

Asian Student Coalition Handbook 1973-74

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INTRODUCTION

Every Asian in America has suffered from oppression at one time or another. Whether an Asian has suffered directly or indirectly from the racist hatred that has historically dominated the Asian experience in America, it is evident that every Asian faces a struggle within himself and within his people. The time has come for Asians to re-examine the Asian experience in relationship to the inequities and broken promises that have contradicted the "American Dream."

The time has evolved for Asians to wake up and destroy the "American Dream." It is time that Asians emerge from the state of apathy and ignorance of the past and face the realism of the American social and political environment which have made Asians ashamed of themselves. The need for Asians to organize and unite has evolved directly from the realisms of American society that have made Asians reject themselves, their people, their identities and cultures in an effort to hide from the lingering suffering. But, this lingering suffering will continue until Asians sieze the initiative for change.

In the past, Asians have been scared to fight the forces that have oppressed and subjugated to be "third class citizens". But Asians can no longer afford to witness the rape and exploitation of themselves. While white Americans have been led to believe that the only social conflicts in America have been black-and-white struggles, the Asian has also been the bearer of adversity and token acceptance. Thus, Asians have always had their own cause to struggle, since they have been victims - with visible scars - of American racism and oppression.

Although Asian people have historically struggled bravely, the contemporary Asian consciousness and awareness is just an infant. Asians young and old - should be proud to participate in this continuous birth and growth to instill new strengths and confidence in the Asian struggle for

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equality and justice. Asians must not only work to unite and multiply their efforts in transforming the American society, but also strive to unbury the self-respect and self-acceptance that has been buried by racism and oppression. Asians must learn not to be ashamed of themselves and to be proud of the struggling quest of the Asian people.

It is truly time for all Asian Brothers and Sisters to look around and see who you are and what you are. And remember, you are an Asian in a world where suffering has been no stranger to Asians.

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Silme Domingo Asian Family Affair

University Of Washington

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Chairperson: Alan T. Sugiyama

Vice-Chairperson: Debra Lew

Treasurer: Silme Domingo

Introduction

Dear Asian Students:

On behalf of the Asian Student Coalition, I would like to invite all of you to come to any of our general meetings, activities, or office and get to know us and see first hand, what kind of things we do.

Unlike other years, we plan on moving away from just being a campus organization, and to get into the community and implement programs that will benefit Asians everywhere.

Be informed, get involved, express yourself, and check out the ASC. You can help us help our community.

Alan Sugiyama

Brief History

The Asian Student Coalition concept at the University of Washington originated out of the Kent State-Cambodia anti-war demonstrations, during spring quarter of the 1969-1970 school year. The following quarter, (fall, 70-71), the Asian Student Coalition received official recognition as a student organization. A constitution was drawn up and the group's initial leadership included Jamie Lee, Al and Keith Muramoto, Diane Wong, and Al Yamamoto. Dick Sugiyama was elected chairperson of the organization.

By winter quarter 70-71, the main emphasis of the Coalition was the development of an Asian Studies Program. A major issue in the community was the support of the Seattle Community College A.S.C. demonstrations against discriminatory hiring practices. The implementation of the Asian Studies Program became a reality under the directorship of Dr. James Morishima in the spring of 70-71. Initially, the program consisted of three courses pertaining to the Asian American experience. With the overall goal to make the campus relevant to the Asian students, the A.S.C. students presented a cultural, social and political program entitled the First Asian Festival. The coordinator of the Festival was Jamie Lee.

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During the fall 71-72, the Asian students elected Alan Sugiyama and Mayumi Tsutakawa as chairperson and vice chairperson respectively. The focus was on increased involvement in student



Asian Festival Luncheon, UW, May, 1973.

affairs, with the acquisition of an operating budget, and the election of Francisco Irigon to the U.W. student government as the 2nd Vice President. The first Asian newspaper in the Pacific Northwest the <u>Asian Family Affair</u>, was created during this time as the successor to the Kapisanan newspaper. Francisco Irigon was appointed as the editor, who later was to be succeeded by Silme Domingo.

Mayumi Tsutakawa took over the chairperson position throughout the winter and spring of 71-72. At this time, the <u>Asian Family Affair</u> was offered as an accredited course under Dr. Morishima. The A.S.C. co-sponsored a workshop with the Japanese American Citizens League entitled "Asian American stereotypes in the Mass Media" with Warren Furetani of L.A. as the guest speaker. The Second Asian Festival was presented on campus under the coordination of Annie Galarosa. Martial arts, photo displays, multi-media presentations, and films highlighted the week long program.

Rod Kawakami and Guy Kurose became the new leadership in the fall of 1972-73. During this time the Asian students staged a demonstration requesting that a position at the U.W. Staff Employment be filled by an Asian Employment Counselor, presently, Mike Neal. Simultaneously in the community, the issue was the displacement of the elderly Filipino's in the International District. After legal bettles against the construction of the Domed Stadium were lost, the Asian Student

Coalition supported community activist groups in demonstrations against the Domed Stadium. Later, the students helped force H.U.D. to prioritize the International District for low cost housing development funds.

During the spring of 72-73, Norris Bacho and Mari Hayashi were elected to the Board of Control and the ASUW secretary respectively. To end the school year, the Third Annual Asian Festival, under the coordination of Silme Domingo, **empha**sized joint sponsorship with chapter ASC's and Asian Student organizations for the two week long Asian Experience programs.

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March on HUD, November, 1972.

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It shall be the purpose of this organization to organize and mobilize Asians on this campus and in the community to participate in the social struggle to build a more responsible and honest society.

Objectives

A. The ASC will dedicate itself to an involvement in winning human rights for all persons.

B. Call attention to and help correct the fact that Asians too, suffer from both overt and covert injustices and inequalities.

C. To propose and implement programs that will meet the needs of Asians in the community and on campus.

Future Plans

A. Help strengthen Asian identity and awareness through community films, speakers, and cultural festivals.

B. Look into and correct institutionalized racism in all facets at the University and in the community. U.W. - Resource Offices and People

- E.O.P. (Asian Division) 543-4727 Mike Castillano - Director Larry Flores - Counselors Sandy Fujita Vic Pineda
- Staff Employment 543-3770 Mike Neal - Asian representative
- Asian American Studies Committee Dr. James Morishima - Director 543-2385, 543-1891
- Emergency financial aid Larry Matsuda - Supportive Services Staff Assistant 543-9288

Ethnic Cultural Center 543-4635, 543-4628

Ethnic Cultural Center Theater Stan Asis: 543-4327

Tutorial Center 543-7047

Asian Family Affair Silme Domingo (Editor) SU 2-1244



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Seattle Central Community College

Mailing Address: 1718 Broadway

Phone Number: Office -Home - PA2-0541 (Donald M. Woo)

Chairperson: Donald M. Woo

Introduction

Welcome,

The Asian Student Coalition wishes to extend a warm welcome to all the Asian students coming to S.C.C.

The A.S.C. invites you to come to our office (XB-110-B) and ask any questions about anything. If there is something we cannot answer, we will find out.

We also invite you to become an active member and partake in our social activities as well as political activities.

Feel free to call or come in if you are interested or just need some assistance in and around school.

Donald Woo

Brief History

The Asian Student Coalition originated as the Chinese Student Union in May 1969. It then became the Oriental Student Union as it expanded its membership to other Asian students. Finally it became the Asian Student Coalition in the Fall of 1970. The ASC then headed by Alan Sugiyama met many stumbling blocks as requests were denied and/ or tabled in lieu of other business said to be more important. Demonstrations then followed and confrontation with SCC administration and even police.

We have a variety of Asians working together on problems common to all Asian students at the school. Although not all Asian students are members of the ASC, we work for the benefit of all Asian students. It is common knowledge that the dominant society lacks the sensitivity in problem areas faced by minorities. It is also common knowledge that members in the dominant society avoid recognizing those problems. Thus the Asian Student Coalition was developed to correct the shortcomings of Seattle Community College with its relationship to Asians.



Demonstration against hiring practices, Seattle Central Community College, February, 1971.

At present, Asian Student Coalition has been successful in getting Asians on to the SCC staff, and also classes in sociology, history, language, and literature pertaining to Asians and Asian Americans. These classes aid the Asian American in becoming more aware of their heritage, culture, and customs that are being lost through westernization.

Goals

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The main goal of the organization is to sensitize the administration facility, and of course all the students that Asian students have needs, feelings, and problems just as any student in any school might. We need to sensitize to the extent that proper action may be taken when problems or needs of the Asian students are brought before the school facilities designed to handle such needs or problems.



Asa Mercer students confront school administration in November, 1972.

Brief History

Our ASC first started in the Autumn of 1972. It was organized by Elmer Berganio, Randi Sibonga, and other concerned community people. The reason it was started was because of the harassment we were getting by other schools. Everyone was enthusiastic about it, and after about five meetings we elected officers.

We used Cleveland High School's constitution as the basic format for our constitution. Our first fund raising project was a bake sale. There was a field trip to Cleveland's Asian Awareness Week. Then about three months later we had a carwash. With the money we earned from the carwash, we purchased food for Neighbors in Need to help the elderly Asians in Chinatown.

Goal

Our goal is to have all the stereotyping dropped.

Objectives

A. Have more effective and more complete Asian Studies classes.

- B. Have more Asian literature available.
- C. More organization with the ASC.

Future Plans

- A. Have more fund raising activities.
- B. Have more field trips.

Resource Offices and People

ASC Advisor: Mr. Fred Hirai Phone number: 226-3503

Cleveland High School

Mailing Address: Cleveland High School 5511 15th Avenue South Seattle, Washington 98108

Phone Number: 587-3550

Chairperson: Clifford Miyazaki

Vice Chairperson: Gloria Lung

Introduction: The Asian Coalition of Cleveland High School welcomes you to our school and invites you to take part and find out what we're all about. Help us to help our communities together.

Brief History: During the Spring of 1972, the Cleveland High School Asian Student Coalition was born. Started by a small group of students, this young organization managed to kick off an Asian Awareness Day in June, and continued to work within the community throughout the summer.



"Marginal Man".

Despite its meager existence in the Spring of 1972, the Asian Student Coalition didn't become a chartered organization until the fall, about late September 1972. Our main purpose was to both promote awareness, and unify the Asian Students at Cleveland. This year, we implemented an Asian American studies class into the curriculum, successfully held various social and fund raising activities, and also some community services, through our participation in a large canned food drive for the elderly in the International District during the Christmas Season.

Goals: In the long run we plan to help other students become aware of the Asian Community needs and how they can become involved in the solution.

Objectives:

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A. To establish a bigger Asian Studies Program with more books and materials.

B. To obtain better Asian Studies Resources.

C. To have a better understanding of the Asian Coalition. Future Plans:A. Build the Asian Coalition into a biggerorganization.B. To help the community in its needs.C. To put on events during the school yearsuch as the Asian Awareness Day and Asian Festivals.

Fort Steilacoom Community College

Advisor: Doug Lock 588-3623

No further information available.

Franklin High School

Mailing Address: 3013 S. Mt. Baker Blvd.

Chairperson: Bruce Miyake

Introduction

The following data that you are about to read is the history and the goals and objectives of Franklin High School's Asian Student Coalition. I hope that all you Asian brothers and sisters that do read this will find that there is a need for Asian Student Coalitions at all schools where there are Asians.

Bruce Miyake

Brief History

The Asian Student Coalition of Franklin High School was started in the school year of 1971-72. At this time, Larry Araki, a history teacher at Franklin, was the chosen advisor. All these accomplishments of Franklin's ASC were both educational and rewarding.

Goals and Objectives

A. To bring together the Asians at Franklin

B. To keep our Asian Studies courses

C. To get more Asians at Franklin aware and involved in our activities

D. To create more Asian activities

E. To build a stronger Asian Student Coalition

Sharples Junior High School

Mailing Address: Sharples Junior High 3928 So. Graham Seattle, Wa. 98118

Phone Number: Office - 587-6453

Chairperson: Frances Shima (723-3858)

Other Officers: Still pending

Introduction

We invite all Asian students to join the A.S.C. Not only will you have fun, but you will also learn about your cultural heritage and participate in different activities in the community as well.

Brief History

After organizing our group in January, 1973, we held two fund-raising projects. One was a car wash and another was the selling of refreshments at a Japanese movie during the S.C.C.C.-U.W. Asian Festival.

Our activities have included holding a seminar, the theme of which was "Why an A.S.C.?" with leaders in the community participating as speakers. A multi-ethnic talent show was held in May. We also held two social meetings with the Mercer Jr. High A.S.C. Our concluding activity was a field trip to Vancouver, B.C. in June. The advisor was Ms. Pat Fukuhara, assisted by Shig Tsutsumi.

Goals and Objectives:

We have submitted a request for female Asian counselors to the school administration. We are also requesting that more Asian educators be hired at Sharples.

Future Plans

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To re-establish an Asian Studies Program in order to make Sharples Jr. High more relevant for Asian students.

Resource Offices and People

Shig Tsutsumi (Phone: 329-0805)

Shoreline Community College

Mailing Address: 16101 Greenwood Avenue North

Phone Number: Office - 546-4564

Officers not elected until Fall quarter

Introduction

Asian Brothers and Sisters:

We invite you to visit Shoreline Community College. We of the ASC, are actively seeking Asian brothers and sisters to help us in the struggle toward sensitizing our campus toward Asian awareness and relevancy. We hope you will seriously consider the prospect of joining us at Shoreline and working with us toward the betterment of Asian people.



"Marginal Man".

Brief History

Shoreline's ASC was organized in the Fall of 1972. In October of that year, ASC was officially recognized by the student legislature. At that time, the ASC requested budget funds for the school year. Because of the request and circumstances surrounding it, a struggle arose between student legislature and the ASC. This struggle continued toward the end of Fall quarter. With the support of the BSU, the ASC was finally allocated \$1306 for the Winter and Spring quarters.

During Fall quarter, several members of the ASC, in conjunction with the Minority Affairs Office, recruited students at several high schools. The ASC also took part in Ethnic Studies Week on campus by sponsoring University of Washington multi-media presentation. Other activities sponsored on campus were a Ping-Pong tournament and at the beginning of Spring quarter, "Asian Week." Events scheduled for Asian Week included Chinese Dancers, Filipino Dancers, and the Asian Cultural Theater from the University of Washington. Of special note was Councilman Liem Eng Tuai (the Asians' non-Asian) who evaded a number of issues put to him by the audience. It proved to be very educational for those who attended. With the goal toward improving Asian Studies on campus, the ASC purchased two films, <u>Sleepwalker</u> and <u>Faces</u> of <u>Chi</u>natown, to be housed in the college library.

Goals

A. To enable Asians on campus to become better acquainted with themselves and become aware of the problems that Asians are confronted with daily

B. To increase the level of Asian awareness among administrators and faculty

C. To create an environment that is relevant to Asians on this campus

Objectives

A. The ASC plans to accomplish above stated goals through recruitment of Asian administrators, faculty, and staff

B. To increase the enrollment figure of Asians through recruitment in the various high schools

C. Create additional Asian Studies courses in the Ethnic Studies Division

Future Plans

A. ASC plans to involve itself more with the Asian community and the other ASC's in Washington

B. Plans also include tutoring, food and clothing drives, and volunteering time to Asian community organizations

C. On campus, ASC will continue to increase the awareness and sensitivity of Asians by sponsoring Asian Day as part of Ethnic Studies Week, Ping-Pong tournament, and during Spring quarter, Asian Week

D. Also, the possibility of sponsoring **AN** Asian film festival is being considered

Resource Offices and People

ASC Advisor - Marie Eng, Coordinator of Minority Students Office of Minority Student Affairs Phone: 546-4564

Tacoma Community College

Advisor: Yun Yi Ho History Department Tacoma Community College Tacoma, Washington 98465 564-7200

No further information available.

APPENDIX I

ASIAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Education:

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Asian-American Educators Alliance Lela Nesmith 282-3627

Chinese Education Committee (Task Force) Mrs. Wing 723-2344

English As a Second Language (ESL) Chinese Center 522 - 7th So. 623-2527 Filipino Center 1608 E. Jefferson 323-6545 Japanese Center 417 Rainier So. 587-6418 Korean Center 725-4142

Employment

Employment Opportunity Center 4726 Rainier So. 725-8200

Media

Asian Family Affair (newspaper) P.O. Box 22156 SU2-1244 or 323-7580

Asian Multi-Media Center 1608 E. Jefferson 323-4100 (Alan Scharer)

Planning

Demonstration Project, Asian American 1608 E. Jefferson 329-0054 (Dorothy Cordova, Donna Yee)

INTER*IM 671 S. Jackson 624-1802

Social-Civic

Chinese Community Service Organization 3049 Beacon Avenue South 324-3828 (Roy Mar)

Chinese Information Center 414 - 8th Avenue South 624-4062

Filipino Community of Seattle, Inc. 7009 - 44th Avenue South 725-0358 or 723-8700

Greater Seattle Asian American Council 6106 - 52nd Avenue South 725-6106

Japanese American Citizens League (Seattle) 526 S. Jackson 622 - 6243

Japanese Community Service 1414 S. Weller 323-0250

Nisei Veterans' Committee 1212 S. King 322-1122

State of Washington Korean Association 6142 NE Radford Drive 4232 NE 17th (Renton)

Social Services

Asian Community Health Clinic 2902 Beacon Avenue South

Asian Counseling and Referral Service Blaine Memorial Methodist Church 3001 - 24th So. 723-1536 (Sue Tomita)

Center for Addiction Services 1700 E. Cherry 329-7567 (Dr. Joe Okimoto) International Child Care Center 1426 S. Jackson 329-8188

International Drop-In Center 524 - 6th Avenue South 622-4053

Youth Activities

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Asian Drop-In Center 2524 Beacon Avenue South 322-6647

Asians Unlimited c/o Japanese Congregational Church 305 - 17th Avenue South 722-5874 (Jerry Shigaki)

Chinese Youth Club 609 - 7th Avenue

Filipino Youth Activities, Inc. 1608 E. Jefferson 323-6545

International District Youth Council 310 - 6th South 623-2990 (Mike Kozu)

APPENDIX II

OTHER ASIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Cleveland High School: Chinese Club Ms. Wong LA4-1918 (Advisor) Buck Woo EA2-0162

Franklin High School: Chinese Club

Filipino Club

Seattle University: Filipino Student Association Vivian Luna

Sharples Jr. High School: Chinese Club Richard Hoy (Advisor)

University of Washington: Chinese Student Association Hing W. Ho Office: 543-7334 Home: 543-7568

> Filipino Student Association Rey Garcia 632-0498 Cornell Cebrian 633-3626

Hui-O-Hawaii HUB - SB47 Puni Hosea 525-5478

Japanese Student Association Eiichiro Mizuta 543-7256

Korean Student Association Jae Won Choe 543-7308

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