Richard Lyman To Head International Studies

Richard W. Lyman, president of the Rockefeller Foundation and president emeritus of Stanford, will return to the University as the first director of its Institute of International Studies (IIS), effective September 1. The new Institute, which will replace the Center for Research in International Studies, will serve to coordinate and improve all aspects of international study at Stanford. The Center for East Asian Studies will be under its auspices.

The Institute will have teaching, research, and public service responsibilities, operating at both undergraduate and graduate levels. Funding for the new Institute of International Studies is a priority of Stanford's Centennial Campaign.

As IIS Director, Lyman will cooperate with schools and deans to develop innovative interdisciplinary curricula in international studies at the undergraduate and master's degree level. Four new faculty members will be jointly appointed by the relevant schools or departments and IIS. The new Institute will bring together several existing research programs, including the Center for International Security and Arms Control, the Northeast Asia-U.S. Forum on International Policy, the Project on U.S.-Mexico Relations, the Program on Soviet International Behavior, and the Brazil Project.

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Rohlen Looks Forward to Opening of Kyoto Center

Thomas Rohlen, Research Professor of Anthropology, has accepted the Directorship of Stanford’s new Overseas Studies programs in Kyoto, Japan, and will begin an 18 month stay in Kyoto in January, 1989. As the first Director of the Kyoto Center, Rohlen sees his mission as getting the Center’s complex programs off the ground with high standards and with an atmosphere of teamwork and cooperation among both the American and the Japanese participants.

Rohlen anticipates hiring 6 or 7 staff members to coordinate the academic and language programs of the Centers, to assist (continued on page 9)
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Also under its jurisdiction will be public service programs with an international focus at Stanford, including the Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education and the Bay Area Global Education Program.

The Institute will also look to enhance Stanford’s numerous area studies programs, including the East Asian Studies program.

Speaking on his forthcoming directorship of the IIS Lyman said, “Universities in this country, and Stanford in particular, have enormous capabilities in the study of other countries and of international questions. But they are going to have to do better than they have so far in helping Americans to understand the rapidly changing world around them.

“Interdependence is a popular buzzword, but real understanding of what it means and will mean to us, economically, politically, and culturally, is still lacking. This is a considerable challenge at Stanford as elsewhere and I look forward to doing whatever I can to help meet it.”

Lyman, 64, served as president of Stanford from 1970 to 1980.

A historian and British labor scholar, he was named to the J.E. Wallace Sterling professorship in the humanities soon after announcing he would leave the University in 1980. During Lyman’s tenure as president of Stanford University, private support increased at the highest rate of any major private university, and at the graduate level Stanford was ranked one of the top three universities in the nation.

Speaking on his presidency at the Rockefeller Foundation Lyman emphasized the importance of its international focus: “The assignment given [the Rockefeller Foundation] by the founder three-quarters of a century ago was to work ‘for the well-being of mankind throughout the world’—a mighty tall order. We have always tended to approach the problems of developing countries through the avenues of science and technology. Over the last few years, we have been striving to do better at re-lating the work of the laboratories to the needs and constraints of the end users in poor countries. We hope through programs of training and research to improve such nations’ capacity to benefit from the remarkable technological revolutions that are in progress in many fields in the so-called developed countries. In the United States we have redirected our work in the arts and humanities toward the goal of advancing international and inter-cultural understanding in this country. We have also refocused much of our program in equal opportunity on the vexing and intractable problems of persistent poverty in the inner city.”

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Geologists Study China

Stanford geologists are deeply involved in research to develop a comprehensive picture of how western China was assembled. Centered in Xinjiang, the joint project includes work on sedimentary analysis of the Junggar and Tarim basins, and paleomagnetic study of the crustal blocks which assembled to form the region.

The joint research started when geologist Robert Coleman met Edmund Zhang (Chinese PALM leader from 1982-84) in a professional meeting. Zhang came to Stanford to study under Coleman and Juhn Liou, and his research, on plate tectonics and certain metamorphic rocks of China, drew faculty members into Chinese geological studies.

The Stanford geologists have returned to China each summer for the last three years. Part of the time when they were in the field, they operated out of permanent Chinese geologic enclaves in the desert—walled compounds that house 500 people or more. The Xinjiang bureau operates 22 such base camps.

Northwestern China resembles the arid West of the United States, but the mountains are twice as tall and the basins twice as wide. In this spectacular area lies a petrified forest of Jurassic age, 160 million years old. The area has not yet been studied or protected.

Prof. Mike McWilliams of Geophysics and the late Dean of the School of Earth Sciences, Allan Cox, with some of their students, made their first field trip to Xinjiang in the summer of 1986. They used paleomagnetism to trace the polar wander path of the Tarim crator, one of the large crustal blocks in Western China. By examining the ancient magnetism of rocks formed at different times, geophysicists can retrace the changing latitude of a crustal block through time, and study how and when the crustal blocks collided and fused to form that part of Asia.

The Chinese government is primarily interested in resource development, and there is abundant evidence of petroleum. In some places, the Stanford geologists say, oil is actually dripping out of the ground.

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The search committee for the new director of IIS was headed by Stanford Professor of Political Science, Daniel Okimoto. Members included Profs. Alexander Dallin, history and political science; Sidney Drell, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center; James L. Gibbs, Jr., anthropology; Thomas C. Heller, law; Charles A. Holloway, Graduate School of Business; Stephen D. Krasner, political science; and Anne E. Peck, Food Research Institute.
Note from the Director
by Lyman P. Van Slyke

This issue of East Asian Horizons reports some of the important developments of interest to members of the East Asian community at Stanford. Indeed, it is increasingly difficult to say precisely where the boundaries of our community lie, as Asian concerns become increasingly integrated with the mainstream of university concern—note, for example, Richard Lyman’s return to Stanford as the first director of the Institute for International Studies and the fruitful collaboration between the School of Earth Sciences and Chinese geologists, both reported elsewhere in Horizons.

I am glad to report progress in two of the areas most important to the Center for East Asian Studies—space and faculty staffing. It is not yet possible to say with certainty where CEAS will be housed next year, but we are confident that one of the existing options (remaining here in Lou Henry Hoover Building, moving to the GSB temporary buildings, moving to Encina Hall) will provide for our needs.

On the faculty side, searches for Asianists are underway in the following departments (and fields): Philosophy (Chinese philosophy and philosophical texts), Art (Chinese art history), History (Tokugawa period), and Economics (developmental and/or agricultural economics). While it is uncertain when, or how, these searches will conclude, we are encouraged by the strong continuing commitment to excellence in East Asian Studies at Stanford.

SEANRC Has New Faces

Stanford’s East Asia National Resource Center has a new director and new grant administrator. After starting the Center in 1965 and leading it for 22 years, Prof. Al Dien has turned the reins over to Makoto Ueda, Professor of Japanese.

Lillian Lee has also left SEANRC for the Controller’s office, where she is a computer specialist, and Sarah Wei-ming Chen has taken her place as grant administrator. Dr. Chen received her Ph.D. in Chinese from Stanford in 1985 and is also teaching Japanese in the Asian Languages Department.

Jin Weinuo Is Luce Scholar

Prof. Jin Weinuo, chairman of the Art History Department, Central Institute of Fine Arts in Beijing, is Visiting Luce Scholar at the Center for East Asian Studies this year.

An authority on Buddhist wall paintings and sculpture, Jin is a member of the Executive Board of the Chinese Archeological Society, the Society for the Study of Religions, Central Asian Research Society, Dunhuang-Turfan Research Society, and the Chinese Artists Association. Prof. Jin brought materials and many slides from China, as he hopes to deliver lectures at American universities this year on Buddhist wall painting and to introduce new material on Tibetan temple wall painting.

A member of the Editorial Boards of the Chinese Encyclopedia and Comprehensive Collection of Chinese Culture, Prof. Jin is helping to produce the Buddhist Caves Series from Wen Wu Press. He is also interested in Chinese word processing.

Jin spent six months in 1979-80 visiting American universities, (continued on page 5)
Steven Van Zoeren joins Asian Languages department

Professor Steven Van Zoeren has joined the Department of Asian Languages to teach Chinese poetry and Traditional East Asian Civilization.

Van Zoeren earned a B.A. in Chinese Literature from the University of Michigan in 1974.

Luce (from page 4) where he lectured on Buddhist art. He was in Europe last year at the Art History Institute of Heidelberg University.

While in the United States, Jin hopes to carry out research on Chinese sculpture and painting and to learn what American scholars are doing in the field of art history.

He hopes to return home by way of India, to see finally the origins of Buddhist art. What he learns there will be incorporated into his life-long study of the development of Buddhist art.

Prof. Jin is the last of five Luce scholars who have visited Stanford. The others were Wang Guangsen, President of the Xian Statistical College, Tian Yuqing of Peking University’s History Department, Yang Guozhen, of the History Department, Xiamen University, and Yan Jiayan, chair of the Chinese Department, Beijing University.

by Connie Chin

After two years at the Inter-University Chinese language program in Taipei he went to Harvard. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard with a dissertation on “Poetry and Personality: A Study of the Hermeneutics of the Classic of Odes (Shijing)”.

From 1984 to 1987 Van Zoeren was a Junior Fellow in the Society of Fellows at Harvard.

His current research centers on the rise of a distinctively hermeneutical interest in people and texts in the late Warring States period, and its consequences for the subsequent history of poetry and the arts in China.

In addition to his regular teaching this year, he also offered a lecture, “Befriending the Ancients: The Study of Traditional Chinese Literature,” for the Center for East Asian Studies’ interdisciplinary core course.

New books from faculty

John Wilson Lewis (Chairman of the International Strategic Institute at Stanford) and Xue Litai (Research Assistant at the Center for International Security and Arms Control at Stanford University) have recently published China Builds the Bomb (Stanford University Press, 1987). Sidney D. Drell (Co-director of the Center and Deputy Director of the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center) provided the foreword.

Takashi Inoguchi (University of Tokyo) and Daniel I. Okimoto (Associate Professor of Political Science at Stanford University) have recently edited The Political Economy of Japan. Volume 2: The Changing International Context (Stanford University Press, 1987).

Prasenjit Duara (Visiting Mellon Fellow at Stanford University, 1985-87, currently Assistant Professor of History at George Mason University) has recently published Culture Power and State: Rural North China, 1900-1942 (Stanford University Press, 1987).

Undergrad Focuses Studies, Camera on China's Minority Peoples

Tony Kieffer, an undergraduate major in East Asian Studies, spent most of the past summer in the southern and western regions of China, photographing the lives of China’s minority peoples. His travels were supported by a Golden Grant. In the accompanying article and photos, he shares with us some of his experiences.

“I began studying Chinese freshman year, and not long after, I realized that becoming good at it would require much more time than I originally imagined. At the end of my sophomore year I decided to go to Taiwan to continue work on Chinese. I studied for a quarter at the Inter-University Program in Taipei and then travelled to mainland China for three and a half months, of which I spent six and a half weeks in Tibet, and one month in Xinjiang. It was during this trip that I first visited Lhasa and Kashgar and became interested in the minority peoples of China. I took a second trip to the Mainland in June, 1986, after spending the winter in Taiwan studying and teaching. After a total of fourteen months in Asia, I returned to Stanford last fall for my junior year.

“Back at Stanford I developed the photographs I had taken during my trips to the Mainland. With the encouragement of photography professors Joel Levick and Laura Volkerding, I applied for and received a Golden Grant for creative arts to return to China to photograph daily life in the western minority regions. I went to Yunnan, Sichuan, Xinjiang, and Tibet, all of which have large populations of minority people. In Yunnan I took pictures of the Dai, Aini, Bulang, Floral Belted Dai, Miao, Bai, Naxi, and Jino nationalities. In Tibet I photographed the Hui and Tibetan people, in Xinjiang the Uighurs and Hui.

“One of the most interesting experiences of the trip took place in Kashgar during the Uighur New Year. Each evening, following a day of feasting and drinking at friends’ houses, the Uighur men would gather outside the mosque and dance the Uighur dance. Hundreds of men took part, while the women and children surrounded them to watch. While looking on myself, a Uighur man walked up to me and we started talking. I told him why I was in China and he told me that he worked as a translator in the local government. He invited me to join him the next day when he was making the rounds to all his friends’ houses. The next afternoon I followed him from house to house for five hours of feasting and toasting. In between mouthfuls of fresh lamb and hand-
Where is the best place to live on campus if you are an undergraduate at Stanford? At EAST House, of course. The East Asian Studies Theme House received the highest satisfaction ratings of any on-campus residence last year, and seems likely to be in the running for the top spot again this year.

As one of several “theme houses” that are an important part of Stanford’s residential education program, EAST House provides a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to learn about East Asian cultures and societies in their daily lives.

It is not uncommon to find people there practicing Chinese or Japanese over lunch or dinner, doing Tai Chi or other martial arts, or discussing aspects of politics and economics in East Asia. Lectures, films, and performing arts are part of the standard fare at EAST House. Each year, four residents are selected to serve as Theme Associates (or T.A.’s), and they work hard to organize Asia-related activities for the house. For example, T.A. Elaine Lu organized this year’s EastFest, a traditional fall quarter celebration of Asian cultures.

T.A.s are also involved in organizing the “house seminar” each quarter. In fall term, the seminar’s theme was Asian music, and it included performances and demonstrations of Over yet. At present I am in the process of developing the pictures I took this summer, and hope to be done by the end of February. In May I will have a show in the gallery in the photography laboratory of the Art Gallery.

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A Sampler of East Asian Studies

New Core Course for M.A. Program

The status of women in early medieval Japan;

Divergences in early Chinese and Japanese Buddhists’ interpretations of the famous Lotus Sutra;

The nature of Japanese imperial expansion at the turn of the century;

The relative impact of Confucianism and of communist ideology on contemporary Chinese politics...

These and other questions formed the substance of an innovative course offered by the Center for East Asian Studies this fall. Organized by CEAS’s Assistant Director, Dr. Monte Broaded, the course was intended to provide a unifying experience for students beginning the M.A. program, and introduce them to a number of central issues in the study of East Asia.

This interdisciplinary core course, “Issues and Approaches in East Asian Studies,” was team-taught by nine faculty members affiliated with CEAS. Each week a different faculty member lectured about an issue of central concern in his or her field, and then led a seminar discussion of the readings assigned for that week. The lecture portion of the course each week was open to interested members of the campus and local community, and attendance was high.

The faculty participants and their lecture titles are given below. CEAS would like to thank each of them for their very lively and informative contributions to the course.

Professor Thomas Hare, Department of Asian Languages, “Language and the Construction of Reality;”
Professor John LaPlante, Department of Art, “Technical Necessity and Aesthetic Preference in Chinese Art;”
Professor Jeffrey Mass, Department of History, “Women and Property in Early Medieval Japan;”

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EAST House (from page 7)

Indian and Korean musical instruments and styles. For winter term, T.A.s Michi Suzuki and Jim Chung have organized a house seminar on “Politics in Asia.” Faculty members from both Stanford and UC Berkeley have agreed to give talks for the seminar. And for spring term, Stefani Tomono is working on the theme of “Asian Dance and Drama.”

Tom and Anne Hare are serving as Resident Fellows at EAST House this year. Tom is Assistant Professor of Asian Languages, and is a specialist in Japanese literature. Anne serves as Residential Office Coordinator at Manzanita Park. Asked his impressions of being a Resident Fellow and living in EAST House, Tom recently said, “I’ve been impressed with the students and how hard they work. They’re a special group, perhaps a bit more serious and hard working that the average Stanford undergraduate.”

Relatively few EAST House residents major in fields like Asian Languages or East Asian Studies; most are in fields such as engineering, pre-med, physics and mathematics, and are able to pursue their interests in Asia through the less formal opportunities at EAST House. About half of the 61 residents are Asian American, and many are active in groups like the Korean-American Students Association.

One of the projects that the house residents would like to see move forward this year is the raising of funds for a proposed Japanese garden adjacent to

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Skinner Named
To Endowed Chair
Professor G. William Skinner
has been named to the Barbara
Kimball Browning Professor-
ship.

Skinner, professor of anthropol-
yogy at Stanford since 1965, is a
member of the National Acad-
emy of Sciences and has served
as president of the Association
for Asian Studies.

Core Course
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Professor Steven van Zoeren,
Department of Asian Languages,
"Befriending the Ancients: The
Study of Traditional Chinese
Literature;"
Professor Carl Bielefeldt,
Department of Religious Studies,
"Opening the Lotus: Continuity
and Diversity in East Asian
Buddhism;"
Professor Harold Kahn, De-
partment of History, "Lady
Poets, Public Burnings, and
Golden Urinals: Reflections on
State and Society in 17th and
18th Century China;"
Professor Peter Duus, Depart-
ment of History, "Backwardness
and Imperialism in Pre-War
Japan;"
Professor Nina Halpern, De-
partment of Political Science,
"Confucianism and Communism
in Chinese Politics: New Light
on an Old Question;" and
Professor Thomas Rohlen,
Department of Anthropology,
"Japanese Economic Behavior."

Kyoto (from page 1)

students with finding housing
and adjusting to life in Japan,
and to develop internship opportu-
nities for students in the SCTI
program (see below).

Planning for the Kyoto Center is
moving forward rapidly.
Professor Masahiko Aoki is
spending the current year in
Japan to raise funds for the
Center and coordinate efforts to
design a first-rate facility. A site
for the Center's building has
been identified, and the City of
Kyoto is in the process of rezon-
ing the site. According to
Professor Thomas Heller, Direc-
tor of Overseas Studies at Stan-
dford, a good deal of the money
has already been raised for the
construction of the 16,000 square
foot building that will house the
Center.

Rohlen stressed that in several
respects, the programs of the
new Stanford Center will be the
most ambitious of their kind in
Japan. Initially, there will be
two components. The first, the
Kyoto Center for Japanese
Studies (KCJS), is a nine month
program (September to June) for
students interested in a serious
concentration in Japanese lan-
guage, history, culture, and
social organization. KCJS will
be administered by Stanford for
a consortium of eight American
universities (Brown, Columbia,
Cornell, Harvard, Michigan,
Princeton, Stanford, Yale) whose
students will compose the
majority of the participants. The
program will enroll about 32
students each year.

The second component of the
Center is the six month program
of the Stanford Center in Tech-
nology and Innovation (SCTI).
SCTI will offer Stanford stu-
dents three months of structured
study at the Center followed by a
summer internship with a firm,
agency, or laboratory in Japan
for students with the appropriate
qualifications.

SCTI will allow students of
technology and political econ-
omy who are not becoming
Japan specialists to receive an
interdisciplinary introduction to
modern Japan. SCTI is expected
to have an enrollment of ap-
proximately 30 students each
session. To date, about 300
Stanford undergraduates have
expressed interest in participat-
ing in the program.

A possible third component of
the Center, now in the planning
stage, is a summer language
institute for post-doctoral fel-
lows in technological fields who
have year-long fellowships in
Japan.
AlumNews from Here and There


David Barnhill (Ph.D., Religious Studies, 1986) is Assistant Professor of Religion and Intercultural Studies at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, 27410. He has recently published “Impermanence, Fate, and the Journey: Basho and the Problem of Meaning”, in Religion, 1986 (Vol. 16).

Theodore C. Bestor (Ph.D., Anthropology) is Assistant Professor of Anthropology and East Asian Studies at Columbia University. He has recently published Neighborhood Tokyo (Stanford University Press, 1987).

David D. Buck is Associate Professor of History, U. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 53201. He is the editor of Recent Chinese Studies of the Boxer Movement (1987), and has been a visiting scholar at Northeast Normal University in Changchun, PRC.

June Donenfeld (M.A. in East Asian Studies, 1986) is a Program Associate with the United States-Japan Foundation in New York. She visited Stanford in November, 1987, and shared her job-hunting experiences in the CEAS bag lunch series on careers in East Asian Fields. She can be reached through the Foundation, 145 East 32nd Street, New York, NY 10016; (212) 481-8757.

Dave Evans (History) is Associate Professor of History at the University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173. He has recently edited the second edition of The Japanese Navy in World War II (Naval Institute Press, 1986) and translated two articles for it.


Harry Harding (Ph.D. in Political Science, 1974) and formerly a faculty member in Political Science here, is a Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. He has recently published China’s Second Revolution: Reform After Mao (1987), and China and Northeast Asia: The Political Dimension. He is currently editing two conference volumes, one on the history of Sino-American relations, the other on patterns of cooperation in Chinese foreign relations. He is also working on a new book, which will assess US-PRC relations since normalization.

East House (from page 8)

EAST House. Preliminary drawings have been completed and the project has been approved by the University. But now EAST House needs to locate about $35,000 for construction and maintenance of the garden. “We say $35,000,” Hare said, “but even $18-20,000 would allow us to make a good start on the garden.”

When it is finally installed, the Japanese garden will make EAST House an even better place to live. The garden will include a meditation bench, where students perhaps will go to reflect on their good fortune as members of the EAST House community.
Alumni News...

Tina Helsell is a guide for Linblad Travel in the PRC and a research assistant for the Asia Foundation in San Francisco. Address: c/o Ingrid Helsell, 3007 California St., San Francisco, CA 94115.

Emily Honig (Ph.D. in History, 1982) is the co-author (with Gail Hershatter) of Personal Voices: Chinese Women in the 1980’s (in press, Stanford University Press).

Maria Chan Morgan (Ph.D., Political Science) is a professor of Political Science at Earlham College, Richmond, IN 47374. She was recently an NEH fellow in a summer seminar on political cultures at Berkeley, working on a cultural explanation of the Asian economic “miracles.”


Lynn Paine (Ph.D. in Education/SIDEC, 1986) is now at Michigan State University, 206 Erickson Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1034.

Lisa (Robins) Pauze has started an organization that puts on conferences on business in Asia. She has held two so far: "Law and Business in China," and "Railway Industry in China." Upcoming is one on aeronautics and airport industries in China. She is also developing a consulting business.


Bruce Shenitz (M.A., East Asian Studies) will spend 1987-88 in Paris on a journalism fellowship sponsored by the Common Market (called Journalists in Europe). Bruce is a reporter-researcher for Newsweek Magazine.

Fundraising Underway for East Asian Studies

As part of its Centennial Campaign, Stanford University is engaged in an effort to raise funds to match a $450,000 challenge grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The award is in the form of permanently restricted endowment, and is intended to strengthen the University’s capacity for advanced research, training, and scholarship in East Asian Studies. The terms of the award require that the University raise $900,000 in similarly restricted funds from other sources by March, 1989.

At a time when our need to understand the countries of East Asia is more compelling than ever, the prospect of additional support for our efforts is most welcome. Income from this new endowment will be used to strengthen several aspects of Stanford’s East Asian Studies programs, including research support for both faculty and students, visiting scholar programs, public outreach efforts, and conference and publications programs.

His regular address is 204 West 108th St., #46, New York, N.Y.

Shun Kwong-Loi (Ph.D. in Philosophy, 1986) has been teaching in the Philosophy Department at UC Berkeley since 1986. He is currently working on a series of papers on Confucian ethics and contemporary Anglo-American moral philosophy.

Wang Kewen is Assistant Professor in the History Department, Saint Michael’s College. Address: 50 1/2 Maple St., Essex Junction, VT 05452. He is still writing editorials for the Centre Daily News. He is on the Board of Directors of the Historical Society for 20th Century China in North America, and is on the Editorial Board of the Chinese Culture Quarterly.

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