

No knowledge of Japanese, 2 points in favor. If subject speaks a foreign language other than Japanese, 1 point in favor.

Question 19. If interested in Kudo, Judo, or Kendo, 1 point against. If high Judo, reject him. Judo instructor, reject. If sport is typically American, 1 point in favor. If sport is typically Japanese, 1 point against him. If hobby is collecting anything, this is not too good, 1 point against. If hobby is photography or radio, 1 point against.

Question 21. If subject has a substantial investment in Japan, reject him. If subject has purchased yen since 1935, reject him.

Question 23. If subject has made contributions to Japanese organizations on attached list - normally means membership, reject him. If Japanese organization is connected with the Army or Navy of Japan, reject him. To Red Cross or cultural groups of Japan, 1 point against. If subject has made contributions to American organizations, 1 point in favor. If he has purchased comfort kits for personnel of Japanese Army or Navy - this was done by Heimusha Kai and normally means he's a member, so reject him.

Question 24. If subject reads American magazines and periodicals, 1 point in favor. If subject reads Japanese publications, 1 point against. If subject reads Japanese Army or Navy journal - nobody every admitted so don't know whether evaluation is any good, probably should be rejected - 3 points against him. If "Pacific Citizen" is included in American publications (this is an JACL publication), 1 point in favor.

Question 25. If birth registered with Japanese Consulate, 1 point against him. If application for cancellation of registration, 2 points in favor.

Question 26. If subject has applied for repatriation to Japan, reject him.

Question 27. If subject is unwilling to serve, reject him.

Question 28. If subject does not swear unqualified allegiance to the United States, reject him.

\*Question 3. If applicant was born in or is from the Territory of Hawaii and is presently located at one of the relocation centers in Arkansas -

reject him. A few families of internees were moved from the Islands to Jerome or Rohwer - normally they're a pretty bad lot.

## **Property & House Rules Management Committee Report**

**by Henry Kuniyuki**

The Executive Committee of the 442nd Veterans Club referred a request from the Sons and Daughters Chapter to convert a one-bedroom unit into an Archival Center. At the June monthly meeting of the Property & House Rules Management Committee, with the entire membership present, this matter was discussed as a new order of business. Representatives of the Sons and Daughters Chapter were also present to explain the need for the establishment of the Archival Center. They stated that the archival storage and collection must be done properly, and is one of the main thrusts of the Sons and Daughters. In support of this objective is a concentration on education and membership services. An ad-hoc Committee of the Sons and Daughters Chapter has been looking at archival storage requirements and methods of record retention, cataloguing, inputting, and usage for quite some time now. After discussing the Sons and Daughters request to convert apartment no. 102 into an Archival Center, the House Rules and Management Committee unanimously voted to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the project. At the Board of Director meeting, held on July 7, House Rules & Management Committee Chairman Henry Kuniyuki reported the Sons and Daughters Chapter's request to utilize a one-bedroom rental unit as an Archival Center. A motion to approve was duly made, seconded and the Board of Directors voted in favor without dissension. Fortunately, apartment no. 102 has been vacant for several months due to poor rental-market condition. The Sons and Daughters Chapter is primarily concerned about the preservation of values and artifacts coming out of the varied 442nd Regimental Combat Team's experience. Ted Tsukiyama has been appointed by President Ron Oba to serve as



consultant to the Sons and Daughters Chapter for the Archival Center project. When the Sons and Daughters officer, Guy Koga and Alan Yukitomo, first presented their Chapter's request they eloquently stated: "Our battleground, our combat zone, our killing fields are not physical. They are mental, spiritual, and psychological. So we need to see, touch, feel and hear stories on what your shared experiences were. For these stories and images are what held you together for all these past 50 years!" The officers of the 442nd Veterans Club congratulate the Sons and Daughters Chapter members for their dedication to preserve the legacy of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. The House Rules and Management Committee appreciates the Board of Directors approval of the Archival Center project.

#### **442nd RCT Foundation by Harold Fukunaga**

After several years of discussing the need to establish a tax-exempt foundation for the 442nd Veterans Club, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team Foundation was established, effective July 1, 1993. This foundation will permit donors to the 442nd RCT Foundation to deduct such contributions from their income taxes.

The Foundation will engage in charitable and educational purposes by: (1) promoting, preserving, and perpetuating the spirit and dedication of the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and their history and legacy; (2) striving for and ensuring constitutional rights or liberties, as a result of their ancestry, or national origin; and (3) promoting and stimulating an awareness of appreciation for the role played by all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces who have served during any war or conflict.

The Foundation has a Board of Trustees, consisting initially of six (6) trustees, who will manage the Foundation. The number can be increased to 10 trustees in the future, if necessary.

The officers and members of the Foundation are:

President: HAROLD FUKUNAGA

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Other members are ROBERT KATAYAMA and GUY KOGA. Ex-officio members are: President of the 442nd Veterans Club - RONALD OBA; and Executive Secretary of the 442nd Veterans Club - GRACE OKAMURA.

#### **522nd Dachau Research Committee by Hideo Nakamine**

The liberation of the Dachau concentration camp and French POWs generated much interest in Europe, Japan, and the United States.

The most interesting experiences of the liberation of the camps come from the 522 "A" Battery soldiers. It became known only recently that the 100th/442nd POWs were among the first Niseis to witness the Jewish prisoners at some of the camps in Germany during World War II.

TADASHI TOJO, veteran of the 522nd "A" Battery shares his recollections on that subject in the following news article.

#### DACHAU - 1945 (by Tadashi Tojo)

The best recollection I have of the Dachau concentration camp places my happening on it, somewhere between April 20 - 28, 1945. Although I went through a number of tape and video sessions with the Dachau Holocaust Interview Group regarding the role of the 522nd in the discovery of Dachau and its liberation, I am unable to fix a more certain date.

Throughout the campaign in Italy, France, and Germany, I was part of a forward observation team usually made up of Lt. BINOTTI, THOMAS MAYEDA, ROBERT SUGAI, and myself. The FO's as we were called, worked with the 442 Infantry unit up front and provided them with artillery cover and backup for all their missions. SUGAI and I had worked as a radio communication team in our basic training days at Camp Shelby and this teamwork continued to our final days at Bertchesgarten in May, 1945.

On the day we stumbled on to Dachau Concentration Camp, we have no knowledge that camps like this ever existed during the war.



SUGAI and I were on a M-35 Reconnaissance vehicle from an armored unit operating in our sector. The battle lines, as I vividly remember, were very fluid and changed rapidly day to day. The M-35s were the eyes and ears for the Tank Destroyer Unit; they were very fast, lightly armored (37mm gun), 6 rubber-wheeled vehicles. Their mission was to locate and relay position information of enemy personnel or armored targets to the large Tank Destroyers which were equipped with 75mm guns, who would then follow through on the destroying mission.

On that day, I do not remember how SUGAI and I were separated from our scout corporal (MAYEDA) and forward observer that day. On our mission with the tank group that day, we came upon a huge barbed wire encampment with a double-locked gate. The roadway leading up to it appeared to be a swamp. It was not until the Holocaust Interview Group that I learned it was not a swamp but an ill-tended moat, covered with brush. After we discovered it, we backed out and let the lead (larger) Tank Destroyer break into the compound.

I was asked more than once by the interviewers if there were any rejoicing by the inmates when they were freed. Quite the contrary. Most of those people appeared to be "walking zombies." They seemed to be disoriented and just shuffled out of their barracks or compounds and walked around aimlessly. I distinctly remember that someone threw a bar of chocolate or a fruit bar. An inmate picked it up and took a feeble bit of it, only to throw up. Someone wisely yelled not to feed the prisoners. These people were starved and emaciated beyond help. I saw a Medic attempting to administer intravenous feeding by he had great difficulty locating blood vessels to start the procedure.

Some time later, when I returned to the Battery area, I saw many prisoners drinking and bathing from the irrigation ditches and feasting on raw horse meat killed during the battle. To me, these were the more fortunate ones; they were able to move about and had command of themselves. They were able to stomach their food.

At the interview I was also asked how I felt in

retrospect of what I saw or experienced that day long ago. What can one say? I saw at first hand the horror of Dachau Concentration Camp and the destruction and killings of World War II, and have read about the unspeakable horrors visited upon human beings in Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East. I am aware that today in Germany the "skinheads," a small but ominous group, appear to be intent on repeating the inhuman treatment and ultimate genocide of the Jewish people during World War II. Yes, I believe every nation which participated in that great war (WWII) is responsible in one or more ways for the human suffering and the grievous hurts that followed it. To, *when and where this inhumanity will end remains the paramount question.*

The words of wisdom by EUGENE O'NEILL sum it up best for me - *"There is no present or future, only the past, happening over and over again - now."*

## LETTERS

### Ray Wells

"Dear Friends and Comrades of World War II, My name is Ray Wells, presently the president of the 141st Infantry Chapter of the 36th Division Association. Col. Jimmie Kanaga of Gig Harbor, WA sent me your address.

Al hop that we will see some of you at the 36th Div. Assoc. reunion in Fort Worth and also at the 141st reunion in El Paso. I remember our joint reunion of the 36th and the 442nd in Dallas a few years ago. My wife and I were invited to the 442nd CP where the fun was and it really was, hula girls, ukes, everything. That's where the fun was and that's where we stayed.

Another interesting experience I vividly remember that I had with the 100th Inf. Battalion was this: I was wounded February 12, 1944 on a numbered mountain top overlooking Monte Cassino. I spent 3 or 4 months in a hospital, I believe in Caserta, Italy. In the next bed was a member of the 100th who became a good friend of mine. He taught me to play cribbage and of course we talked about our families back home.



When I received orders to return to stateside he asked me to forward \$100.00 to his brother as soon as I got back home. He wrote down his address and I was afraid I might lose it so I memorized the address. I remember it to this day, 49 years later. It is: HIDEIKI SHIMABUKURO, Rt. 1, Lapohoe, Hawaii. That was long before zip codes. I sent a money order to his brother and received a thank you note. After I returned from the Korean War, I wrote to him but never received an answer.

After all these years, I wonder if my friend got back home, or was he among the casualties still lying in Italy or France?

Can any of you tell me anything about my friend of so long ago?"

Sincerely,  
Ray Wells  
PO Box 864  
Elephant Butte, NM 87935

### **Ray Kosaka**

"Congratulations are in order to all the members of your illustrious organizations, for the patriotism, for answering the call to arms, the sacrifices, pain, and losses suffered to make Hawaii and this nation a better place to live. All of us in every walk of life cannot measure (nor do we know or are aware) of the advance given us, the respect and prestige given us through your sacrifices. For all of them I would like to say THANK YOU."

Respectfully,  
Ray Kosaka  
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### **Shig Miyamoto**

"The five days event was exciting and a very memorable one that all of us who attended will remember for years to come. Everything was planned beautifully at the two banquets. However, I was slightly disappointed that my late brother, MITCHIE (MITCH) MIYAMOTO was not mentioned. Nor recognized posthumously as the designer of the "Go For Broke" shoulder patch for the regiment. In my estimation, the hand holding the torch is considered as a na-

tional trademark for the Go For Broke organization.

In 1943, MITCH was a cadre at Camp Shelby during basic training and was attached to the 3rd Battalion HQ Company. He passed away on June 5, 1987 in Watsonville, California.

I am hopeful that in the near future, with the grace of God, that I will be able to witness the recognition of my brother MITCH for his contribution to the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team."

Yours in Comradeship,  
Shig Miyamoto, Honorary Member  
3rd Bn HQ Company

### **Steven Keyser**

"I am hoping that you might be able to help me to obtain an original autograph of Colonel CHARLES W. PENCE. I do not know if he is still living.

I've been working since 1980 on an extensive collection of original autographs (signed photos, documents, letters, commendation, etc. - over 1,000 items so far) of military notables of WWII. I am reaching the point where, without the help of WWII vets like yourselves, I will be unable to obtain many more of these most historic signatures.

Autographs come in many forms (i.e. signed cards, liberty cards, mess hall cards, envelopes, etc.) If your members don't have original signatures, even a photocopy would be most appreciated for my reference files....I am working on my collection for purely personal reasons and fully expect that someday (after my passing) it will wind up in one of the military museums. You can be confident that anything sent will be treasured and cared for part of the collection. Any assistance will be most appreciated!

Respectfully,  
Steve Keyser  
PO Box 1464  
El Cajon, CA 92022  
(Toll-free: 1-800-343-2135)

P.S. If you might have suggestions as to other members of the 442nd that were of special note



and that you feel should be included in my collection I would like to hear about them...Frankly, I think the whole unit should be in my collection!

### Christopher Gillis

"For the past two years I have been researching the history of the "Lost Battalion." It is my sincerest hope to write an extensive manuscript about the "Lost Battalion." I would like to write the text by collecting letters of memories by the veterans involved. This has not been an easy task. I have established contacts with Lt. MARTIN J. HIGGINS and 1st Sgt. WILLIAM BANDORICK who were officers of the trapped battalion. I have been referred to your expertise by Senator INOUE.

"I would like to ask for your assistance in this matter which mean so much to me. I am trying to acquire names and addresses of those veterans of the 442nd who were involved in the bloody rescue of the 141st. Is this a list of names available of those men who participated in this event? I would like to build a list at the end of the text with those names. Do you have other advice? I realize that you are probably overwhelmed with requests from prominent historians. I would deeply appreciate any assistance. Sincerely,

Christopher C. Gillis  
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Philadelphia PA 19147

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Presidential Memorial Certificates

*(Editor note: Announcement written from information from a JoAnn K. Webb article in "The Purple Heart Magazine" and from the efforts of Walter T. Matsumoto, 232 Engineer/Band Chap-ter)*

The Presidential Memorial Certificate Program was begun in 1962 and has been continued by each succeeding president. The deceased veterans name is inscribed on a certificate in a calligraphic style, and the Presidential seal is embossed in gold foil. The certificate is prepared for the next of kin, or other family

members and friends as a beautiful tribute from the president, expressing the gratitude of the nation for a deceased veteran's honorable service in the Armed Forces. The Presidential Memorial Certificate may be issued to commemorate the honorable service of veterans long dead, who are the ancestors of those making the application. Unlike most benefits that are limited to a single applicant, Congress specified that the award of a certificate to one eligible recipient would not preclude issuing a certificate to other eligible recipients.

The certificate is available for issuance at the VA Office located on the 1st floor of the Prince Kuhio Federal Building at the corner of Ala Moana Blvd. and Punchbowl St. Go there in person with a discharge certificate and death certificate and a copy of the Purple Heart magazine article (*Available in office*). There is a public-parking building across and on the Waikiki side of Punchbowl St., for a fee.

### Munemori Army Reserve Center Hall

A building at the U.S. Army Reserve Center in West Los Angeles will be dedicated to a Japanese-American Medal of Honor recipient who was killed during the Second World War while attacking a German stronghold in Italy. The ceremony, to dedicate the Private First Class (Pfc) Sadao S. Munemori Army Reserve Center Hall, will begin at 10 a.m., Sunday, June 6th at 1250 Federal Avenue, near the intersection of Wilshire and San Vicente, the 311th Corps Support Command (COSCOM) has announced.

Pfc Munemori was a member of the 42nd RCT's Company A, 100th Infantry Battalion. On April 5, 1945, near Seravessa, Italy, his unit was pinned down by a withering enemy gunfire and hand grenade barrage. The soldier took command of his squad when his regular leader was wounded and disabled.

Making frontal one-man attacks through direct enemy gunfire, Pfc Munemori knocked out 2 German machine gun emplacements. Then, retaliatory murderous gunfire and showers of hand grenades from other enemy emplacements rained down, and he was forced to with-



draw to a shell crater occupied by two of his comrades.

But, before he could reach the relative safety, an unexploded grenade bounced off his helmet and rolled towards the crater. To save his men, Pfc Munemori rose into the withering fire, and threw himself upon the grenade, smothering its explosion with his body.

By his swift and supremely heroic action, Pfc Sadao S. Munemori saved the lives of two of his men at the cost of his own. And he had played a major part in helping to clear the path that led to his company's ultimate victorious advance.

### Alzheimer's Association Conference

A conference for health and social service professionals, "Guideline for Dignity," will be held on October 28 and 29, 1993, in the Kakaako Room at Ward Warehouse in Honolulu. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Honolulu Chapter, the conference will feature new research, environmental design for patient care, and the latest resources for persons with Alzheimer's and their caregivers. Family caregivers are welcome to attend. For information, call the Alzheimer's Association at 521-3771.

### Alzheimer's TV Programs

The Executive Office on Aging, Office of the Governor, announced that KIKU TV will air programs locally produced about Alzheimer's disease for Hawaii's Cantonese, Ilocano, Japanese, Samoan, and Vietnamese viewers. Tentative air times are as follows:

9/18, 4 p.m.-Samoan host Margaret Logotaeo  
10/11, 11:30 p.m.-Ilocano host Ben Cayetano  
10/12, 2:55 p.m.-Vietnamese host, Van Hugh  
10/13, 7:55 p.m.-Japanese host Al Miyasato  
10/14, 9 a.m.-Cantonese host Johnson Choi  
10/16, 4 p.m.-Samoan repeat broadcast

The series will be repeated through November and in spring next year.

### Correction

(Editor's note: This correction is from the Honolulu Advertiser, Sunday, April 1, 1993 edition. It

is being printed at the request of HIDEONAKAMINE, 522nd FA Bn, "B" battery.)

"Tanks were from another unit"

A front-page Sunday story March 21 about World War II researcher HIDEO NAKAMINE was incorrect in referring to "522nd Field Artillery Battalion tanks" in connection to the unit's actions in helping liberate several Dachau subcamps. The tanks were not part of the 522nd, but from some other U.S. Army units to which the 522nd was attached for the sweep through Germany in the last weeks of World War II.

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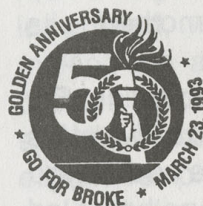
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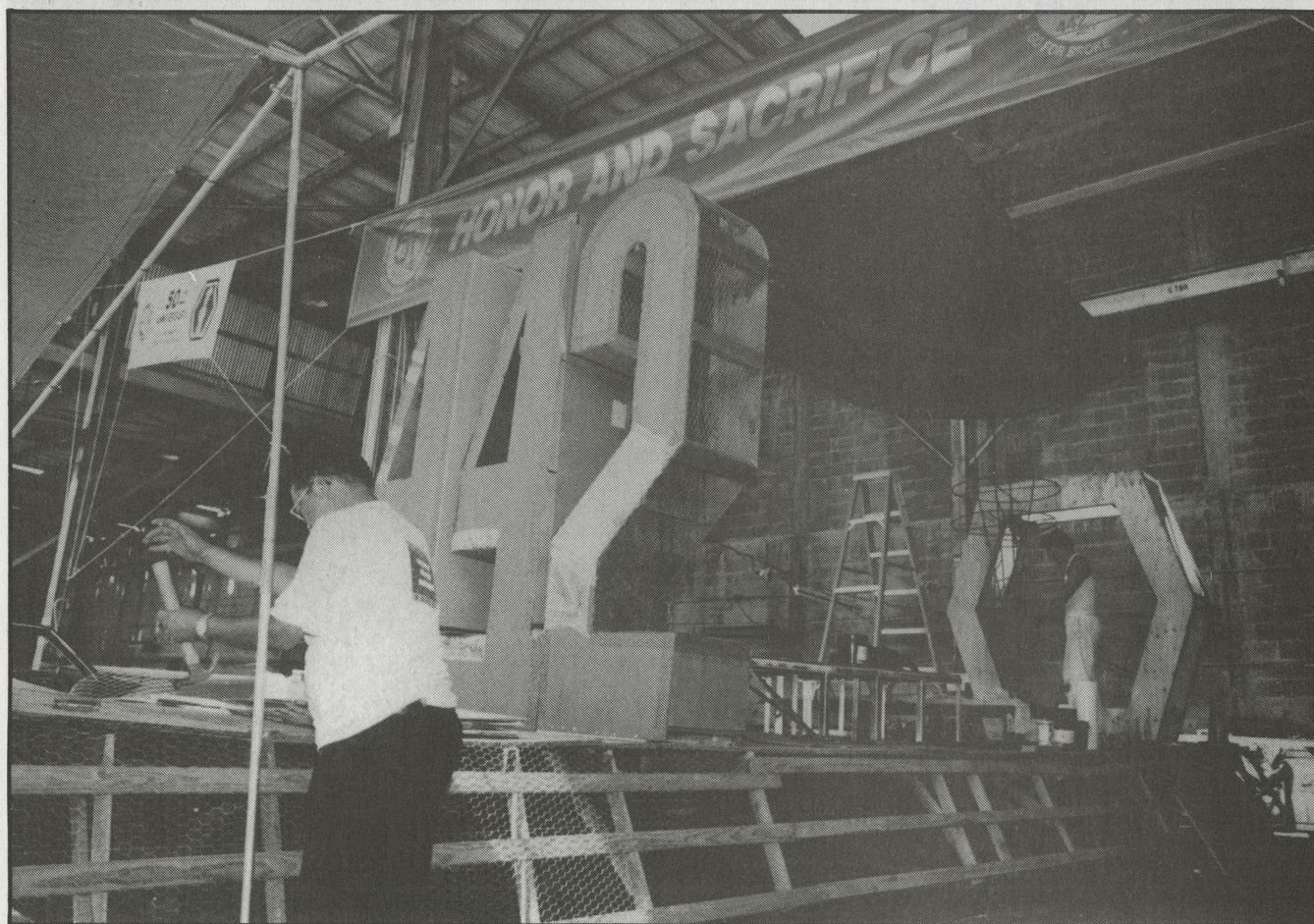
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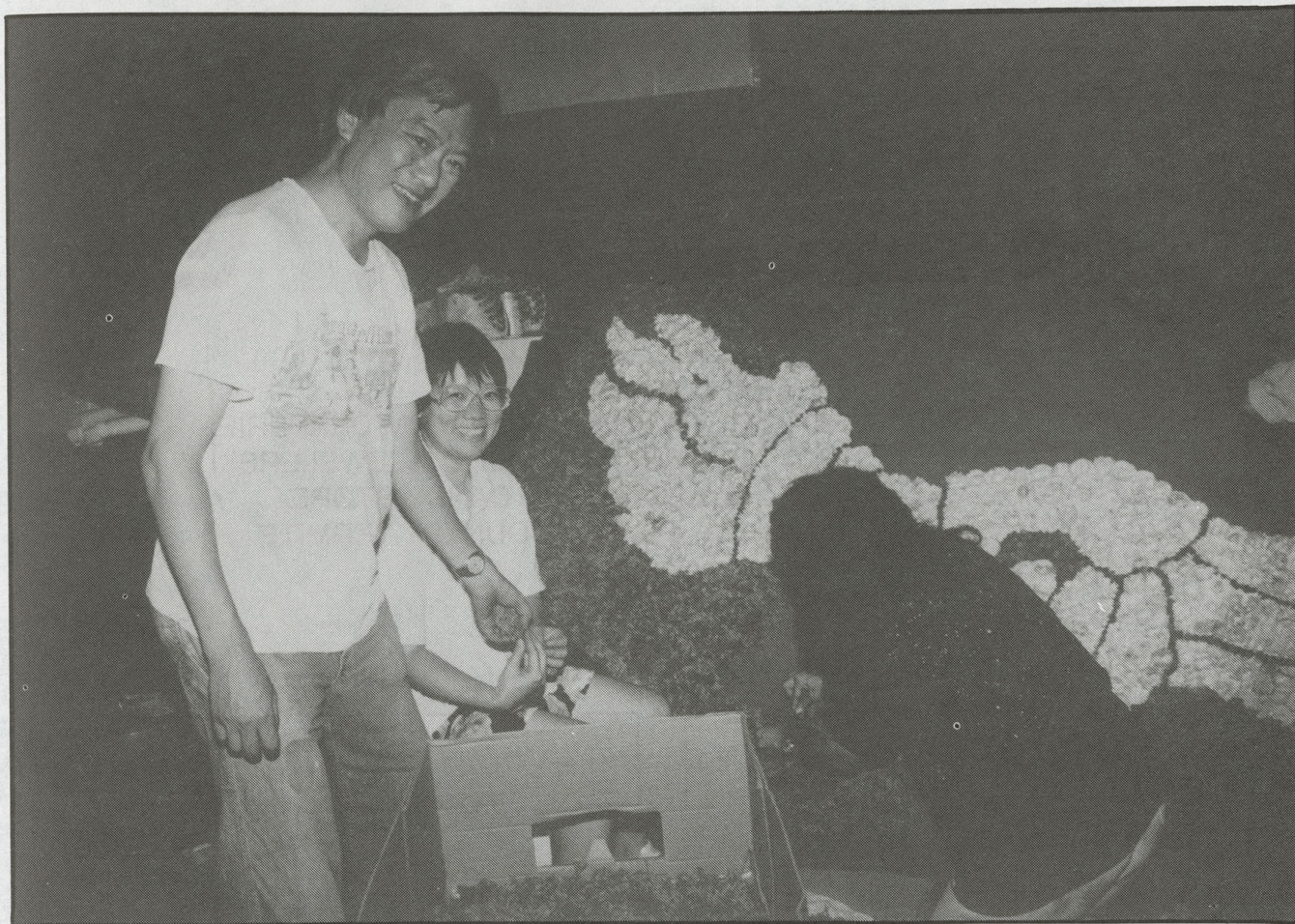
















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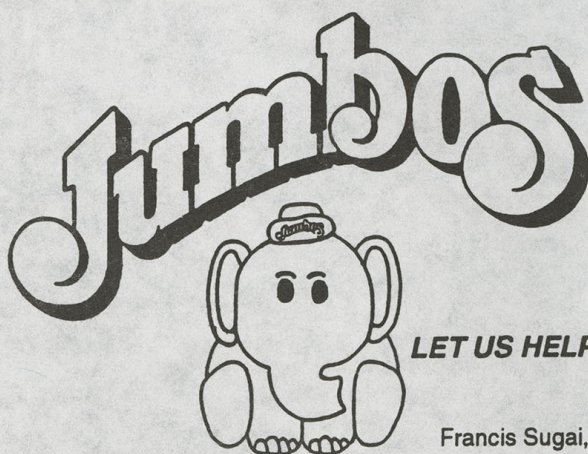
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