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Flawed Images: “Colored: Black n’ White” exhibit reveals U.S. imperial past

by Dennis Solis

The ghosts of history refuse to die.

From November to December 2002, an exhibit of popular images of the Philippines in the late 19th and early 20th century entitled “Colored: Black n’ White” made its appearance at the College 9 and 10 Namaste Lounge. The exhibit was composed of newspaper articles, editorial cartoons, and magazine covers that were published around the time of the Spanish-American war of 1898, and later, the Philippine American war from 1899 to 1902.

“There is a lot that is hidden about American history,” she said.

American history, for many Filipinos and Americans alike it is an ironic blot upon the United States’ ideology of freedom and democracy. In 1898, the Spanish-American war, which was sparked by the explosion of the battleship Maine near Havana, resulted in Spain giving over the Philippines, its former colonial possession, for \$20 million. Angered that one colonial master was merely being replaced with another, the Filipinos fought another bitter war that would take the lives of 4,000 American soldiers, 20,000 Filipino insurrectos and 200,000 Filipino civilians dead. Some historians place the number of civilian dead to over half a million.

The “Colored” archive contained both dissenting and opposing views of the war. One cover from Life showed a stern-looking Uncle Sam geared

Although the skirmishes are not well-known in mainstream



“Colored: Black n’ White”, 1998: composed of newspaper articles, editorial cartoons, and magazine covers.

for war, standing in front of a cannon. In the background lay hundreds of dead Filipino revolutionaries in rows. Underneath reads the caption, “The harvest in the Philippines.” Another, from Judge, showed President McKinley bathing a Filipino, depicted as a crying baby in “savage” dress, saying, “Oh, you dirty little thing!”

The 400-image archive, which was curated by Helen Toribio and Abe Ignacio, was previously displayed at the Pusod center in Berkeley. Toribio said that the purpose of the archive was to expose the myth of the U.S. as an untarnished democracy. “There is a lot that is hidden about American history,” she said.

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1,500 Cambodian Americans facing deportation

By Savoeun Seng



Students and the Oakland Community rallied together to support the protest on deportation.

photographed by Sophia Hanifah

Since the passage of the Immigration & Welfare Reform Act of 1996, all non-citizen immigrants have been subject to mandatory deportation. The 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigration Responsibility Act, expanded the definition of an “aggravated felony” to include crimes such as DUIs and shoplifting. Non-citizens can be deported if convicted of such crimes, even if they already served their sentence. Additionally, provisions for fairness

hearings were eliminated, denying them the right of due process. To date, 37 Cambodian American youths (mainly young men) have been deported, 1500 have received orders and have been detained and 3,000 more are at risk.

Many Cambodian American families are torn by this news. Cambodian Americans have immigrated to the U.S. as refugees escaping the killing fields, a genocide that occurred from 1975 to 1979. Two million Cambodians died and a fifth of the population was diminished. Although this horrific event happened almost thirty years ago, memories of torture, starvation, and loss of lives still remain very fresh and painful to many of the survivors. The deportation news, has made it even more difficult for Cambodian American parents to accept because, if deported, their sons will be sent to a land where their own nightmares occurred.

During the month of November 2002, community based organizations organized rallies across the nation. In both Long Beach, California and Lowell, Massachusetts (the cities with the largest Cambodian American communities) large crowds showed up to lend support and speak out about the deportation issues. Parents, students, and the Cambodian American communities came together in solidarity to express their concerns and opinions against the deportation. Many family members spoke out expressing their worries and fears about the young men being deported, wondering how they are going to live and manage in an unknown country.

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Heritage Month

Each May the nation commemorates and celebrates the struggles and contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islanders in America. This year, UCSC's theme focuses on transformation, which is the process of self evaluation and progression towards positive change. Programs will include a keynote speaker, events with student organizations, and cultural celebrations. All of the events will reflect many aspects of different cultures and will provide opportunities to build a stronger community.

For more information on the AA/PI Heritage Month:

Email: AAPIRC@ucsc.edu or Call: 459-5349

Interested in planning the heritage month logistically, designing flyers, or just giving input?

If so please come to the Planning Committee Meetings

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:30-7:30pm

Ethnic Resource Ctrs. Lounge

UCSC Students Present at National Conference held in New York

by Pary Chuong

The Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE) conference was held for the first time in New York City at Columbia University. Traditionally, APAHE has been a West coast annual conference, but in this past year the organization has made the leap from regional to national status to broaden the scope of the APA communities across the U.S., particularly to bridge the gap between the West and East coasts.

The theme for APAHE 2002 was, "Campus Com-

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munities: Promises and Prospects of Asian and Pacific Americans in Higher Education". Students and staff from UC Santa Cruz's AA/PIRC and retention programs (KAMP, CUSN) attended the conference as both participants and workshop panelists.

With the guidance of Nancy Kim, UCSC students gave one of the most well received workshops at the conference. Ammalinh Navasak (Success STRategies and Opportunities Collaborative), Angela Rosales (Kua/Ate Mentorship Program), Tania Lee (Community Unified Student Network), and Pary Chuong (Ch.U.C.K. - Chale, Umoja, CUSN, KAMP) presented a workshop entitled "Necessary Foundations: Student-run Student-initiated Retention Programs." The workshop covered the ways in which student-initiated retention programs are able to function at a university level and how the ethnic resource centers serve as part of the network for students, staff, and faculty.


The running theme that came out of the workshop was collaboration as the foundation for community building across all ethnic groups. Those who attended the workshop admired the strong relationship each of the programs have with its community and people. Workshop participants also recognized how each group are driven to work with one another to share resources and recognize uniqueness of each program

The conference provided UCSC students with a



photographed by Raul Ebio

space to network with other students from both the East and West coasts, which created valuable interactions that helped not only us, but those from other universities gain new knowledge and perspective of the on-going struggle for people of color in higher education. Despite the early November icy-cold weather that greeted us upon our arrival, the "city that never sleeps" undoubtedly gave us Californians a warm welcome and a chance to view the world with different lens.



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Graduation Ceremony
Planning Committee
Meetings

Wednesdays,
Starting February 5th
at the Ethnic Resource Centers
Lounge!

Help the committee organize one
of the most memorable events of
the year!

For more information
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We mourn the loss of several influential pioneers who contributed to the greater Asian Pacific Islander Community. These individuals fought for fair representation of Asians in American society. Their legacy will always be remembered.

Compiled by Clifford Yee



**Yuji Ichioka
(1936 - 2002)**

Professor Yuji Ichioka is known for creating the term “Asian American” in the late 60s. He created this term for the purpose of looking for commonalities instead of difference within the Asian American community.

The term was also used to gain political clout that comes with numbers. Ichioka, who was a graduate student at UC Berkeley, organized the Asian American Political Alliance in 1968. The purpose of this organization was to bring all the Asian Pacific Islanders together in opposition to war. Ichioka strongly advocated for Civil Rights and against the Vietnam War. While a Professor at UCLA, Ichioka

was a key founder of the Asian American Studies Center, where

inspiring

he taught the first Asian American Studies class in 1969. As a Professor, Ichioka emphasized the importance of using both Japanese and English language to uncover the “buried past” of Japanese American history. For over three decades, Ichioka collaboratively worked on compiling the Japanese American Research Project (JARP) Collection at UCLA. Currently, UCLA has the largest and most significant historical archive on Japanese Americans.



**Patsy Mink
(1927 - 2002)**

Patsy Mink was born in Maui in December of 1928. During her collegiate years, Mink was interested in going to medical school, which abruptly ended when none of the twenty medical schools that she applied to would

accept women. This event did not stop Mink’s determination for education. Mink later decided to study law and was accepted by the University of Chicago because they considered her a “foreign student.” Mink chose not to inform the University that Hawaii was an

American territory and obtained *ambitious*

her Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1951. Another challenge that Mink faced after college was that no law firm would hire women. Mink, however, proved that women can be lawyers and started her own practice. In 1965, Mink became the first Asian-American woman and the first woman of color to be elected to Congress. She would serve two long stretches as a member of the House (1965-1977, 1990-2002). Mink strongly supported gay rights and equal rights for Asian Americans and women. Mink’s career highlights include helping to guide the passage of Title IX, which promotes educational gender equity.

**Chang-Lin Tien
(1935 - 2002)**

Chancellor Chang-Lin Tien spent nearly his entire professional career at UC Berkeley. Before Tien was a Chancellor, he won Berkeley's distinguished teaching award at the young age of 26. Tien became the



campus's seventh Chancellor and was the first Asian American to head a major research University in the United States. Tien is widely known

honorable

for his support of diversity and affirmative action in education.

After the UC Regents voted to ban affirmative action in admissions, Tien decided to donate \$10,000 of his own money toward a special fund called the Berkeley Pledge, which represented the campus's effort to outreach to disadvantaged students in California public schools.

**Steffi San Buenaventura
(1941 - 2002)**

Professor Steffi San Buenaventura was born on August 7, 1941 in Manila, Philippines. As an undergraduate, Buenaventura attended Maryknoll College and graduated with a degree in English literature and a minor in journalism.



For her graduate work, Buenaventura attended the University of Hawaii, Manoa. She received her PhD in American Studies in 1990. In 1991, Buenaventura was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at UCLA. Shortly after her fellowship, Buenaventura taught at UC Irvine and at UC Riverside, where she was appointed as faculty in Ethnic Studies. In 1999, she came to UC Davis as an Associate Professor in Asian American Studies. Buenaventura's research interests were in American ethnicity, immigration history, race relations,

social movements, religion, Asian American Studies with an emphasis on Filipino American history, Asian diaspora, and Philippine-US relations. At the time of her death, Buenaventura was completing a much anticipated book called "Nativism, Ethnicity and Empowerment: A Filipino American

Socio-Religious Movement intelligence

(1925-1975)." Buenaventura's book was to be the first in-depth study of Filipino American community formation, beyond standard historical narratives that simply emphasize the role of Filipinos as laborers in Hawaiian and West Coast agriculture.

**Harry Kitano
(1926 - 2002)**

Professor Harry Kitano was born in San Francisco on February 14, 1926. During the second World War, Kitano and his family were ordered to leave their home and were placed in the Santa Anita race track in Arcadia, California. While at the race track, all of those "relocated" were forced to live in a horse stall. Six months later, Kitano was moved from Arcadia to the Topaz concentration camp in Utah. He would remain there from 1942-1945. After the war, Kitano went to college and eventually became a faculty member at UCLA. Kitano worked at UCLA from 1958-1995. He was a faculty member in the departments of Social Welfare and Sociology. While at UCLA, Kitano served



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twice as the Acting Director

of the Asian American Studies Center. Kitano is best known in the Asian Pacific Islander community as one of the world's leading authorities on race and ethnic relations, particularly as they related to the contemporary Japanese American and Asian American experiences.

calendar of events for winter

January:

- 15 - Asian Pacific Islander Student Alliance Winter Reception 7:30 @ Ethnic Resource Centers Lounge, 3rd Floor Bay Tree Bldg.
- 15 - AA/PIRC, AARCC, and Oakes Open Mic "Redeem The Dream" 7:30 @ Oakes Guzman/Cafe
- 22 - Filipino Student Association Winter Reception 8 @ Student Union
- 27 - APISA Winter Quarter Kick Off Dinner 7:30 @ TBA
- 28 - APISA Open Mic 7 @ Oakes Guzman Room
- 29 - APISA Motivational Conference Kick Off 7:30 @ Oakes Guzman Room
- 30 - AA/PIRC Winter Reception 5-7 @ College 8 Red Room
- 30 - TAG and VSA Winter Reception 7:30 @ Oakes HavaJava Cafe
- 30 - ESOC Speaker Blowout II w/ Chuck D 7 @ College 9/10 Dining Hall
- 31 - APISA NFL Team Dance (Sport your Team Colors) 7:30 @ TBA

February:

- 6 - S.O.U.L Open Mic 8 @ Student Union (Every Thursday)
- 12 - CSA Lunar New Year Banquet 7 @ Stevenson Dining Hall
- 22 - Multicultural Career Conference
- 27 - APISA Women Of Color Open Mic 7:30 @ TBA

Upcoming...

MESH Winter Reception
Lyrical Union IV
KSA and LAO Winter Reception
CSA Chinese Late Night (dim sum)
CSA, Oakes, and Merrill Formal Dance

Deportation

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Most deportees are young men who came to the United States when they were young and knew little about their parents' native country. This is an issue that the Immigration and Nationalization Services (INS) should consider because the INS are deporting people back to their "home" country, although many have already assimilated into American culture.

Another issue is that the deportees happen to be the main income earners for their families. As reported by the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), more than fifty percent of the deportees fall into the category as the main provider for their family. This puts many families at risk of becoming financially unstable.

With all these factors in mind, the deportation continues. Families still wait to hear any news and changes about the detainees. With so

many Cambodian Americans being deported, this leaves other Southeast Asian communities very nervous, because if the deportation is not delayed or stopped, the future of other Southeast Asians are at risk.

UC Santa Cruz Sixteenth Annual Multicultural Career Conference

"Creating Connections: Building your Future"

Saturday, February 22, 2003

11:30 am - 5 pm
at Colleges 9 and 10

For more information on scholarships and internships, refer to the AA/PIRC's website at:
www2.ucsc.edu/aapirc
or contact the AA/PI Resource Center at 459-5349.

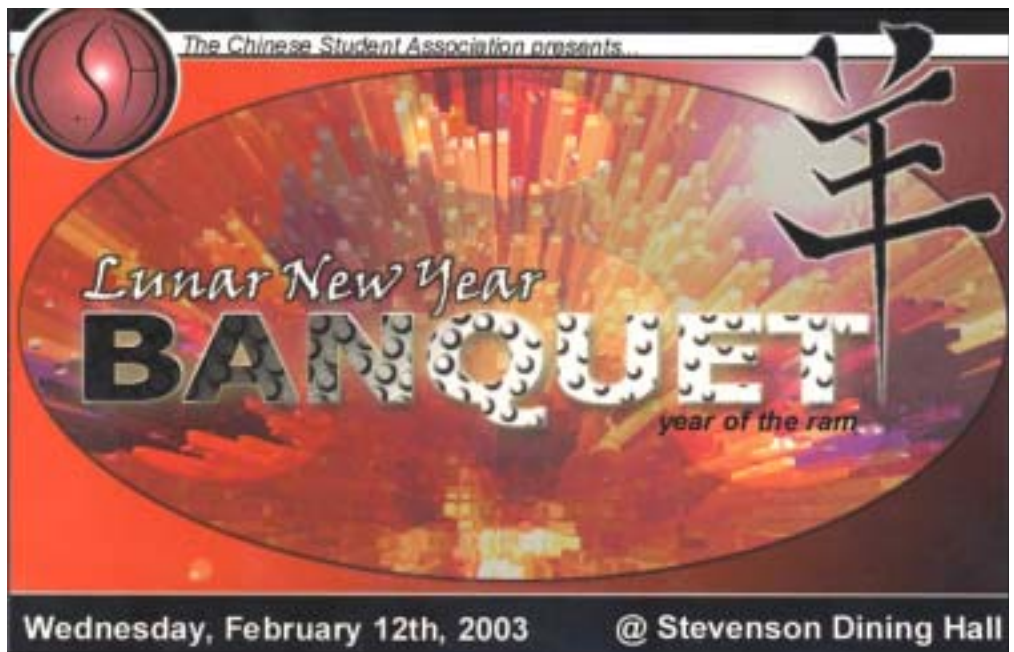
DID YOU KNOW?

Can you find these interesting facts?

- Ao Dai:** is the traditional dress worn by Vietnamese people
- Ketchup:** the name originated from the Malay word koetsiap which literally means "seafood sauce"
- Khaki:** is the Hindi word for "dust-colored"
- Hmong:** there are over 18,000 Hmong people living in Fresno
- Laos:** is the most culturally diverse country in Southeast Asia. There are over 50 different ethnicities within the country of Laos
- Cambodian:** is a political term used to describe the people of Cambodia. They are also known as Khmer people
- Bing Cherry:** was named after a Chinese man named Ah Bing
- Kimchee:** the red chili peppers used in kimchee were brought to Korea by Japanese soldiers who got them from Portuguese traders who brought them from Latin America

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Come celebrate the Lunar New Year with the Chinese Student Association! We will be having our annual banquet featuring lion dancing, traditional dances, hip hop dance troupe, student skits, "Crosstalk" play, and catered Chinese food. This is a great opportunity to acknowledge and learn about the Chinese culture. This event will be held at Stevenson Dining Hall on Wednesday, February 12th. Doors open at 6:30pm and the show starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$6 presale and \$8 at the door. But be aware that we do sell out!! Get your tickets now at the following locations: AA/PIRC, SOAR office, Stevenson Activities Office, any CSA core member or performer. For more information, please email us at csa-admin@ucsc.edu.



The Flips
 Lion Dance
 "Crosstalk" Skit
 Student Skits
 Traditional Dance
 Hip Hop Dance Troupe
 Prize Raffles

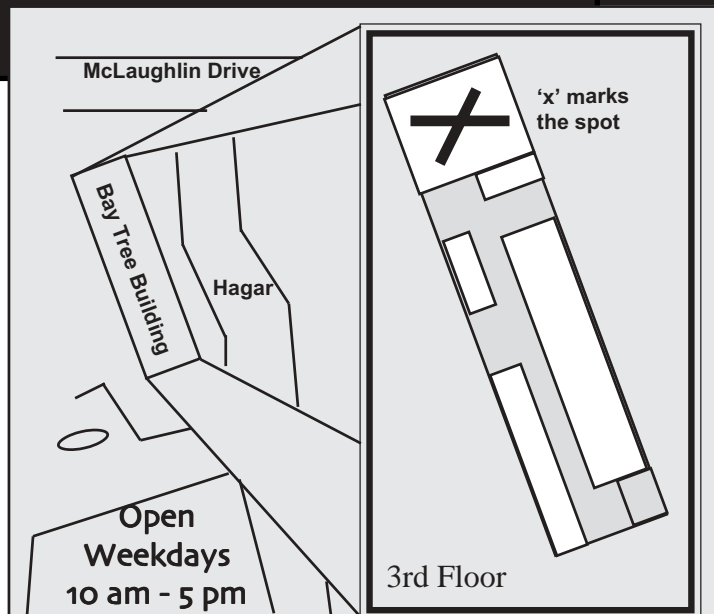
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Menu
 Almond Chicken
 Broccoli Beef
 Garlic Honey-Spice Ribs
 Fried Rice
 Chow Mein
 Egg Rolls

Visit AA/PIRC at the
Bay Tree Building.



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