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→ STUDENT STRUGGLE AT CCNY ←

We have been asked to present the following statement in the Bulletin by a student member of the AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR A RELEVANT ASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT CITY COLLEGE.

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For the past four years, Asian students at City College of New York (CCNY) have been fighting for the creation and continued existence of relevant education. We are seeking to learn and share the true history of our forefathers in this country and in their homeland. For too long the history of America has been distorted to fulfill the needs of the ruling class in their systematic exploitation of Native Americans, Blacks, Latins and Asians. For too long we have been fed lies of the "Mountain of Gold" that our forefathers were seeking. We are not told of the history of imperialism which systematically destroyed the economies of the countries from which they came. The US need for labor to build the trans-continental railroad, to work in the mines and to toil in the plantations brought Asians to this country. Not any dream of amassing fortunes but the stark reality of oppression, racism and survival brought them to slave in America. Armed with this true knowledge we cannot do otherwise but take action to eradicate the injustice of the past and the present.

The higher educational system in this country has succeeded in feeding its students into the existing social system thereby actively supporting the continuation of the injustices practiced under it. They fear the existence of a program which seriously challenges their role in the perpetuation of the system. For this reason, they have constantly attacked students as well as faculty who fight to rectify the injustices of the education prevailing in the university. At CCNY, this attack has taken the form of:

1. Denying the reappointment with tenure to a faculty member who had the overwhelming support of the students and faculty of the Asian Studies Department. This clearly denies the Department any autonomy in choosing its own faculty.
2. Systematic attacks on the rights of students to participate in the Department on all levels; e.g. the dismissal of a student aide, the suspension of democratic bodies such as the advisory committee (to the chairman!)
3. The insensitivity of the University to committing adequate funds and resources to develop and sustain much needed programs in the Asian communities.
4. The proposed plan to make the Asian Studies Program value free. In other words, a program which totally accepts the naked injustice of racism and political oppression.

These attacks are to make us conform to the "acceptable" form of the university. We have fought and will continue to fight to insure the continuous existence of the Asian Studies Program at CCNY.

At this time, we ask all those concerned groups and individuals who support the struggle to write letters of support to the President of City College and the present chairman of the Asian Studies Department

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We request a copy of all such letters so that we can acknowledge their receipt by the College. Send a copy to:

Ad Hoc Committee for a Relevant Asian Studies Program at CCNY
The Student Senate
Office of the Treasurer
Finley 331
133rd Street and Convent Avenue
New York, New York 10031

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The UACC staff has written a letter supporting the demands of the Ad Hoc Committee for a Relevant Asian Studies Program. We urge all Center supporters

THE BILL COLLECTOR

Had a high-noon repast with my boss the other day.
over a refreshing/restorative libation, we discussed the rising cost of viands.
Eaten up with curiosity, I queried him (Dartmouth College, Class of 1919)
about the good old days.

How do prices for victuals compare, then-with-now?

He recalled that, one could nibble the noodle at a respectable eatery for as
low as ten cents. A dime, for instance, would fetch a meal of Chicken A La Creole.
The same amount would buy two ham sandwiches or a sardine salad.

For two-bits the inner man could refresh himself with Baked Sea Trout, Medley
Sauce, mashed potatoes, bread, butter and a beverage -- a choice of Lemon Sour
(lemonade), Clicquot Club Ginger Ale, milk, coffee, tea or cocon.

Forty cents would appease on'e hunger with Roast Beef, dish gravy, boiled
onions, mashed or boiled potatoes, bread, butter and a drink.

A nickel more would cover the tab for a Broiled Tenderloin Steak, with French
Fried potatoes, and all the rest.

And one could break bread in high style by spending seventy-five cents for a
Large Sirloin Steak, again with all the trimmings.

But the real piece d'resistance was a huge Planked Porterhouse Steak for Three.
The total cost of this sumptuous meal was \$2.25.

Less expensive items on the menu included: two broiled ham, lamb or pork chops,
30¢; roast veal, 35¢; omelette, 20¢; salmon sandwich, 10¢; apple pie, 5¢ and
"Toast cooked to order on Electric Toaster," 5¢.

Eat your hearts out, friends.

Better yet, join us at the Asian Center's Food Co-op table, on which is laden
excellent Asian staples at reasonable cost.

Sorry, we have no bananas.

HAWAII BROUGHT TO THE CENTER

The Last Saturday of March billed
as "Hawaiian Night" brought a little bit
of Hawaii to the Center. The rain and
wind didn't deter a large crowd of Last
Saturday nighters to the "warm" Hawaiian
evening. It wasn't all pineapples and
hula dancers, though. Thanks to the
Hawaiian Night Committee, composed of
Hawaiians living in New York and two
Center staffers there was a varied pro-
gram of authentic Hawaiian songs, music,
food and raps on the activities of two
organizations in Hawaii.

Our very special thanks to Aaron
Setogawa, Dennis Torigoe, Merle Okada,
Presley Pang, Lisa Yee, Roland Ko-
tani and their friends as well as our
own Center staffers, Elsie Okada and
Gola Alcantara for their planning and
hard work.

If you didn't come early you would
have missed the delicious Lomi Lomi
salmon, laupia, chicken long rice, and
kolehao.

The Center was filled with Hawai-
ian songs led by a chorus and guitar-
ists.

Informative raps were given by
Aaron on Third Arm, a progressive com-
munity organization in Honolulu and by
Roland on the Labor Community Alliance,
which is engaged in labor support work
and linking it with community work.

The Center encourages other Asian
groups to join us in doing ac-
tivities with the Center. Hawaiian
Night was proof of how successful they
can be.

CENTER IS MOVING!

For almost two short years, the Center
has been holding fast at the old 43 West 28th
Street haunt. However it is more and more
obvious that the present location has become
too small.

We have decided to move to a bigger
place probably around the West 28th Street
area. It is a major step as the responsi-
bilities will increase as our size increases.
We need your help and feedback. There will
be articles every month giving information
about developments as well as information about
fund raisers.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

PLAYGROUP

April came and went for the Playgroup.
We visited the Great Swamp in New Jersey
which is the largest wildlife preserve in the
state. The quiet, space and natural envi-
ronment appealed to a part of all of us, par-
ent and child.

The Saturdays spent in the Center were
filled with play, stories, arts and crafts,
and games.

May we plan to go to the New York
Aquarium and Coney Island and visit the fish,
the beach and the hot dogs. There is a fee
to get into the Aquarium. We'll be meeting
at the Center at 12 noon on Saturday, May 18
to go on this trip.

Come by any Saturday with your child.
We're usually there from 2-5 in the afternoon.

A WORD FROM FOOD CO-OP...the co-op is running slightly behind. It is obvious
that people are taking things and forgetting to pay or deliberately not paying..
the center cannot afford to run the co-op at a deficit...as it is we break

THE CENTER SPONSORS A SOFTBALL TEAM

Readers of the NY Nichibei Spring Sprots column will recall that a regular entry in the Niko Niko Softball League was the 442 team, ably captained for many years by Bill Kochiyama. Recently, however, the 442 lineup has included a majority of non-442 veterans and last year marked a turning point as the starting team was mostly composed of UACC people. In recognition of that fact and of the committment of Center people to play, Bill requested that the Center staff formally support the team and allow the name of the team to be changed to the UACC team.

As with all Center programs, our aim is to relate to the Asian community and this has proven to be an excellent way to extend our contacts. Many members of the other teams in the League have begun to attend Center functions and some are regular donors and supporters of the Center. In this vein, it should also be stated that not all of our players are on the Center staff. Those non-staffers all participate in Center activities and/or programs and as such are part of the UACC family.

Center supporters can follow our progress in the Nichibei or by attending in the games at Van Cortland Park on Sunday afternoons. For those who are interested, a schedule will be posted at the Center on May 1.

By the way, we're looking for a name for the team, any suggestions?

ATTENTION ALL WHITE ELEPHANTS

Make it your business to find your way to the Asian Center Saturday, May 25th at 8 pm to auctioned off along with other knick knacks, bric-a-brac, plants and other goodies. Proceeds from the auction will go into the Center's moving fund. More information coming up soon.

CENTER AND AAFEE

As you know, the Center has been participating with Asian Americans for Equal Employment in attempting to secure employment for Chinese construction workers. The issue is focused around a housing projects being built in Chinatown with as yet little participation by Chinese workers in its construction. AAFEE is demanding jobs for residents of Chinatown and would appreciate any help given. Contact Chris or Lillian at the Center for further information.

YOGA CLASS MOVING

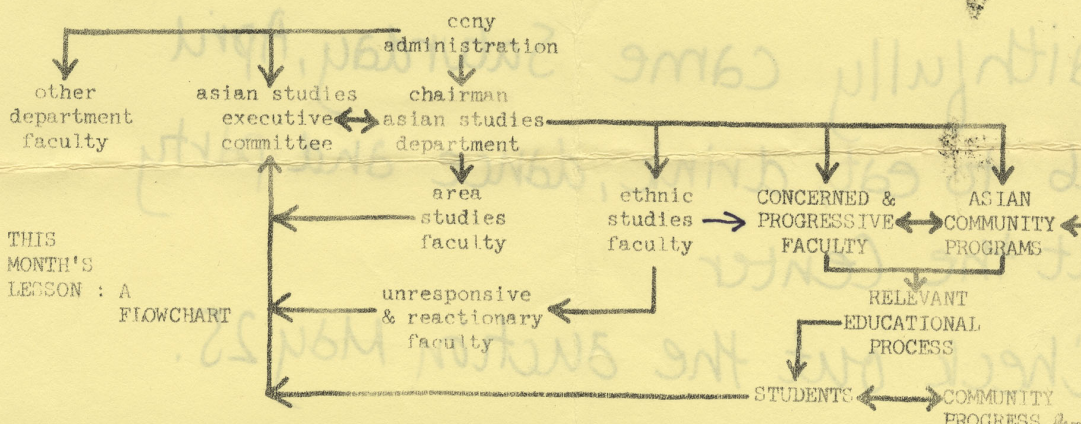
Due to scheduling and for greater convenience for its members, the yoga class that has been meeting at the Center on Friday nights has moved to the Basement Workshop - 22 Catherine Street. Contact Robin Pounce (485-0826) for particulars.

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If you've been by the Center last month, you probably noticed the beautiful new plexiglass mailbox the Center has acquired. It was made and donated by Sammy Fromartz. Sammy is in a work study program at this high school and is working with Arlan Huang and Karl Matsuda at Squid Frames. Squid makes acrylic plastic frames, models, prototypes-production, furniture displays, sculpture, multiples, etc, all out of plastic. Their phone number is 260-1455

Thanks to Stanley Kanzaki for his donation of the paperback book Call for Action which is a list of New York City agencies what they do, how they can help you and how to get in touch with them.

THIS MONTH'S LESSON : A FLOWCHART



MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7 ³⁰ WOMEN'S MTG.	2 3:30-5:30 MODERN DANCE 6:30 AAFM	3 7 ³⁰ AAA	4 11 ³⁰ 1:00 MUSIC 2 ⁰⁰ 5 ⁰⁰ PLAY GROUP
5 11:00-2:00 PING PONG 2:00-6:00 KDP MTG.	6 7 ⁰⁰ A.S.I.	7 4 ⁰⁰ -6 ⁰⁰ MODERN DANCE	8 6 ⁰⁰ WOMEN'S MTG.	9 3:30-5:30 MODERN DANCE 6 ³⁰ AAFM	10 7 ³⁰ AAA FILM SHOW- ING	11 11 ³⁰ 1:00 MUSIC 2 ⁰⁰ ASIAN WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL
12 11:00-2:00 PING PONG	13 7 ⁰⁰ A.S.I.	14 4 ⁰⁰ -6 ⁰⁰ MODERN DANCE 6 ³⁰ CENTER	15 6 ⁰⁰ WOMEN'S MTG.	16 3:30-5:30 MODERN DANCE 6 ³⁰ AAFM	17 7 ³⁰ AAA	18 11:30-1:00 MUSIC 2 ⁰⁰ -5 ⁰⁰ PLAY GROUP
19 11:00-2:00 PING PONG	20 7 ⁰⁰ A.S.I.	21 4 ⁰⁰ -6 ⁰⁰ MODERN DANCE 6 ³⁰ CENTER	22 6 ⁰⁰ WOMEN'S MTG.	23 3:30-5:30 MODERN DANCE 6 ⁰⁰ AAFM	24 7 ³⁰ AAA	25 11 ³⁰ 1:00 MUSIC 2-5 ⁰⁰ PLAY GROUP AUCTION 8 ⁰⁰ LAST SATURDAY
26 11:00-2:00 PING PONG	27 7 ⁰⁰ A.S.I.	28 4 ⁰⁰ -6 ⁰⁰ MODERN DANCE	29 6 ⁰⁰ WOMEN'S MTG.	30 3:30-5:30 MODERN DANCE 6 ³⁰ AAFM	31 7 ³⁰ AAA	

INDEPENDENT GROUPS USING THE CENTER:

(for meetings, functions, for mailing address, etc.)

Asian Americans for Action (AAA)

Asian Americans for Fair Media (AAFM)

Asians in the Spirit of the Indochinese (ASI)

Asian Women's Group

Group of Khmer Residents in America

Katipunan ng mga Demokratikong Pilipino (KDP)

Korean Group

Worker's Viewpoint

Thanks to all those who
faithfully came Saturday, April
26 to eat, drink, dance and party
at the Center
Check out the auction May 25.