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APASO's 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & REUNION

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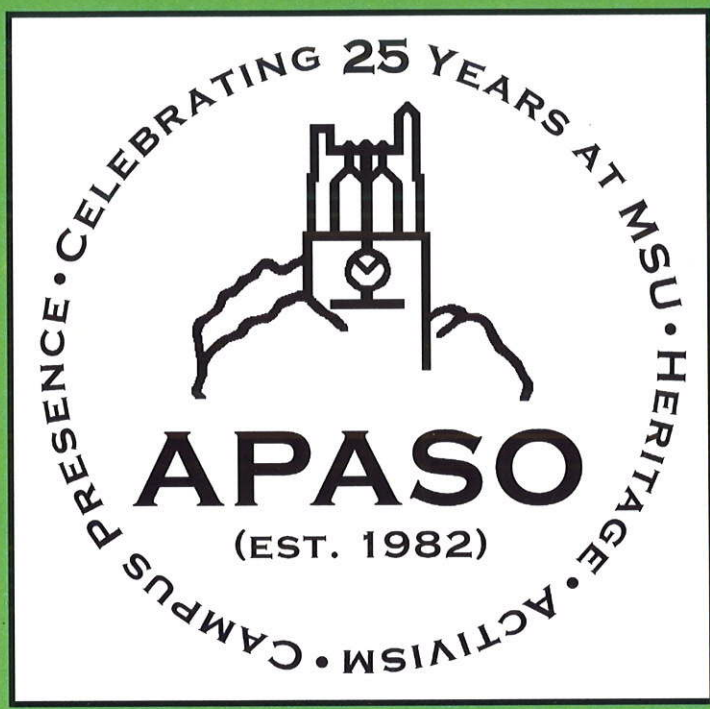
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE EVENING

APRIL 23, 2008

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| 6:00 – 7:00pm | Mix 'n' Mingle |
| 7:00 – 7:30pm | Welcome & Opening Performances by Pilipino American Student Society (PASS) & Chinese Student Coalition (CSC) |
| 7:30 - 8:15pm | Dinner |
| 8:15 – 9:00pm | Reflections from the Past by Alumni Recognition of 2007-08 APASO Officers Special Recognitions |
| 9:00 – 11:00pm | Reconnecting, Reminiscing, and Rejoicing |

Dinner Menu

House Garden Salad
Flank Steak & Stuffed Chicken Breast w/Michigan Cherries
Vegetarian Option: Portobello Mushroom Ravioli
Fresh Broccoli & Baby Carrots
Almond Rice Pilaf
Key Lime Pie & Raspberry Coulis

*Special Thanks to the quartet: Santos Hernandez, Nathaniel Herrington,
Yared McGhee-Tefera & Abel Wagaw under the direction of Dr. Jon Hillman*

HOW APASO GOT STARTED...

"All You Asians look Alike."

In 1982, Asians living in the United States were reminded that they were just as vulnerable to racially-motivated hate crimes as other people of color were with the brutal murder of Vincent Chin, which happened in our backyard of Detroit, Michigan. From this tragedy, Asian Pacific Americans began to realize that the general populace knew little about who "those Asian people," the ones who lived next door to them, the ones they went to school with, the ones who worked in the next cubicle, and the ones who operated the corner convenience store. All Asians looked alike, and therefore, regardless of the ethnic and cultural distinctions we had, nobody cared because nobody knew any better, especially in the Midwest where Asians were few and far between. Nationally, many ethnic Asian communities became outraged by the grossly lenient verdict of Chin's perpetrators, who to this day, have never served a single day in jail for committing this murder. APA communities began to understand the need to organize and form a more united and collective identity if their outrage was to be heard. It was time to organize.

During this same time, a Japanese American graduate student, Sandy Tsuneyoshi, had come to Michigan State to pursue her graduate studies in Clinical Psychology. She had grown up in Hawaii, served in VISTA in the heart of the Deep South, and was poised to change the world. Sandy did just that, at Michigan State University. After serving on a panel to talk about Asian Americans, Sandy was approached by certain administrators (in particular, Dr. Lee June, who at the time was the Counseling Center's Director), who asked her to find other Asian Pacific American students who may have shared similar issues of isolation and lack of support that Sandy spoke of. From there, Sandy organized a small group of undergraduate students who met in a classroom upstairs in Olds Hall in November 1982. While debating on what to call this new student group, they also shared similar complaints about the cafeteria's poorly-cooked rice, about how they were always mistaken for being an international student, and how they knew they needed to change their major from "pre-med" because chemistry hadn't been kind to them. Being from various ethnicities and from vastly different backgrounds, this group of students began to learn from each other and share with the rest of campus who Asian Pacific Americans were, as they built the foundation for a pan-Asian, collective Asian Pacific American community at Michigan State.

Through APASO, APA students' concerns and experiences began to be heard. Collectively as a racial ethnic minority student community, the students of APASO lobbied for key positions in the university that provided outreach and services to Asian Pacific American students. The struggle to come into the University's consciousness is APASO's greatest accomplishment. Today, twenty-five years later, through APASO's advocacy, various positions exist in many departments which seek staff who can effectively serve APA students such as: the Aide Program, the Counseling Center/MECCA, the Undergraduate University Division, the Office of Supportive Services, the Office of Admissions & Scholarships, and the Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions.

Twenty-five years later, APASO continues to thrive and grow, creating new history and impacting MSU history, with each year passing.

ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

~ TIMELINE ~

The following is a listing of some critical events that occurred at Michigan State University which bear great significance to APASO. This is NOT a comprehensive listing, and in fact, it is hoped that this may serve as the beginning of renewed interests in "reconstructing" the rich history of Asian Pacific American students at Michigan State University through the stories and memories that APA alumni hold dear to their hearts and souls.

1982-1983

- Vincent Chin murdered in Detroit
- APASO founded by grad student Sandy Tsuneyoshi and several undergraduates
- APA student population count at MSU: 440 students

1983-1984

- APASO holds FIRST official general meetings in the international center and Bessey hall classrooms once a month, with 5 students volunteering to serve as the first e-board of APASO
- APASO requests admission as a recognized student organization on ASMSU's Programming Board in order to get access to funding and monies
- APASO formally requests the Coordinated Minority Student Programs Office (CMSPO) to establish Asian Pacific American Minority Aide positions but get no response

1984-1985

- A Graduate student assistant position is established within CMSPO to perform outreach to APA students on campus
- APASO gains seat onto the "Public Service Council" of ASMSU's Programming Board, joining other racial ethnic minority organizations (*Office of Black Affairs, Coalition of Hispanic Students for Progressive Action, North American Indian Student Organization, Women's Council, Handicapper's Council, and Gay/Lesbian Council*)
- APASO forms softball team to play in IM League
- APASO again requests CMSPO to establish APA Minority Aide positions and again, get no response
- Three APA students go through Minority Aide Selection process to seek a Aide position in order to bring awareness to fact that no Aide positions exist to serve APA students on campus

1985-1986

- Shina Steinberg becomes first (part-time) APA Coordinator in Coordinated Minority Student Programs Office (CMSPO), hired to conduct outreach to Asian Pacific American students at MSU
- APASO holds first major social dance, drawing over 100 students to the Williams Hall Cafeteria where dance is held
- First "Asian Games" coordinated by Dr. Joe Cousins and Dr. Ivan Mao with various Asian international student clubs and APASO coming together for healthy athletic competition in basketball, ping pong, and volleyball
- Charles Yokoyama applies for Minority Aide selection process but no position exists for Asian Pacific American students, so he threatens to sue the university for discrimination. He is given a newly-created "Apprentice Aide" position for the following year but no remuneration for his outreach efforts in this position
- A formal request is made for Asian Pacific American representation in the Office of Admissions & Scholarships in order to address lack of awareness or understanding of APA students

1986-1987

- Two largest student governing bodies, ASMSU, the student government, and RHA, the Residence Halls Association, pass unanimous bills in support of APASO's concerns. Along with the support by other minority student communities and the Minority Aides on campus, APASO applies increasing pressure for Vice President to address APA student concerns and issues
- APASO gains the State News as a strong ally, by ridiculing the Vice President for Student Affairs for lack of attention and interest in APA student concerns on regular basis through its editorials, political cartoons, and story coverage of APASO's advocacy efforts
- APASO holds civil rights rally in honor of Vincent Chin. Publicity of rally contains phone numbers of student organizers. Several of these students receive threatening racist phone calls prior to the rally, expressing: "That Chink deserved it"
- At end of the school year, Vice President for Student Affairs approves addition of 4 new APA Aides into the Aide program (est. in 1969), dedicated space on campus for a Heritage Room in the basement of Holden Hall, and a full-time permanent Coordinator in CMSPO for Asian Pacific American student affairs
- Shina Steinberg wins Student Life Advisor of the Year Award
- APA Faculty/Staff association forms
- Japanese Americans win reparations from U.S. Government for World War II Internment
- APA student population count at MSU: 632, a 44% increase in five short years from the number of APA students on campus in 1982-83

1987-1988

- First four APA Aides finally arrive on campus, 18 years after the program began: Yeeleng Hang, Christine Lim, Amy Purvis, and Susie Mui
- APA Heritage Room opens in Holden Hall
- APASO wins Student Life "Outstanding Student Organization of the Year" Award
- MSU wins Rose Bowl

1988-1989

- Maggie Chen Hernandez hired as first full-time APA coordinator
- APASO's first APA student conference with over 150 students in attendance from 6 different schools in the Midwest represented, having Helen Zia as keynote speaker
- In May '89, Black Student Study-In closes down Administration Building; three APA Aides are locked in with other Black students at the onset but are asked to leave after one day. APASO continues to show their support of black students on the outside steps for the duration of the Study-in
- APASO bids teary farewell to "Sandy T" after tireless years of devotion, leadership, and commitment to the Asian Pacific American student movement at MSU
- Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) forms
- Hmong Student Organization (HSO) forms
- APASO becomes "umbrella" organization with creation of first two affiliates

1989-1990

- First "Cultural Vogue" performance at Wharton Center, organized by Iris Shen (Van Buren), APA Aide, featuring display of cotemporary and traditional Asian ethnic fashions, song, dance, music and other talents of APA students
- CMSPO changes its name to the Office of Minority Student Affairs (OMSA)
- Coalition of Indian Undergraduate Students (CIUS) founded
- Brody Asian Caucus (BAC) organized by APA Minority Aide in Brody complex, becoming first APA caucus on campus
- APASO receives Student Life "Outstanding Program of the Year" award for its annual APA weekend conference program
- *A Magazine* founded

1990-1991

- APASO wins 1st prize for MSU Homecoming Parade Banner
- APASO lobbies for more APA Aide positions, pointing out rapid growth of APA students at MSU and disparity of student-to-Aide ratio compared to other Aides. By year's end, two more APA Aide positions are added to the program
- APASO forms coalition with the Black Student Alliance (BSA), the Coalition of Hispanic Students for Progressive Action (CHISPA), and the North American Indian Student Organization (NAISO) and student groups to establish the Council for Racial Ethnic Students (CORES). Together, all four groups lobby and push for "secured funding," successfully negotiating \$40,000 to be distributed between the four communities.
- APASO becomes founding member school of Midwest Asian American Student Union (MAASU)
- Heritage Room Mural installation, by artist Clarence Song
- Second Cultural Vogue establishes "odd-year Springs" for biennial tradition
- Nimesh Patel (APASO Co-President) wins All-University MSU Excellence in Diversity Individual Award
- CORES wins All-University MSU Excellence in Diversity Award for its outstanding efforts to increase awareness of racial ethnic minority student issues
- North Asian Caucus (NAC) forms
- APA student population count at MSU: 970, a 54% increase in five years from the number of APA students on campus in 1986-87

1991-1992

- APASO wins "Best Homecoming Banner" for second time in a row
- Philippine (later Pilipino) American Student Society (PASS) forms
- First ever Asian Pacific American course offered at MSU: ATL300 "independent study" taught by Professor Roger Bresnahan and Maggie Chen draws 18 students
- Maggie Chen wins Student Life's "Outstanding Group Organization Advisor" award
- APASO wins two student organization awards, one for "Outstanding Student Leader" awarded to Connie Rose Tingson, and one for "Enhancement of the University"
- After two and a half years of the MECCA Asian Pacific American counselor position remaining unfilled after Sandy T's departure, it is finally filled
- Kristi Yamaguchi wins Olympic Gold; Yamaguchi Fever sweeps APASO

1992-1993

- MSU undergoes the Big Switch, changing its annual calendar from quarters to semesters
- APASO joins forces with Chicano/Latino students to form controversial Coalition of Concerned Asian Pacific American and Chicano/Latino Students to politically push for serious issues of equity in representation and in funding within various minority offices, programs and services
- First dance jointly hosted by all APA Affiliated Groups, held in Brody Multipurpose rooms, draws over 400 participants
- First APASO Reunion celebrates 10th Anniversary
- May recognized federally as "Asian Pacific American Month" (APASO celebrates in mid-March to mid-April to accommodate Semester schedule)
- Asian Caucus of South forms
- Connie Chung co-hosts CBS Evening News with Dan Rather

1993-1994

- Association of Japanese American College Students (AJACS) forms
- APA literary magazine *Topaz* published
- Four more APA Aides are added into the program, bringing the total to 10
- History department hires Asian American history professor to develop Asian American studies program or at minimum, to teach an Asian American history class.
- Connie Rose Tingson wins All-University MSU Excellence in Diversity Individual Award
- Asian Caucus of East complex (ACE) forms
- "All American Girl" starring Margaret Cho is on primetime television

1994-1995

- APASO works with Culturas de las Razas Unidas (CRU) to begin campaign for a free-standing Multicultural Center
- First "regular" APA Studies Course, APA History (HST319) offered in the fall
- Graduate Asian American Partnership (GAAP) forms
- Asian Caucus of South complex (ACS) forms

1995-1996

- Mentoring Asian Americans with Promise (MAP) program created, connecting APA students with APA faculty and staff
- APA student population count at MSU: 1532, a 60% increase in five years from the number of APA students on campus in 1990-91

1996-1997

- Chinese Student Coalition (CSC) forms
- PASS, VSA, CIUS, and APASO meet with Chair of Asian Languages department to lobby for adding Tagalog, Hindi, and Vietnamese languages to the existing selection of Chinese & Japanese class offerings
- APASO joins the World Wide Web, launching its very first webpage
- APA "Affiliate" groups begin meeting regularly
- First APA governor of a mainland state elected (Gary Locke of Washington state)
- Tiger Woods gains worldwide fame; his personal identification as "Cablinasian" (referring to his racial makeup of 1/8 Caucasian, 1/4 Black, 1/8 American Indian and 1/2 Aasian American) helps bring mixed-race issues into the national discussion

1997-1998

- Hmong American Student Association (HASA) forms
- alpha Kappa Delta Phi (αKDPHι) sorority becomes first APA Greek organization at MSU
- Professor Ronald Takaki comes to campus as the inaugural speaker for the new APA Studies Guest Lecturer Series

1998-1999

- Affiliated Groups formally join together with APASO as APA Council
- Multicultural Center doors open, with APASO office and other three CORES offices being moved from the 3rd floor of the MSU Union into the MCC
- CORES groups win seats on RHA, through persuasiveness of APASO Co-Presidents

1999-2000

- First APA Women's Conference led by several female students and aKDphi members, with Phoebe Eng serving as keynote
- First Hmong Student College Day organized, co-sponsored with MSU Admissions and APASO, bringing in over 50 Hmong high school students from various schools in Michigan
- MSU Admissions sponsors first Asian Pacific American "Family Day," inviting prospective students along with their parents to come to campus to meet key faculty/staff and learn more about MSU
- MSU Men's Basketball wins National Championship

2000-2001

- APA Recruitment and Admissions reach all-time high (to date) at MSU
- *A Magazine* recognizes MSU as one of the "Top Ten APA Friendly Universities" in the country, particularly noting the innovative efforts to recruit Hmong students
- APA Faculty Staff Association becomes Asian Pacific American *and* Asian Faculty Staff Association (APAAFSA), the largest such organization on campus
- Norman Mineta becomes first APA Cabinet member
- APA student population count at MSU: 1883, a 23% increase in five years from the number of APA students on campus in 1995-96

2001-2002

- Hapa Asian Pacific Alliance (HAPA) founded, acknowledging students with multiracial identities
- Lambda Phi Epsilon chapter becomes first APA fraternity at MSU
- Terrorist attacks on September 11th; one consequence is increased hate crimes against Asian Americans (particularly Sikhs)

2002-2003

- Alpha Phi Gamma Sorority chapter established at MSU
- APASO 20th Anniversary and Reunion at Kellogg Center
- APASO wins Student Life "Outstanding Student Organization Achievement" Award
- Student Korean Adoptees Association (SKAA) founded

2003-2004

- First "Mixed Race" conference, initiated and coordinated by HAPA and other multiracial students, with Kip Fulbeck as keynote
- Harold and Kumar go to White Castle

2004-2005

- APA Studies Specialization approved, with Dr. Andrea Louie appointed as Director of the new fledgling Asian Pacific American Studies program
- MSU graduates its first (3?) students with an APA Studies Specialization
- Women Asian American Students United for Progress (WAASUP) forms
- RESA Aides moves from a race-based model of outreach to new one based on geographic location, requiring all Aides to do outreach to all students of color within their jurisdiction, regardless of Aides' own racial ethnic identity

2005-2006

- APASO hosts regional Midwest Asian American Student Union (MAASU) Fall Leadership Conference, attended by over 200 APA students from various schools in the Midwest
- Joe Cousins (APASO Advisor) wins All-University MSU Excellence in Diversity Lifetime Achievement Award
- WAASUP wins Student Life "Best New Student Organization" Award
- APA student population count at MSU: 2392, a 27% increase in five years from the number of APA students on campus in 2000-01.

2006-2007

- Michigan voters approve Proposition 2
- Office of Racial Ethnic Student Affairs (ORESAs) changes its name to become the Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions (OCAT); RESAs become just "Aides"
- APASO again hosts "Taste of Asia" along with Affiliated Groups (after several years of hosting by aKDPhi); the combined event offers food from a dozen area Asian restaurants and draws over 350 hungry participants
- 10th Biennial Cultural Vogue performance "Transcendence"; CV is now held in MSU Auditorium Building due to huge crowds, and features cultural and contemporary dance with humorous skits, spoken word and video presentations

2006-2007 (cont)

- APA Studies Program hosts its first APA Studies conference, featuring Dr. Evelyn Hu-Dehart as keynote as well as 5 undergraduate students who present their research and scholarship

2007-2008

- APASO now serves as the umbrella APA organization for MSU, with several other affiliated groups under it. There are two APA sororities, two APA fraternities, and several different Asian ethnic student organizations that operate autonomously of APASO yet continue to collaborate in programming
- APA council which is composed of all the APA affiliated groups continues to meet bi-weekly, before APASO's general assembly meetings. Through the council, decisions are made about what programs and initiatives to fund and support from APASO's annual programming budget
- APASO holds its annual Welcome Reception at the Horticultural Gardens, offering free food donated by several local Asian restaurants, with its usual 350+ in attendance
- APA student population count at MSU: 2388, a *decrease* in numbers within two years from the number of APA students on campus in 2005-06

25 YEARS OF APASO OFFICERS

The following is a listing of individuals who served on the APASO executive board for each year. This was reconstructed from previous "resource cards," newsletters, and other artifacts that were found in APASO's office (there were three different locations in the MSU Union – from the original space on the 4th floor, to the 3rd floor when APASO joined ASMSU's Programming Board, and then to its current location in the Multicultural Center, which is located in the basement of the MSU Union). Therefore, the many blanks remain which need filling and the inaccuracies in names and dates which need correcting.

Year: 82-83

APASO Advisors:

Sandy Tsuneyoshi

APASO Officers: None

Year: 83-84

APASO Advisors:

Sandy Tsuneyoshi

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Vivian Tsai, Nathan Fong, Vice President: Rosemarie ?, Rosemarie ?, Treasurer: Erwin Yee

Year: 84-85

APASO Advisors:

Sandy Tsuneyoshi

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Leland Chang, Lisa Lopez, Vice-President: Maggie Chen, P.R. Secretary: Dana Wu, Mary Lum: Mary Lum, Treasurer: John Yoshida

Year: 85-86

APASO Advisors:

Shina Steinberg, Sandy Tsuneyoshi, Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: John Yoshida Vice-Chair: Craig Wong, P.R. Secretary: Lichee Chang, Kathy Chen: Kathy Chen, Treasurer: Mary Seo

Year: 86-87

APASO Advisors:

Shina Steinberg, Sandy Tsuneyoshi, Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Maggie Chen, Susie Mui, Vice President: Amy Purvis, P.R. Secretary: Chris Lim,
Nelson Beltran: Nelson Beltran, Treasurer: Kory Wong

Year: 87-88

APASO Advisors:

Shina Steinberg, Sandy Tsuneyoshi, Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Shiu Win Lee, Kory Wong, Vice President: Liang Lai, P.R. Secretary: Sandy Chong,
Billy Yang: Billy Yang, Treasurer: Oliver Aguilar

Minority Aides:

Susie Mui, Christine Lim, Yeeleng Hang, Amy Purvis

Year: 88-89

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Christine Lim, Chaewon Song, Vice-President: Therie Lai, P.R. Secretary: Mark
Hsu, Mai Luu: Mai Luu, Treasurer: James Thawngmung

Minority Aides:

Iris Shen, Joanna Cruz, Thuy-Trang Bui, Sonkil Chong, Yeeleng Hang (CC)

Year: 89-90

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Joe Cousins, Mary Lee Vance

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Susana Che, Amy Purvis, Vice-Chair: Sandy Cheung, P.R. Secretary: Jessica
Kimura, Treasurer: Shirlean Chrysler, MA:

Minority Aides:

Thuy-Trang Bui, Minh Quach, Iris Shen, Esther Oh

Year: 90-91

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Joe Cousins, Mary Lee Vance

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Connie Rose Tingson, Nimesh Patel, Vice Chair (Internal): Jack Ko, Secretary: Kim Pham, Jon Roldan: Jon Roldan, Treasurer: Sam Khamly, Activities Coordinator: Frances Chu, Residence Hall Liason: Jay Lee

Minority Aides:

Ester Oh, Soon Mi Kim, Bill Yang, Ritu Gupta, Kandee Newell, Minh Quach

Year: 91-92

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Connie Rose Tingson, Dan Potts, Internal VP: Anil Kakar, External VP: Somphone Thiengtham, Haily Hussein: Haily Hussein, Treasurer: Brian Moy, Public Relations: Raelynn Vorce, Community Affairs: Gil de las Alas, Secretary: Joyce Madarang

Minority Aides:

Asha Jobanputra, John Yokoyama, Kandee Newell, Amber Texiera, N. Jay Joseph, Sam Khamly

Year: 92-93

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Meghan Yamanishi, Phu Truong/Roger Kono, Internal VP: Navin Kumar, External VP: Tamiko Horner, Dayna Marquez: Dayna Marquez, Treasurer: Vinh Bui, Community Affairs: Dayna Marquez, Community Affairs: Lalida Benjanak, Public Relations: Sarah Moy, Secretary: Barbie Benito

Minority Aides:

Judy Pacubas, Jay Joseph, Sam Khamly, Onna Schenk, Rose Johng, Gil de las Alas

Year: 93-94

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Dr. Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Meghan Yamanishi, Sam Khamly/none, Internal VP: Wanya Senlamai, External VP: Vip Nanthavongsa, Barbie Benito: Barbie Benito, Treasurer: Navin Kumar, Community Affairs: Lee Nee, Secretary: Eliza Bellew, Programming Chair: Christine Moy, Historian: Dayna Marquez, Historian: Jonathan Roldan, Historian: Dan Potts, Historian: Vinh Bui

Minority Aides:

Gil de las Alas, Teri Smitherman, Gar Chu, Phim Khamly, Onna Schenk, Aimee Argel, Brian Moy, T.C. Kim, Jaiya Shah, Judy Pacubas, Jade McHale

Year: 94-95

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen, Dr. Joe Cousins, Connie Rose Tingson (grad)

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Meghan Yamanishi, Gil de las Alas, Vice President: Jon Padilla, Vice President: Omar Moraleda, Kyu Lee: Kyu Lee, Vice President: Tiffany Chan, Vice President: Tim Pham, Director: Julie Chan, Director: Karen Las Marias, Director: Lynn Tran, Director: Mai-Anh Tran, Director: Adam Yee, Historian: Christine Moy, Historian: Navin Kumar, Historian: Amy Bhavsar

Minority Aides:

Aimee Argel, Ramon Nayar, T.C. Kim, Vishal Shah, Archie Sandoval, Claire Fano, Dayna Marquez, Stacy Chan, Jade McHale, Vip Nanthavongsa

Year: 95-96

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen-Hernandez, Gil de las Aias (grad), Valerie Solano (grad), Connie Rose Tingson. Dr. Joe Cousins

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Julie Chan, Omar Moraleda, Vice President: Tim Pham, Vice President: Yashi Sharma, Michelle Abesamis: Michelle Abesamis, Vice President: Dwan Kemery, Vice President: Jaime Manipula, Vice President: Eugene Wang, Vice President: Purvi Parakh

APA Aides:

Tiffany Chan, Lee Nee, Ratana Therakulsathit, Vishal Shah, Karen Las Marias, Kyu Lee, Stacy Chan, Brian Miciano, Vip Nanthavongsa, Chong Anna Rumsey, Subhash Kateel, Drew Yamanishi, T.C. Kim

Year: 96-97

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen-Hernandez, Connie Rose Tingson, Dr. Joe Cousins, Gil de las Alas

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Drew Yamanishi, Ramon Nayar, Vice President: Kyu Lee, Vice President: Jessica Sarsozo, Jennifer Bahns: Jennifer Bahns

APA Aides:

Melani Saranillo, Subhash Kateel, Miko Akutagawa, Mark Horner, Ratana Therakulsathit, John Kim, Yashi Sharma, Drew Yamanishi, Anna Diener, Kavita Gunda, Vip Nanthavongsa, Chong Anna Rumsey

Year: 97-98

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen-Hernandez, Jonglim Han Yoo (grad)

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Drew Yamanishi, Subhash Kateel

APA Aides:

Year: 98-99

APASO Advisors:

Maggie Chen-Hernandez, Jade (McHale) Bailey

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Drew Yamanishi, Subhash Kateel Secretary:

APA Aides:

Year: 99-00

APASO Advisors:

Tom Nishi, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Alana Arnold, Rich Rama Secretary: Bindi Patel

APA Aides:

Year: 00-01

APASO Advisors:

Tom Nishi, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Romeo Salvani, Thomas Hang?, Vice President: Jason Barrios, Secretary: Zinnia Velez, Ryan Abenes: Ryan Abenes, Treasurer: Melissa Manzano, Communications: John Hoffschneider, Programmer: Sarah Wahab, Programmer: Helen Kwong, Programmer: Gigi Pajulio, Programmer: Hong Pham

APA Aides:

Year: 01-02

APASO Advisors:

Tom Nishi, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Romeo Salvani, Bindi Patel, Vice President: Nate Doromal, Secretary: Judy Ma, Karishma Samel: Karishma Samel, Treasurer: Jenny Yang, Communications: Nhan Do, Co-Programmer: Marc Johnston, Co-Programmer: Tejal Patel, Academic Assembly Rep: Laura Mercer, RHA Rep: Justin Kimori, Student Assembly Rep: R.J. Quiambo

APA Aides:

Year: 02-03

APASO Advisors:

Tom Nishi, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Marc Johnston, R.J. Quiambo, Vice President: Judy Ma, Secretary: Stephanie Moy, Rani Oberoi: Rani Oberoi, Treasurer: Zelig Arceta, Communications: Nhan Do, Co-Programmer: Aman Sidhu, Academic Assembly Rep: Terese Nguyen, RHA Rep: Nevine Sharif, Student Assembly Rep: Kaashif Qaderi, CV Co-Coordinator: Bindi Patel, CV-Co-Coordinator: Ryan Abenes

APA Aides:

Year: 03-04

APASO Advisors:

Tom Nishi, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: R.J. Quiambo, Laura Min Mercer Secretary: Ian Gallardo: Ian Gallardo, Co-Programmer: Student Assembly Rep:

APA Aides:

Year: 04-05

APASO Advisors:

Yen Pham, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Shanthi Nazareth, Rob Huber (half year term), Vice President: Hardik Dalal, Secretary: Ian Gallardo, Jaden Do: Jaden Do, Treasurer: Mandy Ma, Communications: Jamee Santiago, Co-Programmer: Kaitlin Tang, Co-Programmer: Katrina Mirjah, Academic Assembly: Sandy Ma, Student Assembly Rep: Bhooma Aravamuthan, RHA Rep: Vicki Won, CV Co- Coordinators: Stephanie Moy, Nevine Sharif, Pazong Yang

Aides:

Year: 05-06

APASO Advisors:

Marc Johnston & Meghan Yamanishi/Louie Lainez, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

Co-Presidents: Bhavisha Bhalsod, Ian Gallardo Secretary: Jamee Santiago, Mimi Yao: Mimi Yao, Co-Programmer: Karen Huang, Co-Programmer: Tommy Mathew, Student Assembly Rep:

Aides:

Year: 06-07

APASO Advisors:

Meghan Yamanishi, Maggie Chen-Hernandez

APASO Officers:

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In 2003, Marc Johnston, former APASO co-chair & graduate advisor to APASO, and Maggie Chen Hernandez were talking about the need for more Asian Pacific Americans to "step up" into positions of leadership. They discussed how to cultivate this amongst APA students, as well as how to acknowledge students who were willing to serve in APASO and be of service to the APA student community. They thought about how powerful it would be if monies were available to send students to conferences that would help to develop their leadership potential. They thought about how nice it would be to provide scholarships to APA students who had given their time and efforts to serve other APA students as a small token of appreciation for their willingness to lead. But where could a pool of money be found and sustained year after year? Observing other endowments being created on campus from other racial ethnic communities, Marc begged the question: "If they can do it, why can't we?"

Working with MSU Development, Marc and Maggie established the "Asian Pacific American Student Leadership Endowment Fund" in 2005. Marc also had the great foresight to develop opportunities for APA students to contribute to the new endowment fund since they were not yet in a strong financial position to do so. Therefore, APASO planned the 5K "Run for the Fund" in the Spring of 2005, raising over \$450 for the Endowment Fund as its first initial effort.

Before APASO could get some dedicated attention by MSU Development to work on reaching the required goal of \$30K for this fund to be endowed, the passage of Proposal 2 occurred in 2006. Since the Fund did not reach the required goal to be endowed before Prop 2 was enacted, it currently remains in a suspended state and decisions need to be made about what to do with the monies that are currently in the fund. In order to honor the original "intent" of the grant, APASO alumni plan to discuss what future options and opportunities exist. Ideas and interest in establishing an Asian Pacific American Alumni Association for Michigan State University, operating external to the University, are currently being entertained.

The following donors who have contributed to the fund should be acknowledged for their generosity and support of our future Asian Pacific American leaders:

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Ethnic student groups address campus concerns



Terry Watada, a professor from Toronto sings "The Promise," a song he wrote as a tribute to Vincent Chin, at a human rights rally sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Student Organization Sunday at Beaumont Tower. Chin, an Asian American, was beaten to death in 1982 outside a Highland Park bar. His assailant was acquitted May 1.

Rally protests Chin ruling

By RHONDA S. SEWELL
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"What do we want? Justice! When do we want it? Now!"

Chanting and carrying banners, about 200 MSU students and Lansing-area residents gathered at Beaumont Tower Sunday during a human rights rally to protest the recent Vincent Chin court decision.

Chin, an Asian American, was beaten to death with a baseball bat in a fight outside a Highland Park bar in 1982. His assailant, Ronald Ebens, was acquitted May 1 on charges that he violated Chin's civil rights in the incident.

The MSU Asian Pacific American Student Organization sponsored the rally to protest the Chin ruling, said Mike Lim, an APASO member.

that it's OK to be passive," Cannon said. "Students can be the movers and shakers. . . . We can move mountains."

Jim Shimozono, member of the Detroit-based American Citizens for Justice, said because political leaders had downplayed civil rights, "people have become less compassionate."

"IT'S VERY fashionable to be anti-civil rights," Shimozono said. "It's in vogue to be a racist."

University minority groups attending the rally represented Asian American, black, Hispanic and Native American students.

John Arrambide, president of the Coalition of Hispanic Students for Progressive Action, said the government's desire to make English the official language of the United States is a "new dilemma" for Hispanics.

"I find this a slap for the Hispanic community," Arrambide, a political science senior. "It's a damn shame."

APA program bill gets RHA support

By GINA POCOCCO
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An MSU student organization presentation Wednesday night was aimed at pressuring the vice president for student affairs and services into implementing an Asian Pacific American program.

The Asian Pacific American Student Organization asked the Residence Hall Association for its support on a program that would "make (Moses) Turner sweat," APASO Vice President Amy Purvis said.

RHA unanimously voted to support the proposal for the creation of an Asian American Advocate program, which Turner is considering. The program would add a cultural room in a residence hall, increase annual newsletter mailings from two

to four and investigate the establishment of an Asian American financial aid counselor.

The guidelines for the AAA program were established through a joint meeting Oct. 14 with members of APASO, Minority Aid Program representatives and Turner.

Kevin Lynch, ASMSU representative to RHA, presented the bill, which is similar to one passed by the ASMSU Student Board Oct. 30.

"I think we should give support here also," Lynch said. "The issue has a lot to do with residence halls because it will create positions that will house four representatives, one in each complex."

"I hope it doesn't stop with this bill. There's already talk of it being amended," Lynch said. "I hope this bill will add enough pressure on the administration to see it implemented."

APASO members expressed frustration from conflicts between Turner's office and their organization.

"Every little thing we get from the administration is a real struggle," said Mike Lim, APASO representative to RHA. "There's a lot of obstacles for small things, like getting mailing labels or the key to Student Services building, that we shouldn't even have to haggle over."

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