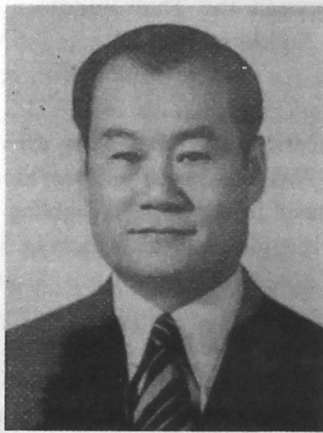

VIP FILE

The VIP FILE wishes to introduce two CU Educators who are widely recognized at the national and international levels.



Professor Dr. Wichit Srisa-an was born in 1934 in Chachoengsao, Thailand. He received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from Chulalongkorn University in 1959 and 1961 respectively, and received a M.A. and a Ph.D from the University of Minnesota in 1964 and 1967.

Dr. Wichit Srisa-an is a leading educator and scholar in academic and professional circles. He currently holds the positions of Professor of Education Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of University Affairs, and Founding Rector of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University. He has done outstanding work in the fields of teaching, research, and educational administration. He has been acclaimed in Who's Who in Thailand as an educational "Trouble Shooter" due to his numerous governmental appointments to intervene in administrative crises involving state universities. In every such instance the matter has been resolved satisfactorily. He has pioneered numerous innovations in educational circles, the most important of which is the establishment of the first open university to employ the distance teaching system in Southeast Asia. In addition, Dr. Wichit was one of the pioneers in the initiation of the highly successful joint educational project known as the ASEAN Development Education Project (ADEP). As a result of his activities

in the field of international education, Dr. Wichit was elected a Member of the Governing Board of the Regional Institute of Higher Education and Development and Vice-President of ICET. He received the ICET Distinguished Fellow Award in 1984.



Ajarn Sungkom Tongmi was named "Outstanding C.U. Education Graduate" in 1982 on the occasion of The Twenty - Fifth Anniversary of the Faculty of Education and "Outstanding Art Teacher", the first award of Education Region 9, in the same year. He was also named "Outstanding Art Teacher" of the Thai Rath newspaper in co-operation with the Siam Cement Group for the National Art Competition of the Youth in 1983 and "Model Thai Citizen" for the year 1984 by the Tarn Narmjai Foundation.

Ajarn Sungkom, 32 years old, is now an art teacher at Sri Songkram Wittayalai School in Leoi Province. He received a Bachelor of Education from Chulalongkorn University in 1977. While studying here, he was selected as representative of the Thai Youth to the Far East Asian Youth Ship Project for the Asian and Japanese Association countries.

He is recognized nationwide as an outstanding art teacher who devotes himself to his provincial students by encouraging them to be interested and imaginative in drawing. Moreover, he tries to change his students' attitudes as well as their parents' towards the art subject, and enables them to believe that art is very valuable for life. Besides his times, he also gives away some of his low salary to buy painting materials for his poor students.

His belief is that in teaching art to children one must provide basic ideas first and let them express their imagination freely later. He also thinks that drawing is one way of fostering self-development among children.