Stand Up!

I can hear Bob Marley singing, “Get up. Stand up for your rights,” as I write this issue’s theme box. Originally, this issue was devoted to Asian and Pacific Islander women. Some of our male readers might be rolling their eyes saying, “Not another feminist issue!” Well, this isn’t just another women’s issue. As Black feminist Bell Hook’s pointed out in her book, *Yearning: Race Gender and Cultural Politics*, the struggle to assert agency—the ability to act in your own best interest requires an understanding of mutual partnership between women and men. It is a partnership that goes beyond heterosexual romantic relationships and spans across gender, race, age, and class. Thus, the struggle for equality requires, even demands, a critical understanding of the complex issues surrounding men and women of color. Societal problems such as sexism, racism, and nihilism are all obstacles in achieving empowerment.

This issue’s articles will focus on the empowerment of Asian and Pacific Islander people. The extended opinion/commentary section features student voices condemning hate crimes, supporting Asian feminist consciousness, and responding to a controversy generated by the previous Momentum issue. The public expression of opinion is the first step towards empowerment both politically and socially. We must exercise this freedom of speech to STAND UP and be noticed. As Jesse Jackson said, “When those on the bottom stand up all of society will move.”

She believes they should do more by conducting an investigation of the crime and addressing the situation more fully implying that the racial incident is not merely a joke but a threat which may endanger lives.

This racial incident at Pomona college is not an isolated case. Beginning last year there have been occurrences concerning police harassment of African Americans, anti-Semitic phone calls, and threats against homosexuals, according to Asian American Resource Center member Victor Kuo.

Hate Crimes in Pomona

By Joanne Tashiro

Editor-in-Chief

Students at Pomona college were victims of a hate crime when a sign reading “Asian American Studies Now” was vandalized on Walker Wall, the college free speech display on March 6. The sign supporting the college free speech display honored the Asian American Studies program and further education of race related issues on campus.

The administration including Dean of Students, Scott Warren, further condemned the action in an official statement sent to neighboring Claremont colleges. It read, “...we call on everyone to join us in our vigilance against these disgraceful actions and assaults on our sensibilities,” further calling on anyone who has information about the crime to contact the campus police.

Despite this administrative action, AASA member, Diana Lin believes that “the action the administration is taking is misdirected. They’re concerned but they don’t know what to do,” according to the Rafu Shimpo.

They are always having to prove themselves and that the first time a mistake is made, other faculty and administrators blow up the issue to validate their opinion and further education of race issues. They believe that they should do more by standing up all of society will move.

API Committee to Advise President Gardner

By Steven Mih

Staff Writer

The Asian and Pacific Islander Education Advisory Committee was recently formed to identify and prioritize the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander students at UCSD, and will be recommending ways of more effectively meeting these needs. The UCSD Asian and Pacific Islander Educational Advisory Committee is composed of students, faculty, and staff and seeks help from all those interested. The UCSD committee is one arm of a movement to compile a report concerning the current status of Asian and Pacific Islanders in the UC system. By June 1, 1992, this report will be submitted to UC President Gardner to better represent Asian and Pacific Islander needs and opportunities on a UC campus-wide basis.

Asian and Pacific Islander Staff and Faculty issues will be one of the focuses of the report, the focus being on the student issues. “Many of these people (Asian or Pacific Islander staff) experience stagnancy in their staff positions and they work so hard,” says Pan-Asian Staff Association(PASA) Co-Chair Nancy Santos. Santos is the Staff Issues Coordinator of the Educational Advisory Committee. These issues were addressed at an Asian and Pacific Islander women in higher education workshop at the Fifth Annual Conference of Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education(APAHE) held February 26-29, 1992.

At the workshop, many Asian and Pacific Islander women shared their experiences related to gender and ethnic stereotyping.

Pilipina American Arlene Ricasa explained that Southwestern college was 14% Filipino and she was the first and youngest Pilipina faculty to be recently hired. She and other staff women found that they are always having to prove themselves and that the first time a mistake is made, other faculty and administrators blow up the issue to validate their opinion and work.

Renuka Sethi, Professor of Education at CSU Bakersfield and facilitator of the APAHE Conference workshop stated that many Asian and Pacific Islander staff and faculty women have very little upward mobility, or they have a “glass ceiling” above their heads. Sethi told Asian and Pacific Islander women who have faced frustrations to not blame themselves. Sethi stated, “If you feel you really earned it, then tell yourself that fact ten times a day.”

The Educational Advisory Committee will include in their report a picture of what it is like for an Asian or Pacific Islander student to gain an education at UCSD. Testimonies of individual students will be compiled to find out how comfortable or inviting the campus climate is to Asian and Pacific Islander students and, whether or not the student service programs are different to their problems and needs. Retention rates and reports of racial harassment will be sought as supporting statistical data.

If anyone is interested in helping put together this important report, join the Asian and Pacific Islander Educational Advisory Committee. For more information contact Student Issues Coordinator Steven Mih at 534-3048 or Staff Issues Coordinator Nancy Santos at 534-7809.
Opinion

By Adrienne Pan
Contributing Writer

"These are confusing times. For the first time in history a woman is expected to code-switch between a sharp hairdo, a raised consciousness with black peers, and an imminent relationship with a tan guy who has a great body.

"Are you a feminist?"

Honestly, I love hate that question, "First, I will tell you why I hate it. Hate is because Philip, American, Pagano and Jett in the Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice role to me. I guess is that I'm young, I wear makeup and perfume, and I love dresses, high heels, and Victoria Secret Lingerie.

Grassroots: Backbone for Asian American Activism

By Joanne Tashiro
Editor in Chief

"We have become the opposition of the Asian American in a society which we all directly contributed to. We are a Nisol and Susan grapple with what goes across the country and people have been exposed to how people have said. And it feels good to be a Japanese American, a Nippon, it feels good to be a Nippon in a Nippon.""
Response to Lambda Phi Epsilon and Controversial Flyer

By Betty Hsu

Last quarter a busy group of young men shuffled back and forth between California State University, Northridge, and our university, discussing theTableRowLayout

As a member of Lambda Phi Epsilon, I am one of the few individuals who have been able to witness the rise of anti-Asian sentiment on both campuses. Lambda Phi Epsilon was founded to promote cultural awareness and to create a more inclusive environment on campus. As such, we have always been committed to the principles of non-exclusivity and diversity, and we strive to foster a community where all individuals are welcome and respected. However, the recent incident involving the distribution of a controversial flyer on campus has raised concerns about the effectiveness of our efforts to promote cultural awareness and combat discrimination.

The flyer in question, distributed by Lambda Phi Epsilon, contained offensive imagery and language targeting Asian Americans. The fraternity's actions were met with widespread condemnation from students, faculty, and community members alike. It is imperative that we address this incident and work together to prevent similar actions in the future.

Lambda Phi Epsilon has released a statement expressing regret for the incident and announcing measures to address the issue. The fraternity has also apologized to the Asian American community and vowed to take steps to ensure that such an incident does not occur again.

It is important to note that this incident is not an isolated one. In recent years, there have been numerous instances of hate speech and prejudice directed towards Asian Americans, including incidents of violence and discrimination. These incidents highlight the urgent need for us to work together to promote cultural awareness and combat discrimination.

As a Lambda Phi Epsilon member, I am committed to upholding the values of the fraternity and to ensuring that our actions align with these values. I encourage all members to do the same and to take action to prevent similar incidents from occurring in the future.

In conclusion, the recent incident involving Lambda Phi Epsilon serves as a wake-up call for all of us. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to promote cultural awareness and combat discrimination. By working together, we can create a campus environment that is inclusive, respectful, and welcoming for all.
Using the Momentum: Redress and Civil Rights

By Elia Tiatucka
Staff Writer

Beyond Japanese American Redress: Civil Rights in the 90's

Photo by Joanne Tashiro

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Sexuality of the Asian American Woman

By Shoon Lit
Staff Writer

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APSU Conference Theme: A Time for Renewal, A Call to Action

By Shoon Lio
Staff Writer

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Japanese American Redress

"Building the Foundation for Civil Rights"

- Guest speakers
- Cultural performances
- Student skit
- Candlelight vigil

7:30pm, Pepper Canyon Lodge

Fourteenth Annual Statewide APSU Conference

A Time for Renewal, A Call to Action

Friday Night, April 24th, 1992
Japanese American Redress,
Building the Foundation for Civil Rights
UC San Diego Campus

Saturday, April 25th, 1992
A Time for Renewal,
A Call to Action
San Diego State Campus

Hosted by San Diego Region APSU