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The Association of Nanyang University Graduates choir group giving a captivating performance

The entertaining performances that were put up by students from the Cultural Activities Club performing groups

Guests viewing the exhibition

Alumni and guests enjoying an evening of chit chatting

Memories are made of these...

Our very own alumni, Chua Ying and Darryl David came back to campus to be the emcees for the evening

Alumni getting together during the candlelight rendezvous

The alumni night was very memorable. As a fresh graduate, this is something that should not be missed. The programme for the evening was fantastic too! (Anonymous, NIE 2005)

It feels good being back to campus and meeting up with old friends and it is heartening to see such a successful homecoming! (Sim Chin Soong, MAE 2003)
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The best honoured

The Nanyang Alumni Awards are presented to the most outstanding alumni who exemplify the highest standards of excellence in their chosen professions, and whose endeavours reflect admirably on, or bring honour to, the University.

Scientist par excellence

Dr Liew Choong-Chin

A pioneer in cardiovascular molecular medicine in the 1980s and 1990s, Dr Liew Choong-Chin remains a leader in disease-specific genetics research. Together with his colleagues at the University of Toronto and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dr Liew was the first to estimate the number of genes in the cardiovascular system and developed the first cardiovascular-specific microarray (CardioChip) for studying the mechanisms of cardiovascular diseases. Most recently, Dr Liew has developed the Sentinel Principle, the novel concept in Asia, for the estimation of early-stage technology investing in the Asia-Pacific. His firm helped companies in Asia attract US investors as well as assist US companies in expanding in Asia. Within 10 years, Walden International’s funds grew to 16 times its size, and the firm, as mentioned earlier, over US$1.6 billion under its management.

More heart-warming than his business successes is his spirit of giving, as taught to him by his mother. If you have a dollar, give away 10 cents, she used to tell him. Parting money may be easy for many people, but as Mr Tan explains, if you understand the meaning of giving, you will give until you feel the pain, and that is when the joy comes.

Mr Tan himself donates his time and money generously to many community organisations in the US, where he resides. These include a charity that provides opportunities for low-income people with after-school, youth leadership and job skills programmes and emergency food, clothing as well as education; the International Justice Mission that has rescued 7,000 children from prostitution, bonded slavery and illegal detention; and the Bay Area Rescue Mission, which has provided hot meals and beds for the homeless.

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VC Pioneer with the spirit of giving

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With more than US$1.6 billion investment funds, Mr Tan Lip-Bu has helped more than 300 companies, with more than 70 of them going public, including such big names as Creative Technology, Ltd, SINA Corporation, Semiconductors Manufacturing International Corp and Integrated Silicon Solutions, Inc. Named “Venturer of the Year” at the 2001 Asian Venture Capital Awards in Hong Kong, Mr Tan, 46, is Chairman of Walden International, Asia’s top technology VC firm.

After acquiring an MS in Nuclear Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr Tan soon moved into venture capital when he joined the Francisco-based Walden Group in the mid-1980s. He started Walden International and pioneered the US venture capital concept in Asia, contributing towards the promotion of early-stage technology investing in the Asia-Pacific. His firm helped companies in Asia attract US investors as well as assist US companies in expanding in Asia. Within 10 years, Walden International’s funds grew to 16 times its size, and the firm, as mentioned earlier, over US$1.6 billion under its management.

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The Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award is awarded to alumni who have rendered outstanding service to the University, which may be reflected in significant commitments to clubs, schools, fundraising or other activities substantially benefiting the University, and they need not be through its alumni clubs/associations.

Chinese expert

PROFESSOR CHEW CHENG HAI

Confucius is long considered as China’s pre-eminent teacher, whose philosophy and moral teachings have been the country’s guide to life for millennia. Following the teachings is Professor Chew Cheng Hai, whose entire professional life has been devoted to Chinese language education in Singapore. Whether it is teaching or training in various educational institutions, or driving the compilation of a global Chinese dictionary, Professor Chew has been there. His contributions have been enormous and far-reaching since graduating from Nanyang University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1967. Over the past 38 years, he has trained numerous Chinese language teachers at the then Teachers’ Training College and Institute of Education, and currently, the National Institute of Education (NIE). He was head of the Chinese Division at NIE in 1994 when it merged with NTU. Shortly after, he was also appointed director of the Centre of Chinese Language and Culture.

Under his leadership, both the centre and NIE’s Chinese Division flourished. He has also served in numerous national committees on Chinese language teaching and review. Internationally, Professor Chew has served as a Chinese language external examiner, adviser and visiting professor to the University of Malaya (2002-2005), Hong Kong Institute of Education (2000-2003), University of Hong Kong (2002-2006), the Central Normal University of China (1999-2001), Peking Normal University (2000-2003) and several others.

In Chinese language research, he has been the compelling force behind the project to compile a global Chinese dictionary. The proposal was well-received and work started this year, strongly supported by the Ministry of Education in China. The successful implementation of the project will enhance the status of Singapore as the hub of Chinese language studies outside mainland China.

Professor Chew was also responsible for setting up the Confucius Institute at NTU. The idea was floated by China in 2004 – Professor Chew saw the potential benefits that such an institute would bring to NTU, and pushed for its implementation. This milestone is set to establish NTU as a major centre of Chinese language education.

Outstanding public figure

MR CHIA BAN SENG

Mr Chia Ban Seng’s honourable achievements span across business, education and civic life. In the business arena, Mr Chia is Managing Director of IndoCement, Singapore. He was previously Chairman of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI). Mr Chia also served as Managing Director of IndoCement for the past 38 years, he has trained others.

His contributions include being a member of the Tan Kah Kee Foundation; Deputy Chairman, Singapore Chinese Orchestra; and member of the board of directors, Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall. The Memorial Hall is dedicated to the task of restoring a 120-year-old bungalow where Dr Sun Yat Sen once sojourned. For these and other contributions, Mr Chia was conferred the Public Service Medal in 1990 and the Public Service Star in 2002.

Orchid scientist

PROFESSOR HEW CHOY SIN

Professor Hew Choy Sin is among the leading orchid scientists in the world and his lifelong work has helped raise Singapore orchids to the world as a leading centre for orchid cultivation and research.

His Orchid Research Group, which includes both students and scientists from around the world, has studied various aspects of orchid photosynthesis, respiration, mineral nutrition, carbon allocation, plant growth and post-harvest physiology. Such research has greatly benefited the Singapore and global orchid industry.

Professor Hew is now an adjunct professor at the Institute of Advanced Studies at NTU. He has served in professional bodies, such as the Singapore National Academy of Science, and is currently Vice-Chairman of the Tan Kah Kee Foundation. Recently, Professor Hew joined the Management Development Institute of Singapore as consultant to the School of Life Sciences.

A gold medalist in Biology at Nanyang University by the age of 19, Hew went on to obtain his Master of Science and PhD from Queen’s University in Canada. His academic output is extensive, having produced three books, contributed to six other book chapters and published over 150 articles in refereed journals. Among his many awards is the 1997 National Science Award, the highest honour conferred for scientific achievement in Singapore. In addition, Professor Hew is also a passionate teacher who was awarded the NUS Mentorship Teaching Award in the 1999-2000 period.

In public service, he served as council member and advisory board member in numerous institutions and government bodies, including the Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts, Institute of Education Council, the former National Science and Technology Board, Public Service Commission, Pioneer Junior College, Hwa Chong Junior College, Singapore National Academy of Science, Singapore Institute of Biology, Singapore Association for Advancement of Science, Sembawang Shipyard GreenWave Environmental Care Board, and Singapore Environmental Engineering Society. He is also a visiting professor at Xiamen University, South China Normal University, Guangzhou, and the consultant to the Centre for Orchid Research (China), Singapore National Academy of Science, Singapore Institute of Biology, Singapore Association for Advancement of Science, Sembawang Shipyard GreenWave Environmental Care Board, and Singapore Environmental Engineering Society.

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Mr Chia plays several leadership roles in education, including serving as a member of the NTU Council. The council provides the vision, guidance and management support for NTU to achieve its aims as a global university of excellence.

Graduating in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Nanyang University, Mr Chia devoted much of his time in fostering alumni activities. For over 10 years, he was president of the Association of Nanyang University Graduates. He also contributed in founding NTU’s Tan Lark Sye Professorship in Chinese Language and Culture and helped raise funds. Other educational and civic positions that Mr Chia is serving include being a member of the board of trustees, Chinese Development Assistance Council; Chairman, Deyi Secondary School advisory committee; member of the school management committees of Nanyang Junior College and Chung Cheng High School.

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Woman of the year 1995

MRS YU-FOO YEE SHOON

A graduate of both Bachelor of Commerce from Nanyang University in 1971 and Master of Business from NTU in 1996, Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon has played many roles with rare distinction – Minister of State for Community Development, Youth and Sports; Member of South West District, trade union leader; and mother of three.

For almost three decades, Mrs Yu-Foo served in the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC), rising from a divisional director to Deputy Secretary-General. She played a significant part in championing the cause of workers. She was also a founder of NTUC Childcare and NTUC Foodfare. For her exemplary contribution to the labour movement and co-operative movement, she was conferred the Bombay Medal by the Singapore National Co-operative Federation in 1997. While at NTUC, she also served as a board member for several co-operatives, statutory boards and listed companies.

Her interests are wide and varied, ranging from reading, sports and meeting people, to political and community work, and cooking. Held as a role model for women in Singapore, she was named Woman of the Year in 1995 for her work in trade unions as well as her role as a grassroots leader concerned with women’s rights and family values.

An example of her practical approach in helping women is her involvement with the Breast Cancer Foundation as patron. Mrs Yu-Foo’s other appointments include Chairman of the Public Education Committee on Family (2001) and member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Ageing Population and Chairman of the IMO World Federation on Health Care (1998 –1999).
The Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognises alumni under the age of 40 whose endeavours in their chosen fields or professions are worthy of recognition and have brought honour to NTU.

Versatile athlete
MS CHAI EE JUANG, EILEEN
Adept both on land and in water, Ms Chai excels in gymnastics, diving as well as running. Ms Chai was a two-time Singapore Track and Field champion at the Nanyang University Games (1997 and 1998) and was a member of the Singapore national team in the 1999 SEA Games in Manila. In her undergraduate days at NTU, she won a prestigious engineering award for entrepreneurial and academic excellence, and as the 1998 NTU Sportsman of the Year. In international competition, this Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Structural) graduate from 1999, part-time model and self-confessed waterbaby has won many medals in various national and international meets, and has represented Singapore in many competitions, such as the Olympic Games in Sydney (2000), the World University Summer Games in Fukuoka, Japan (1995), the 5th Asian Financial Swimming Championships in Hobart, Tasmania (1997), the 19th SEA Games in Jakarta (1997), the 8th World Swimming Championships in Perth (1998), the 20th SEA Games in Brunei (1999), the 9th Asian Fin Swimming Championships in Dalian, China (1999) and most recently, winning a bronze medal in the 23rd SEA Games in Vietnam (2005). Eileen also exhibits a strong entrepreneurial streak and is now managing a few lifestyle businesses.

Sport and academic excellence
MR KWOK YING WAH, LESLIE
Swimming champ Leslie Kwok not only wins medals for Singapore, he has coached others to bring home the gold. He shares his expertise by conducting gymnastics judging courses, and serves as judge in gymnastics events.

Scholar with a charitable spirit
MS LIM JOO LEE
Ms Lim Joo Lee is a recipient of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, joining the ranks of former US President Bill Clinton and other luminaries. The 26-year-old graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Accountancy from NTU and went to acquire two MSc degrees at Oxford during her scholarship years. In her undergraduate days, she was the first female president of the NTU Students’ Union (1999-2000). During her term, it raised $250,000 for needy students and charities, and tackled issues that affected student welfare, such as exam timetabling and transport for students to campus. While at Oxford, she continued to be active in community work and participated in two projects to raise money for the Nantah in South Africa. She is now working as a management consultant.

Dynamic broadcaster
MS SER SIEW YEN, DIANA
Broadcast journalist and producer Ser Siew Yen, Diana, received her Master in Mass Communication from NTU’s School of Communication and Information in 2003. In return, she has been very supportive in sharing her experiences with students and alumni in talks, panels, and forums, and is often featured in the school’s promotional materials. Equally adept in print and broadcast journalism, Diana is a well-known face for over a decade in television work. The versatile and bilingual presenter has hosted many memorable programmes, including the launch of Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew’s memoirs (2000), the President’s Star Charity (1997/98), and the Asian Television Awards (1996). She was also involved in two successful current affairs shows – Get Real! And What Women Want, Really! Most recently, High Stakes: The Casino Debate, anchored by Ms Siew Yen, was nominated for Best News/Current Affairs Programme at the 2005 Asian Television Awards.

Popular artiste
MS SNG EE TZE, STEFANIE
Ms Sng Ee Tze, more commonly known as Stefanie Sun or Sun Yan Zi in Chinese, is often portrayed as the girl next-door who made good on the international stage. Probably the most popular local artiste and one of the first to make major headway in the fiercely competitive Mandarin music scene, 27-year-old Stefanie graduated from NTU in 2000 with a Bachelor of Business, majoring in marketing. In 2000, she made her musical debut with the release of a self-titled album, Yan Zi. Nine albums, with more than eight million units sold to date, she has not looked back since, and her meteoric rise in the regional Mandarin pop music scene has inspired many more Singapore artistes to follow her example and make it big in Taiwan, China and Hong Kong. Stefanie has won over 30 awards and other accolades, including the Pan-Asian MTV Asia Awards. The pride of many Singaporeans and NTU, Stefanie had twice been chosen to perform the official theme song for National Day.

The Nanyang Alumni Service Award is awarded to alumni or members of an alumni club/association that is affiliated to the University. Alumni must have rendered outstanding voluntary contributions to the University through service in alumni programmes or commitments to the University. Activities must be involved in those activities that substantially benefit the University through the alumni clubs/associations. They must also have served in the alumni clubs/associations over and above normal work duties when employed by the University.

An alumnus’ many hats
MR CHAN SING FAR
A successful businessman in the insurance industry, Mr Chan Sing Far has been serving as the Association of Nanyang University Graduates (ANUG) as a committee member since 1996. He was also involved in the ANUG committee that raised $1.92 million for the Tan Lark Shi Professorship in Chinese Language, Culture and Civilisation. In 2000, he helped organise the Nantah 50th Anniversary golf tournament and dinner for 1,200 alumni. He also serves in the NTU Alumni Club, organising many social activities. Outside the alumni, he is an active member and leader of many grassroots organisations and community associations and clans in Singapore.
Mr Chia Yeow Keng, Roderick is one busy man – he invented new technology products in his undergraduate days, sponsored off-campus companies to commercialise his ideas, and now offers help to fellow NTU alumni in the world of high-tech enterprise. After graduating from NTU in 1996 with a Bachelor in Engineering (Electrical and Electronics Engineering), Mr Chia plunged right into the international arena where he encountered the ups and downs of the exciting industry. He obtained a graduate diploma in the university’s Entrepreneurship Programme (TIP) and is currently pursuing the MSc in TIP.

Now CEO of Serial Communications, he served as a judge at last year’s NTU Business Plan Competition and was also involved in the interviewing panel for the Nanyang Scholarship. For two years running, Mr Chia has led the association of Taiwan Valley students to organise the Global Entrepreneurship Conference, which explored ways to bring Silicon Valley expertise and culture to Singapore.

Best all-rounder

MR SIVA GOPAL S/O THAIYALAN

Mr Siva Gopal s/o Thaiyalan’s energy is inexhaustible. When he was a trained teacher at NIE, he started, organised and led many student activities and programmes, such as the youth expedition projects (YPE) to neighbouring countries. He also started NIE’s Service-Learning Club (SLC), which organises service-learning projects to develop all-rounded teachers. Furthermore, he was the inaugural Chairperson of the Physical Education and Sports Science (PESS) Club in NIE (1999 – 2003). He was awarded the Rotary International gold medal for best all-rounder student, leadership and dedication to student activities when he completed his Diploma in Physical Education in 2003. He continued to do a Bachelor of Science in Education, graduating this year. He is currently the President of the National Triathlon Training Squad (1997–2000). Mr Lim has completed half a dozen marathons, and has represented Singapore in triathlon competitions as well as the protruding Ironman World Championship in Hawaii in 1989, where he was the fastest finisher from Asia outside Japan. He was a co-founder of the Triathlon Association of Singapore, and has served as chairman of the National Triathlon Training Squad (1997–2000). He was also the first Singaporean elected as a Board Member in the Asian Triathlon Confederation Executive Board (1995–2003).

Super marathoner

MR LIM NGHEE HUAT

President of the NTU Chinese Society Alumni since 2001, Ms Gan Chui Goh has been actively involved in organising activities for the alumni. Ms Gan has also given her time to other events held at NTU, such as sitting in on the interview panel for the selection of Nanyang Scholars in 2005, as well as sharing her experiences during networking sessions at the International Students’ Centre. Since graduating with a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronics Engineering) in 1999, Ms Gan has been actively pursuing academic excellence, with an MBA followed by a Master of Management Research. She is now working towards her Doctoral degree. She started her career as an engineer, and then as a polytechnic lecturer before starting her business venture with Blue-dye Analytics and Consulting. Her passion in consumer intelligence, shared by a team of Blue-dye research analysts and charted marketers, has pushed her towards achieving greater academic and professional excellence.

Academic and professional excellence

MS GAN CHUI GOH

The geographical length of Singapore is simply not enough for super-marathoner Mr Lim Nghee Huat. Sz. He set two national records when he ran 168km round the island to help raise $166,000 for NTU’s Endowment Fund. Age was no obstacle for Mr Lim, who was Nanyang University’s Sportman of the Year in 1974; he graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Commerce. He was the oldest of the main runners who took the challenge of completing the whole course, yet he came first, in 24 hours and 46 minutes.

A running champion since 1972, Mr Lim has completed half a dozen marathons, and has represented Singapore in triathlon competitions as well as the protruding Ironman World Championship in Hawaii in 1989, where he was the fastest finisher from Asia outside Japan. He was a co-founder of the Triathlon Association of Singapore, and has served as chairman of the National Triathlon Training Squad (1997–2000). He was also the first Singaporean elected as a Board Member in the Asian Triathlon Confederation Executive Board (1995–2003).

Actively serving

MR TAN YEW BENG

‘Multi-tasker’ Mr Tan Yew Beng is a man who wears many hats. He is Chairman and Managing Director of three companies and a director of five more, and he serves actively in eight other social and community organisations.

Mr Tan was the organising chairman of the 1995 4th Nantah Global Reunion Dinner, which attracted more than 6,000 alumni from all over the world to their former campus ground. He was also organising chairman of other reunion gatherings for the past 10 years, including the Nantah Nite 2005, which celebrated the 50th anniversary of Nanyang University. Furthermore, Mr Tan has contributed in setting up the Tan Lark Sye Professorship in Chinese Language and Culture in 1998.

Indonesian ties

MR WILLY NUSANTARA

Geographical distance does not diminish the passion that Indonesian alumni continue to feel for their alma mater. Thanks to the relentless efforts of businessman Mr Willy Nusantara, a reunion dinner was organised in Jakarta on 22 February 2005, and for the first time, hosted by NTU President Dr Su Guaning. A 1973 graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce (with Honours) in the following year, Mr Nusantara has been active in the formation of the NTU Alumni Association (Indonesia chapter).

Since graduation, he has spent more than 30 years in financial services, leasing, banking, security and insurance industries, rising to the top of the profession. He is also active in social and community services, including serving in the Board of Executive of the Indonesian Skill Foundation and as a member of the advisory board on managing the Indonesian Earthquake Reinsurance Pool.

Networking expert

MS YEONG SIEW TING, DAWN

She has great aspirations on forging closer networks among the NTU alumni and building a stronger alumni association. Ms Yeong Swee Ting, 25, who graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Electronics Engineering, EEE), is now serving her third year as General Secretary for the EEE Alumni Association, organising activities that bring students and alumni members together. During university days, she was the Hall of Residence Orientation Coordinator, Business Manager, and as a member of the advisory board on managing the Indonesian Earthquake Reinsurance Pool.

The Nanyang Alumni Award

Oriental fusions of life-giving elements

The design of the trophy incorporates nine elements of nature and embodies an admiration for and appreciation of ancient Chinese art, particularly, bronze artifacts and classic jade. Although shaped like a jade tablet ( ), it is also reminiscent of the obelisk, a monumental sculptural form commonly used in the West to commemorate important events.

The elements of nature flow through the tablet. The main element, Water, signifying the “South Seas”, is conveyed through stylistic waves representing it ( ). Another water sphere expressing perfection. The tablet is cast in solid bronze which also embodies the Metal element. Bronze is melted into the mold with another key element, Fire. The original prototypes were carved out of Wood, modeling paste and clay. Some of the weathering effects were achieved using the reddish clay found on the NTU campus grounds.

The Earth element is incorporated by having the bronze tablet mounted on a fine stone. The circle and the sphere are used in many cultures to express perfection. The circle, which appears in two of the four awards, represents a water drop with zero gravity – a water sphere that transforms and recreates.

The wave patterns at the bottom of the Nanyang Outstanding Young Alumni Award transform into a cloud in the upper part of the Nanyang Alumni Service Award, and are then combined with the Nanyang Alumni Achievement Award and the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award include a spherical pattern over the waves, but the latter is the tallest of them all.

The trophies were designed by Professor Isaac Kehoe, Dean of NTU’s new School of Art, Design and Media. The design prototypes were drawn and carved by hand, while the tablets were cast in a foundry in Mumbai, India.
Dr Liew Choong-Chin – a leader in molecular medicine and genomics research, and recipient of the Nanyang Distinguished Alumni Award – “held court” at an open dialogue at NTU’s School of Biological Sciences

The university hosted the distinguished scientist on 17 December 2005. The open dialogue, or “inspirational session”, took place with Professor Alex Law, Vice Dean (Research) of the School of Biological Sciences (SBS). It attracted an enthusiastic crowd, with a good turnout.

A pioneer in cardiovascular molecular medicine in the 1980s and 1990s, Dr Liew remains a leader in disease-specific genomics research. Together with his colleagues at the University of Toronto and Brigham and Women’s Hospital, he was the first to estimate the number of genes in the cardiovascular system and created the first cardiovascular-specific microarray (CardioChip) for the study of the mechanisms of cardiovascular disease.

Dr Liew recently developed the Sentinel Principle, behind a system-wide technology with applications for diagnosing disease at the molecular level through the identification of disease-specific biomarkers from blood. ChondroGene Ltd, a firm he co-founded, is developing diagnostic tests for diseases based on the Sentinel Principle for cancer, central nervous system disorders, cardiovascular diseases and arthritis.

Dr Liew is currently Professor Emeritus, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology and founder of the Cardiac Gene Unit, University of Toronto, as well as Visiting Professor of Medicine and Founding Director of the Cardiovascular Genome Centre at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Born in Malaysia and educated in Singapore, he graduated from Nanyang University in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

More on Dr CC Liew...

When Dr Liew was a student in Nanyang University, he admits that he was a very outspoken and sociable person. He recalls how he started at the University of Toronto (U of T).

He had written a letter to Professor Best, a world renowned scientist in the research of insulin at the university and he was rather surprised to have heard from Prof Best who gave him the chance to go to U of T to continue his graduate studies. In U of T, he was doing research on diabetes in the Department of Benting and Best for Research.

Soon, Dr Liew embarked on biochemistry of heart nucleus research. At that time, he was teaching and training graduate students. To date, he has trained 22 doctorate students and 10 masters’ students.

Dr Liew is married to Ng Gik Eng, who is also an alumna of Nanyang University. He met her in the university and she joined him at the U of T to do graduate studies in Chinese. He has a daughter who is a Senior VP of a biotech company and two sons who are trained as surgeons.

When not working or doing research, Dr Liew enjoys spending his time with his four grandchildren. Every weekend they are at a cottage near a lake in Toronto where he would spend his time fishing.

Dr Liew adds, “The undergraduate days of a student in the university is very crucial. It is during this campus life that they learn to live together and share life experiences. It is also very important to encourage our alumni to get together and to see how much the university has advanced and developed. The alumni of the university are a very important constituent of the university and it is the same for all universities around the world.”
At the ceremony, the teachers received their Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Diploma in Chinese Language Education, Diploma in Malay Language Education and other Diploma certificates.

Mr Tharman announced at the ceremony that MOE would introduce a Structured Mentoring Programme (SMP) to provide additional guidance and support for Beginning Teachers at the start of their career. He said in his address: “The SMP contains three components - induction, school-level mentoring, and provision of learning programmes specifically aimed at the beginning teacher. This will ensure that you receive guidance and support to start off well in your teaching career.”

For a start, MOE will focus on the 200 or so beginning teachers who were posted to secondary schools at the start of this year. Resource packages containing tips, good practices and useful information on mentoring that works will be provided to your mentors. MOE will monitor the implementation and gather feedback from you, your mentors and your school leaders. The lessons learnt will be shared with all mentors and school leaders for the next cohort of 1800 beginning teachers who will be posted to schools in the middle of this year.

MOE will organise training in mentoring and coaching skills for mentors who are untrained. We will also phase into our schools additional teacher provisions, to give experienced teachers more time to mentor their newer colleagues. To get additional resources to offload mentors, schools can also bring in more adjunct teachers - these are former trained teachers who re-join the education service.”

During the ceremony, Minister Tharman also presented awards and prizes to outstanding graduands in their respective Postgraduate Diploma in Education programmes.

With thanks to the Public & International Relations Dept, NIE
The University received a $1.5 million donation from well-known arts patron Toh Puan Mahani Idris Daim to establish the first endowed professorship in Humanities and Social Sciences. With the government’s dollar-for-dollar matching, the gift will result in a $3 million fund. The donation is expected to benefit students and faculty by providing them with the opportunity to learn from eminent scholars in the field of humanities and social sciences.

The endowment ceremony which took place at the Istana on 29 November 2005, was presided by His Excellency, Mr S R Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore, Chancellor of NTU and Patron-in-Chief of the NTU 21st Century Fund. Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew, Dr Tony Tan, Chairman, National Research Foundation, Minister for Education Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam and NTU President Dr Su Guaning were also present at the event.

**Timely Donation**

This donation is timely as the programmes of the new School of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) went into full swing in July 2005. The establishment of new programmes in English, Chinese, Sociology, Psychology and Economics symbolise a strong recognition by the University that humanities and social sciences are an integral part of the university curriculum. There are also plans to expand its undergraduate offerings to include Politics and Public Administration, Linguistics, and History.

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In his address at the Istana, Dr Su said, “The Nanyang Technological University is grateful to receive the generous donation of $1.5 million from Yang Amat Berbahagia Toh Puan Mahani Idris Daim. The donation will be matched dollar for dollar by the Singapore Government making a total of $3M to establish the first endowed professorship at our new School of Humanities & Social Sciences.

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Here’s to a successful gathering! The Civil and Environmental Engineering alumni from the Class of 1985

The event marked the largest-ever Class of 1985 reunion, attended by the pioneer batch of graduates from the Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI), one of the predecessor institutions of NTU.

To commemorate their 20th anniversary, alumni and their family members returned to the campus from which they graduated. During the homecoming event, they enjoyed campus tours, family events and performances as part of a full-day programme. Minister for Education, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam graced the event as Guest-of-Honour, and other guests included Dr Su Guaning, NTU President; Professor Er Meng Hwa, NTU Deputy President; Mr Anthony Teo, Secretary to the University; Ms Lee Bee Wah, Chairman of Class of 1985 20th Anniversary Celebration; and Mr Inderjit Singh, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC and Co-Chairman of Class of 1985 20th Anniversary Celebration.

In his speech to the guests, Minister Tharman highlighted the various challenges that the university is facing up to in order to become a great institution. The university has to decide on its identity, take up the challenge of the undergraduate experience and enhance NTU’s reputation in research.

Minister Tharman added, “I think your challenge is to continue the spirit that you see in the Class of 1985, starting with the Nantah spirit – that spirit of facing up to adversity, overcoming it and doing great things with your individual and collective will. That is something we really have to replicate among future generations of students, and it will only happen if past generations get involved, keep interacting and keep giving them the feeling that they’re not just coming to the university for three or four years, but they’re joining a community.”

Dr Su spoke on the history and importance of the pioneer graduates from NTI. He said, “As we move ahead, NTU is becoming a global university with particular strengths in science and technology. We shall continue to seek the advice and guidance of graduates who have done the University proud, especially you, the Class of ’85 pioneers who have showcased the strong Nantah spirit, which is striving for excellence against adversity.”

The Class of 1985 has started a new tradition of giving back to the university by establishing the Class of 1985 Pioneer Fund. This fund aims to establish an endowment fund for scholarships, bursaries and special projects in engineering and entrepreneurship.

In honour of their spirit of contribution towards their alma mater, a Class Plaque for the Class of 1985, to be placed in a ring at the university quadrangle, was unveiled. The Class Plaque tradition was started at the university’s Convocation this year. A ring of class plaques, from past, present and future graduates, will eventually form a central feature of the university quadrangle. The Class Plaque also marks the accomplishments of our graduates and symbolises the strong ties with our alumni.

A commemorative coffee-table book, titled ‘First’, was also launched at the event. This book captures the experiences of the Class of 1985 during their undergraduate days, and is accompanied with reflections by the Deans and lecturers who had made an impact on the lives of the students.

Said Ms Lee, “Our experience as undergraduates on this Yunnan Garden campus equipped us with practical knowledge and a sense of entrepreneurship that served us well through the years. We hope the funds raised will benefit more generations of students as they embark on NTU’s New Undergraduate Experience.”

Let us meet again! The Electrical and Electronics Engineering alumni from the Class of 1985

Over 100 alumni from Nanyang Technological Institute’s pioneer Class of 1985 reunited at NTU on 26 November 2005, to celebrate their 20 years of friendship.

Here’s to a successful gathering! The Civil and Environmental Engineering alumni from the Class of 1985
Association of Nanyang University Graduates Chinese New Year gathering

The Association of Nanyang University Graduates (ANUG) held a Chinese New Year gathering at the NTU Alumni Club on 5 February 2006 which was attended by more than 200 members.

In his welcoming speech, Mr. Chia Ban Seng, the President of ANUG, expressed his sincere thanks to the alumni who have rendered their strong support to the Association and also spoke on the initiatives and events of the Association for the past year. He also encouraged everyone to support and attend the upcoming 10th Global Reunion for alumni from Nanyang University, which will be held in Melbourne, Australia on 27 and 28 November 2006.

At the gathering, some alumni who are also calligraphers, wrote beautiful Chinese wordings which impressed everyone. It was also very heartening to see alumni from China, Indonesia and Malaysia at the gathering.

Alumnus donates books

The university received a donation of 88 sets of the book, “Twenty-Four Dynastic Histories” on 1 January 2006 from Mr Sung Teo Chu, Managing Director of Maha Yu Yi Pte Ltd. Professor Lee Guan Kin from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences received the books on behalf of NTU. Mr Sung’s son, Mr Sung Jee Tong graduated from the School of Electrical & Electronics Engineering in 1990 and his daughter, Ms Sung Yuen Ling, graduated from the School of Mechanical & Production Engineering in 1992.

Cultural Counselor of the China Embassy in Singapore, Dr. Zhu Qi, was invited to launch the book exhibition on 1 January 2006 at the Auditorium of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

When asked about what made them want to make the donation, Mr Sung Jee Tong said, “My sister and I both graduated from the university and we feel that we should contribute back to our alma mater. Furthermore, our parents were very touched by the contribution of the people to set up Nanyang University in the 1950s. The memories of their contribution to Nantah made us donate these books.”

Mr. Sung added, “‘Twenty-Four Dynastic Histories’ took about 10 years to complete. It records the history from the first ancestor of the Chinese nation, the Yellow Emperor era, to the Qing Dynasty. It is a very valuable book for the university to keep and for research references.”

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在校友捐书回馈母校

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新加坡友谊企业东主宋兆裕先生于2006年1月1日向南洋理工学院捐赠88套《二十四史》。南大人文与社会科学学院李元瑾博士代表南大接受这批珍贵书籍。宋老先生的公子宋志中校友是南大1990年毕业生，其千金宋恩玲校友也是南大1992年毕业生。

当宋志中校友被问及为什么要赠送书籍时，他回答说：“我妹妹和我都毕业于南大，我们觉得应该回馈母校。还有，我们的父母对于五十年代人民众慷慨解囊跃捐款创建南洋大学的情景十分感动，回忆起这些人对南大的贡献，使我们决定捐书。” 宋校友补充说：“这套《二十四史》用了10年时间才完成，它记载了从中华民族的始祖黄帝到清朝的历史。这套书籍值得南大珍藏以作为研究之用。”

南大毕业生协会举办校友新春团拜会

南大毕业生协会一年一度的新春团拜会总是举办得热热闹闹、节目丰富、温馨感人。今年亦不例外。这样的活动使校友们保持凝聚力、团结友爱、互相支持。会员们持之以恒，实在难能可贵。

南大毕业生协会会长谢万森校友在团拜会上致欢迎词并感谢校友们的支持，也汇报了协会过去一年里的活动，并呼吁校友们热烈支持将在今年11月27日和28日在澳洲墨尔本举行的“第十届南大全球校友联欢会”。

在这一年一度的团拜活动中，协会工委会也安排了多位著名校友书法家当众挥毫，其他校友也热烈参与了挥春、猜灯谜及新年歌咏等节目。最难得的是有好多位从中国、印尼及马来西亚等海外回来过春节的校友也赶上了这次聚会，使今年的团拜会特别有意义。

当天更设有丰富的自由午餐，免费招待所有出席的校友和家眷，其乐融融，现场充满着一片浓浓的欢乐气氛。一幕幕令人感觉温馨的亲切慰问，一声声关怀和问候声，一声声节日的祝福，一片片亲切的“新年快乐！身体健康！”的相互祝贺声不绝于耳。

最后大家都抱着依依不舍的心情踏上回家之路，道别时更是语重心长地互相提醒对方，盼望着来年的新春团拜再次见面！
The University is embarking on a search for alumni under the Class Agents Programme. Alumni will be appointed as Class Agents within each class and their main role is to help the University to keep in touch with its alumni.

There may have been times when you, our NTU alumni, may have wanted to catch up with old friends in our homecoming events and reunions. Sometimes however, not all our alumni are informed of the events due to a change in their contact details. Through the Class Agents Programme, we wish to be able to obtain the latest address and telephone information of our alumni, so as to keep all of our alumni informed of the University’s developments, events and initiatives.

"Let us all keep in touch and stay connected with our alma mater. I am sure many of our alumni will be willing to do so. So come forward and I am sure we can do it!" - Cheah-Khoo Sait Poh (Commerce, Class Agent of 1971)

"I am honoured to serve my alma mater as a Class Agent. I sincerely hope that more alumni will come forward. With this programme, we would all be able to maintain contact with each other as one united Nanyang Alumni family." - Gan Chui Goh (School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Class Agent of 1990)

"The Class Agents programme is great as it helps to keep us together and increase attendance at various alumni events focused on career development, personal development, social-circle expansion, entrepreneurial development and much more!" - Ricky Foo (Nanyang Business School, Class Agent of 2004)

If you are interested to be our Class Agent or know of fellow alumni who wish to become one, please contact Christine or Belle at 67906768 / 6557 or email us at wwwalumni@ntu.edu.sg

Responsibilities of Class Agents

The responsibilities of the Class Agents include:

- Informing the University of any changes in address, telephone, email address, marital status, employment, or other important information such as awards received, community service, newborn child, etc. of your fellow classmates.
- Soliciting support and encouraging participation in alumni activities. Class Agents "ConnectNanyang" to its graduates. With the latest information of our alumni, we can keep them informed about what is happening at their alma mater through our electronic newsletter “ClassAct”, the quarterly magazine “NTULink” and invitations to a wide spectrum of alumni activities such as reunions and homecomings.

班级代表的任务:

- 通知母校有关您的同班同学所更动的地址、电话号码、电邮地址、婚姻状况、就业情况或其他任何重要信息,如获得奖项、参加社区服务、有新生孩子等等。
- 支持并鼓励校友们参加各项活动,班级代表将把毕业生与南大联系起来,使他们“心系南洋”。我们掌握了校友们的最新信息之后,就能与他们保持联络校友并透过电子讯息“ClassAct”、校友季刊“NTULink”以及寄出各种各样活动(如各种聚会和回校日)的邀请函件向他们传达母校的最新消息。
南大校长徐冠林博士与女儿为在场嘉宾及毕业生高歌一曲

中国驻新加坡大使张云先生莅临晚会并发表演讲

南大人文与社会科学学院院长王志宏教授表扬学员们的学习精神

共有103名中国高级官员在洋理工大学人文与社会科学学院进修 “管理经济学硕士学位项目” (48名)及“公共管理硕士学位项目” (55名),在去年底分别完成学习课程，2006年1月6日,南大为上述两门课程的学员举行结业晚会。 南大校长徐冠林博士及 中国驻新加坡大使张云先生也出席晚会并发表讲话。 徐校长还为2006年首届公共管理硕士班及第八届管理经济学硕士班学员毕业特刊主持仪式并为所有学员颁发南大纪念匾牌。

南大校长徐冠林博士与女儿为在场嘉宾及毕业生高歌一曲

中国 “市长班” 及 “高官班” 学员结束学习课程

南大人文与社会科学学院院长王志宏教授在讲话中表扬学员们的

学习精神,并颁发“院长表扬奖” 给优秀学员。 另外,王院长也颁发“优秀教师奖” 给陈光炎教授,以表彰他的竞竞业业、辛勤耕耘的教学精神。

结业晚会上,学员们在享用丰盛晚餐的同时,也表演节目来表达他们对母校和教师们的感激之情。

南大校友事务处处长孙敏炎先生

南大人文与社会科学学院院长王志宏教授表扬学员们的学习精神

生于去年12月12日在学员们结束学习的当天,赠送纪念品并向他们表示祝贺。

南大于1998年开办管理经济学硕士学位课程（MME）,至今培养的370多名学员都是省市级官员,因此该课程获得“市长班”的雅号。 南大又在管理经济学硕士学位课程取得成功的基础上于2005年4月推出公共管理硕士学位课程（MPA）; 由于学员多数是中国厅级以上高官,因此也获得“高官班”的雅号。
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王张鹏
公共管理硕士班学员
二零零六年元月
于新加坡，南洋理工大学

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醒来泪痕空挂

Mr Wang Zhangpeng pursued the inaugural Master of Public Administration programme at NTU from March 2005 to January 2006. He reflects on his student days in this lovely poem.

Graduating students from MME and MPA celebrate their course completion

On 6 January 2006, a total of 48 and 55 graduating students from the Masters in Managerial Economics (MME) and Masters of Public Administration (MPA) courses, celebrated the completion of their course with a Closing Dinner at the Raffles City Convention Centre.

The university started the MME programme in 1998 and due to its success and in order to meet the needs of the rapid economic development in China, NTU started the MPA course in April 2005.

Guests at the dinner included NTU President Dr Su Guaning and His Excellency Zhang Yun, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Chinese Embassy. Dr Su and his Excellency Zhang Yun gave a speech at the dinner, and Dr Su proceeded to launch the MPA/MME commemorative book. Dr Su also presented plaques to the graduating students.

Professor Lawrence Wong, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences was also present at the dinner where he presented certificates to the students in the Dean's List and the Best Teacher Award to Professor Tan Kong Yam.

Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs also presented souveniers to the graduating students on 12 December 2005.

Graduating students from MME and MPA celebrate their course completion
During December 2005 and January 2006, a total of 125 course participants graduated from four executive programmes. These participants included officials from China and Vietnam.

During their graduation ceremonies, Mr Soon Min Yam, Director, Alumni Affairs, congratulated them and welcomed them to the Nanyang Alumni family. They were presented with souvenirs and encouraged to stay connected with the university and their fellow friends.

Vietnamese officials who graduated from the English course in NTU under the Singapore Co-operation Programme Training Awards (International English for Administrators) course.
Rev up for extreme family fun at the NTU motor fest

Classic cars, racing cars, exotic cars, luxury cars, family cars, radio-controlled cars, slot cars, virtual cars... Cars, cars and more cars are coming your way, when the first-ever NTU Motor Fest kicks off in late March!

Organised by the Nanyang Business School Alumni Affairs Office and CarBuyer, Singapore’s only fortnightly motoring newspaper, the Motor Fest will be an unprecedented event that promises to be a hugely entertaining day out for the alumni and their family filled with rides, games, sports and vintage car displays and great car deals.

“We want to bring our alumni back to NTU and give them an opportunity to catch up with their friends again, and we want to do so with an event which would excite them and permit them to experience exclusive unique activities which are organised specially for them.” says Camille Foo, Senior Manager of Nanyang Business School Alumni Affairs.

“To call the Motor Fest a motor show would be selling it short as it is really so much more,” says Jason Chew of CarBuyer. That’s because the organisers have taken great effort to incorporate the widest possible variety of motoring-related fun into the event ensuring there is something to appeal to everyone.

For the adrenaline junkie, the Motor Fest will provide stunt thrill rides which will take your breath away. “Cars look nice when they’re lovingly displayed, they look even better when they’re on the move, but the best way to experience an exhilarating stunt ride is from the passenger seat! One thing’s for sure, the rides will set your pulse racing.” says Mr Chew.

Another celebration of speed will be the sensational display of exotic sports cars. However, not content with just a static display of these high-octane racing machinery, the organisers will be giving alumni the electrifying opportunity to ride in these amazing race cars to experience their sound and fury first hand!

Vintage car buffs will be thrilled by the Motoring Museum which pays tribute to the classics. Iconic vintage cars and scooters such as the original Volkswagen Beetle, Mini and Vespa will be showcased. Fashionistas should look out for the specially commissioned Vespa designed by leading fashion labels. Besides adding colour and heritage to the NTU Motor Fest, these classics effectively provide a crucial piece of motoring culture.

For the young and young at heart, an Ultimate Arcade will allow gamers to race and pit their skills on miniature tracks. Participants will get to enjoy slot-car racing competitions, video gaming, remote-controlled car racing and more.

So, mark the date in your diary as this is definitely a not-to-be-missed event!

Driving a hard bargain

Imagine a VIP car buying experience where selected cars are paraded before you for perusal, and then made available on the spot for test drives, allowing you to sample each one back-to-back. The icing on the cake? No-haggle pricing, with only the very best deals on offer.

It sounds like fantasy, but it’s all very real and very much available. Only if you happen to be part of the NTU Alumni, though.

The privileged car shopping experience described above will form a major part of the NTU Motor Fest, and if you happen to be in the market for a new car, you might want to wait. “Our magazine’s tagline is ‘Drive A Good Bargain’, and we’ve really tried to apply that concept for the NTU Alumni” says Mr Jason Chew from CarBuyer, Singapore’s only fortnightly motoring newspaper, and co-organiser of the event.

Accordingly, Motor Fest will feature participation from selected motoring brands –those which befit the station of an NTU graduate – and organisers have negotiated exclusive promotions valid only during the Motor Fest, and exclusively for the Alumni.

“This is a real first in the motor trade,” says Mr Chew. “If you’re an NTU Alumnus, a wide range of high-quality cars will be brought to you, you’ll be able to test drive them all to your heart’s content, and at the end of the day if you decide to buy, you can do so with confidence because we will have pre-negotiated the best deals for you.”

Alumni pondering their next car would do well to see what the Motor Fest will have to offer. And if you weren’t thinking about buying a car you might well have cause to reconsider, come late March. You won’t even have to visit a showroom, after all, because at the Motor Fest the showrooms will come to you.

NTU Motor Fest is organised by the Nanyang Business School Alumni Affairs Office and is supported by NTU Alumni Affairs Office.

All NTU Alumni, staff, students and their families are invited to attend the Motor Fest.

Nanyang Business School Alumni will be entitled to special privileges.

To receive these privileges, please register at the NBS Alumni Booth located at the Quad during the Motor Fest.

Where: The Nanyang Auditorium and Quad area
When: Saturday and Sunday, 25-26 March 2006 10am – 6pm
Find out more at www.nbs.ntu.edu.sg/alumni
The English philosopher, Francis Bacon, referred to the greatest kind of treasure - the act of helping others. Knowing that your generosity has benefited another person or an organization is a satisfaction that can’t be measured in dollars and cents.

Perhaps you would like to help a favorite institution or a cause in which you believe. Perhaps you are grateful for the way your NU/NT/NTU/NIE education encouraged in you a passion for lifelong learning, an ability to better analyze and understand your surroundings. Perhaps you would like to give back so that future generations would have the same opportunity as you did.

One of the best ways to accomplish this is through your Will. By taking a few simple steps when preparing your estate plan, you can maximize the amount that will go to your favorite institution and minimize the amount “lost” to taxes. Better still, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have truly earned a treasure – the heartfelt thanks of the many NTU students you have helped.

Your Will reflects values and relationships that are most important to you – whether they be with family, friends, your place of worship, or charities. Yet, a majority of adults in Singapore do not have wills – in fact, about 95%. Why should we spend a lifetime of working, of accumulating wealth, and of caring for our family and loved ones, and then leave the important matter of the distribution of our property up to the law, which may not be according to our wishes?

With a Will you can:
• Determine to whom, how, and when your assets will be distributed;
• Appoint at least one person who will manage the estate in accordance with your intentions;
• Create Trusts for your spouse, children, or others, that generate regular income for beneficiaries as well as saving taxes;
• Make a legacy gift to a charity. A charitable organization can never inherit from the estate of an individual who passes on without a Will.

A young NTU alumna recently encountered some of the realities of dealing with legal matters upon her grandfather’s death last year. She shares how it is important that the final document is taken care of properly: “It is better to do it sooner that later in life – particularly if you have a family. It’s really an injustice to your loved ones if your wishes are not outlined through a legal document. It can cause frustration and family feuds.”

When you create a will, you are thinking of the future. Giving to people and organizations that are important to you is a moving, powerful statement about your values and one that allows you to have an impact that is beyond your own lifetime.

NTU’s Development Office and Alumni Affairs Office will be jointly organizing an Estate Planning and Feng Shui Seminar in Mandarin on 9 May at the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, from 6.30pm to 9pm. Guest speakers are a senior lawyer and a famous geomancer. Admission is free. Register early as seats are limited. If you are interested in this seminar, please contact the Development Office at Tel: 6790 5827 or email anniecao@ntu.edu.sg for registration. Seats are limited.
Our alumni represented Singapore at the 23rd SEA Games in various sports such as archery, canoeing, chess, dragon boat, rowing, shooting, swimming, volleyball and wushu. Medals were won in chess, fencing, rowing, shooting and swimming.

A celebratory party was held on 4 January to congratulate all our alumni, student and staff athletes for their hardwork, determination and passion. NTU President Dr Su Guaning was present at the dinner to personally congratulate the athletes.

Elsie Lim, Class of 1997 Nanyang Business School alumna, said: “It was indeed a proud moment for me to have won the silver medal in the women singles’ rowing competition. I participated in the previous SEA Games where I won a bronze, and now, to win a silver medal is indeed an accomplishment for me. I am proud to have been able to win a medal for the nation and I thank the university for her support.”

The team of dragon boaters which included 3 graduates, Lim Chee Keong (EEE, 2002), Stephen Loh (EEE, 2001) and Teu Tze Hou (MAE, 2005) were part of the 12 man team which also included NTU students. They have been participating in dragon boat competitions since their days in college, and continued when they were NTU students.

Said Stephen, “We only heard that our team was going to compete in the 23rd SEA Games in August, but since we had been training regularly, we were prepared for the competition. We continued to train 5 times a week and during the weekdays it was in the evenings, which allowed us to continue with our full time jobs and at the same time train. All of us were very excited and looked forward to the competition.”

The three of them felt privileged to be part of the team that was representing Singapore. Added Tze Hou, “It was a real honour to be able to get the chance to represent the Nation, though there was pressure on us to do well. The management of the University and the staff from the NTU Staff & Recreation Centre have always been supportive and this is something we are all very grateful for.”

The performance at the SEA Games was indeed a show of our athletes’ hard work and determination. NTU salutes them!
Networking through sports

The third networking session organised by the Alumni Affairs Office for NTU international students on 9 December saw a total of about 130 participants coming together for an evening of friendly competition in sports such as table tennis, basketball, badminton and tug-of-war.
The movie shown this time was the blockbuster hit, Memoirs of a Geisha. The successful gathering was held at GV Grand, Great World City where our alumni had the chance to network with fellow alumni over snacks and drinks before the screening of the show. They enjoyed the great food and entertainment at the movies and many are looking forward to the next big one to hit the screens soon.

“Congratulations for a great outing at the cinemas! It was a great show considering that I am not a romantic myself... compliments to the team, well done!” said Wilson Wong, Class of 1998 Nanyang Business School alumnus.

Jasmine Foo, Class of 2000 School of Civil & Environmental Engineering alumna said, “I really enjoyed this get-together. It was fun coming here with my old friends. I am a fan of movies and will continue to come for these movie screenings!”

Keep us updated of your latest contact details so that we may send you information on our future alumni events. Also do keep a look out in our future issues of ClassACT for the next movie screening coming your way soon!

We speak with Tan Chade-Meng, alumnus from the School of Computer Engineering, Class of 1994 when he returned to visit the NTU campus from the US.

What are your fondest memories of your school days in NTU?
I must say that it has to be the time I met this kind, beautiful young lady. I had requested her to switch to her tutorial group in order to be her classmate. She had very bad eyesight, which was confirmed when she agreed to marry me.

How do you feel being an alumnus of NTU?
Having lived, studied and worked in the US, I’ve come to realise a few things about my NTU education. The rigour and comprehensiveness of the curriculum in NTU is indeed world-class. If you do outstandingly well in NTU, rest assured that you can hold your own against the best in the world.

What career advice would you give to new engineers?
My advice is do not be afraid to dream big! Engineering can be a great and highly lucrative career. Top engineers in the Silicon Valley earn well in excess of US$100,000 writing (great) codes. Engineering is about solving hard problems and building useful systems. In other words, it’s about having intellectual fun while serving humanity. If you have to leave Singapore to pursue your dreams, don’t be afraid to do that too. You can serve your mother country better if you maximise your potential and become very successful at what you do.

How was your life after graduation?
I’ve only had two real jobs since I graduated. The first was with the Institute of Systems Science (ISS), where I was happy, made great life-long friends, and generally had a satisfactory career. The second was with Google, where I basically “died and went to engineering heaven!” When I joined Google, it was small enough that every engineer was expected to take up any engineering assignment in the company at short notice. So I ended up being surrounded by a group of very bright people solving very challenging engineering problems, and everybody had to be able to do just about everything (and if you couldn’t, you’d be expected to learn very quickly). This combination provides immense growth opportunities for engineers, and I grew tremendously as an engineer. Also, millions of people benefit from our work, and the money is good. Life is great!

What is one of the greatest lessons you have learnt while pursuing your studies in computer engineering?
The most important lesson about my studies actually came to me only after I started working. That lesson is: getting the engineering degree marks the beginning of my engineering education, not its completion. Understanding this is very important for a software/computer engineer. A software engineering career is like no other; our skills have very short half-lives of only a few years. That is, every few years, half of everything we know becomes irrelevant. Continuously learning at a furious pace is very important for us.
37th International Physics Olympiad
An annual competition for pre-university school students

The 37th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) will be held in Singapore from 8 to 17 July 2006. This prestigious annual event, which comes to Singapore only once in several decades, will see some of the brightest young minds from all over the world compete in a rigorous physics competition.

We will play host to about 750 participants from 85 countries around the world in the 37th IPhO next year.

Be part of this historic event! Find out how you can be involved by visiting http://www.ipho2006.com

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Koh Hui Hui (Arts, 1938) is a retired teacher with her second and 2 children, a son and a daughter. She is interested in Chinese calligraphy, painting and creative writing. She adds, “I would be good to have more students and graduated interested in the 1938 20th Anniversary of the Chinese language.”

Ho King Hock (Arts, 1967) is currently a retired school teacher. He is married to a fellow alumna from Nanyang University and has a son and daughter. He enjoys singing, reading and traveling.

Chen Sing Far (Commerce, 1979) is working in the General Insurance Industry as a Managing Director of Attentive Insurance Agencies Pte Ltd. He is married and has two boys, the elder one studying in his final year at the School of Computer Engineering. He has been serving in the Association of Nanyang University Graduates as a committee member since 1986, currently an NTU Alumni Club NTUAG as a committee member since 2000 and Alumni International Singapore (AIS) as a committee member since 1995. He is also an active member and leader of many graduate alumni, alumni committees, associations and clan associations in Singapore. He adds, “I wish that all my university classmates who have graduated from the Commerce faculty in 1979 would contact me! I would keep in touch with all of them with their updated contact details (email: - call.steven@gmail.com or HP: 91803863). I feel good to be part of the Nanyang Alumni family and advocate of the Nantian spirit.”

Er Kian Hoo (CEE, 1989) is working as an engineer in the construction industry. He is married and has 4 children. Lam Miew Wan is also an NTU alumna. Kian Hoo enjoys playing badminton and was actively involved in the organizing committee of the 1985 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Tan Chek Hui (CEE, 1985) is the Director of M/S Raffles Management Pte Ltd and the company’s main activities is project financing and IPO on LSE market. She enjoys traveling and reading and is considering to take up golf again. She was involved in the organizing of the Class of 1985 20th Anniversary Celebration and had a good time that day. She adds, “I feel very good to be from the first batch of students at NTU. Most of them are doing well and it is a pleasure meeting them in China whenever I am stationed there.”

Wilson Wong (seen here with his friend) at a shooting event.

Wilson Wong Wei Shen (BBS, 1998) completed his Master in IT from Monash University in 2004. He is currently a Consultant in Sales, PKI Security Services and is married. He enjoys photography, swimming, cycling, bowling, scuba diving, PC Console gaming and graphic design. He says, “Since graduation, I have worked in Isetan, some IT firms and after my Masters, I settled into this career by providing solutions to Internet and data security for government organisations and private enterprises. I got married in June 2002 and have set up home at Park Royal. As his wife has no love to stay at Hall Eleven and if you happen to be staying in SengKang/Punggol, we should meet up!”

Balagopal Kundurav (MEE, 1998) is working as a Financial Controller at Colourscan Co. (Pte) Ltd. He enjoys playing volleyball, jogging and going out for drinks with his friends. 

John Koh (MPE, 1998) is the Managing Partner of Newday Consulting and Managing Partner of Wealth Management Resource Centre. After graduating from NTU, he went on to pursue his MBA degree from the University of Hawaii in Manoa under a Fujitsu Asia Pacific Scholarship. He worked in PriceWaterhouse Cooper’s Strategy Consulting in Tokyo for a while before returning to Singapore to take up the MSc in Wealth Management at the Singapore Management University and Wealth Management Institute. He adds, “NTU has shaped my entrepreneurial spirit and the desire to constantly improve myself through lifelong learning, from both books and life experiences. I hope to network with other like-minded NTU alumni!”

Lee Kah Howe (TIP, 2002) is currently employed with ST Consultancy Pte Ltd. He enjoys playing golf, soccer and watching movies. He has a keen interest in entrepreneurship and is always exploring business opportunities.

Choh Sue Chee (COM, 1981) is working with JP Morgan Securities (Asia Pacific) Ltd. After completing her 4-year bond with Temasek Holdings, Wei Mei moved to Hong Kong to join JP Morgan in September 2005. She is currently working in the Structuring and Solutions Group within the Credit and Rates Division at JP Morgan. She is also the Product Manager for globally syndicated collateralized debt obligations (CDO) and alternative investments (AI) for Asia and Japan. Her responsibilities include providing structured solutions on CDO and structured products to clients and to explore new markets for CDO and AI. She enjoys the challenge of an investment bank has to offer and feels confident that her background in CDO and AI portfolio manager will put her in good stead to pursue a career in structured products. Wei Mei is adjusting well to her new life in Hong Kong and when she is not busy on business trips in the region, she spends her weekend exploring the sights and sounds that Hong Kong has to offer.

Alice Dorothy Hermana (SCM, 2002) recently graduated with Distinction from the University of Hawaii at Manoa under a recent class gathering and had a good time that day. She adds, "I feel very proud to be an NTU alumna. Kian Hoo is also an NTU alumnus, she worked in the General Insurance Industry as a Teacher Mentor for the School of Computer Engineering. He has been serving in the Association of Nanyang University Graduates as a committee member since 1986, currently an NTU Alumni Club NTUAG as a committee member since 2000 and Alumni International Singapore (AIS) as a committee member since 1995. He is also an active member and leader of many graduate alumni, alumni committees, associations and clan associations in Singapore. He adds, “I wish that all my university classmates who have graduated from the Commerce faculty in 1979 would contact me! I would keep in touch with all of them with their updated contact details (email: - call.steven@gmail.com or HP: 91803863). I feel good to be part of the Nanyang Alumni family and advocate of the Nantian spirit.”

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Exchanging vows of love

Exchanging marriage vows with that one special person in your life should go down as one of the most memorable milestones in life. For that one day, you and your partner are King and Queen, as family, friends and loved ones gather to join in the celebration of your official union as a couple.

We, at the Alumni Affairs Office too, believe in romance and are happy to announce our special solemnization service to our alumni. Presiding over the ceremony will be Mr Soon Min Yam, Director of Alumni Affairs Office, who has been a licensed Deputy Registrar of Marriages to solemnize marriages in Singapore since 1992.

Some of our alumni may be planning your special day during two of the most auspicious dates in 2006. If you would like to have your marriage solemnized on 6 June 2006 (060606) or 20 June 2006 (06062006), do get in touch with us and we will gladly arrange for your solemnization in locations within the university or outside of NTU.

You may call Pik Lian or Xin Yi at 6790-5919/4875 or email us at wwwalumni@ntu.edu.sg for more details for your special day. We will also be glad to arrange for your solemnization on your other preferred dates.

Do you remember the NTU days we used to spend in the hostels and the places we lingered under starry nights? Do you remember Yunnan Garden and the old Admin Building where we held our campfires, lantern festivals and many other events? Do you remember LT1 where almost everyone attended lectures?

Do you dream of going back and experiencing it once more?

Now your dream can come true! The NTU Chinese Society Alumni will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary at NTU. We have arranged with NTU for this event and booking of hostel rooms would be facilitated for interested members (including family members). It’s going to be a walk down memory lane and a fun-filled event.
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