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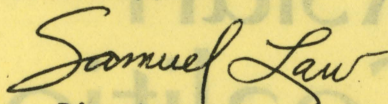
From the Director of Asian Coalition:

Welcome to UCLA, the greatest academic institution of the world, collegiate sports capital of America, and the home of the one and only Asian Coalition. You and I, by virtue of being a Bruin, share a rich heritage laden with achievement and glory. UCLA Asians can be especially proud of their many contributions to the university and the Asian Students Movement. Because of the unrelenting dedication and strong efforts of Asians in UCLA during the Civil Rights era, we can enjoy the benefits of the Asian American Studies Center, the opportunities offered by several dozen Asian American organizations, and the political ability to express ourselves.

Today, Asians are seeing yesteryears' accomplishments in jeopardy. Active racism is becoming more and more prevalent in our society and at UCLA. We can cite many occasions where Asians have been denied or even ignored on the basis of their race. Unless we act now, these trends will continue to escalate, especially in the competitive environment expected in the 1980's. Any kind of discrimination is abhorrent and destructive. Mankind must battle against the deadly effects of racism. Martin Luther King, Jr. retorted to the complacent, "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy."

As a fellow Asian Student, I urge you to get involved in the political, cultural, and social activities of the Asian Coalition and its member groups. Together we can work to enhance the lives of everyone in our cosmopolitan society, to establish ourselves as equals, and to preserve that which is priceless to us, our culture.

Sincerely,



Director

PRINCIPLES OF UNITY ADOPTED

The Board of Representatives of the Asian Coalition voted unanimously to accept a set of guidelines to define membership into the Asian Coalition. The Board also voted unanimously to adopt a principles of unity.

For organizations to gain and maintain membership in the Coalition, they must adhere to the principles of unity adopted by the Board, have "good" attendance to Board meetings, and participate in Coalition events. Since all organizations in the Coalition have large memberships, "good" attendance was defined as attendance to all meetings, by club representatives or their alternates.

The principles of unity passed by the representatives promotes unity among Asians, preserves Asian culture, upholds the democratic rights of all individuals, supports the fight against stereotypes, supports higher education for all, and encourages participation in activities of the Asian community.

ASIAN COALITION SPONSORS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

UCLA's Asian Coalition, together with the Asian Pacific Students Union (APSU), sponsored the first annual Southern California Asian Student Leadership Conference, held at UCLA on September 20.

Alan Nishiro, director of the Asian American Studies Center at Long Beach State, was the keynote speaker. He stressed the importance of coordination and organization among Asian groups; his speech touched on salient points in the history of ethnic studies on campus and on the struggles waged to win them. His speech put present efforts into their historical context: an important stretch in a long, hard run.

Participants divided into three seminars to focus on current issues. These included relations between domestic and foreign students, media stereotypes, affirmative action programs, and the future of Asian American Studies Centers.

A.C. HOLDS MOUNTAIN RETREAT

On September 12, UCLA's Asian leaders and the staff of Asian Coalition escaped from the smog of Los Angeles and carpooled to Big Bear to participate in a weekend retreat sponsored by the Coalition.

The retreat offered three workshops in which the roles of Asians were explored. The first workshop studied typical Asian stereotypes. Participants acted out roles which included the rebellious Asian daughter, the studious Asian, and the Asian student who wants to date a popular white cheerleader. Discussion followed and the validity of the stereotypes were challenged.

Acculturation and assimilation was the subject of the second workshop. Several members raised the problem of marginality among second- and third-generation immigrants who no longer find themselves comfortable in their particular Asian society and yet do not feel part of American society. Others expressed that assimilation can never be possible, citing that the physical differences between Asians and the white population will always be a barrier. Finally, Sam Law, director of Asian Coalition, saw Asians as a distinct thread in a tapestry that is beautiful and whole, suggesting that Asians can maintain their unique cultures and at the same time be part of the American society.

The third workshop focused on programs to battle stereotypes and to make Asians a more vocal group at UCLA. Suggestions included outreach projects to benefit Asian immigrants, increased political activities, participation in campus events, and extracurricular activities among the Asian groups on campus.

THE ASIAN COALITION GROUPS:

The Asian Coalition is an umbrella organization that coordinates Asian social, academic, and cultural clubs at UCLA. As a coordinating body, the Coalition fosters interaction between all Asian students, awareness of contemporary Asian concerns, and understanding of a rich cultural heritage. The Coalition crosses ethnic lines and promotes a common Asian American identity. By joining either the Asian Coalition staff or a specific club, you can become a member of the Coalition of Asian and Pacific island students. Below are the descriptions of the member organizations. We encourage you to become involved with one or more of them.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Chinese Christian Fellowship (CCF) at UCLA would like to extend a warm hello to all incoming freshmen and transfer students, and would like to invite all to come and share fellowship. CCF is a Christian Fellowship which is devoted to the teachings of the Bible and their applications to daily life.

The purpose of CCF is to share the person of Jesus Christ with the Chinese community of UCLA, and to provide training to Christians so that they may mature as believers. CCF expends much time and effort in Bible study, which is the emphasis of the group.

Meeting times are Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m. in either Ackerman Union 3517 or 2408. Bible study groups are available in three languages, Cantonese, Mandarin, and, of course, English. CCF also invites speakers and shows movies and slide presentations to keep things interesting. Upcoming activities include a multi-screen slide show at the YWCA on Friday, October 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., and a Thanksgiving dinner on November 28. For more details, drop by the Friday meetings or call one of the following officers, Alein Chun at 473-0109 or Ivan Chiang at 208-1058.

ASIAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Asian American Christian Fellowship (AACF) is a body of people who seek to make Jesus Christ practical in everyday living. The Fellowship provides opportunities to build strong friendships and to learn from the Bible. It seeks to have a balance in its activities, a balance between serious Bible study and light-hearted fun.

Some of AACF's activities include potlucks, beach parties, and singing, both within the group and to others, such as to those living in retirement homes. AACF also sponsors retreats, Bible studies, and support groups, which are geared toward making new friends.

AACF is a ministry created for the purpose of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to the Asian community. The Fellowship is not a church; rather it is a campus ministry funded and supported in part by churches, namely, the Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society (JEMS). The ministry attempts to accomplish its goal of sharing the gospel by having a vital and lively community of believers at UCLA. For more information, please call 825-7184.

CONCERNED ASIAN/PACIFIC STUDENTS FOR ACTION

Concerned Asian/Pacific Students for Action was formed with the intent to make Asian/Pacific students a more vocal segment of the UCLA population. CAPSA challenges the traditional image of Asians as a passive and invisible minority and believes strongly that it is time for Asian/Pacific voices to be heard.

The group addresses the needs and concerns of the Asian/Pacific community, specifically the political and social issues pertaining directly to the Asian/Pacific students on campus and to the Asian/Pacific community at large.

CAPSA has a wide range of goals and activities. If you are interested in getting involved, please come to Campbell 2240 or call 825-7184 for more information.

SAMAHANG PILIPINO

Samahang Pilipino of UCLA is dedicated to the educational advancement of Pilipinos. The organization addresses itself to the particular educational, cultural, and social needs of Pilipino students on campus---all in the sense of "samahang."

Samahang Pilipino is focusing on community and school related activities, which, this year, will include participation in Homecoming, in Mardi Gras, and in an outing to Agbayani Village in Delano, the home of the "manongs," who are the first-wave Pilipino immigrants to the United States. To afford members a break from the rigors of student life, social activities are likewise scheduled such as the Halloween Dance on November 1.

Weekly meetings are held on Fridays in Ackerman Union 2408. Please contact Cindy Sison at 479-1742 or Sev Reyes at 478-8803 for more information.

ASIAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The Asian American Law Students Association (AALSA) consists of more than fifty Asian American law students at UCLA. The function of AALSA is fourfold. First, AALSA recruits students at the university level throughout the state of California to encourage them to apply to law school. Second, AALSA interviews applicants to the UCLA School of Law and makes recommendations to faculty admissions committees. Recognizing the underrepresentation of Asians in the legal profession, AALSA strongly advocates for those who demonstrate an intent to make an impact upon their respective Asian communities through the use of law. Third, AALSA conducts a support system to help first-year law students survive and even succeed. Fourth, AALSA acts as a clearinghouse for job opportunities of special interest to Asians.

AALSA is willing to answer questions, take students on a tour of the UCLA Law School, and help out in any way they (legally) can. Please call one of the co-chairpersons, Dee Hayashi at 478-2220 or Danny Mayeda at 824-3026.

ASIAN EDUCATION PROJECT

The Asian Education Project, as a member of Asian Coalition and the Community Service Commission strives to contribute to the welfare of the community through tutorial programs within several elementary schools, as well as through active participation in various community programs and events.

The tutorial programs is divided into two groups. One is a weekday program at Brockton and Warner Elementary schools. Tutors can work with their tutees in the mornings or early afternoons, whichever fits their class schedules. The second program operates on Saturday mornings at Castelar Elementary School in Chinatown. This program provides children with outside help in their school work. AEP stresses that tutors need not be bilingual, and transportation can be provided for those who need it. To sign up or for more information, please come to Campbell 2240 or call 825-5178 and ask for Karen, Susan, or David.

VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Vietnamese Student Association was formed in February of 1977 as a self-help group to provide mutual assistance among Vietnamese students at UCLA. Since then, VSA has grown from a small group to one with over 200 members.

VSA aims to foster increased interaction among the Vietnamese students of UCLA and to serve as a bridge between Vietnamese students and the Los Angeles community. The organization also offers peer counseling in the areas of academic pursuit, financial planning, and personal problems as a supplement to services provided by the University. Through programs in music, literature, and art, VSA encourages the understanding of Vietnamese culture.

Jointly with the Students for Refugee Aid, the Refugee Aid Committee of VSA sponsors English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, which are available to refugee adults who have limited English skills. Any interested volunteer tutors (you don't have to be bilingual) should contact Jack Appleton at 825-0831 or VSA at 825-7184.

Among the activities planned for the Fall quarter include a Christmas and New Year's Dance scheduled for December 27. For more information, suggestions, or contributions, contact Hung at 390-7053 or Chi at 824-2422 or come to the weekly Board of Executive meeting on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in Boelter Hall 5252.

KOREAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The Korean Student Association strives to promote greater friendship among Korean students and to help Korean students adjust more comfortably to life in the U.S. Another aspect of the organization is to introduce the Korean culture to the community and to correct any misconceptions about the Korean people and culture.

KSA has about 750 Korean students. Meetings are held in Campbell 3230 every Tuesday at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

IN BRIEF:

The Summer Orientation Dance was a huge success, with approximately 1000 persons in attendance to enjoy the music.

Asian/Pacific Student Union (APSU) will hold its fourth annual West Coast conference at San Francisco State University on November 1-2, 1980

An Asian Immigration Conference will be held at USC on December 12 and 13, 1980.

The Japanese American Cultural Center will be the site of the Little Tokyo Health Faire, on Oct. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pacific Ties is looking for interested staff writers, photographers, and artists. Please call Pac Ties at 825-1004 for more information.

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