建校廿週年！

註：馮少聰校友（輝社，1980）獲香港大學牙科醫學士，現為註冊牙醫。

何志安校友：

轉瞬間，我離開母校已經有八年了。但對於母校的一切情況，一樣關懷。看着母校又在發展的階段上大大的向前跨進了一步，今年已是母校廿週年紀念的大日子，內心實在有說不出的興奮和喜悅。

回想在母校五年的中學生活，老師給我的訓誨和栽培，同學間的互相關懷、勸勉及思想交流，都是我不能忘懷的。你問我對母校有何感想？我不期然會想起在七八畢業同學錄序言裡我所寫的幾句話。『在這五年的時間裏，我可以學到怎樣處事待人，怎樣尋找學問，和如何被人認識及怎樣去認識別人。』這不是是母校給予我一份最珍貴的畢業禮物，更為我將來的學業和個人發展立下穩固的基礎。

八年後，我已經踏進社會工作，在事業上面對很多的挑戰。但是，過去在母校求學的那段日子，我都會牢牢的記住，必定非常受用。

在母校創校廿週年紀念的日子裡，謹向母校的老師們、同學們，致以最熱烈的祝賀。

註：何志安校友，籍社（1978）獲香港大學社會工作碩士，現任職香港政府社會福利署。

陳仲毅校友：

回想十九年前，當我第一天踏進公理書院，發覺所有課室十分整潔，宏偉的禮堂及新穎的教學儀器給予我極新鮮的感覺。環顧那年代港九各校，公理書院的設備可謂首屈一指，令我感到能成為母校一份子而自豪。身為公理書院第一屆畢業生，校長及老師對我們寄與很大的期望、各人經常給予我精神上的支持和鼓勵，本人今天在事業上雖談不上甚麼大成就，但亦可謂略有基礎，校長及各老師實居功至偉，藉此機會我謹向母校全人致萬式分謝意。

祝公理書院、揚名遍四海、桃李滿天下。

註：陳仲毅校友（協社，1970），為聯大行董事總經理。

胡志遠校友：

Kung Lee College, my alma mater, is located at just a place appropriate for its purpose. How can I forget the refreshing air I used to breathe when I arrived at the school every morning, or to see the tranquil ambience which got me to a good start for a hectic day to come.

In retrospect, my school life was generally delightful, except of course during those examination periods. I had participated in many extra-curricular activities, which I must say, were indispensable to my growth.

It is a peculiar style, feeling, or feature that rife in a particular place. It is somewhat like custom. Well, Kung Lee College relaly gives me an impression of austerity and I adore it very much. My appreciation and respect also goes to some teachers for their arduous effort.

Allow me to be a little bit more avid. I would like to see my alma mater continue to improve and to grow. On the other hand, I promise I will not fail what was expected of me.

My heartfelt congratulations. Keep up the good work.

註：胡志遠校友(1984年,日社)，現就讀香港大學電子系。

盧志強校友

公理和我似乎結下了不解的情緣。我在這個不大不少的校舍裏，過了三年的學生生活，也教過三年學。我的感受，我想，會比其他校友來得特別，也很困難在這裏細訴。我只想談談過往的兩件瑣事。

我當公理學生時，校長是外國人，對派對非但沒有反感，反而着意推動。那時公理風紀不好，「英雄好漢」輩出，可是派對期間都無發生大的衝突，可能是放在校門外的那輛警車鎮壓住。我本來也不喜歡跳舞的，因為我是個標準的書蟲。不過百多人跳在一塊實在令人雀躍、興高彩烈。我雖然跳得一手很差勁的舞，但派對倒是頂喜歡的。畢業後參加組織校友會，便想來一個週年舞會，但吶喊了十五年，却是越來越「呼不欲出」。

另一件事是和民謠音樂有關的。我本是個對民謠一無所知的人。但教學時經常見到學生彈得兼唱得，好玩之極，我於是也參加進去了。那時很多學生都唱得很好，我便想應該讓他們表演一下。於是動議校方支持在藝術中心開音樂會。那差不多是十年前的事。十年前唱歌的那一羣，現在只有少數幾個知其音訊。終究是十年人事幾翻新嘛！不過，今年我們又有機會再回到藝術中心的舞台上了。校友會已訂了七月四日晚的藝術中心的壽臣劇場開一場校友音樂會。我憧憬着這一刻的來臨，是否可重溫一下當年的那份喜悅。

人生會完結。人類的智慧却賴教育一代一代的傳續下去。願與母校共勉。

註：盧志強校友（力社，1971），曾於1980年獲頒授環境學碩士及環境工程學碩士，現為香港理工學院環境學中心之講師。