

ASIAN STUDENT VOICE

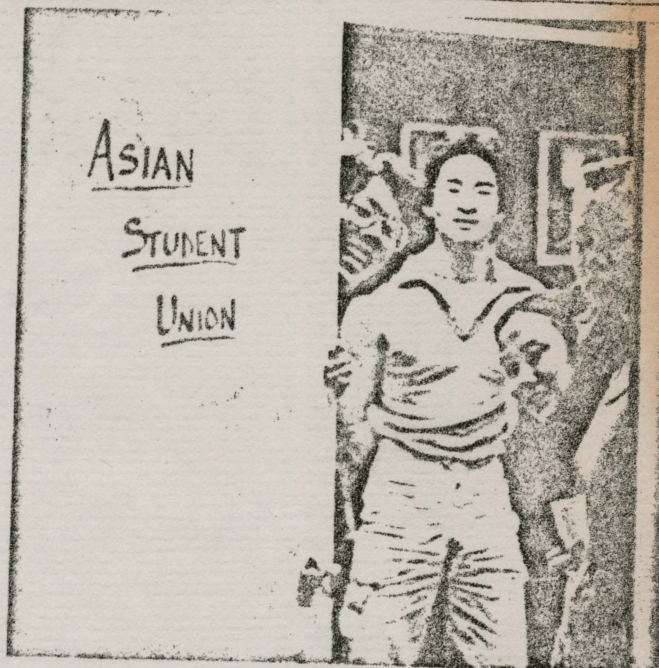
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ASU: Alive and Cooking

With the sweet and delicious aroma of teriyaki beef in the air, it came as no surprise that the teriyaki beef kabobs sold by the Asian Student Union was a complete sellout. This successful event took place Oct. 2 and 3 during the Activities Fair sponsored by the Associated Students. People were waiting in line to get a taste of the beef and vegetables soaked in teriyaki sauce, and many even came back for seconds.

What made this event an even greater success was the fact that it told the student body that the ASU is indeed an active organization and that we plan to get involved in many more social activities. In addition, many people became interested in the ASU and decided to join.



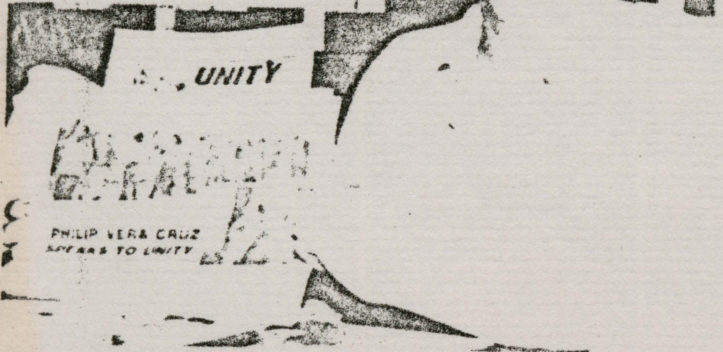
Come on in and check out the A.S.U.
We're in rm. M-100, Student Union.

APSU Conference

The Asian/Pacific Student Union is preparing for its third annual West Coast Asian/Pacific Student Conference, to be held November 16-17 at Stanford University.

The conference theme, "The Asian/Pacific Student Movement: One Struggle, Many Fronts! Past Present and Future" is aimed at the work in the past, and giving leadership to APSU's future campaigns and projects. Since its founding, the APSU has expanded into a network of 45 Asian Pacific student organizations. APSU is now organized into three main regions: The Northwest, Southern California, and Northern California.

Recognizing that Asian and Pacific Islander people share a common history and struggle against racism and national oppression, the APSU encourages groups to develop a broad variety of issues and activities to educate and involve students.



Philip Vera Cruz Vice Pres. of the U.F.W., speaks to the Asian/Pacific students.

SNOW FOR IT!!! San Francisco State University students are encouraged to participate and bring their guests in the upcoming Asian Student Union sponsored ski trip in early-January to South Lake Tahoe. This event promises to be great fun and excitement for the experienced and "first-time" skiers.

-Cabin accommodations, to be shared among students are accessible to a variety of popular ski areas.

-Carpool transportation to be arranged.

-B.Y.O.B. & F.

Be sure to make early reservations!!! An early deposit of \$5.00 will be required...

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PACE/ASU PICNIC:

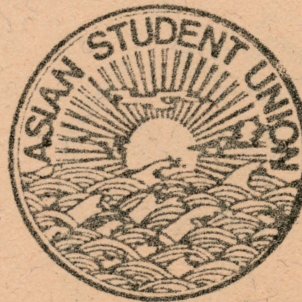
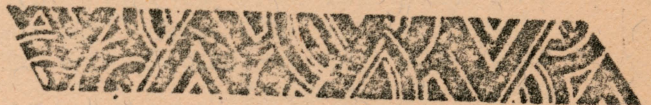
Our first PACE/ASU picnic was a great success. Other Pilipino groups from different campuses were invited to the picnic. Fifty people attended the picnic held at Rinconada Park in Palo Alto, Oct. 7th. Plenty of food was had by everyone. The ASU supplied meat for shish-kabobs, and Pace brought drinks to quench the thirst. Since the picnic was a potluck, people brought food ranging from macaroni salad to fried chicken.

To complement the activities of softball, football and tennis, the weather was perfect. Everyone had a great time at the picnic. We hope you can join in the fun with the ASU and PACE and come to our next event.

During the first weeks of classes at San Francisco State, The Asian Student Union held its orientations for new members. A slideshow and refreshments greeted the over 40 people who participated. Plans were laid out for the SF State Activities Fair, our November 30th dance, and preparation for the upcoming Asian/Pacific student conference to be held at Stanford University. At the time of this newsletter printing, the ASU has over 90 interested students signed up for future activities! Our membership drive continues...

The ASU urges YOU to join one of the committees today: The Newsletter/Outreach committee promises excitement in meeting new people and working jointly on this publication of the SFSU Asian Student Union. Our APSU/Community Support committee facilitates our liaison with the many Asian American groups existing in the Bay Area. A chance to meet other students from U.C. Berkeley, Stanford, and even the University of Hawaii...

Come on down and check out the ASU!!! We have an office in the student union (M-100) and there's always plenty of friendly people and good music there.



**SF STATE
ASU**
MEMBERSHIP CARD



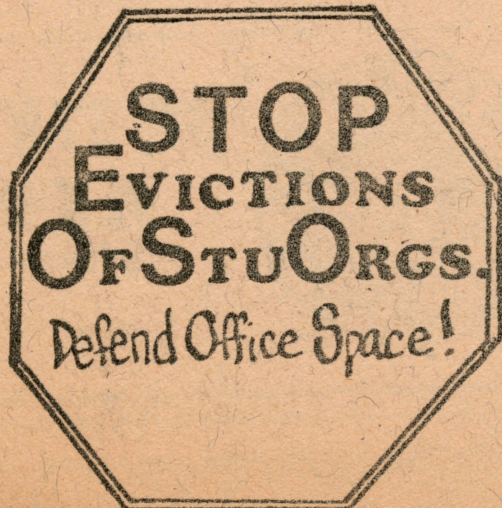
We, the ASU, as well as all the other student organizations on campus have a serious problem! And, we have always had this unfortunate circumstance - the constant and continuous struggle for "office space" and "meeting rooms" within the Student Union without which we could not possibly function.

In defense of our space, a Committee for Office Space was recently formed. Briefly, the committee is composed of eight representatives (4 from the Associated Students & the other 4 from concerned members of the various organizations that have applied for office space within the Student Union), and whose primary function will be to determine what to do with the various offices and rooms within the Student Union. We hope you will give this committee your much needed support.

So, where do we go from here? As students, we understand the needs of our peers. There are obviously certain facilities that would make student life more convenient at SFSU; but not at the expense of the student organizations space!

How can you help?

- Come to the meeting (place and time can be found out in B-131, the SKINS office)
- Come to the ASU to find out why its so important to have an office
- Come to the ASU and find out what YOU can do about the office space situation!!!



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Although we weren't as prepared as we could have been during the fair as Eleanor with her blue-painted nose can attest to, we all had alot of fun cooking the meat and coming home with barbecued smelling hair.

The money made on the sale goes towards a snow trip that the ASU plans to hold sometime during the semester break. You can be rest assured that this event is but one of many that the Asian Student Union plans to hold in the future!



Join the ASU!

Asian American students and all others interested on campus are encouraged to take advantage of the variety of services and activities offered by the Asian Student Union. We strive to enhance your knowledge and academic experiences through your active involvement in our organization. ASU's purpose is to fulfill your cultural, social, educational and political needs and to create unity and friendship among Asian American students at San Francisco State University.

Our interest is YOU!!!

Who is Chol Soo Lee?

Chol Soo Lee is a Korean immigrant unjustly framed for a murder committed in 1973 in San Francisco's Chinatown for which he was given a life sentence. While in prison, Chol Soo was accused of murdering an inmate who attacked him in the prison yard. For this second "offense", Chol Soo Lee now faces the death penalty.

Why support him?

Chol Soo Lee's life reflects the conditions many Asian and Pacific people face. He came to the U.S. at the age of 12. As an immigrant youth growing up in this country, he had to confront a situation of little or no supportive services, culturally insensitive teachers and administrators, and an irrelevant education in the schools. The added aspects of language and fundamental cultural differences compounded these conditions, making it even more difficult.

For three years now there has been broad and active support to educate people about the case, raise an immense amount of money to finance his defense case, and in general gain people's support. Many individuals and organizations have worked together --Korean and non-Korean, young and old, churches, students, professionals, working people. We have come together because we know too well the history of racism and national oppression in this country.

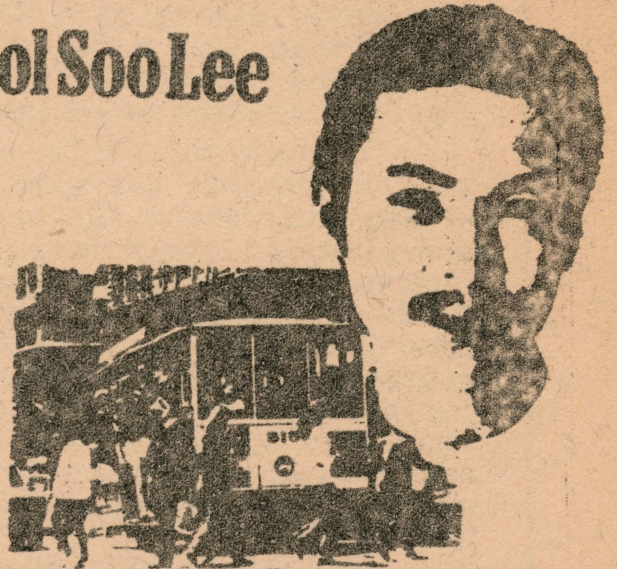
The Asian Pacific Student Union (APSU) in different regions have already taken up the cause to help free Chol Soo Lee. We have had educational presentations and information at our Asian Pacific Heritage Week programs in the Spring throughout the West Coast; held benefit dances in Berkeley, Davis, and Los Angeles to raise monetary support; mobilized students for his court hearings in Sacramento and Stockton; participated in the defense committees that have formed; held educational workshops; and worked with the

Korean Student Network. The APSU has taken up these and other activities, in unity with the many people and groups doing similar work.

What you can do?

You can start by coming by our office in the Student Union and help us to plan a fundraising activity; to sign and distribute a petition to demand an immediate pardon from Gov. Brown; to help get the word out about Chol Soo Lee's struggle to your friends and others; and much, much more. Help us to FREE CHOL SOO LEE!!!!

Chol Soo Lee



third annual

APSU Conference

Over the past year the APSU has encouraged work with different Asian/Pacific nationalities. It encouraged joint work with Korean Students Association network around the campaign to free Chol Soo Lee. In San Francisco the APSU initiated the Filipino History Project, combining study with a lively program and field trip to the Filipino farm workers' Agbayani Village.

These activities have helped to build multinational unity among Asian/Pacific islander students, diversified APSU's membership, and expanded the scope and influence of the Asian/Pacific student movement.

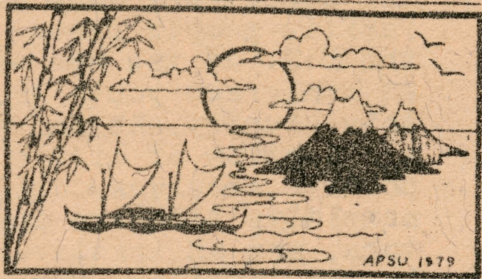
Through the conference we wish to explore our past so that we may understand the present and plan for the future. Highlights of this conference include a proposed campaign to help free Chol Soo Lee, a Korean immigrant presently on death row for a murder he did not commit, and exploring Asian and Pacific American art and culture as a means of expressing our concerns and issues.

We hope to see you all there! If you want more information about this conference, call us while you're on campus at 469-1958 or call 931-9694 in the evenings. The persons to contact are Julie or Eleanor.

There will also be an evening featuring community and cultural performers.



THE THIRD ANNUAL
ASIAN AND PACIFIC STUDENT CONFERENCE
Sponsored by the West Coast ASIAN/PACIFIC STUDENT UNION
Asian/Pacific Student Movement
One Struggle, Many Fronts—Past, Present, and Future



A conference where students can learn about and get involved in issues facing Asian and Pacific Americans

EVENTS
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ASU calendar of events

November 21, Wednesday
--ASU meeting in B119
--12:00 noon--2:00 p.m.

November 30, Friday
--Disco Dance ASU/PACE
--Student Union Sub-basement
--9:00 p.m.--1:30 a.m.

December 5, Wednesday
--ASU meeting in B119
--12:00 noon--2:00 p.m.

January 3,4,5
--Snow trip to Lake Tahoe
--Sign up at the ASU Office

