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EMPHASIS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SAUC to Become Senior College

Third Year Courses To Begin In May

NOW a two-year liberal arts college with a strong ministerial and teacher education curriculum, Southeast Asia Union College of Singapore has applied to the General Conference Department of Education for authorization to upgrade to a full four-year college.

According to R. S. Watts, Union President and Chairman of the Board of Directors, the administration is moving ahead with plans to implement the addition of a third year beginning in May 1970, and the fourth year in 1971.

Already the college is beginning to take on a "new look" enhanced by a beautiful new auditorium which seats over 500, and a spacious new library and instructional materials center. The physical plant is developing in line with long-range plans to provide senior college education to the Seventh-day Adventist youth of Southeast Asia.

New classroom facilities, and new administrative and teachers' offices also have been provided recently.

"Additional staff will be needed as we add more courses," states Daniel Tan, President of the College. "Last year (1969) we added four new instructors with graduate degrees to our staff and we have others on scholarships studying abroad who will return in a year or two with their degrees to key positions."

Dr. C. B. Hirsch, Secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, Washington D. C., on a recent visit to Singapore made it clear, however, that to go to a four-year program "is going to cost some money. For example, you're going to need to build up your library to 20,000 volumes within the next four or five years." (It has some 6,000 volumes at present). "And you are also going to have to get more instructors with their graduate degrees teaching in specialized areas."

"But we're all for it," states Eugene Rau, Dean of the College, "and we're anticipating a 25 percent increase in enrollment when we open our third year program in May."

28 Graduate- Hirsch Speaks



SOUTHEAST Asia Union College held its year-end graduation exercises on December 12 and 13, 1969, with the largest graduating class participating in the history of the college. A total of 28 received their Junior College diplomas from President Daniel Tan this year—3 in the July graduation and 25 at the year-end convocation.

The class was particularly honored in having Dr. C. B. Hirsch, Secretary of the General Conference Department of Education, address them on commencement night. Pastor T. K. Chong, President of the Malaya Mission, and Pastor R. S. Watts, President of Southeast Asia Union Mission, presented the Consecration and Baccalaureate messages respectively.

The Far Eastern Academy Wind Ensemble added pomp to the occasion with their rendition of a special number, the playing of the grand reeessional on Commencement night.

Three students graduated from the Commerce course, six from the course in Education, nine from Liberal Arts, six from the Ministerial course, one from Science, and three from Secretarial Science. Seven of these graduates have already been placed in the work. The rest are planning to continue with their third and fourth year of college education, either abroad or at Southeast Asia Union College. —Maggie Tan



\$29,000 for Library in 1970

THE SAUC Board has voted the largest budget ever for its library, as the College prepares to enter a third-year program in 1970. Together with appropriations from the Southeast Asia Union and the Far Eastern Division, \$29,000 has been tagged this year in 1970 toward building up the library collection to 20,000 volumes within the next five years. An estimated \$150,000 will be needed. A drive to raise funds for this project is high on the administration's agenda, according to authoritative sources.



Above: Daniel Tan, President Southeast Asia Union College; Maggie Tan, Registrar; Eugene Rau, Dean.

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● Koh Siew Eng, Melvin Si-barani, Herman Hutapea, and Christina Leong left in December for further studies at Philippine Union College.

● Maureen Ho, of Youngberg Memorial Hospital, married Jeffrey Lim on December 14 at the College Auditorium.



Part of those who responded to Voice of Youth appeal to accept Christ. Youth counselors stand in background.



Chaplain Ng, 2nd from left, front row and first VOP graduating class.

Spiritual Emphasis at SAUC

THE new Chaplain's department of SAUC is happy to report some of its activities during 1969.

1. Sixty students completed one or more of five different Voice of Prophecy courses offered by the department.
2. Four Bible study classes (3 English and 1 Chinese) were conducted with a total enrollment of 80 students.
3. An outstanding Week of Prayer conducted by Pastor Ted Jones resulted in 100 decisions for Christ.
4. Temperance promotion was revived, with poster and jingle contests, and signing of the temperance pledge.

5. During his annual vacation, the chaplain conducted the **Hour of Hope Crusade** at the Queenstown branch church December 14-19, resulting in 23 decisions for Christ.

Block Evangelism — Voice of Youth Crusade Results in 50 Decisions for Christ!

THE "Preachers of Tomorrow", Southeast Asia Union College, have just concluded a 10-night Voice of Youth reaping campaign, preceded by three weeks of "Block evangelism" among the high-rise apartments of Singapore, resulting in fifty decisions for Christ.

As a preparation for the reaping campaign, a unique method of evangelism was carried on for three successive Sunday evenings, under the direction of Alfred Low, president of the Preachers of Tomorrow Club, and the sponsorship of the Bible department of the College. The program consisted of a 30-minute film, set up in the back of a lorry, followed by a sermonette given by one of the club members.

While the film was being set up and taped music was being played over the public address system, a number of young ladies distributed brochures and Voice of Prophecy enrollment cards among the apartments. Immediately following the sermonette, announcements of the forthcoming reaping campaign were made to the crowd which had gathered and free enrollments in the Bible Course were offered while the young ladies circulated among the people encouraging them to sign up. An average of 70 enrollments for each of 3 Sunday nights were received by this on-the-spot method, and many were mailed in by recipients in the apartments.

When the 10-night series of meetings opened, the non-Adventist attendance was not large, but the interest was encouraging. The youthful crusade team worked together with a spirit of unity and cooperation. A bus was engaged to go out and follow a pre-announced route to pick up those who wished to attend. Each night the message, illustrated with color pictures, was presented in 3 sections by 3 different speakers. The interest grew. When the final appeal was concluded, 50 individuals had accepted Jesus as their personal Saviour!



Michael Serod, front row, with glasses and new converts. His mother and father on his left.

WHEN Michael Serod left his little kampong and came to the Ayer Manis School in Sarawak to apply for admission, he didn't know much about Seventh-day Adventists. All he wanted was an education.

As the weeks went by and he became better acquainted with his teachers and fellow students, he discovered that they had something he didn't have — and it involved more than a secular education. They had a God who loves and cares for them as a father does his children. He learned of Jesus Who left Heaven to become our Elder Brother on earth, and then died in our place for our sins.

And the Bible — what a wonderful Book! Such things he never had heard before. What stories it contained! And they were all true! Then the thought struck him — all this is for me, too!

After his baptism, Michael just had to return home and tell his mother and father what he had found and that it was for them, too. But alas, Michael's mother and father didn't share their son's enthusiasm for this new religion. They were not exactly hostile, neither did they appear to be very much interested.

Michael's enthusiasm, however, aroused the interest of several others in the village, and soon he gathered a group about him and began to open up to them the truths he had discovered in the Bible.

But Michael was going to school, so he couldn't remain in his village. In the meantime another organization, hearing of the religious interest

stirred up in this village, came in and baptized a number of converts, establishing their own church. But Michael did not give up. He learned about branch Sabbath Schools, which were being conducted by his school in many kampongs. He decided to try one of his own, in his own village.

After careful planning, he returned to his village one weekend, and on Sabbath called the people together. Now, with a better understanding of God's Word and a better ability to explain it, he began to teach the people again, and started a branch Sabbath School. Now the Truths of God's Word were clearer than ever. A number responded and requested baptism into the Adventist Church. But Michael's mother and father could not give up their betel nut.

Finally Michael, after praying earnestly for guidance, appealed to Pastor Ortnier, principal of the school, to help him. Already involved with several other missionary projects besides his regular heavy duties with the school program, Pastor Ortnier nevertheless responded and went with Michael to his village. Together they continued studying with the people Sabbath after Sabbath, until one day it happened. Michael's mother and father surrendered their hearts — and their betel nut — to Jesus, and not long ago they with 30 others whom he had prepared were baptized and organized into a Seventh-day Adventist Church. Michael is 20 years old and a Form 5 student. He is also an active worker for God.



Ayer Manis School quartette left to right are: Daniel Ngali, Harold Juta, John Dungai and Ripat Samang.



Ayer Manis School in Sarawak where Michael Serod attends.



Ayer Manis students with paper lanterns they made for Malaysia Day parade.

Thailand Mission-Wide Youth Camp a Great Success

IT happened in December on the beautiful island of Phuket—Thailand's largest mission-wide MV youth camp. If you were one of the "pioneers", then you know the excitement of discovering and preparing a camp site in the forest, of pitching your tent under tall pines beside a beautiful white sand beach, lapped by the clear blue-green waters of the Indian Ocean, where swimming and snorkeling and shell-ing are the best of almost anywhere in the world. You know the serenity of lying out under the star-studded heavens on a tropical night with a cooling breeze to make it just right to snuggle under a blanket or two.

You found new friends and became better acquainted with your Best Friend. You discovered some of the wonders of God's world outdoors and nourished new spiritual insights within. You learned a little more discipline as the camp director's whistle brought you to line calls and inspections, but you also enjoyed a freedom unknown to those who never get away from the jangle and bustle of the city to go out into the other world of nature.

Under the able leadership of Pastor Abel Pangan, MV Secretary of the Thailand Mission, Thailand's SDA youth enjoyed a most successful camp. Among the 30 counselors, instructors and special assistants were Somchai Piromkraipakdi, Deputy Director; Hazel Hauck, Girls' Director; Rudy Ruiz, Boys' Director; F. N. Crider, M. D., Camp Doctor; Jerry Aitken, Camp Pastor; John Dybdahl, Guest Speaker; D. K. Smith, Translator; Paul Chuen, Storyteller; Chalaw Artamapadung, Translator and Special Assistant; Joe Saladino, Music Director, Wesley Amundson, Recreational Director; Miss Betty Walker, Assistant; Roger Kopitzke, assistant; Nai Leng and Suthin Plainetr, food service; Mrs. Orapin Sahajatanob, Siriporn Tan, and Mrs. Rebecca Chomitra, camp nurses.

—F. H. Hewitt, MV Secretary,
for Southeast Asia Union.



An ideal camp site under pines on ocean Beach, Phuket.



Miss Maybelle Vandermark



It took 3 large buses and a microbus to bring part of the 160 campers to Phuket MV camp. Left: Rudy Ruiz leads a flute and "home-made" bamboo orchestra in special music for Sabbath School, one young lady was baptized and 12 others made their decisions for Christ during the camp.

SDA World Health & Welfare Services Leader Conducts Training Classes in Southeast Asia

MISS Maybelle Vandermark, Associate Director of Health and Welfare Services of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, arrives in Singapore on February 22. While in Singapore she will conduct a three-day (February 23-25) workshop on SDA Health and Welfare Services which will be attended by church pastors and welfare leaders in the Singapore and Malaya areas.

Miss Vandermark will give special emphasis to the setting up and operating of health and welfare centers such as is planned for Singapore at the present time.

Since her time is limited in Southeast Asia, Miss Vandermark will be able to visit only one other mission. On February 26 she will proceed to Saigon where she will also conduct a welfare workshop as well as visit areas in Vietnam where SDA welfare work is being carried on.

Miss Vandermark is a specialist in the field of health education and welfare services, and Union and local mission leaders appreciate very much the help she is rendering to various church and welfare leaders.



Word of Life Crusade team, Penang. Pastor Don Jacobsen standing to right of microphone.



Part of large crowd of over 500 in attendance at Word of Life crusade, Penang.



Pastor Don Jacobsen

Penang 'Word of Life Crusade

by Don Jacobsen

THERE were about 400 chairs in place in the Long Say Building for the opening meeting. With an English-speaking membership of just over 150 we felt sure that this would be enough. For the first night it was — barely. But after that the attendance began to climb — 450. Then 500. By the end of the first week about 550 were crowding in, running us short of song books, Bibles, chairs.

Every night they returned. Total attendance for the 20-night series was near 10,000.

Then appeals were made. Specific appeals. To accept Christ and be baptized into His church. Nearly a hundred responded.

Thus far twenty-six have been baptized. Many more will follow. Baptisms on March 14, and April 11 will add others to our Penang church family.

Busily engaged in the follow-up are Pastors Cheah, Tan, Tambunan, and Hor; Chaplains Wah and Lai; Bible Instructors Mrs. Lai and Mrs. Yap; and Phoon Chek Yat, a ministerial student from Southeast Asia Union College.



Hungry flood refugees queue up in the food line to receive hot meals prepared by Seventh-day Adventist Welfare Services volunteer workers.



Tucked in between the backs of school desks mother and children retreat after a big day of evacuating and escaping from their flooded home.

The prayers, support, and countless hours of help given by our Penang members were an inspiration, and were largely responsible for this thrilling Far East Harvest report.

Evangelism in Cholon, Vietnam

PICTURED below is Tan Peik Hwa, 83-year old member of



the Cholon Seventh-day Adventist Church. Though she has been ill for three years and can walk only with great discomfort, yet she was able to lead her friend to Christ.

Pastor Wong Yew Seng has just concluded a series of meetings in the Cholon Church where nearly fifty made decisions for Christ. Thus far nine have been baptized.

Extensive visitation by the church members, the Gift Bible Plan, and reaping through public evangelism, was the successful three-step program.

Flood Disaster in Singapore

by Doyle Barnett

A long-to-be-remembered day is December 10, 1969! On the early morning of that day 14 inches of rain fell in ten hours time. In some parts of Singapore and Johore water rose to a depth of over 15 feet in towns and over highways.

Thousands of people in Singapore and over 20,000 people in the state of Johore had to flee their homes for higher ground. In Singapore high army lorries were sent into the flooded areas to pick up stranded victims. They were taken to ten or more campuses where they were fed and housed by government and voluntary services.

On the afternoon of December 10 Seventh-day Adventist churches in Singapore rallied their resources, and feeding centers were set up in St. Andrews School, Balestier Hill Primary School and Moulmein Community Center. Altogether 1300 people were fed in these places.

In addition to this voluntary relief work Pastor Joshua Chong, Executive Chairman of Singapore Health and Welfare Services, presented a \$1,000 check to Singapore Social Welfare Director for the further relief of Singapore flood victims.

● The Singapore Chinese San Yu High School (S.D.A.) has just received Government approval to add the H.S.C. (Higher School Certificate) program to its present four-year curriculum. This is a two-year liberal arts stream, pre-university course designed to qualify Chinese-speaking young people to enter Singapore or other British system universities. Authorization from the General Conference Department of Education Far Eastern Division is now being sought to upgrade the San Yu High School so as to permit some of our Chinese-speaking young people to continue their advanced education in the Chinese medium.

SAUC Youth Evangelize Youth Through Vacation Bible School

THE enthusiastic youth of the Southeast Asia Union College Church conducted a superb, evangelistically successful Vacation Bible School here, December 14-21.

This was no ordinary Vacation Bible School (referred to locally as Character Building School). Note the distinctive differences from the ordinary VBS that contributed toward soul-winning success: (1) It was conducted by youth, assisted by several adults (2) Only children seven or over were accepted, the intent being evangelistic (3) A vigorous follow-up program is being carried on (4) All children were effectively introduced to both the Sabbath School and Pathfinder Club and tactfully invited to join both organizations as regular members (5) Older children and youth were cordially invited to attend the nightly Voice of Youth meetings held concurrently by the Preachers of Tomorrow Club in the same Auditorium.

Our Sabbath School Council asked Mrs. Eileen Lantry to serve as advisor and Ng Gan Theow, a first-year ministerial student, to be Director. He and an eager staff of earnest assistants carried through the finest VBS we have seen anywhere.

Average attendance exceeded 120 children, largely from non-Christian homes. The entire group shared the joys of Sabbath School and the Worship hour Sabbath morning. For many of them, this was their first Christian worship service.

Our VBS ran eight consecutive days. The ninth and tenth days were held on succeeding Sabbath mornings when the VBS activities were combined with the Sabbath School and Church services.

Many of these VBS students also attended the nightly Voice of Youth meetings regularly. When the decision call was made by the Voice of Youth speaker, among the scores who responded, many were VBS students.

A properly presented Vacation Bible School is most effective youth evangelism.



Craft Time, VBS style



Choosing the Best Way



Pathfinder Day, Kuching

Letter from Sarawak

Dear Elder Hewitt:

WE have really had a busy time the last few months with youth projects. The first one was a Pathfinder Camp toward the end of August, followed by a Voice of Youth effort in the Kuching church September 29 to October 4. We had a baptism of nine precious souls on that last Sabbath. I also conducted my first Week of Prayer at the same time. It was quite a heavy task to preach three or four sermons a day, but it was really rewarding to see the young people stand and make their decisions to accept Jesus Christ and live a better life.

The fire really caught and burned among our enthusiastic young preachers, for they decided to launch another Voice of Youth effort in Sibiu during the December holiday, under my supervision. We also had a Pathfinder Day and raised over \$200 toward our project of building a clubhouse. We hope to be able to start on this very soon.

—Sammy Lee, M.V. Secretary,
Sarawak Mission

Sabah School Makes Hit With School Choir

THE Sabah Adventist Secondary School choir, under the leadership of Miss Linda Sibadogil, has made quite a hit with the public in the capitol city area of Kota Kinabalu.

Sometime ago they were invited to sing before a large audience in connection with a national holiday program in Kota Kinabalu, and immediately drew a warm public response.

Radio Malaysia Sabah then picked them up and put them on the air in a live program. Singing in either Kadazan or English, they quickly gained popularity as there is no other organization like them in Sabah.

Next they were asked to make a series of recordings, and now, a favorite on Radio Malaysia Sabah, Kadazan Section, their religious messages in song are heard every Sunday morning throughout the area as a public service feature.



Singapore Youth Rally

GLORIOUS music, enthusiastic accounts of victorious soul-winning experiences and renewed spiritual commitment filled the Sabbath day October 11 as some 500 youth from the four Singapore S.D.A. churches revealed the evangelistic impact M.V. youth are making on the work of the church today.

Choral groups combined with the Far Eastern Academy band in a 100-piece grand finale to the Music Time Hour.

Pastor John Harris, in the Sabbath morning sermon, appealed for total commitment to the M.V. aim "The Advent Message to all the World in this Generation"—NOW!

Penang Pearl Pathfinder Club

CAMPOUTS, craftwork, nature hikes, physical fitness and swimming honor achievements and an investiture service were among the many activities that made 1969 a banner year for the reorganized Penang Pearl Pathfinder Club, under the leadership of Izella Stuiven-ga.

Those assisting Miss Stuiven-ga in 1969 were Timothy Nathan, Deputy Director; Soo Khee Chee, Lee Chin Hin, Narcissa Pulanco, and Susie Wong, Counselors; David Hor, Assistant Pastor of the English Church, and Peter Tan, Lab Technician in the Penang Adventist Hospital. Michael Yee also taught swimming classes to help some of the Pathfinders meet their swimming honor requirements.

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New Girls Dormitory Nearing completion,
Tamparuli, Sabah



New Classroom Building for Ekamai School,
Bangkok

News Notes

Sabah

● Charles Gaban, Principal of the Sabah Adventist Secondary School, has left with his family for upgrading at Philippine Union College. R. E. Bartolome, Superintendent of Education and M.V. Secretary of the mission, will serve as Principal in the interim.

A new girls' dormitory costing \$110,000 is nearing completion. It is built of cement block construction and, according to Pastor Munson, President of the mission, it will be one of the most beautiful and up-to-date structures in the entire area.

A new teacher's house has been completed, the construction having been done mostly by teachers and students.

● The Sabah Mission recently received its first Government permit to do Ingathering and set a goal of \$20,000. The workers and members set to work hoping to reach their goal, but not sure just how the people would respond. It was not long before enthusiastic Ingatherers came back with reports of warm responses and generous gifts from their neighbors and business friends. Soon the \$20,000 goal was reached and surpassed. But no one wanted to quit. The latest information we have is that they now have over \$40,000, — double their original goal! The church membership in Sabah is now approaching 5,000.

Sarawak

● Fifteen young people were invested in M.V. classes at Ayer Manis School recently. Pastor Sammy Lee, M.V. Secretary of the Sarawak Mission, officiated. Peter Wong is the M.V. leader at the school.

Thailand

● The Ubon Mission School recently received full Government accreditation as a secondary school. This large school of over 500 students has provided many strong workers for the mission. Dr. Boyd Olson, Secretary of Education for the Far Eastern Division, was a guest speaker on the occasion of the school's recognition day. The district minister of education for private schools in the Ubon district was also a guest and spoke for the occasion.

A large attractive three-story classroom building for the girls' section of the English Ekamai School in Bangkok has recently been completed.

Vietnam

● Two new school buildings are nearing completion and construction on a third will begin soon. These are located in the cities of Tam Ky, Phu Hoa, and Can Tho, where we have had no church schools before.

Pastor Wong Yew Seng has just completed a very successful evangelistic campaign at the Cholon Chinese church. Seven have already been baptized and 13 more are preparing for baptism.

A number of young people are planning to attend Southeast Asia Union College this year for ministerial training.

Pastor Pham Truong Thonh, mission evangelist, has just completed an effort in the newly renovated Bien Hoa church with 17 decisions for Christ. Total baptisms in Vietnam were expected to top 300 by the end of 1969 when all reports are in.

Singapore

● Kathy Coffin left for Walla Walla College after spending one semester at Southeast Asia Union College. The college students have enjoyed associating with her and will miss her cheery smile and friendly spirit. Kathy has only six more months to complete her nursing course at Walla Walla. She hopes to come back here and serve the people she has grown up with.