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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peping China

系學聞新
Department of Journalism

April 21, 1930

Dear Dr. Stuart,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have been appointed the first Yenching-Missouri Fellow to the school of journalism, and I am leaving on the Taiyo Maru from Shanghai on May 15th for the States. I am planning to leave Peiping on May 5th staying in Tientsin for two or three days and then to Shanghai by boat. The trains have been interrupted as a rule in the spring when the "usual war" sets in. I expect to call on Mr. Frank Lee, the new vice-minister of foreign affairs in Nanking. He was my old teacher and a good friend of my parents.

You will wonder why I am planning to leave at this time when the academic year is not ended. I am planning to work during this summer in New York City, if work can be obtained. As the University of Missouri requires one who has not majored in journalism to take one summer session and one academic year to obtain the B.J. degree, I thought it would be better to get the summer session out of the way. But the unofficial work in correspondence which I have been doing for Mr. Hin Wong and for the work which I have been doing in the North China Standard and the Leader, I will probably be exempted, and hoping that the past year will be recognized, and given credit. If this is possible, I will immediately proceed to N.Y. where I will work.

I have corresponded to several people in N.Y. and I hope if it is possible to work on The World for three months. You know yourself that the gold exchange is so high now that it is rather difficult for my family to support me from China, and as our income in U.S. is being used by my sister there, I have only planned to see myself through. I hope I can save enough to help me through the first year. The fellowship gives me \$500.00 a year and this will be just enough for me while I am in school. I hope that I can make such connections with the various papers so I can do some translations from Chinese papers to earn enough. I expect to call on the New York Office to see you when I arrive, and I hope you will advise me what to do in my work.

My first plans would have enabled me to stop over in Honolulu for two weeks, but since the Asama Maru is booked fully, I have been forced to take the Taiyo which leave thirteen days later. I will only pass through on my way. I will however have the opportunity to see my brother whom I have not seen for five years. I will also make a study of the Chinese newspapers in San Francisco when I am there. I have many friends in Stanford University and I also have a school mate who is now in Kao-Ying's place as vice-consul in S.F. I will arrive in S.F. on June 4th. If possible I will get to Columbia Missouri on June 10th, just in time for the summer session.

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學大京燕
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peping China

系學聞新
Department of Journalism

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Proabaly you have ^{learned} through Mr. Nash the work of the new department. I have often wanted to write you a long letter, but as various things happen, I have never had the chance to do so. I am gladdto say that we have made many friendly relations with the Chinese newspapermen in Tientsin and Peiping, and also in Shanghai. The latter place through correspondence. We have been passing a rather encouraging and experimental year. There is more demand for Chinese teachers in the department, and it will be hoped that this can satisfy the students. I have made some good arrangments with the various newspapermen~~in~~ in the city and Tientsin to have them come to help ~~us~~, and one or two very good ones have responded. We also have the Yung Pao, Mr. Hollington Tong's paper in Tientsin who have given their offices as ~~our~~ labs. The whole year has been rather an interesting one, and when I see you, I will have much to say, as well as my own suggestions and view points. I wish to also see as many of our contributors as I can and this will show them how much we appreciate their help.

The University life has been rather "calm", compared to last year. The student weekly has many attacks on the individuals of the faculty members, but after all they are not true. ~~The~~ student body as a whole is not harmonious, and there are many who are indifferent which makes the situation better, if they were cut up into many parties. There is however, a steady advancement, and I am very greataul for having been here, as a faculty member.

My work with the department has been very helpful to me. Although I have not had much time to study, I have had practical experience with Mr. Hin Wong and other people. I will have much to tell you when I arrive in N.Y. I understand that you are going to return to China in July, if that is the case, I do hope to see you before you return. My father returns south with me. My mother returned to Canton last month. She will expect to go to U.S. in fall when the people whom she wishes to meet will be back from their vacations.

Mr. Hin Wong's family of seven children will arrive on April 28th. I am leaving a week later. The house is rather small for his family. The spring weather is here, and every one on the campus seems to have the fever for the hills. You know what the dust storms mean, and it is fully expressing itself now. Hoping to see you soon. I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Lauriat Loo (Lu)

P.S. Kindly infomr Mr. Ritter and Mr. Sailer of my coming.

J.L.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 19, 1930

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Assistant to the President
Yenching University
American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Will you please advise me as to your desires in connection with the payment toward the expenses of David C. H. Lu, holder of the journalism Fellow from Yenching University at the University of Missouri? We have available for payment in connection therewith for this year \$500.

Do you desire that this payment be made to your office or shall we wait until Mr. Lu has returned to Missouri and make payment to him reporting same to you? I shall be glad to follow your desires in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Frank L. Martin

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Lu, Mr. David

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Vice-President Emeritus

June 25, 1930

Dear Mrs. Finley:

You will be interested in the enclosed clipping. Will you kindly return it for our files?

Mr. Lu is a charming young man who speaks English without the slightest accent. I think he will make a fine impression in this country and will do excellent work at the University of Missouri.

Would it be at all possible for you to have him meet Doctor Finley at your home? I should consider it a great privilege to have Doctor Finley become acquainted with Mr. Lu, and I know that I should not request this during office hours. Doctor Finley is entirely too busy. If you will kindly telephone, we will make arrangements according to your convenience.

Cordially yours,

Olin D. Wannamaker

Carbon destroyed

Mrs. J. H. Finley
#1 Lexington Ave.
New York City

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Dear Mr. Wannamaker -
I am just leaving for the country.
I will speak to Mr. Finley about
Mr. Lu. When Mr. Lu is here want
for telephone Mr. Finley's office
Lackawanna 1000 - I make an appointment
Mr. F. will be glad to see him - Sincerely
Walter Finley

Yenta Journalism News

Bi-lingual Terms Booklet Is Issued

Catalog-Bulletin in English Language Also Now Being Published

June 1930

While as much practice work as possible is done by students in the Chinese language, it is necessary and desirable under present conditions that most assigned readings be in books using English. Their command of this foreign language is sufficiently good that the shortage of text and reference material in Chinese is not a serious handicap to students, but it has been found very helpful to understanding to have professional and technical terms explained in Chinese or translated literally into Chinese, or their equivalent, as used in vernacular newspapers, known.

Consequently, one of the major tasks of David Lu this year has been the preparation of a syllabary of English and Chinese newspaper terminology. This booklet is now on the press. Our first departmental catalog-bulletin is now being printed and will be sent to those whom we have reason to think will be particularly interested therein. It will be sent without charge to any others making request for same. The bulletin is in English primarily for the benefit of overseas Chinese many of whom do not read Chinese.

David Lu First Missouri Fellow

S. D. Groff B. J. '29 (Mo.)
Now in China Under
Reciprocal Plan

David C. H. Lu, our departmental assistant, left early in May for America to become the first Yen-ching-Missouri Fellow by appointment of Dean-President Williams of the University of Missouri. He hopes to obtain his B.J. degree in 1931, his M.A. in 1932, and to get some practical experience upon American newspapers during vacation periods.

Mr. Lu was graduated from Yen-ching in 1929 with a major in English. The chairman of that department in Yen-ching, T. E. Breece, is an alumnus of Missouri, as are also the three journalism teachers in Yen-ching. It is difficult to imagine what our first year would have been like without the very active and intelligent work of our departmental secretary. We are gratified to an extraordinary degree to be able to send to Missouri to inaugurate the fellowship there such a fine type of student and so pleasing a Christian personality.

New Fellow Was Born in America

David was born in New York City, where his father still has Restaurant and other business interests though he has been back in China for several years. He received his early elementary schooling in Michigan; he attended middle school and Lingnan University in Canton before entering Yen-ching in his junior year. Both of his parents have been active in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention in South China. His mother was one of the first Chinese women to obtain a modern education; she is still active in kindergarten training work.



DAVID CH'I HSIN LU

The first Yen-ching - Missouri Fellow, appointed by Dean-President Williams to study journalism at the University of Missouri.

The system of graduate fellowships between Missouri and Yen-ching is reciprocal. Yen-ching biennially appoints to a teaching fellowship some graduate recommended by the faculty of the school of journalism at Missouri who has majored in advertising. Samuel D. Groff, at present upon our staff, is the first such Missouri-Yen-ching Fellow. The Yen-ching-Missouri Fellow is appointed by President Williams and his faculty upon recommendation by Yen-ching. The latter receives \$500 a year for two years; the former has the status of an unmarried instructor in Yen-ching except that he receives no travel or furlough allowances.

WINS FELLOWSHIP IN JOURNALISM

Graduate of Yenching to Study at Missouri.

David C. H. Lu is the first graduate of Yenching University at Peiping, China, to whom a fellowship has been awarded by the Missouri-Yenching Association. Every year the Schools of Journalism at the University of Missouri and Yenching each award a fellowship which carries with it the privilege of studying and teaching in the other. Last year the first fellow from Missouri, Samuel D. Groff, went to Yenching, and this year, it was announced today, Mr. Lu will come to Missouri.

The School of Journalism at Yenching was modeled after that at Missouri. Fifty American newspaper publishers contributed \$60,000 to maintain it for its first five years and Vernon Nash, a graduate of the School of Journalism at Missouri and a former Rhodes scholar was chosen to head the school.

Mr. Lu was born in New York city in 1906. When he was eleven years old he went to China for the first time, remaining there for ten years to attend schools in Canton. As a junior he went to Yenching University for the purpose of studying journalism, but those courses having been at that time suspended temporarily, he majored in English instead. In 1928 he took his courses in journalism at a summer school in Shanghai maintained jointly by the colleges of eastern China.

He graduated from Yenching in 1929, and during the last year has served as Peiping correspondent to Chinese and foreign newspapers under the supervision of Hin Wong, professor of journalism at Yenching. Mr. Lu's father, who was formerly in business in this country, has retired and is now living in Canton.

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October 23, 1930
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated October 20. I wish to thank you for the trouble you have taken in making the visit to Detroit a success. I will be looking forward to your favorable information in the near future.

Since my arrival here, I find that a Chinese student is more or less an unofficial ambassador of the Chinese nation and people. I have given more than ten lectures to the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., and various other organizations. I find that my time is quite busy with these additional activities. However, I am very happy to interpret to the West what is really happening in my own country. If one understands China through the American newspapers, then China would be a hopeless victim.

I am enjoying my work here, and I am most fortunate to have one Chinese boy as my companion here. He is from Anhwei and formerly a student in Min Kuo University in Peiping.

Regarding the autumn campaign for the department of journalism, I will do all I can to assist Mr. Gordon.

Thanking you for your kindness. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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David Lu

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October 21, 1930
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

Inclosed you will find a clipping from
the Missouri Magazine, a publication issued
by the students of the School of Journalism.

It is of interest that I am sending it
on to you. The University of Missouri flew for
the first time in its history a foreign flag
and this flag was the Chinese flag in commemora-
tion of the Double Ten Anniversary, Oct. 10.

I have sent one copy to Dr Stuart. I am,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

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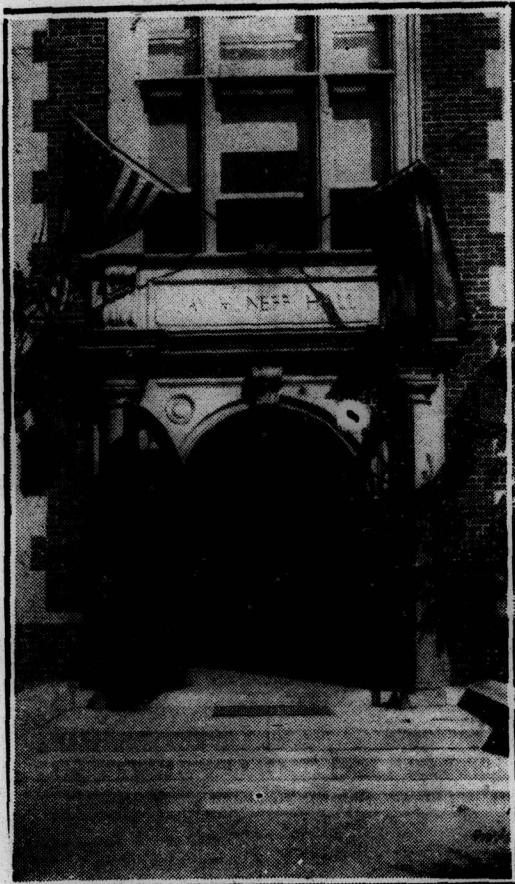
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"Double Ten" Celebrated by China

On the Tenth Day of the Tenth Month the Chinese Republic Honored Her Freedom From the Manchu Regime While Flags Over Neff Hall Door Symbolized Good Will



The Stars and Stripes and the White Sun in the Blue Field were waved by campus breezes Oct. 10, in recognition of the Chinese Republic.

FLAGS representing two of the most powerful nations in the world stirred softly in the wind two weeks ago, as they hung over the door of Jay H. Neff Hall, in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of China. Side by side the Stars and Stripes and the "white sun in the blue field with the red ground," waved a salute to a new era for China, a new friendship between the United States and China and as a token to the relationship between the University of Missouri and Yenching University in Peiping, from which David C. H. Lu is the first representative to the University.

On October 10, 1911, China celebrated her Independence Day or "Double Ten" as it is known in China, for it was the tenth day and tenth month of 1911, that China freed herself from the Manchu regime. Over the nation flags proudly waved, banners were raised in tribute, and mass meetings were held in celebration. China recognizes Dr. Sun Yat Sen as the "Father of the Republic" and the founder of Kuomintang, nationalist party. The platform of this party was the social and political reform of Dr. Sun, which led to the revolt against the Manchu, or the Ching dynasty as it is known.

More than 250 years ago, the Asiatics or aborigines, a warring tribe of people outside the wall of China, came in by force and overthrew the government and established their own. These rulers were strong in military force but weak in culture, and the last two decades of the reigning government allowed the world to witness China's weakness.

The first direct diplomatic relations with the West, about 1840, ended in the Opium War, the Sino-Japanese War and the Boxer Rebellion. Because of this, the leading western powers secured "unequal treaties," concessions in Chinese property and extra-territoriality, or the independence of foreign residents of Chinese laws and courts.

The new national consciousness found expression in the political and social program of Dr. Sun, who not only demanded elimination of foreign control but also the overthrow of the empire and the establishment of a Chinese Republic.

In the latter part of 1900, Dr. Sun gathered a group of friends and party sympathizers for a revolutionary movement. He plotted against the Imperial government; the plot was discovered and Dr. Sun was forced to flee to Japan where a group followed him and formed the Jung Men Hui party. Later he secretly returned and students who had been abroad studying, as well as people in China, joined him in plans for the revolution.

On March 29, 1911, one hundred revolutionists, marched up to the Viceroy's building in Canton with the purpose of bombing it. When they arrived, they found that the viceroy and officials had been warned and had fled. The band attempted to leave, but were met at the gate by a

contingent of returning government troops with drawn rifles. The little band tried bravely to break through but were mowed down from left to right, and seventy-two heroes died for the republic in the first battle of the revolution. Those who escaped were wounded and captured and later executed.

The seventy-two men who have now become the first heroes of the Chinese Republic, lie buried in one grave on Yellow or Sun Flower Hill, as it is called, some two miles out from Canton. Today on Yellow Flower Hill, there are seventy-two stones, placed in fitting order, with a small model of the statue of liberty at the top, as a memorial to these dead heroes. Each stone was given by branches of Kuomintang outside China and has the name of the hero and the name of the branch inscribed on it. March 29, stands unique in the minds of the Chinese people and each anniversary a memorial service is held in Canton.

On October 10, 1911, the revolution proper started in Canton, Hankow, Wuchang and Nanking, the principal cities, and successfully ended in the establishment at Nanking of the new provisional government with Dr. Sun elected for the first president.

Dr. Sun died in 1925, while he was on a mission from Canton to Peiping, in an effort to make a compromise with the northern government. He was entombed in the Pigunssu Temple, twelve miles west of Peiping. In 1929 he was removed to Nanking. A long funeral procession, walking slowly, step by step, started the journey at midnight from the temple to the city.

Mr. Lu and other students of Yenching University, which is only five miles out from the city, waited from 4:00 o'clock till 7:00 o'clock for the funeral procession to pass.

The procession with 150 pallbearers dressed in blue and white costumes with the symbol of the Kuomintang, the white sun, on their backs, passed by the university. The coffin rested in a large frame which was covered with a tent-like structure and required 120 men to carry it. Over it all was draped a huge silk flag of the party.

A special train was taken from Peiping to Nanking, but from Nanking to the Purple Hill, five miles outside the city, the procession again walked.

Dr. Sun was buried on Purple Hill June 1, 1929,

or eastern Tartars, the blue for the Mongolians or western Tartars, the white for the Thibetans and the black for the Mohammedans. The republic kept this flag till 1929 when the whole country celebrated "Double Ten" under the new flag. The white sun in the blue field is the flag of the Kuomintang party and was the old Chinese navy flag, but with the red ground added it is now the flag of the republic.

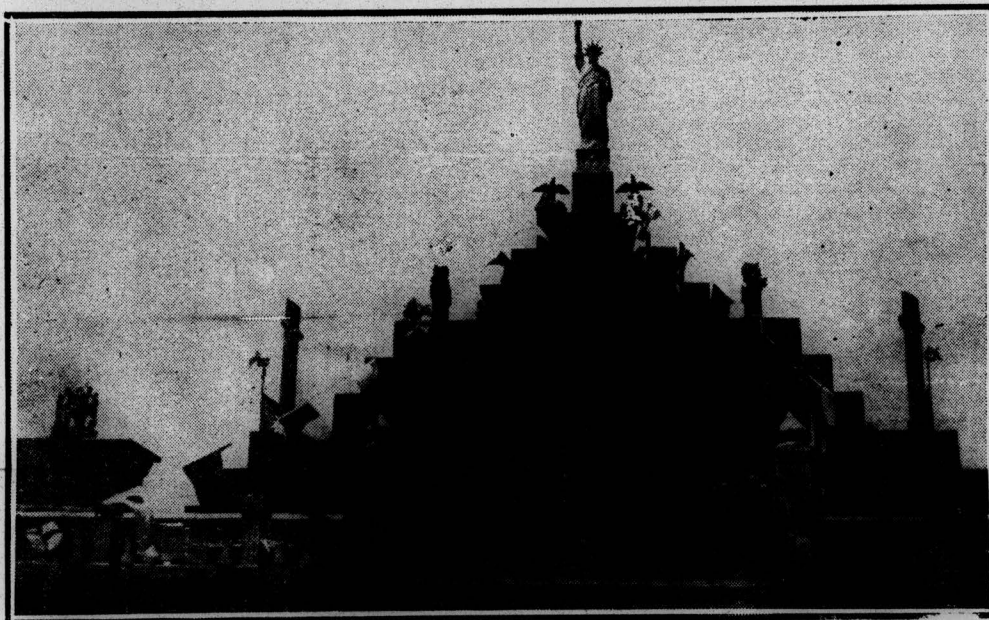
Peking or Peiping, as it is now known, flew the flag of the republic for the first time on June 8, 1928 and Manchuria flew it on December 30, 1928, but it was not till October 10, 1929, that the whole country celebrated under it. This year marks the second time that China as a whole has accepted the flag of the republic, thus the celebration of October 10, has a double meaning.

The Chinese flag which hung over the door of Jay H. Neff Hall Oct. 10, was a gift from the President of the Republic of China Chiang Kai-Shek, to the School of Journalism in 1929, in token of the good will between Yenching University and the University of Missouri. The flag and a picture of Chiang Kai-Shek, were presented to H. Francis Misselwitz, formerly connected with the School of Journalism faculty, and was sent by him to the school.

There is a close bond between Yenching University at Peiping, China and the University of Missouri, because of the exchange of graduate students between the two schools. In 1925 Roswell Britton of Columbia University and Vernon Nash organized the department of journalism in Yenching University. The department lasted for two years but was forced to close in 1927 because of lack of funds, and Mr. Nash returned to the University to take his Master's Degree in Journalism.

Later adequate funds were raised for the department and a school of journalism was started in Yenching University in 1929. The first exchange graduate from the University of Missouri was Samuel Groff, who went to Yenching in the summer of 1929. The second graduate will go to Yenching in the summer of 1931, for two years.

David C. H. Lu, the first exchange graduate from Yenching University to Missouri, arrived in Columbia on June 14. After a few days he returned to



The monument to the men killed in the first battle of the 1911 Chinese Revolution for the present Republic. It is located at Yellow or Sun Flower Hill, Canton. The Goddess of Liberty stands above the seventy-two stones, each of which bears the name of a hero.

and representatives of many governments were there to pay him tribute. It is now a regulation in China that a Dr. Sun memorial meeting be held every Monday morning in the schools. At this time, the will of Dr. Sun, which is famous as embodying his principles, is read and all students are required to bow three times to his portrait and to the flags of the party and China, after which they stand three minutes in silence.

It was suggested by Chinese in San Francisco that special tribute be paid Dr. Sun on his birthday, which is in November, and for two years this has been done.

The first flag chosen for the republic was one with five parallel bars of red, yellow, blue, white and black. The first one was red and represented the middle kingdom, or China proper with the eighteen provinces, the yellow for the Manchurians

New York City and stayed for ten weeks, working on newspapers and making a study of Chinese papers in the city. He worked for three weeks in the various departments of the New York Times and for three weeks as a reporter on the New York Evening World.

Mr. Lu was born in New York City, attended the elementary school in Michigan, middle school and Lingnan University in Canton before he entered Yenching University in his junior year. He was graduated in 1929 and worked in the university as assistant and secretary. While in Yenching Mr. Lu was correspondent to three papers and also had charge of the field work done by the students in Peiping and Tientsin.

Mr. Lu entered the University of Missouri this fall and is now taking the beginning courses in journalism.

January 20, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker
Yenching University Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

Your letter postmarked Jan. 6th reached me recently. Owing to the final examination period, which has come, and is now past history, I was unable to answer you at a more earlier date.

Regarding the questionnaire prepared by Mr. Warren H. Stuart I have already sent him an answer, informing him that I would be glad to send him my answers after the final examination period. I hope this will not inconvenience his plans.

Concerning the case of Mr. Li Chien-ian, Yenching student who committed suicide in St. Louis last month, I would like to know what inquiries you have made. Recent papers from China (Chinese papers) have a translated version of the United Press story which was not very complete. I would like to have other information if you have succeeded in obtaining them.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the past semester recently concluded has been a period of experience and happiness. I can safely say that it has been entirely satisfactory to me, and I am hoping that Yenching will also feel the same way. I have done my best to interpret China to the people here and at the same time to learn from them what we can adopt and adapt in the future. I hope as time goes by, the tie between these two institutions will strengthen and thus bring a better understanding between the people of these two countries.

I am planning to write an article on Sports among the Chinese Women. I would appreciate it very much if you could send me, for temporary use, 12 or 15 pictures about the Yenching girls, such as in games and boxing etc. It will make my story much more valuable and I will return them to you as soon as the cuts are made. Thanking you for your co-operation. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David Chi-hsin Lu
David Chi-hsin Lu

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January 28, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Mr. O.D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

Your letter of recent date with the inclosed copies relative to the information to the death of Mr. Li Chien-fan was received today. The interesting article on "Two Robertas" was read with great interest.

I am enclosing to you the copies which you requested to be returned to you. I will keep this confidential as I do not think it would be advisable to discuss the matter with the exception of his own relatives. I think the authorities at Washington University has done their best to help him. I had emphatically denied to some of the professors here who asked me about Li's death was apparently due to hard and difficult studies. Any Chinese, according to my observations, who can win a fellowship in science, will not easily give up when it comes to hard courses. I had always in my mind the idea that Mr. Li must have lost his mental balance. It is indeed a very unhappy incident.

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I am returning to Miss McCoy some of the cuts and photos which she sent me recently, but I am holding some of the pictures which I would like to use for a longer period. I will return them to the office immediately after I have finished with them. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David Chi-hsin Lu

David Chi-hsin Lu

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February 7, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

Your letter of recent date with the inclosed list of pictures have been received. I also received the copper cuts and the pictures at the same time. I wish to thank you for the trouble in sending them to me. I also wish to apologize to you for not writing to you sooner than this time as I have been very crowded with work during the past week.

In answer to you your letter I am sending back the cuts and 15 pictures. As I am preparing an article for a magazine on Chinese Women in Athletics I cannot tell you definitely when they will be returned to me. I will inform you as soon as I can after they have been accepted.

I am glad to know that Dr. De Vargas has arrived in this country. I received from Mr. Nash a letter informing me of his expected arrival in August. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that two Chinese newspaper men whom I knew in China were guests of the School recently. I am enclosing a cut which I hope you will give to Mr. Wannamaker.

I am also happy to inform you that my mother who was with me in Peiping for eight months last year has arrived in this country. She is on a mission for one of the girls school in Canton. She expects to be here for a few days before going on to Chicago and New York. I will be very glad if she can have the opportunity to meet you and also the friends at the office.

The two Chinese stone lions--the talk of the town--have arrived. They will be dedicated to the School by Dr. C.C. Wu, Chinese minister at Washington during the Journalism Week May 3-9. I am helping them arrange the Made-in-China Banquet, which is the crowning event of the occasion.

My work is getting along well and the longer I stay the better I like my work. I am enrolled in the Graduate School this semester. With regards. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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March 6, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

It has been a great pleasure to read from the university publications, recently received from Miss Hague, some of the news items about Yenching. The resume, given in the letter to the absentee members, has conveyed to me the major events that took place in my alma mater during the last semester. I want to tell you that I enjoyed reading your lecture delivered at the faculty precessional last September.

It is hard to realize that I have been away from Yenching nearly ten months. During all this time, I want to assure you, I have not forgotten about the happy days spent there. It is gratifying that some of the friends there are keeping up their interest in me and have informed me of the things that are going on. In addition to my China mail, I have been in close contacts with Mr. Annamaker who has given me the necessary information concerning Yenching.

My work here has been most satisfactory, which I am sure you will be glad to know. I have always kept in mind that I am working for Yenching, hoping that those who follow will uphold her ideals and standards showing the west that Young China can do. This institution has been exceptionally kind to me and has oftentimes gone out of its way to give me extraordinary opportunities to do things. I am learning about the procession and trade and the longer I stay the more I like it. I have also been very fortunate to keep my contacts with the Christian Science Monitor and have received much encouragements from their foreign editor and manager. During the past half year I have been translating human interest items from the T' Kung Pao (Tientsin) for the Monitor and in return I am translating from the American papers items for the Chinese papers.

No doubt you have already known that the two Chinese stone lions given to this institution by the Chinese Government arrived here in January, the same day with the two Chinese journalists who recently visited the School of Journalism. I am more happy for I will be present at the dedication service in May, when Dr. C.C. Wu will come from Washington to represent the National Government. We expect to have direct radio message the night of the Journalism Banquet over the KBC; when words of greetings will come from Chiang Kai Shek and H.H. Kung and other members of the government. I am glad that Mr. Nash will be able to get a gavel for that banquet, which I do hope will either be a present from Yenching or from the department. Plans are being rapidly completed and I am sure it will be an all-around Chinese event. I am expecting the two Chinese journalists, Mr. Cheng Ping, of the Shih Chieh Jih Pao, Peiping and Mr. Ching Chang Lo of the Shih Shih Hsin Pao, Shanghai will be able to persuade the Chinese journalists associations to donate some souvenirs to the guests that will be present that night.

In reading over the news regarding the trouble of the students at Yenching and Mrs. Frame, I recall the days when I experienced somethings similar during my two years there. I cannot but feel that Yenching has a particular brand of students which are not found in other Chinese institutions. Coming from Lingnan, I naturally make my comparisons with my old school. I admit that Yenching and Lingnan students differ in many

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ways. In the south we have a homogeneous group of students, many who remain on the same campus for years and become fully saturated with Lingnan ideals and spirit. I have witnessed many a stormy day there and the last time resulted in the closing of the institution for two months. The situation in Yenching is different largely due to the large cosmopolitan and heterogeneous groups of students there. They come from various parts of the country and from different schools, although the same may hold true for Lingnan, the one language affords a greater solidarity in the school life and among the students. I can safely say that Lingnan has the most loyal students of any college in China. Each time would witness the students for the institution and not against. Things in Yenching are the reverse. All the attacks have been directed at the administration. What are the causes? Why does the institution have to expect trouble of some kind every year? To me it seems absurd. I feel that there is hardly any loyalty among the students in Yenching for their school. They are highly individualistic. No mass meeting has been successful, no election has been en masse. They are too indifferent and not willing to stand together. Others are skeptical. It indicates that Yenching with her fine buildings and campus lacks the real genuine spirit behind her four walls--the support of her students.

The ways in which you and Chancellor Wu solved the situations in the past is highly commendable. Certainly no institution should tolerate the threats and unreasonable demands. In these times of uncertainty and suspense new methods must be sought to cope with these situations. I do not believe that any side should go to the extremes and that there is always a way out of the trouble if both sides are willing to conciliate and make reparations. This has, fortunately, been adopted in Yenching through these troublous times. If you should ask me how to deal with future difficulties, I could not give you an immediate answer. I do feel that Yenching should and could do one thing in the future. That is to try to train students four years on the campus. By this I mean that transfer students are undesirable and it is unhealthy for the institution itself. I am a transfer student myself, but I am proud to say that after my two years at Yenching, I am just as loyal and enthusiastic about her welfare as any other student who has passed through her doors. Although the number of transfer students in recent years indicate the high standard and reputation Yenching has obtained in the country, such students cannot build up a Yenching spirit and ideal in one or two years. To my mind they are more or less the tourist type of people, who pass nonchalantly through and get no deep impression but the worst. It is for this reason that there are so many from the south that are indifferent in times of trouble. Of course, any such proposition as to limit transfer students will bring many objections, but these are my personal opinions which I would like to convey to you, hoping that it may be helpful for the future.

Probably you will recall the attempt I made two years ago to have the university issue a publication for the alumni. It was turned down because it was considered to interfere with the work of the alumni association. I still feel that the work of the alumni association is different from the one I proposed. For us who are abroad, I find that the alumni association has done nothing whatsoever for us, even in sending us information regarding the alumni association at home and about the news of the university. I have read about the trips made by the secretary, but I can't see that much has been obtained through such methods. Although I have left Lingnan four years, I feel I am not lost and closely held

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together to former schoolmates and the school's ideals. We find that the institution's interest is still in us and that by sending us a simple quarterly informing us of the major events, important developments, and news of other alumni, is keeping up our interest and loyalty in her. This is the work of the university while the alumni association is doing work in other channels. I personally think that in trying to build up a Yenching spirit and ideals at home, the effort and money spent during their school days, warrants more effort on the part of the university to hold them to the institution after they leave school. I would be very glad to accept your views on this matter.

Recently I have received letters from Chinese journalists in China expressing their opinions regarding the department of journalism at Yenching. Mr. Hu Lin, manager of the Ta Kung Pao, Tientsin, wrote me a long letter criticizing the department's present work. There are two points in his letter which I feel is more or less true and which can be remedied in the near future. The first is that the written Chinese of the students are poor; and that the department is stressing too much emphasis on the English journalism and are preparing students for the English press. Secondly, the students lack practical training, which is most important for journalists. In answering him I gave the following reply:

The department of journalism at Yenching is now running on an experimental basis for five years. We are trying to find our way into the work, to see whether such a training is needed and demanded. It is not our hopes to remain at the same pace, but to hope that the Chinese journalists will give us a helping hand. As there is no such thing as Chinese journalism established in China at present, we are using the American and British systems in our teaching. We are trying to stress more on the Chinese writing and as Mr. Nash in the beginning said that the department was for the Chinese, it has clarified our standing. The lack of a press has been one of the greatest concerns. We hope to get a press in the near future. I feel that the Chinese journalists should not stand aloof to criticize our work but to give us tangible help and suggestions. It is true that our funds are limited and we cannot freely employ more men on our staff. But I do feel that Yenching should try to get half-time professor, preferably, Chinese journalists to teach in the department. There is a large enough community at Yenching and Tsinghua to warrant a small evening newspaper to be published by the department students and I am sure if such a plan could be put into practice it would certainly help us in our training.

I understand that the number of students enrolled in the department has decreased this year. The main reasons, I think is due to the lack of more Chinese teachers. I think we have been fortunate to have Mr. Hsin Wong, who has, I am sure, given much help to our project. There aren't many who would be willing to give up their active work to enter the drudgery of teaching in college. This is another difficulty. And again, there are not many well trained journalists who can teach systematically. However we can not let the public understand if we can not play it up on them. It is a Chinese custom, as you no doubt know, that the "face value" is one of the most important thing to accumulate a reputation. I would like to suggest the thought of combining our work with one or more newspapers in North China. The School of Journalism at Columbia University is connected with the New York World and I don't see why we cannot get into contact with some reputable newspaper in Tientsin or Peiping. I am writing to Mr. Hu Lin asking his opinions on this subject. It is my own personal opinions and has no effect on the works and plans of the

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department. When Mr. Cheng Ping, editor of the Shih Chieh Jih Pao, Peiping was here late in January he had mentioned to Dr. Williams here that he wanted to have an exchange system of students and professor with the department of journalism of the Law School of the National Peking University. He also expressed his desire to cooperate with Yenching in a similar method whereby Yenching could get into contact with Chinese journalists and our staff members could help in one of the largest institutions in China. Mr. Nash is acquainted with Mr. Cheng and I am sure if we could approach him, he would be glad to find some means of working out the plan.

I am making plans to go to Mexico this summer to attend the Press Congress of the World to be held there in August. I hope to get a representation from the Peiping journalists association to go as an official member. I have spoken to Dr. Williams and Dean Martin about this and they feel that it would be a good thing for me to do. I will inform you later of definite plans.

Kindly convey my regards to Chancellor Wu, Dr. Law, and other friends at Yenching. Hoping to hear from you when you have time. With compliments for the spring season. I am,

Very sincerely yours,

David Chi-Lin Lu

David C.L. Lu

P.S. We just had one of the greatest snowstorms here today. White flakes more than 11 inches high, blocking traffic and causing much damage in many parts of the country. I have been kept in for two days.

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March 11, 1931
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

I am enclosing newspaper clippings from the Columbia Missourian which I thought might interest you.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Missouri-Yenching Drive will start on March 22 and the goal is for \$1000. The group of people here are interested in the project more so than last year because Dean Williams is now president and decidedly because he is one of Missouri state's greatest men. I am confident that this time the campaign will pull through.

So far I have not received any New York Times Feb. 2 issue Sunday Magazine which contained a picture of the so-called "Jimmy Yen". I would feel more than pleased to get a copy which I can preserve for the pleasure of keeping it. With regard to Hallet Abend's "Tortured China" I would say that "Abend is the one who is torturing China!"

The Journalism Banquet of the School of Journalism, which will take place in May and the height of the event, is expecting to have some souvenirs for the 500 guests who are planning to be present. As this is a Chinese affair and that the banquet will be a "Made-in-China" banquet, such novelties will be expected to be Chinese. I do not find it possible to send to China for them now, but I do not know whether there is a possibility of approaching the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in New York for such a gift. Such articles need not be expensive but just something to remember the occasion by. I would appreciate it very much if you could suggest to me if there is such a possibility of asking a Chinese organization for these things.

Recent letters from Yenching indicate that most everything is getting along well. I am contemplating to go to Mexico this summer to attend the Press Congress of the World in August. I will represent one of the Chinese newspapers there. As to how I shall go I have not decided. With regards. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

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March 13, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

I regret to inform you that news from San Francisco reports the death of one of our Yenching graduates of 1929, who committed suicide nearly four weeks ago. This time a women student. She is Miss Chu Shu-chiung, of Canton, who came to Mills University, Oakland, Calif., last September on a fellowship.

The news dispatch as recorded in the Chung Si Yat Pao, a Chinese daily published in San Francisco, gives the following story:

Miss Chu Shu-chiung, niece of Chu Kwong Lan, famous Cantonese tobacco manufacturer, came to Mills University last September. She was a very good student in her studies. It is understood that she had some difficulties in her public speech classes. Recently she appeared before a group which was attended by the president of that institution, and after the speech, Miss Chu became ill and had a nervous breakdown. She did not attend classes for several days and the authorities finding that she was becoming worse, decided to send her back to China for her health. It is understood that a missionary was accompanying the girl on the ~~Tasuta~~ ^{Tasuta} Maru, which left San Francisco port. Somewhere between the West coast and Honolulu, Miss Chu suddenly disappeared. They believed that she must have jumped the boat into the sea.

This is all the indirect information I could gather from my friends. I knew Miss Chu very well for she was a classmate of mine and also a fellow Cantonese. She was specializing in history and I had previously heard that she received the fellowship to America. She was one of the most studious students I have ever met and ranked high in her class. She was graduated from True Light Girls School, Pak Hok Tung, Canton, in 1925 and entered Yenching that fall. She graduated in the same year I did, 1929, and returned to Canton where she taught one year at True Light before coming to America. From my brother's letter which I recently received and from the information which I obtained indirectly, I feel that this person is Miss Chu. I would appreciate it very much if you would write officially to the authorities of Mills University and ask for further information. I am very sorry that such a thing should happen after Mr. Li Chien-fan's case. I am,

Sincerely yours,

David C. H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

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March 14, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

I am delighted to have the clippings from the Columbia Missourian. You are doing fine service for us in this publicity.

I am asking Miss McCoy to send you a good supply of our best photographs to use for the preliminaries before the campus drive. I am sure you will make the best possible use of these. Do you think several of these photographs might be framed and hung in some assembly hall or other room there to serve as a constant reminder of Yenching University? Please think this over and let me know. If in your judgment they would really help us, we should be delighted to furnish the pictures for such a purpose.

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With regard to the souvenirs for the five hundred guests who are to be present at the banquet, I have already written Dean Martin, asking his advice as to whether we ought to send diminutive specimens of Peking lions to serve for place card supports. We hesitate to do this because of the cost, which would be between \$400 and \$500. That seems rather extravagant. You might talk this over with Dean Martin, and let me know how he feels. We can use these little souvenirs effectively from time to time with donors of large amounts of money. These friends then keep the souvenir as a paper-weight on their desks, and this is a constant reminder of their interest in Yenching University. We ought not to scatter them heedlessly, and I must therefore depend upon the advice of you and Dean Martin in this particular instance. Meanwhile, I am taking up this matter with the Chamber of Commerce in the hope that we may be able to do something.

Can you possibly send me quickly a list of the guests to be invited, or a partial list of the more important ones? I want to think carefully as to whether it would be sensible for us to send lion paper-weights.

I am asking Miss McCoy to send you a copy of the New York Times of February 2nd.

Cordially yours,

sent 3-16-31

Mr. David C.H. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri
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Assistant to the President

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March 16, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

We are sending you under separate cover 36 large colored photographs of Yenching. Mr. Wannamaker wishes you to keep a few of these if you think it will be advantageous to have them framed and hung in some good place where they could be seen by a large majority of the students at the university. The rest of the pictures we should, of course, like to have you return as soon as the drive for Yenching is over. These are our choicest pictures and in some cases we do not even have a duplicate.

You haven't answered my question as to whether you will want some literature for your Journalism Week. Please let me know.

We are enclosing the two newspaper articles about Jimmy Yen and Yen Ching-Yueh which Mr. Wannamaker has written to you about. We understood that he was having these sent to you through the Princeton-in-Peking office, or they would have reached you sooner.

Has your article about the Chinese women in athletics appeared yet?

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David C. H. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

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March 20, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Mr. Clin D. Mannemaker,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Mannemaker,

I wish to inform you that I received the pictures in good condition last evening and immediately took them to the Missouri-Yenching Association that met one hour later. Of course everyone admired our beautiful campus.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the School of Journalism students have pledged \$200 for the opening drive while last evening we raised in midst of those present some \$50. The tag drive begins on Monday next till Tuesday. I hope that we will be able to raise the desired money.

A letter from Mr. Nash received today postmarked Feb. 25, informs me that Dr. Stuart is returning to America for some business. If this reaches you in time, I assume that he will be expected in New York within the near future. I do not know how long he is expected to stay, but if he should by an chance stay over till June, I would like very much to have him come here for our Journalism Week in May 3-9.

Your letter of recent date was received. I have spoken to Mr. Martin about the brass lions which you mentioned in your letter. As they are so expensive, I do not think it is advisable for Yenching or Missouri to give them away. I do hope that we could give them to some of the more honorable guests who are to be present that time. I asked Mr. Martin and he informed me that they are expecting to have between 25 to 30 speakers for the week who will be the more prominent journalists in this country. I hope you have inquired to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce about the possibility of giving some small inexpensive souvenirs to the guests. Mr. Nash is sending us a gavel made from a beam of the Piyunssu temple, where Dr. Sun's body laid for three years before being removed to Nanking. I hope you have received the letter I sent to you some time ago regarding Miss Chu's case. With best regards, I remain,

Cordially,

David C.H. Lu

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March 17, 1931

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YENCHING GROUP TO HOLD MEETING

Chairman Will Present
Definite Plans
for Drive

Definite plans for carrying on the \$1000 Missouri-Yenching drive next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, will be presented to the general committee and associate members by Lynn Mahan, chairman of the association, at a meeting of the group in the auditorium of Jay H. Neff Hall Thursday night at 8 o'clock, it was announced today.

Each of the thirty persons on the general committee has been asked to enlist the aid of ten other persons to assist in the tag drive, which will begin Sunday. A special committee, named from the Journalism Students' Association by Jesse Cosgrove, president, also will be present at the meeting.

Prof. Frank L. Martin, associate dean of the School of Journalism, will attend, as will David Lu,, Yenching graduate fellow at the University.

Miss Nellie Lee Holt, professor of religious education at Stephens College, has invited the entire association to attend Burrall Bible Class next Sunday. President Walter Williams, who is largely responsible for the Yenching exchange plan, has been asked to speak, while Lu will talk on the Chinese aspect of the Missouri-Yenching affiliation.

An exhibit of pictures of Yenching University, which is near Peking, China, will be on display in the main corridor of Neff Hall tomorrow, Lu, who is in charge of the display, said. The exhibit will include various scenes on the campus and a general plan of the school, described by the Chinese scholar as having one of the most beautiful campuses in the world.

A meeting of the special committee from the School of Journalism was held this afternoon to discuss a separate drive to be carried on in the school alone, Thursday and Friday. The student president on behalf of the students' association has pledged \$200 to the fund, which amount will be raised through fifty-cent contributions from students in the journalism school.

March 21, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Mo.
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

Your letter postmarked March 16 reached me today with the New York Times clipping. I want to thank you for the trouble.

I received the 36 large colored photographs of Yenching in good condition and am having them on display in the School of Journalism during the Missouri-Yenching Drive. If it is possible I would like to frame two or three of these pictures and present them to the School of Journalism Students' Association as a gift of Yenching University. As I do not know which pictures you do not have duplicates, I will first return them to you and signify those I want, so if you want to keep any you may let me know.

I would like very much to have some literature on Yenching for our Journalism Week and I would appreciate it very much if you could send me copies at your earliest convenience.

It is rather gratifying to know that even the New York Times, claiming to be accurate and "all that's fit to print" could make such a blunder in publishing another man's photo in the wrong place. I am giving it to some of my friends here as an example of "accuracy" which is so much needed in this country.

With best regards, I remain,

Panorama
Bashford
main gate
Pres. Res.
1st wing Warner Gym
Men's Dorm.
Pagoda W.T.

Sincerely yours,
David C. H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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March 23, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

Thank you for writing me the distressing news of the disappearance and probable suicide of Miss Chu Shu-Chiung. This is indeed a sad affair. I presume that in the case of very sensitive students who find themselves in any sort of difficulty so far away from home, the nervous strain is at times unendurable. I wonder whether there is anything whatever that could be done to relieve all such students through a better understanding on the part of their American teachers and a more warm-hearted manifestation of such understanding. I should be glad for any suggestion from you.

President Stuart is arriving here about the end of March or a little earlier. He has come home on a call from the trustees because of certain pressing matters, and will remain in America a very short time. He is certain to be extremely busy during this short visit. It would be great if he could be at the celebration at Columbia in May, but I doubt whether this will be possible.

In response to a letter from Dean Martin, we cabled immediately for 500 of the very small brass lions you suggested to Dean Martin. We shall send shortly 25 of the ones we have here as requested by Dean Martin for the distinguished guests.

With all good wishes.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mr. David C. H. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

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March 24, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dr. John L. Stuart,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

This is to extend to you my heartiest greetings for your return to the United States.

I learned through the office of the Dean of the School of Journalism that you arrived in Chicago yesterday. Although I had been informed by Mr. Nash last week of your plans to come back to a board meeting, and I also read in one of the Peiping Chinese papers of your date of sailing from Japan, I did not expect you to arrive in this country so soon.

I sincerely hope that the board meeting will be a successful gathering.

Although your time is limited and ~~that~~ you will soon be leaving for Chinaland again, I send an invitation to stop over in Columbia for a short time on your way back to the West coast. I appreciate it very much for there are some things which I would like to speak to you very much regarding Yenching and the future developments of the department of journalism. Hoping to hear from you. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

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March 31, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
Yenching University,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

Both of your letters of recent date have been received. I have also received the pictures of Yenching and made good use of them for several lectures during the past week.

Concerning the two unfortunate cases of our Yenching students in America recently, I have come to the conclusion that they are taking their studies too seriously, and in addition, I presume that they do not find the desirable living quarters and companionship. Speaking for myself, I have often felt the same way. When I first came I found it very very lonesome here. In a way we cannot find the kind of Chinese friends which we formerly had in China. The contrast is oftentimes too great when we come to a completely new environment where we are strangers. I agree that it takes a long time to break into some good social contacts. I find that there are two boys from China, one a Korean, who is a naturalized Chinese citizen, and the other from Anhwei. They have, I can safely say, no American friends, according to the way one regards friends, of course. But they seem to be completely indulged in their studies, and oftentimes speak bitterly of the people around them.

Being in China yourself before, you no doubt know that it is a privilege to go to college and those who do go, take up their studies with a degree of sincerity. And coming to this country, many of them think that it is a matter of life and death. Although I think that we should live up to our high standards of academic standing, there is no use to try to overdo what we cannot physically. After the first semester of non-participation in any social or athletic activities, I have changed my policy to go out to dances with friends, to movies and to ball games. I find that it refreshes my mind and gives me a variety of life.

I think that most Chinese students do not find the right kind of lodging. Of course it is according to their financial support. I have been most fortunate to live with a sociology professor who has given me a real home. I do not regret coming to America. They are really more than mere friends. It is difficult I know, but if adequate preparations could be made, I am sure the friends of Yenching living near and around the colleges where our students go, can surely help them out in making them happy. I would advise that students coming should try to live with professors instead of in boarding houses, which is highly undesirable.

Thanking you for your kind interest, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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March 31, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

Your letter dated March 27 came to me today. I am glad to know that you will be able to send me those booklets which I am sure will be useful for our Journalism week.

I will keep out four of the pictures mentioned in your letter and return them to you after Journalism Week if it is not too late. I do wish to have a display in the building during that week which is the climax of this particular event.

Dr. C.C. Lu will be here May 8 to present the two stone lions to the school which came as a present from the Nationalist Government. I was hoping that Dr. Stuart could be present here, but I know how anxious he is to get back, and feeling the same way, I do not blame him. I only wish that when he is on his way West he would drop off a day to see me. I have already written him but I have not had his answer.


We barely missed the terrible snowstorm which did so much damage west of us. The weather is getting better now and we are hoping for a good spring and summer. With best regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
David C. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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For Miss McCoy

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April 7, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

I want to be sure that you understand that we are giving you the four pictures out of the list of seven mentioned in my letter of March 27th. You wrote you would like a few to frame and present to the School of Journalism. The four are meant for that purpose. The rest of the 36 enlargements may be returned to us when you are through with them at the Journalism week events. From your reply of March 31st I surmised that I had not made myself clear.

Hoping that your Journalism Week will be a huge success,
I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David H. C. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

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Lewistown, Mont.

Telling the Brighter Side of China's Story

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

Coming from a foreign country—China—I have been making a study of the various types of newspapers in the United States. It is natural that I should take particular interest in the news from and about my own homeland. It did not take me long, however, to find that only the darkest sides of Chinese life, in a great degree, are presented to the American public. Many such reports have been personal opinions and guesswork, without any authoritative source of information. The longer I stay here, the more I see the need for a better understanding between China and the United States. And the more I read news about China, the more I am convinced that the statement, "If one didn't read the newspapers, China would be a very pleasant place," made by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is true.

The editorial stand of The Christian Science Monitor has won for it the highest esteem and respect from the international readers of the world. The editorial in the Monitor, entitled "The Brighter Side of China's Story," referring to the Peking News, issued by Yenching University, Peiping, shows the unbiased presentation which you have shown the West. World peace can only be attained through truthful presentation of facts through the press. What the world needs today are better newspapers, papers with a high standard, papers that are international in scope.

I wish to congratulate you for the work you have done for the people in this country as well as for the intelligent readers in my homeland. The Christian Science Monitor has become the daily paper which I read with great interest and enthusiasm and satisfaction. It is a paper that is reliable and trustworthy, and I will continue to have it as long as it will serve this newspaper era.

Columbia, Mo.

DAVID CHI-HSIN LU.

March 1931

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finished the article

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April 16, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

Has that article of yours about Chinese women in athletics been printed yet? Don't forget we would like very much to have a copy of it. I have in mind reprinting it in our next Yenching News if Mr. Wannamaker decides to use such an article. I have talked with Dr. Stuart about having a number containing lighter news items than has been the custom in the past and he quite approved, providing Mr. Wannamaker does. Mr. Wannamaker told me to get my items together. Dr. Stuart asked me to appoint Miss Hilda Hague as chairman of a committee at Yenching to get together such material as they can of this nature and I am writing to her today also. We hope to have a "vacation number" of the Yenching News issued as early in June as possible, considering the time it will take to get articles back from China. However, we have a few available now and with yours, we might not have to wait for the China ones.

We haven't seen anything of your mother yet. Is she here?

Hoping your Journalism campaign is being a success,

I am

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David H. C. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

P.S. Have you ever heard from Mr. Nash whether he is sending the small lion souvenirs or not?

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Lu
April 17, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

Mar. 20
About a month ago you wrote us that before the Missouri-Yenching tag day \$200.00 had already been pledged by the School of Journalism and \$50 in addition, these amounts to count toward the \$1000 pledged as a goal.

May we ask how the matter now stands and whether you have written pledges for these gifts? Of course that is the only sure way of being able to follow up such matters. When Mr. Nash was working toward the \$50,000 goal we could count nothing but written pledges and he had small pledge blanks printed for his purposes. I wonder what method has been employed at the present campaign? If you have the signed pledges, will you please send them to the New York Office for record and safekeeping? If you do not have written pledges, please let us know how your people are to be followed up. Of course we have a regular routine system and have found it very successful. Mr. Nash gave us all the pledges he secured and copies of the correspondence he had about either pledges or prospects. It had not been done on the first journalism campaign in 1924 and everything was in an extremely chaotic condition when I arrived on the scene. With Mr. Nash's help we got it pretty well cleared up but I am not looking forward to a repetition of that time.

I am sure you will understand that this letter is not meant in any

To David Lu, Apr. 17, 1931.

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criticism of you or anyone else at Missouri. We only want to be sure that everything is understood with regard to the necessity of keeping full and accurate records. Promotional work teaches us all here that people are quick to make a verbal pledge but are often just as quick to forget all about it and if we have nothing in writing, we have no hold on them whatever. It is my special duty to see that all promotional office records are accurate and complete, and I am sure you will as usual lend us your assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. David H. C. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

LM

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Lu
April 17, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Mr. Olin D. Wannamaker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
Yenching University Office,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker,

In trying to make the Journalism Banquet, the climax of the Journalism Week, to be held on the evening of May 8th, when Dr. C.C. Wu will be the chief speaker and a direct radio talk will come from the Chinese National Government, the people in charge have asked me to try to get some Chinese flags, which will be distributed to the guests that night.

You will probably know that some of the Japanese or Chinese curio shops in New York have some of those cheap silk flags, which I think will be reasonable and pretty. Of course we want the new national flag instead of the five barred one.

As I am only helping them to complete their work, I would appreciate it very much if you could make inquiries in New York, and to the price of such flags. They need not be big but the size of an ordinary envelope would suit their purpose as I understand that they will be given in the ~~desert~~ at the end of the dinner.

If it is possible for you, kindly send me a sample of one of these flags and the address from where they can be purchased.

I am glad to inform you that the two stone lions have been set up and will be unveiled by Dr. C.C. Wu when he comes here.

Inclosed you will find a paper which will give you full information of the coming event. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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April 21, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

All your letters of recent date have been received. I wish to apologize for not writing to you earlier than today, for I have been extremely busy during the past few weeks that I have practically dropped all my correspondence for a time.

With regard to your query of the Yen-ching-Missouri drive, which was in the form of a tag day held on the campus sometime last month, I would like to give you the following reply. This drive is in the hands of a committee, composed of students, faculty members and townspeople, not all associated with the School of Journalism. As to their methods of pledges, collection of contributions and other workings, I am sorry I cannot furnish you any information because I do not know anything about them. The tag day was carried out for two days, selling tags at 25 cent each, thus trying to make it a campus-wide project, than merely a school or journalism affair. From what I gather since that time, things have not been quite so successful. There are reasons for this, largely due to the political events in the institution which recently subsided. As many of the committee members were running for various offices in the student association, and also in the various colleges, their time was diverted, and thus the drive did not wind up, so to speak, successfully. I think, if I am not mistaken, that they have around \$400 or \$500 dollars at present. There are no large pledges above \$5 and I do not think that they even use receipts for such.

It seems to me that this Missouri-Yen-ching exchange is rather a cloudy thing in the minds of the faculty members and the students. As I am only a student, I do not deem it correct for me to ask for official affairs, pertaining to the arrangements. But from what I gather I do not think that there is a clear understanding for this plan. In the first place, can an exchange fellow apply to stay on for two more years? This is what is generally believed here and they are waiting to see if the Missouri fellow in China is wanting to stay another two years or not. Another thing, what is this fund raised here going to be used for? Is it to support the Missouri fellow in China or is it to be his travelling expenses? This is what I heard among some of the people here. As I have no preference as to what the actual plans are, I only wish that it should be made clear to all.

There are two prospective students, both well qualified and capable for the fellowship, who are having a close trial for the post. I am sure they, either one will be satisfactory.

I am sorry to inform you that the article which I wrote to you about Chinese women in athletics, I have not finished the final draft. As this was a time article, I did not put much effort in hurrying it through and at the same time other things came up so abruptly that I have been well occupied. I am sorry I will not be able to supply you with the story for the News.

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Plans for the Journalism Week are in full swing now. The two stone lions are cemented on their feet and will make their first debut to the American public on May 8th when Dr. C.C. Wu will come here to dedicate them to the School of Journalism. I am glad to inform you that my mother will be here just in time for the event and will be with me and Mrs. C.C. Wu at the Journalism Banquet, the crowning activity of the whole week. I am proud of the part China and Yenching is playing in the world's oldest school of Journalism's 22nd annual journalism week, which is now an internationally known function. Many a foreign diplomat have come to this campus and it is trying its best to bring together a group of internationally minded people for the betterment of world peace and fellowship. I am glad that the gavel, a beautiful one which can rival with any of Dr. Williams's famous collection, has arrived and is published in many newspapers. It will be used at the Journalism Banquet. We are expecting the 500 bronze lions to come soon. I hope that Mr. Wannemaker has made inquiries into the flags which I recently wrote him about.

I will stop here, with best wishes. Hoping that this letter answers your question. I am,

Sincerely yours,

David C.C. Wu
David C.C. Wu

CW

April 22, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

I am sending you under separate cover a small sample Chinese flag four inches by five and one-half inches, made of cotton. Before going out to look for a flag I consulted several Chinese, fortunately being able to talk with Dr. Leonard Hsu and being able to show him a Chinese flag we borrowed from Lingnan. Then I called up the Chinese Consulate and asked the help of Mr. Tsung Wei-Hsien whom you probably know. He went with me to China town and we inquired of several shops as to the possibility of getting a flag. Only two were found which carried them and with his aid I got the following price quotations:

Silk flag 4" X 5½"\$75.00 if 500 are ordered

Cotton flag, same size 50.00 " " " "

In either case it would be without the stick, although the sample we are sending you has a stick. With the stick, each flag would be a cent or two higher.

I am not sure whether you do want as many as 500 flags since your letter did not say how many, but judging from what you have already written about getting the small brass lions, I thought you probably would need that number. I asked Mr. Tsung what he thought they would charge should you want perhaps only fifty and he thought they would probably stick to the 10¢ price they gave us per flag.

Please wire me if you want us to order the flags. They said it would take about a week to have them made. I am enclosing the card of the company which gave us the price, should you prefer to handle the matter yourself.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David H. C. Lu
C/o School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

P.S. Have you heard anything yet about getting the brass lions?

0806

April 30, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

I have been so very busy since we sent you the wire about the Chinese flags that I have been unable to write the explanatory letter.

After we got your wire telling us to go ahead and order, since I was rushing around for Dr. Stuart Mr. Evans of our office volunteered to go down to Chinatown and put in the order. He found that the people who had given the estimate, the only ones who came down to anywhere near the price you would pay, were filled up with orders they had received for flags in connection with the Chinese tong conventions. These, as you perhaps know, convened a day or two after I went down to Chinatown and sent you the wire that very evening. These people would not promise to fill your order any sooner than two weeks, so it was hopeless to try to get the flags in time for your Journalism Week.

I am very sorry it turned out this way, but of course we did everything we could to hurry the matter along after receiving the first letter about the flags. Let us know sooner next time and we will do better.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

May 1, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

I just arrived back to Columbia from Maryville where I had been for the past two days lecturing on China and Yenching. I had a very good trip through Kansas City and St. Joseph and met some very interesting people.

On my arrival in the School of Journalism, I was informed of your telegram about the flags, which could not be obtained in New York. Fortunately we had a flag maker's advertiser here, and found that we could get them made with better quality and larger sizes for only \$52 in Ohio. The dean opened your telegram and had made orders before I could return here. I am very happy that they could be obtained at last for they will certainly decorate the dining hall in much better fashion.

As the Journalism Week is now in full swing, we are expecting to have a most enjoyable time. Dr. Lu arrives here on May 7 and will after dedicating the two lions, receive a Doctor of Laws degree from the university. He will have supper with me at my home (the people with whom I live) on that night and will attend the banquet on the following evening. My mother will arrive here next Wednesday, just in time for the banquet.

I would like you to remind Mr. Wamshaker about the 25 bronze lions which he said he could probably give to the speakers at our Journalism Week banquet. Dean Martin asked me today to remind him of that fact and as the time is approaching near at hand, I would like for him, if it is possible, to mail them to us immediately. If Dr. Stuart is able to come, we shall be most delighted to have him with us. Thanking you for all the trouble you have gone in for us. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David C. H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

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May 6, 1931

My dear David:

Your long and fine spirited letter of March 6th has just been forwarded to me from China. I have read with great interest and appreciation what you suggest about the development of a better college spirit among our students and the contrast with Lingnan.

I am quite conscious of the reality of these conditions and am always hoping that I can be on our campus more continuously in order to help to the best of my ability in bringing about improvements. I shall carry your suggestions back with me, and when you yourself return to Yenching, as we shall certainly want you to do, we can count, I am sure, on your own help.

Regarding the criticisms of our Department of Journalism, the training of such men as yourself will be the best remedy.

I am greatly disappointed that other duties have prevented my attendance at Journalism Week, but I hope that the occasion will be as successful as usual.

I note with interest that you are planning to go to Mexico this summer.

You will be pleased to know that Lingnan and Yenching are planning to effect a very close cooperation in financial efforts both in America and China as part of a thorough-going identification of our interests. One advantage will be that those who, like yourself, are alumni of both institutions, need feel less of a divided loyalty than hitherto.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. David C. H. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

President

JLS:KK

0809

May 6, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

I just received your letter. Many thanks for all the trouble you took in helping us make this 22nd Journalism Week a great success. I am sure everything will turn out alright that evening--May 8.

Everything is in a hurly-burly, and progressing smoothly. I am hearing many prominent newspaper men and women give lectures on their own experiences etc. It will certainly a red letter day for me.

Dr. Wu arrives tomorrow. I will go to meet him at Centralia, a small town some 30 miles from here. I will let you know all the details later.

Inclosed please find a Chinese clipping which I would like for you to forward to Dr. Stuart. I am very sorry that he is not able to be here with me. I miss him and would have given anything to have had him present at this greatest Chinese occasion in the history of Missouri

Again, with best wishes to Mr. Wannamaker. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

DL if JLS stops off at

St. Louis

*24th Sunday all day
with Dr. Howard
725 Boland Place*

May 11, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

Thanks for your nice letter of May 6th. I am glad you had such a fine time during Journalism Week. We are sorry to learn today of the death of Mr. Walter Strong of the Chicago Daily News. I hope it does not mean that we shall never get the \$5000 which he pledged to the Department of Journalism work at Yenching.

Dr. Stuart wants me to write to you that he now expects to spend Sunday, the 24th, in St. Louis, with Dr. Harvey J. Howard, 725 Boland Place, and suggests that it may be possible for you to come to St. Louis that day and see him, if you wish to. He will leave that night for Kansas City and then fly to the west coast. He will be away from New York all this week but back again by next Sunday night, remaining here for three days before leaving for the west.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David H. C. Lu
C/o School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

LM

May 11, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Miss Louise McCoy,
Yenching University Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss McCoy,

I am sending you by mail the 32 pictures, after having taken four (Panorama of the University Campus, Bashford Hall Across the Pool, Main gate--front view, and the Pagoda Water Tower) which I will present to the Journalism School Students Association as a present from the University.

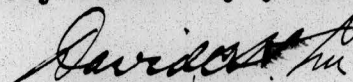
It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the 22nd Annual Journalism Week concluded last Saturday was one of the most successful events ever held here. No doubt the effort you and Mr. Wannamaker and Yenching did, made it a unique occasion, and I am sure it produced a very good impression on all those who attended. The climax of the week was at the Banquet held May 8th when all the lions, including the 25 for the Speakers Tables were distributed including the "Our University" pamphlets. The Chinese flags ordered from a Ohio company made it a more colorful setting. Dr. Wu gave a very fine speech which I will find copies to mail to you in the near future.

My mother arrived just in time to see the lions unveiled by me, that is after Dr. Wu gave the speech. My mother, after staying here for three days left for Birmingham, Ala., and will proceed to New York City. I would appreciate it very much, if you have time to arrange for her to meet Dr. Stuart and Mr. Wannamaker. Her address is care of City Hall Tea Garden, 170 Nassau St., New York City. She expects to return to China early next winter.

I wish to thank you on behalf of the School of Journalism and myself, for the trouble you have taken in helping us make this a very successful occasion. I am sure we all appreciate your cooperation.

I am remaining here for the summer, working on the newspaper in our school and will go to Mexico, probably with some of the faculty member to attend the Press Congress of the World. I will leave early in August. I have been officially appointed by the Ta Kung Pao, leading North China Chinese daily, as their representative. I am sure it will be a good experience for me. With best regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



David C.H. Tu

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May 11, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

I wish to thank you for the long interesting and encouraging letter of recent date which was received in midst of the hurly-hurly of the 22nd Journalism Week. Now as the time has passed, I have again the normal schedule to do my work, I take the pleasure to write to you again. I am very glad to know that the letter which was forwarded to you early in March has finally reached you on its return trip. I only regret that you did not find time to come to this occasion, one which will always be remembered as another step in fostering better understanding between China and the people of the United States.

Everything went along well during the week, but I was busy entertaining Dr. Wu while he was here. To make the event a more happy one, my mother arrived just one day before the presentation of the lions and was able to partake in the Banquet, the crowning event of the week before proceeding to Birmingham, Ala., on May 10. She is attending the Baptist Convention and will proceed from there to New York City, arriving there about 15th of May. She can be reached in care of City Hall Tea Garden, 170 Nassau St.

Yenching University held a unique place in the Journalism Week constantly being reminded to the audience, and the little lions, the big lions and the biggest lions (the stone ones), in addition to the "Our University" pamphlets and the gavel made a good impression on all the guests of the school. I am sure it will help us strengthen our ties between these two institutions.

I am glad to know that Linghan and Yenching ^{are} planning to effect a close cooperation in financial efforts both in America and China. I am more happy to know that you are willing to accept, what little I had to suggest in my letter for a better spirit for our Yenching students. I am sure, that when the opportunity comes, when I can work among my friends in my alma mater, I would cooperate with you all in such work. Kindly remember me to Mr. Wannamaker.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know when you are expecting to return to China. With best regards for your plans in America. I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David C. H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

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May 14, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

I wish to thank you for your kind letter of May 11th. I am glad to know that Dr. Stuart will be in St. Louis on May 24th, Sunday. I would like to ask you to ask him the time best fitted to meet him at 725 Boland Place (Dr. Harvey J. Howard) for I should like to make every effort to see him before he leaves for China. I will leave Columbia on night of 23rd to be in St. Louis in time to spend part of the day with him, if he has time to spare. I would appreciate it very much if you could give me the exact time he could meet me and where. Thanking you for this trouble again.

We have also noticed with regret of the death of Walter Strong, one of the backbone men of Yenching's journalism department. I have been noticing that several of our strong donors have passed away.

I intend to send to your office within the next week pictures of Dr. C.C. Wu during the time he was with us here. With best regards,

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

I wrote DL that
JLS would arrive
at St. Louis the 24th
at 6 & would let
him know if he changed
his plans.

08 14

May 28, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

I am returning to you the pictures of the Yenching girls which you so kindly sent me some months ago. Thank you for the trouble.

It gives me pleasure to inform you that I will be in New York City during the months of June and July. I am leaving here today or tomorrow and will be in the East early next week. I am planning to stop over in Philadelphia for a day and will join Mr. Chu Yiu-kui, an old Yenching student. We will proceed to New York together.

I am planning to remain part time with my mother in Long Island with friends and will be in the city on and off from time, and will call at the office. If there is any mail kindly forward them to c/o Hempstead Palace, Main Street, Hempstead, L.I., N.Y. Kindly give my regards to Mr. Wannamaker. I am,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

08 15

October 22, 1931
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

Your kind letter of recent date was received sometime ago, but owing to the work that has been crowded together for the past two weeks I was unable to send you an early reply.

I arrived back in Columbia Sept. 27, two weeks after school started. I remained in the East with my mother, accompanying her to Philadelphia, Washington and Chicago. She has regained her health and is at present in Honolulu with my older brother.

This will probably be my last semester in the University of Missouri. I hope to complete my thesis in time for the January session. I have not made any definite plans as to what I will do after that time.

first wrote this 1-20-31 I have finally found initiative enough to complete the long-deferred article on Chinese Women in Sports. I would appreciate it very much if you could forward me as many copies of the girls' athletic activities at Yenching and if possible of the new gym(women's). *of photos?* I will return them to you as soon as I can. I hope to complete this article and submit it to some magazine before November. Thanking you for your kind cooperation. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

David C.H. Lu
David C.H. Lu

David Lu

CV

November 6, 1931

Dear Mr. Lu:

I am so glad to know that the article on Chinese girls in athletics is about finished. I am enclosing the pictures you ask for and hope you will be able to use some of them.

Are you going to try to get the article in the Christian Science Monitor? That would be fine publicity for Yenching. Whatever magazine takes it will, I suppose, send you some copies. Will you please send the Yenching office two or three?

Just as soon as you have finished with the pictures, please return them, since they are the very best we have and we are constantly having calls for pictures and need all we can to choose from.

Glad to know your mother is feeling well again. I had dinner with Blanche Britton last night and we spoke of your article. Roswell has arrived in Shanghai after having had an interesting trip across Siberia. He did not touch on the Five Year Plan or politics as he of course would not, but Blanche is hoping to get some more definite information in that direction after he writes from Shanghai. He had the pleasure of having dinner and an interesting talk with Walter Duranty while in Russia.

She had cable

Sincerely yours,

Mr. David H. C. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

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Feb. 27, 1932
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Miss McCoy,

I am sorry that I have not been able to return to you the pictures which you sent me last semester. In fact I have been so busy that although I finished my thesis and the other requirements for my graduate work I did not have time to submit my article to one of the magazines. I am returning to you the pictures you so kindly sent me, and if in the future you should not mind the trouble would you kindly send them to me again?

The past semester has been a hectic one. Shortly after arriving here I and other Chinese students plunged into the task of publicity work for China. I debated twice with a Japanese student here before the university and faculty and we also published a manifesto. On Jan. 17 I represented this University debating against the University of Kansas on "Resolved: That Public opinion in America should condemn Japanese activities in Manchuria". I took the affirmative. This debate was broadcasted over radio station WDAF of the Kansas City Star at Kansas City. The debate was given in K.C. I have also spoken to various clubs and other organizations.

I wrote an article on "A Closeup of China's Boycott" in the Post-Dispatch editorial page for Feb. 21. I am enclosing you a

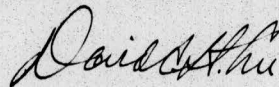
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copy for Mr. Wannamaker. When you are through with it kindly return it to me, for it is the only copy I have. I just got another story published in the Kansas City Star on "Roar of war heard above Type-writer by M.U. Student". I will send you a copy later.

Kindly tell Mr. Wannamaker that I will write to him in the near future.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



David C.H. Lu

08 19

March 31, 1932
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Mo.

Dear Dr. Stuart,

This letter is to welcome you back to America. I hope you had a pleasant trip across the Pacific and that you are in good health.

I am glad to inform you that I completed all the requirements for my master's work at this university last January. Since that time Dr. Williams and Mr. Nash have been trying to get me a job on an American newspaper for the rest of the semester. However, owing to the conditions prevailing in the country, all the replies seem to be identical--depression and financial difficulties. We have abandoned the hopes of getting some practical work on a newspaper at present and I have decided to remain here till June.

However, I have not been disappointed over the failure to find work. I have been using my spare time in writing articles about China and selling them to various newspapers. I have found a market in the Kansas City Star, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Christian Science Monitor. I am continuing to translate the stories from the Ta Kung Pao and send them to the Monitor as I have been doing since I came here.

I have no plans for the present, but I would like to go back to teach at Yenching next fall if opportunity offers. I have written to Mr. Hin Wong and Mr. Martin about this and I hope they can give me some encouragement. However, I have one difficulty and that is money for passage back to China. Owing to the failure to find work in America I do not think I can save up enough, at the rate I am going now, to get me back in China in the fall. I would like to ask you for your frank advice and to see what arrangements I could make with Yenching. I understand that you are returning to China early in May and if I could make satisfactory arrangements I would like to join you, for, I find that remaining here is just waiting for time. It is my desire, however, to go to Canton to visit with my parents whom I have not seen for three years, and if an opening is waiting for me at Yenching, I would go north in the fall.

Mr. Nash and his family are well here. I spent the Easter holidays at his home in the northwestern part of this state.

I hope, if I do not take too much of your time, to hear from you in the near future. With best regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

David C. H. Lu

David C.H. Lu

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David
April 4, 1932

My dear David:

I have your letter and am much interested in the problems you are facing.

My first reaction is that of course we want you back at Yenching and that the question of your travel back to China is one that we must jointly find a solution for. The procedure would be a recommendation from Mr. Nash or Mr. Hin Wong. I am sending the former a copy of this letter and suggest that you consult with him. Any hesitation of mine is because of the uncertainty as to maintaining the department at all after the five-year period expires. Your own personal experience in failing to get a position because of the prevalent economic depression indicates the difficulty in all financial efforts under the present abnormal conditions. Whether these will improve, or whether we can in any case be able to renew the support we now have on some more or less permanent basis, is the issue that must be settled before we can make any further plans for this important unit of our Yenching program. There is scarcely anything in this program which appeals more to my imagination as being of significant contribution to progress in China, and I cannot shake off an optimistic feeling that somehow a way will be found.

I am hoping that when crossing the continent during the last week in April, I may find it possible to stop off in Columbia, but shall write again as my plans become more definite.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. David C.H. Lu
School of Journalism
University of Missouri
Columbia, Missouri

President

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Copy to V.N.

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