

# Carol Tsui takes us on a tour of Hong Kong

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According to statistics from the World Tourism Organization's Tour 2004 Report, 41.8 million people visited China last year. WCC student Carol Tsui visited her home country of Hong Kong last summer. Here, she answers a few questions for us.

**Q: What are some of the traditions in Hong Kong?**

A: There are festivals and family gatherings. Everything is much Americanized.

**Q: What are some things you like about China that you don't like about America?**

A: Real Chinese food, transportation is a lot easier, bigger city-like areas than Goldsboro.

**Q: What are some things you like about America that you don't like about China?**

A: America has nicer weather. It will rain for months during a certain season in Hong Kong.

**Q: What are some of the everyday activities done by teenagers?**

A: There's badminton, plenty of shopping, we travel around to the country, Tae Kwon Do, parties, and karaoke rooms.

**Q: How is the education system different in Hong Kong than in the United States?**

A: Children will usually go to school at age 3. When you're 5 you go to primary school, which is just like elementary school. ... Then you go on to secondary school for another five years; it's like middle and high school. After secondary school everyone takes a public exam called Cert Level Exam and if you get a good grade you can go to regular school. It's like the last years of high school. Then you take another exam called the Advanced Level Exam to see if you can go to a university for the next three years. There are seven or eight universities ... and the students who attend are very competitive.

**Q: Do you also get summer breaks?**

A: Yes, but they're only about a month and a half long.

You also get other breaks like winter and a Chinese New Year's break.

**Q: What are the different holidays in China?**

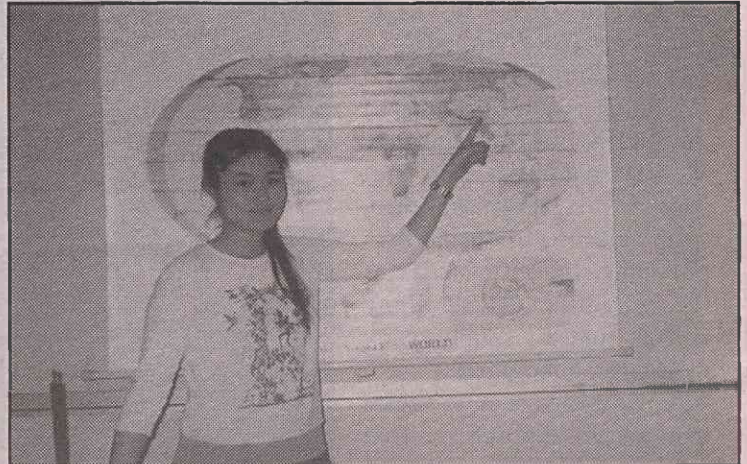
A: Well, there's an Easter and Christmas but there is no Halloween or Thanksgiving. We also have Chinese New Year's, which is in February. In fall we have an Autumn Festival that is similar to Thanksgiving. Families get together with lots of food, games, and candles.

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**Carol Tsui is pictured next to a world map.**

**Q: What is the housing like in Hong Kong?**

A: It's mostly apartments but the most average size is about 500 to 700 square feet. They're also very expensive. There is no central air conditioning or heating.

**Q: Is Buddhism the only See Hong Kong, page 12**



Pictured above are, from left, the Rev. Dr. Staccato Powell, speaker; Donald Faison, Human Resource Development instructor; Matthew McNair, 3MG President; and Ray Burrell, Division Head for Business and Computer Technologies.

## Stage set for mentoring program

The 3MG-Minority Male Mentoring Program at Wayne Community College launched a kick-off celebration on Thursday, Sept. 14. Approximately 40 young men, WCC administrators, representatives from the Board of Trustees, the Mayor of Goldsboro, and other community supporters met in the college's dining hall for the group's first meeting of the year.

The Rev. Dr. Staccato Powell, former President and Chief Executive Officer of Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America and Deputy General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, served as the key-note speaker. Dr. Powell pointed out the many reasons African American males give for not being successful in today's society. He challenged them to "get over it, rise to the occasion . . . get a good education, equip themselves

with the necessary tools to be successful, be real men, and make a difference."

Activities planned for this academic year include a weekend retreat at Fort Fisher, a fall leadership conference, monthly information and rap sessions, scholarship opportunities, community service activities, College Orientation for Target Population, a spring leadership conference and more.

Empirical data suggest that when a student has a personal connection and a positive experience at an institution of higher education, the student is more apt to be successful in the pursuit of his or her educational and career goals. The annual kick-off celebration and other student development activities help minority males establish the foundation by which they take the first steps down the road of life-long learning.

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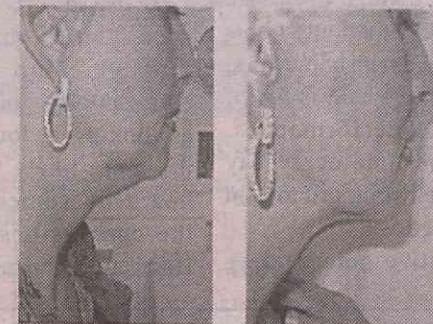
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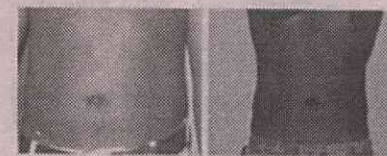
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