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PCC WELCOMES EUGENE

Pasadena City College welcomes Eugene Tashima, the new Asian American studies teacher who is replacing Dr. Judy Chu, former PCC Asian American studies teacher who is presently a full-time Psychology teacher at Los Angeles City College.

Eugene is teaching History 41 and Psychology 41 which are Asian-oriented but open to anyone who is interested in learning. Such topics as the immigration of various Asian races such as the Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Korean, and Vietnamese, to name a few, are discussed in History 41. Current events and government politics which affect Asians are also taught in History 41. According to Eugene, "History is an on-going process-like a cycle-always changing."

Psychology 41 covers such issues as the adjustments Asians face when coming to the United States, identity problems, learning about friends, people, family, and also about yourself. The class will discuss marriage, dating, and even facing the reality of death. "We'll discuss things that nobody talks about but happens to everyone."

"Both these classes," said Eugene, "are a worthwhile experience. If, for nothing else, you're learning about yourself."

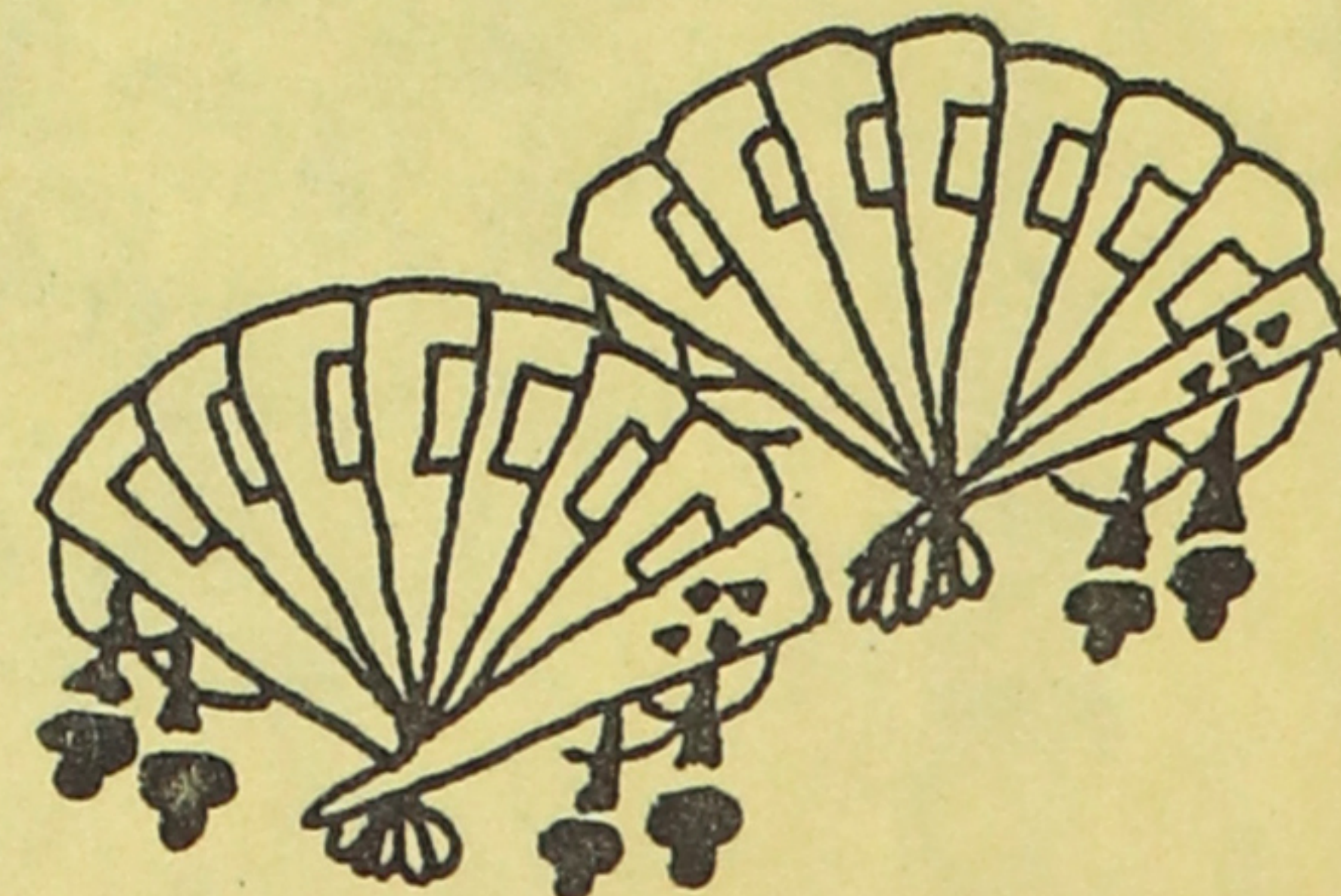
"I really enjoy being here at PCC," said Eugene. "The community college level is so much nicer, students are here because they want to be here." "Many people," continued Eugene, "Feel students on a community college level aren't as smart or don't have the capability as others, but this is not true."

Eugene grew up in Livingston, California received his BA at Humboldt University in Sociology with an emphasis on Asian American studies, and is now attending UCLA working towards his Masters. When asked what his future plans are, Eugene replied, "I want to teach at a community college full-time (Asian American studies if possible), and coach football."

"The Asian American studies program here at PCC is really growing," said Eugene. "The enrollment is rising and more interest is showing towards the Asian American Study courses (History 41 and Psychology 41). "Too," continued Eugene, "a lot has to do with the recruitment of students done by counselors such as Stan Tsukahira, Assistant Director of EOP&S (Extended Opportunities Program and Services)."

"PCC is one of the more fortunate schools as far as Asian American Studies go," said Eugene: "Other colleges are suffering, for the enrollment is going down and also lack of fundings." When asked why, Eugene replied, "The enrollment is declining because of social changes. Before, students were studying courses such as sociology, but now it seems that business, accounting, and hard sciences for example are being studied." "Social Sciences in general are suffering for there is no money," said Eugene.

Some of Eugene's hobbies are writing literature, poetry, short stories and he is currently writing a novel. He enjoys music and plays the guitar and is a football as well as baseball fan. He loves to eat, sleep, and most of all, he keeps himself involved in Asian Affairs.



AAS FALL LINE UP !...

The Pasadena City College 1981 Fall Semester is starting off with six active Asian clubs. These clubs are the Indonesian Student Association, the Asian American Student Union, the Korean, Vietnamese, Filipiniana, and Chinese Club.

The Indonesian Student Association Club has some 40 members and already has had several activities such as trips to Magic Mountain and San Gabriel Rifle Range, a baseball game, and a dance in the PCC Student Lounge.

The club is planning a picnic with a rally of all Indonesian clubs in the Los Angeles School District.

The Asian American Student Union has approximately 20 members and plans for fund-raising purposes such as buffet luncheon, newspaper, and aluminum can drives are in the works.

The Korean Club has 20 members and it is being organized with elections of club officers for the coming semester.

The Vietnamese Club has 40 members and started this semester with a dance on October 24th in the PCC Student Lounge. Plans for a picnic is being planned.

The Filipiniana Club consists of some 40 members and has sponsored a dance held in the PCC Student Lounge on October 30th.

The Chinese Club recently elected new club officers for this semester and have a membership of some 30-40 members.

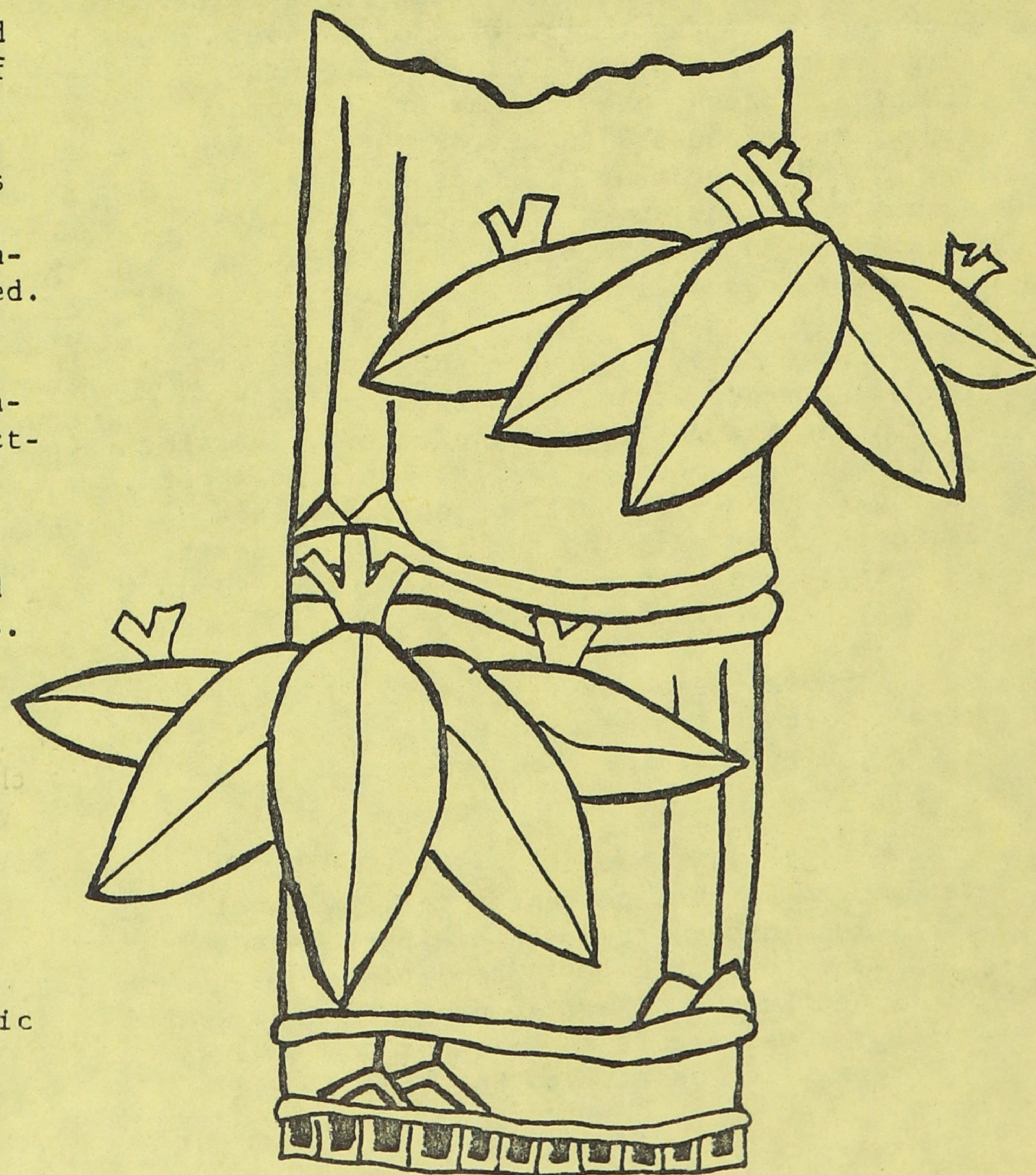
Pacific Asia Museum

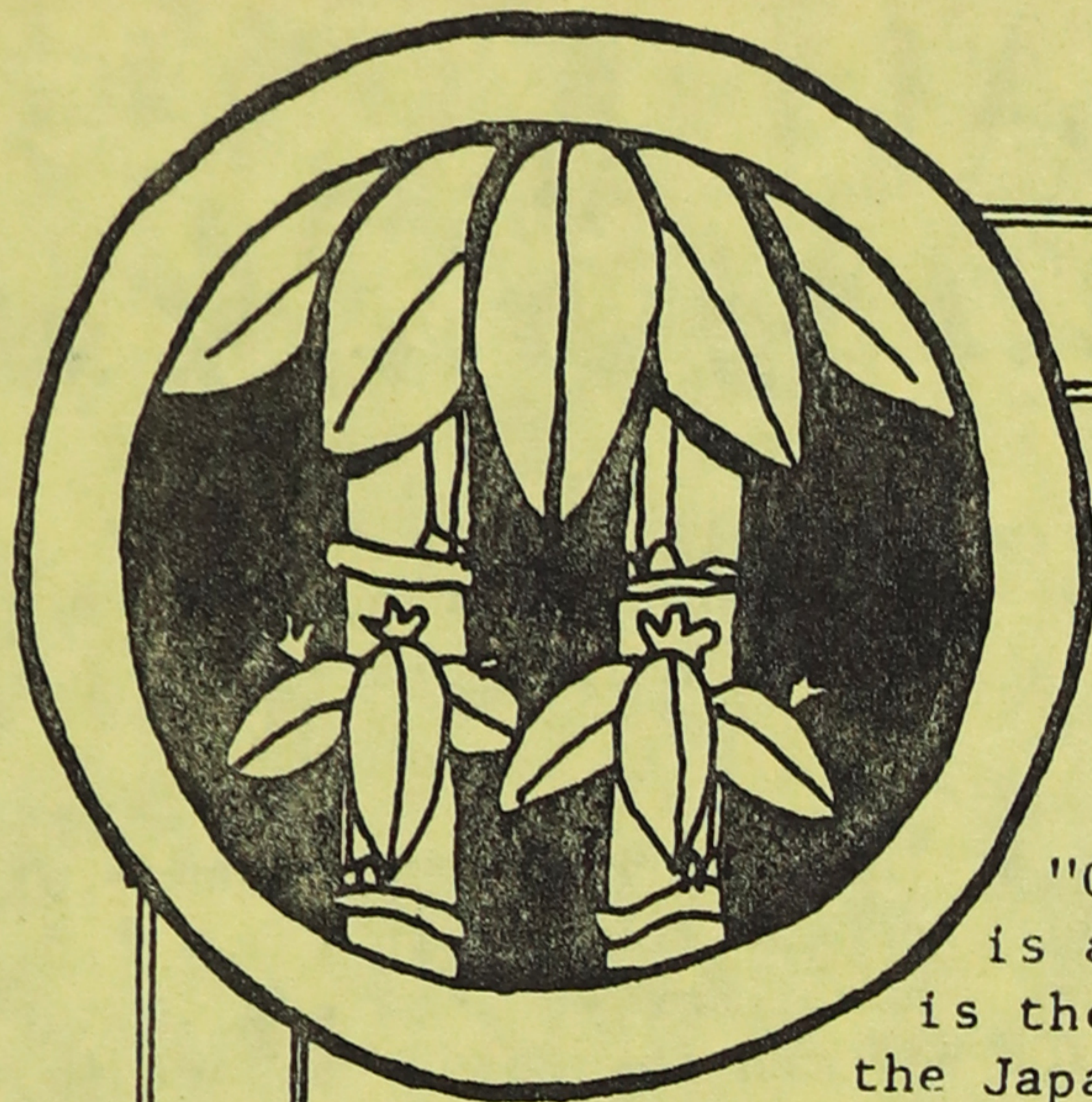
Lisa Sugimoto, a counselor at Pasadena City College, is involved with the Pacific Asia Museum located on 49 N. Los Robles in Pasadena.

"The purpose of the museum," said Lisa, president of the Japanese Arts Council, "is to enrich, enhance, and share with the public; therefore, in return, having a better understanding about various Asian ethnic backgrounds such as the Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Filipino."

The museum, opens 12-5PM on Wednesday through Sunday, has many different types of events.

According to Lisa, "The museum sponsors flower arranging demonstrations (for example, ikebana), slide shows of Japan, various other demonstrations and last year the Council General of Japan, Mr. Tanaka, and former Ambassador of the US to Japan, Mr. James Hodgson came and visited the museum. There is also an Asian Arts Bookstore and a Collector's Gallery which has Oriental antiques.





LITTLE TOKYO HEALTH FAIR

"Quality Health Care
is a Right, Not a Privelege"
is the annual motto adopted by
the Japanese community of Los
Angeles to commemorate the 10th
Annual Little Tokyo Community Health Fair.

Started in 1971 by a group of concerned
citizens, the Health Fair was held Sunday,
October 25, 1981 at the Nishi Hongwanji
Buddist Temple in Little Tokyo, Los Angeles.

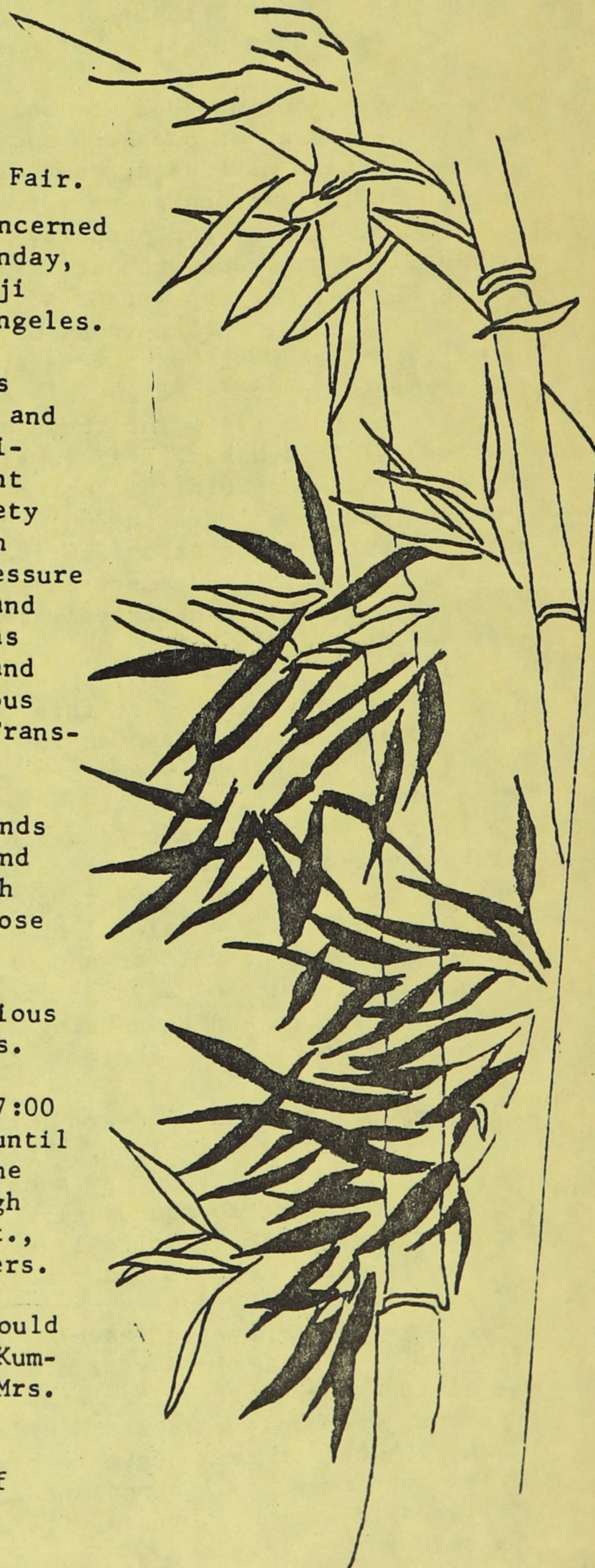
Donations in the form of services
were provided by various professional and
technical personnel such as those affi-
liated with USC's Optometric Department
and UCLA's Dental Department. A variety
of medical services were offered which
include vision examinations, blood pressure
tests, flu vaccinations, free dental and
podiatry (foot) examinations as well as
counseling in the areas of nutrition and
advice on pharmactical needs and various
literature on health was available. Trans-
portation was also made available.

This year's program was in the hands
of 300 student volunteers between 18 and
30 years of age, who are concerned with
the well-being of the community and those
affected.

Publicity was donated through various
forms of television and newspaper spots.

Volunteers started setting up at 7:00
AM with the doors opening at 10:00 AM until
4:00 PM. A free lunch was served to the
volunteers and was made possible through
donations. A party is scheduled on Sat.,
Nov. 6th, in honor of the many volunteers.

We here at Pasadena City College would
like to extend our gratitude to Shelly Kum-
amoto, Janice Mori, Gloria Yoshikoshi, Mrs.
Harry Kawahara, Lisa Sugimoto and those
who gave of themselves so generously to
partake in the preservation and unity of
our most valued Asian community.



JUSTICE FOR ALL ...

an editorial by Steve Lai

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of the law. The accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation." These protections are guaranteed in the 5th and 6th amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America.

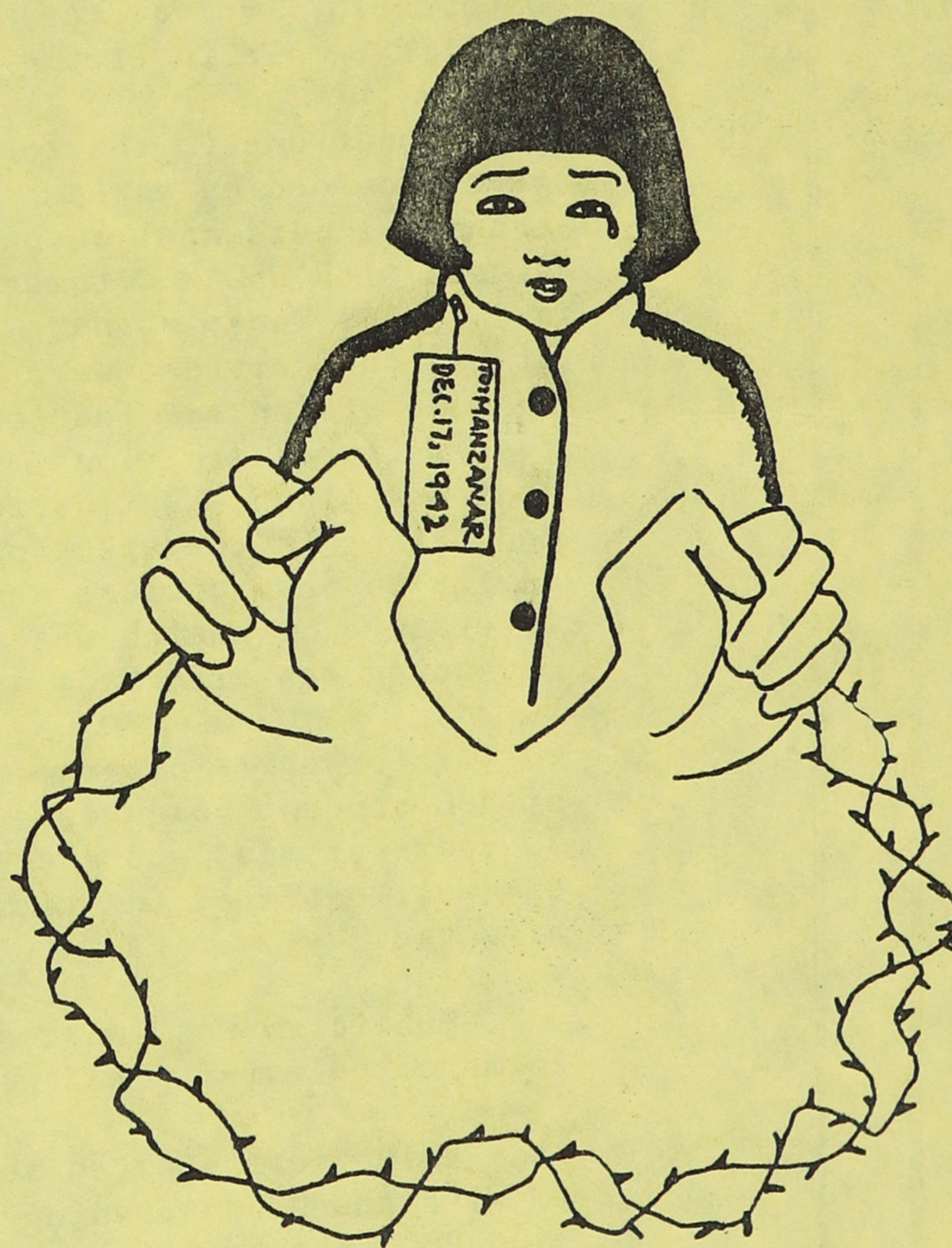
However, during 1942-46, some 77,000 American citizens of Japanese ancestry and 43,000 Japanese nationals, most of whom were permanent U.S. residents, were summarily deprived of liberty and property without criminal charges, and without trial of any kind. Several persons were also violently deprived of life. All persons of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast were expelled from their homes and confined in inland detention camps. The sole basis for these actions was ancestry - citizenship, age, loyalty, or innocence of wrongdoing did not matter. Japanese Americans were the only ones singled out for mass incarceration. German and Italian nationals, and American citizens of German and Italian ancestries were not imprisoned en masse.

Can we only imagine at this time the pain and confusion as seen on the face of a little girl whose family and subsequent world has been torn from its roots and in such a cold manner thrust into a bitter and harsh environment being no more than a stinking, frigid stall once used to accommodate a horse. With only a bale of hay to sleep on and only dirt to walk on and without even the simple pleasure of a warm fireplace to cuddle up next to and then being forced to call this home?

What happened to the warm little house from which I started my life. The way mommy and daddy used to be so happy and the way we shared our love so abundantly. What happened to the little world I used to love so much? Why is daddy so worried all the time and why does mommy cry everyday? Why did we have to leave? I'm so confused says a little 9 year old girl as she clutches her doll in her arms. So innocent, with rosy cheeks and wide eyes aglow, she hasn't even begun to taste the bitter sweetness of life and yet these scars imprinted in her early years will stay for the rest of her life.

Her cry and millions like her will be heard across the country with no less fervency and anguish from the hearts that share her plight.

America, land of the free and home of the brave. The greatest country in the world, the one you and I have come to know and love so dearly. Yet how can she commit an act so very brutal and with such blind animosity to a race of people simply because of the origin of their ancestors?



The act of incarceration was accomplished just over a five-month period of time during which the Japanese nationals and citizens alike were literally being hoarded into busses like animals, abandoning everything they could not carry.

A total of ten inland camps that were deliberately placed away from the West Coast were located in desolated areas and were surrounded by a high barbed wire fence and even sporting a few guard towers. Anyone trying to leave or escape were shot indiscriminately. Living quarters were crowded and there was no privacy. Large extended families or groups of unrelated individuals were squeezed into tiny unpartitioned 20x25 feet units.

The family unit of most were irreparably disrupted, incoming and outgoing communications were heavily censored along with threats of their citizenship being taken away. Overwhelming despair made suicide rampant throughout the camps.

On December 17, 1944, the Western Defense Command had rescinded the exclusion and detention orders. Japanese Americans were free to return to their homes on the West Coast effective January 1945.

Soon after the incarceration was rescinded and the Japanese people was beginning to return to their homes, they found out the hard way that reconstruction of their lives was not going to be an easy task. Most everyone lost their homes and personal belongings as well as their self-esteem. Along with that, hostile whites unwilling to return property and possessions continually ravaged the lives of many with unwarranted acts of violence and terrorism.

Sure, history paints a pretty gloomy past for mankind, but now it is up to us to recognize our mistakes and look at the consequences, keeping in mind to never repeat them, for now with all the firepower the world has accumulated, destruction for one will mean destruction for all.

The redress will mean a monetary restitution for those incarcerated under Executive Order 9066, but the real significance is that a wrong has been recognized and the government is interested in the inner tranquility of all people in our nation.

PASADENA CITY COLLEGE EXTENDED OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM & SERVICES

The primary purpose of the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S) at our college is to provide active enrollment and retention of students handicapped by language, social, and economic disadvantages. In addition

to issuing grants to eligible students receiving financial aid, the program employs students to work with the college staff as student assistants, peer counselors, recruiters, and tutors. EOP&S at PCC is not a special admission program, it's a financial and supportive service funded by the state.

For additional information about the EOP&S Program please stop by the EOP&S Asian Affairs Office, located above the cafeteria, CC 217.

Associated Asian Students
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Presents

"Let's Groove"

Saturday December 19th
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INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH ANALYST

Dr. Peter Lau, an Institutional Research Analyst at Pasadena City College, located in R403, collects and updates information concerning the various ethnic groups which makes up the population of enrolled students here on campus.

Through this research, Dr. Lau is able to study socio-economic trends, compare PCC to other colleges, and with the usage of program evaluations, from a statistical point of view, he can advise the college concerning various ethnic needs.

"For the most part, the ethnic ratio of students has been fairly stable over the last several years," said Dr. Lau, "Blacks make up 10% of the campus (PCC), Hispanics 10%, and Asians 5% with an increase of 2% making 7% this semester."

According to Dr. Lau, "There are some 106 Community Colleges in Calif. Comparing PCC to El Camino College, (the only comparable community college to PCC because of similar size and location), has more Asians than PCC."

"Comparing So. Ca. to SF, the trend has been an increase of minorities in So. Ca. because of immigration," said Dr. Lau.

Another aspect of Dr. Lau's job is to be involved with community needs. Survey's are taken of the district concerning the opinion of programs which are related to PCC.

For example, through research, Dr. Lau found that 6% of Pasadena (the population), 5% of So. Pasadena, 4% of Arcadia, 4% of La Cañada, and 2% of Temple City is enrolled at PCC. Dr. Lau studies these statistics and finds out, for example, why is Temple City the lowest to attend PCC?

Dr. Lau has been here at PCC for 1 year, succeeding retiree Bruce Conklin. Originally from Hong Kong, Dr. Lau came to the US 15 years ago to further his education at University of Minnesota where he received his BA, then transferred to Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh where he graduated with a Masters and PHD in Experimental Psychology. He was brought to LA for a teaching job at Occidental College. Having the desire of a job rather than that of teaching, Dr. Lau came to PCC.

Do Your Christmas Shopping at the

PCC FLEA MARKET

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PCC

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