T-shirts started it all

Asian Week begins

By Octavia Burnard

The Asian Awareness Week Festival originated with the selling of OSU T-shirts featuring Chinese and Japanese calligraphy, according to John Kuzmik, vice president of Students of East Asian Literature and Language (SEALS).

Kuzmik, a sophomore from Columbus, said the organization started selling T-shirts in anticipation of having parties, speakers, and other functions related to Asian languages and literature.

From there Kuzmik came up with the idea of having a festival to celebrate Asian Awareness Week. "I thought it would be a good way to get more exposure for SEALS, and for the students studying Japanese and Chinese to get more involved in the Asian culture," Kuzmik said.


"Our festival from May 7 to May 9, on the second floor of the Ohio Union, is really an attempt to heighten these Asian events," said Gala Walker, assistant professor of Chinese and SEALS adviser.

"The Department for East Asian Languages and Literatures has had festivals in the past, but this festival will be the largest," said Daniel Katz, a sophomore from Cincinnati and president of SEALS.

The festival will feature: martial arts demonstrations, Korean drum and fan dances, a Tinikiling dance, Chinese songs and dances by local organizations, Chinese and Japanese cooking demonstrations, a painting exhibition, a speech contest, transliterations — having a name written in Chinese or Japanese — paper-cutting demonstrations and calligraphy. Calligraphy work by Eugene Ching's Chinese 283 class will be on display during the festival. "My class is very imaginative," said Ching, a professor of East Asian Languages. "They have some very beautiful prints, scrolls, ceramics and needlepoint work that will be on display."

A contest featuring three-to-eight-minute speeches is open to students studying Japanese and Chinese. The prize for the speech contest will be dedicated to Yukiko Kawasaki, a sophomore Japanese student who died in an automobile accident on April 19," Walker said.

"The festival is much larger than anticipated," Kuzmik said. "This is because the Office of Minority Affairs stepped in three months ago with a budget bigger than ours."

Asian Awareness Week is sponsored by SEALS, the Department of East Asian Literatures and Languages, the Office of Minority Affairs, and CARE.
COLUMBUS, Ohio -- A weekend festival of dancing, martial arts, musical and cultural events will highlight the second annual Asian Awareness Week, May 16-22.

All events are free and open to the public and will take place on the Ohio State University campus.

The week begins with the Japanese film, "Tale of Genji" shown at 7:30 p.m. Monday (5/17) in Room 100 of Stillman Hall, 1947 College Road.

Martial arts demonstrations will be held on the Oval on both Tuesday (5/18) and Thursday (5/20).

Wednesday at noon, a brown bag lunch will be held in Room 376, Cunz Hall with linguist Jim Unkefer on "My Trials with the Hakka Tone System."

That afternoon, "Tale of Heike" will be shown at 4 p.m. The place will be announced at a later time.

The festival kicks off Friday (5/21) with a variety show at 12:30 p.m. in the Ohio Union East Ballroom, 1739 N. High St. At 2 p.m., the East Asian Students Club from Wittenburg University will perform "Li Q'ue Carries Thorns," a play written in 1279 by Kang Chin Chih.

Following the play, the Rick Moore Karate Academy will give demonstrations.

The festival opens at 10 a.m. Saturday (5/22). The first scheduled event is a Philippine Tinikling Dance at 11:30 a.m.
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only one of a variety of dances held that day. Others include at 1 p.m., a Chinese chopsticks dance by a children's group; 2 p.m., a native Cambodian dance; 3 p.m., a native Indian dance and again at 4 p.m., a Cambodian dance.

The film, "It's Tough to be a Man," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in room 12, Upham Hall.

Many of the martial arts and musical performances have not scheduled performance times at present. Other performances and demonstrations include the Japanese instruments shamiesan and toko; tofu making; Korean dancers; Tai Chi Chaun, Akido and Kendo martial arts.

Danny Katz, coordinator of Asian Awareness Week, says the festival will give visitors an opportunity to "see what Asian culture is really like."

Other campus and community groups will have booths and demonstrations at the festival, he says. Among these groups are the Chinese Culture Club; the International Wives Club; the Japanese-American Club; the Philippines Student Association; the Taiwanese Student Association; the Chinese Student Association; the Cambodian Assistance Project; the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and the Drowsy Dragon Gift Shop.

The week is sponsored by the Students of East Asian Languages and Studies (SEALS) and the Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures at Ohio State.

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East Asian Languages offering cultural festival

By Leslie C. Johnson
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This week students will be issued a "Passport to Asia"—the theme for the fifth annual Asian Festival.

The festival will be held May 15-16 in the Ohio Union Main Lounge and Conference Theater.

Robert Fry, president of Students of East Asian Languages and festival organizer, said, "The goal is to help students in the Columbus community know about classes and activities at Ohio State that deal with Asian languages and cultures."

Leon Serafim, assistant professor of East Asian Languages, said the festival is a way of sharing information.

"The purpose of the festival is to reach out and let people know about Asia," Serafim said.

Fry, a Chinese major who also studies Japanese, said the main portion of the festival will begin on May 17 with language contests.

The Department of East Asian Languages plans to cancel its classes Friday so students may participate in the festival, he said.

Fry said first year Chinese, Korean and Japanese students will compete in an interpretation contest where they will be given some material in the language they study to translate into English, or some English to translate into the language they study.

He said second and third year students will be in a speech contest where they will write and give a speech in the language they study.

Judging will be done by native speakers and professors.

Fry said there will be 20 booths representing different Asian cultures from 12-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday in Ohio Union Main Lounge.

Fry said there will also be cultural performances such as poetry readings, dances and music.

He said highlights include a fashion show by OSU International Wives, a bride of India presentation, martial arts, bonsi and yoga demonstrations, and the Indian movie "Swami."

Serafim said this will be the first year that Asian food will be available at the festival.

"There is a lot of show and tell and try," Serafim said. "There is a chance to see things up close that people have never experienced before."
Asian students join to spread culture
Interaction sought through week

By Etsuko Motoki
Lantern Staff Writer

Twelve Asian student communities will feature Asian dance, music, food and cultural exhibitions as part of the second annual Asian Awareness Week, sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs.

Yoon Jeong Kim, a graduate associate for the Office of Minority Affairs, said the week is designed to give Asian students the opportunity to get to know each other and introduce their culture to non-Asian students.

"Asian students are either too busy or too shy to socialize with each other and American students," Kim said. Asian Awareness Week, she said, tries to alleviate that.

Viola Harris, foreign student advisor for International Student and Scholar Services, said "the event will make people aware of the contributions of Asian-Americans to the American culture and help them appreciate this part of the American heritage."

Students from Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, South Korea, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan and mainland China, as well as Asian-Americans, will participate in the week's events.

Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., cultural exhibitions and ethnic foods will be presented in booths on the Oval. Some of the ethnic foods that will be offered are gogong busang (fried bananas), bulgogi (marinated BBQ beef) and jajae (noodles).

Also on Friday and Saturday, the Asian-American Association will be displaying photographs of Asian students on campus to help make people more aware of Asian-American groups on campus, said Laura Peng, president of the association.

Korean students will also be selling souvenirs, postcards and stamps for the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul.

From noon to 1 p.m., music from Taiwan, Indonesia, China, Korea and Thailand will be featured, along with traditional dancing from seven countries.

Korean martial arts and a Chinese opera will be performed on a stage set up on the Oval.

Other events to be held during the week include:

- An exhibition of Oriental watercolors by Professor Sun Xiaoxiang of Beijing, China, at Bricker Hall through May 26.
- A film and slide presentation from 10 Asian countries at 7 p.m. Friday in 100 Hagerty Hall, including the film "After the Birth," portraying the unique experiences of American-born Asians.
- A "Fantasia" dance party to close the week at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Agricultural Administration Building banquet hall.
Asians struggle to save heritage

By Jennifer K. Pierce
Lantern staff writer

Asian Awareness Week addresses accomplishments and attitudes toward assimilation Asian students face.

"There are many Asians who hide out in their little Chinas and little Koreas, but they are delaying their entry into a country that has much to offer," said Charles Chang, president of Ohio State's Asian American Association.

The Role of Asians in a Dynamic Society will be Saturday's topic of the Midwest Asian Conference at Drake Union.

The conference is the highlight of the fourth annual Asian Awareness Week, today through Saturday, and will focus on the assimilation of Asians into American society.

During the conference, one discussion will be the 'Super-Asian Syndrome' -- the intense pressure to succeed and assimilate at the cost of losing a cultural heritage.

"There are Asians who dive right into mainstream America and do all they can to forget their heritage and their yellow skin," Chang said.

Thirteen student groups, representing members from Korea, China, Vietnam, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines among others are participating in Asian Awareness Week.

"Maybe all Asians don't have the same language difficulties, but we do experience discrimination based on race," said Timothy Kim, vice president of the Asian American Association.

Conference speakers will have open forums to discuss possible solutions for racism, assimilation and the loss of cultural identity.

The conference will also celebrate the contributions and accomplishments made by Asians in the United States.

"The Midwest Conference isn't just for Asian Americans who plan to live in America the rest of their lives; it gives all Asians an insight into American culture," Kim said.

Among the speakers scheduled for the conference is Thomas Woon, assistant dean of Student Support Services and director for Asian American Affairs at Oberlin College.

Woon will lead a discussion on "Undercurrents in the Asian American College Student Community."

Professor Harry H. L. Kitano, professor of Social Welfare at UCLA is also scheduled to conduct a forum.

Kitano will speak about "The Differences between Asians and Americans."

"The conference also lets other Asians know that young Asian Americans treasure their Asian heritage a great deal," Kim said.

The conference begins at 1 p.m. in the River Den at Drake Union. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Twelve booths will have traditional music, ethnic displays and food exhibitions between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. today and Friday on the South Oval.

Kim said all the booths will be distributing free ethnic cuisine between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. both days.

'Fantasies of the Orient,' a formal dance party, will cap the week's activities Saturday. The dance will be in the Agricultural Building, 2120 Fyffe Road, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Quest for success can take toll on Asian-American students

By Barbara Carmen
Dispatch Staff Reporter

Korean immigrant Charles Chang is a success by all American standards, and that worries him a bit.

Chang, 23, moved to Granville, Ohio, at age 5. He came to this country with his parents, a younger brother, a cultural work ethic and a devotion to study.

Others played after school.
Chang studied mathematics, English and science five hours a night. He continued the pace on weekends.

Today, Chang is a senior in business finance at The Ohio State University. He’s considering going for a master’s degree in business administration and then entering the business world.

But Chang is beginning to realize the price he paid in stress for his academic achievement. Many people wonder if such stress and discipline are harmful to children.

So many Asian-American students study so fiercely to succeed that the tendency has even earned a name, the Super-Asian Syndrome.

“It was very hard for me to understand that all this studying was for my benefit and future.”
— Charles Chang

“There is a saying in the Orient that even if you have to sell your last ox — and that is your livelihood — you have to send your children for an education,” Lee said.

It is the sacrifice of children, however, that is gaining the spotlight. The Super-Asian Syndrome will be one of several subjects discussed from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Midwest Asian American Conference.

The conference, in the Drake Student Union at OSU, caps the celebration of Asian Awareness Week by the Asian American Association at OSU.

Chang, the association’s president, said students hope to make people more aware of the Oriental culture.

A cultural fair, featuring Asian art and free food representing 13 countries, will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today on the Oval. About 3,000 people are expected.

OSU has 1,300 Asian-American students.
Ethnic dance caters to all nationalities

By Juli Grant
Lantern staff writer

A dance to kick off Asian Awareness Week will be held Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the East and West Ballrooms of the Ohio Union.

About 700 to 800 people are expected to attend, Erika Kyeong Seo, chairperson of the Asian Awareness Week Committee, said.

The theme of the dance, “Roam Around the World,” reflects the committee’s goal to include students of all ethnic backgrounds. Because the event will combine all students in the residence halls and students in the Asian community, the planning committee expects a good mix of different people, Seo said. The observance, which actually begins May 5 and extends until May 13, is sponsored by five Asian associations and the Office of Minority Affairs, Office of Student Life, Residence and Dining Halls, and the Student Events Committee. The major funding for various events is provided by the offices of minority affairs and student life, Sheila Kapur, director of Asian-American Student Services, said.

The goal of the various events is to bring Asian-Americans and Asian internationals together to celebrate their Asian ethnicity and create a positive image on campus and in the Columbus community, Kapur said.

“I like to think of Asian Awareness Week as a way of celebrating both groups,” Kapur said.

Asians make up approximately five percent of the population at Ohio State. There are about 1,400 Asian-Americans, and 1,700 Asian internationals at Ohio State.

On May 7, 8, 10, and 11, various “Brown Bag Workshops” will be presented that pertain to Asian leadership, career decisions, and personal safety. The workshops will be held in the Ohio Union Scarlet D room from noon to 1 p.m.

Several cultural booths will be on display in the East Ballroom on May 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. These booths are expected to be the most colorful event of the week, Lapur said.
Asian students receive awards at dinner

By Michele McCollister
Lantern staff writer

The culmination of this year's Asian Awareness Week came Sunday with an awards banquet for Asian students at the Sunflower Chinese Restaurant on Sawmill Road.

During the banquet, numerous students representing about 10 Asian student organizations received awards for leadership in campus organizations throughout the year and athletic accomplishments in the Asian Olympics event.

Sheila Kapur, director of the OSU Office of Asian-American Student Services, said she thought the week's events accomplished their goal of increasing awareness. "She said the number of events doubled from last year's Asian Awareness Week."

While she had no specific figures, Kapur said attendance and participation at the events increased substantially this year, with larger numbers of Asian students and students of other races attending the events.

Kapur, who has been director of the office since it was created two years ago, said she works as a liaison between the students and the university.

Among other activities, Kapur said she works with students in the Asian student organizations, helps coordinate funding for Asian student scholarships and works to dispel misperceptions and stereotypes of Asian students within the campus community.

Kapur agreed with others at the banquet who claimed the stereotype of Asians as a "model minority" hurt Asian students, discouraging them from seeking help within an unfamiliar culture.

Kapur, Chikako Cox, Ph.D., a psychologist who works at the Counseling and Consultation Center and Jung Jing, a graduate student in agronomy and a former member of the University Senate, said the model minority myth also keeps university officials from addressing the problems of Asian students because they erroneously believe Asian students have no problems.

"We see so many success stories about Asians that people think Asians have no problems," Cox said. "That keeps students from asking for help and the university from offering it."

Jing said the model minority myth allows university administrators to discriminate against Asian students, when in reality Asian students are actually under represented in organizations such as the Undergraduate Student Government, the University Senate and university-wide committees, he said.

Jing said university officials seem to think Asians are over represented in university organizations due to a stereotype of all Asians as being successful.

Kapur said university administrators do not see the Asians as overrepresented. "But, also said they do not think Asians are underrepresented among OSU's policy-setting organizations, a problem for other minority groups within the university community.

Jing said Asian students need to organize in a manner similar to black student organizations, demanding the university address the needs of its Asian population, which he said comprises about six percent of the total OSU student population.

Christine Chen, the president-elect of the Asian American Association and this year's social chair of the group, said she and her fellow Asian students can learn from the strides made by their black student counterparts.
Asian-American Week offers taste of cultural diversity

Events educate students, promote Asian heritage

By Effie Dracopoulos
Lantern staff writer

The Office of Asian American Student Services is sponsoring "Asian Awareness Week: The United Asians of OSU" to celebrate and promote awareness of Asian and Asian American culture, said Sheila Kapur, director of Asian American Student Services.

The week's events begin today and will continue through May 11. Highlights are the Leadership Banquet and Awards on Sunday, a Showcase of Martial Arts on the Oval from noon to 2 p.m. Monday, the Asian Cultural Fair in the Ohio Union West Ballroom from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, and a formal dinner next Saturday. Films, workshops and lectures are also scheduled throughout the week.

The week provides the chance to bring together Asian students of different backgrounds, Kapur said. Asian Awareness Week is a major event in which Asian American Student Services works with international students, she said.

Knowing Asian students learn more about their background, said Christine Chen, a junior from Westerville majoring in communications, who is the president-elect of USB.

Kapur said she hopes the week will allow Asians and non-Asians alike to discover the diversity within Asian and Asian American culture.

People normally consider China, Japan and Korea as Asian culture, so activities have been scheduled to feature other Asian countries, said Chen, who is also president of the Asian American Organization and the Asian Week Committee.

The Terrace Dining Room on the third floor of the Ohio Union will feature food from two different Asian countries every day next week, Chen said.

Asian Awareness Week is a good place to introduce a city like Hong Kong to other people, said Wei Chan, a sophomore from Hong Kong majoring in accounting. "Hong Kong is a very small city so it is easy for people to think it is just a part of China or Japan," Chan said.

One problem Asian students face is that they are categorized as foreigners because of their looks, Chen said.

Combating this problem on an individual basis and addressing comments and problems as they arise are the best ways for students to handle these situations, Kapur said.

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The Japanese Club at Ohio State is a newly formed organization designed to promote Japanese language, culture and business. However, this club has a different twist; it is designed for students of all nationalities.

The Japanese Club became an official student organization Winter Quarter 1991, being Oriental is not a prerequisite to join the club. In fact, only about 25 percent of the club's members are from Japan, including the five original officers.

"The club is not just for Japanese-speaking students," said M. Todd Paukner, a senior member of the club majoring in Japanese and ceramic engineering, "it's for anyone who's interested in the Japanese culture.

The club has already set up several programs and events that will fulfill that interest, such as a Japanese Mini Tour and lunch outing.

During Asian Awareness Week, May 5 to 12, the club plans to open two booths. The booths will have many Japanese souvenirs with some of the members wearing modern and traditional Japanese clothing.

One booth, open during the Asian Cultural Fair on May 7, will have a member performing a traditional Japanese dance, while the other booth, open during the OSU World Food Fair on May 10, will have food donated by local restaurants and will perform a traditional Japanese tea ceremony.

The club has also started a project called "Big Sibs, Little Sibs." The program involves providing housing, transportation and support for Japanese exchange students coming to Ohio State.

The club has also set up conversation partners to help non-native, Japanese-speaking members improve their Japanese language skills while helping the native Japanese-speaking students improve their English skills.

"The key to success is to get everyone excited about the club," said club secretary Monica Burkhardt, a sophomore majoring in Productions and Operations.

"The Japanese Connection," the club newspaper, explains and announces many of the club's activities and programs. It is available in the Union Hall or at any of the club's meetings. There will also be a Japanese translation of the newsletter available during Fall Quarter.

"We think the club will be a big asset to the students at Ohio State," Burkhardt said.

If anyone is interested in joining or receiving more information about the club, contact Alyson Flagel, president, at 261-1730.
Fashion show, dances highlight Asian culture

By Dave Golden
Latern staff writer

Promoting the diversity and pride of Asian ethnic groups, and breaking down Asian stereotypes were the main themes of the third annual Asian Awareness Cultural Fair held Tuesday afternoon in the Ohio Union West Ballroom. This fair is one of a series of events taking place during Asian Awareness Week, May 3-12.

The fair included a fashion show featuring Benetton and traditional Asian clothing, an Asian-American musician singing about his life experiences, and dances from China, Cambodia, Japan and India. In addition, there were several booths set up by Asian-American groups on campus, as well as other exhibits.

"One of the problems is that all the Asians (Asian-Americans and international students), no matter where they are from, are thought of as foreign, that they don't belong to American culture," said Sheila Kapur, director of the office of Asian-American student services.

Kapur, who oversaw and coordinated all the events, also said that the larger Asian community faces problems of respect, understanding and appreciation of Asian customs and countries. This is reflected in forms of harassment such as graffiti and physical or verbal attacks.

"We believe that education and awareness is one way to build understanding and better relations for the larger community," said Kapur.

The fashion show included approximately 10 men and 10 women representing OSU students from Asian and other ethnic backgrounds.

Sherry Li, the master of ceremonies and coordinator of the fashion show, said its purpose was to break down stereotypes by showing that people of various ethnic backgrounds could wear clothing from different cultures and still look beautiful.

Ken Hung, a musician from Oberlin College, performed songs dealing with his own experiences as an Asian-American. His first song, "I'm a dumb Asian," dealt with the stereotype in our society which states that Asian-Americans are smart, but only at certain things such as math and science. He described his experience of being expected to get A's in math and science, not because he works harder, but because these subjects should come naturally to him.

Hung also said this stereotype affects the types of jobs Asian-Americans get. "We're supposed to get technical jobs and we're denied leadership and managerial positions," he said.

There were two Chinese dances performed. The first was called "Dwn Hwang Cia So," which depicts the story of how the monks went to the caves of Dwn Hwang centuries ago to write books and draw paintings. These paintings and scriptures were discovered at the turn of the century. This dance was performed by Xia Zhong Lan, a professionally trained dancer from the People's Republic of China. The second dance, called "Jian Wu," was a sword performance by He Hwa and a graduate student named David.

Two Cambodian dances were also performed, one of which was a traditional blessing dance. Savong Von, 16, of Briggs High School in Columbus, represented an angel and wore a green and orange dress, and a crown on her head. She sprinkled petals on the stage to symbolize the angel who comes down every New Year to bless the people and country of Cambodia.

The six Japanese dances were performed by Eulaula Jennings and the two Indian dances were performed by Shalini Jeyaraj and Sanjukta Ghosh, an undergraduate and graduate student respectively at OSU studying dance.
Asian Americans hold awareness week celebration

By Yvette Harms
Lantern staff writer

Awards, guest speakers and the World Food Fair are among the 14 events planned for Asian Awareness Week, which begins Sunday.

"A Celebration of Family," is the theme of the event which runs through May 9.

The programs are designed to educate both Asian international students, Asian American students and non-Asian students," said Sheila Kapur of the Office of Asian American Student Services.

About 3,200 students at Ohio State are either Asian American or Asian international students attending school with temporary visas.

The Asian population is the second largest ethnic minority on campus. With such a large population, there is a need for education, Kapur said. The largest minority group on campus is African American.

"There is a lot more curiosity now, and a desire to be informed about the Asian culture than I have ever seen before," Kapur said.

"What we try to do with the programs is to meet or satisfy that interest with the topics that we choose," Kapur said.

This year's awareness week is expected to be larger than previous years because of the increased number of sponsors, Kapur said.

One highlight of the week is the leadership awards banquet Sunday. This dinner will recognize the winners of the Asian Olympic games which were held April and the prominent leaders in the Asian community, Kapur said. The banquet can be attended by invitation only to limited space.

Helen Zia, executive editor of Ms. magazine, will be speaking Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Ohio Union Main Lounge. Zia will speak about anti-Asian violence.

"I think this is an issue that impacts both Asians living in the United States as well as the larger non-Asian minority," Kapur said.

"It is really important that both Asians and non-Asians understand how scapegoating often occurs as a way to avoid dealing with the reality of the problems in the United States," Kapur said.

The Task Force on Asian American Students will be offering a symposium to present their report on the status of Asian American students at Ohio State. Wednesday, noon to 2 p.m. in the Memorial Room of the Ohio Union.

Le Ly Hayslip, author of "Heaven and Earth: Change Places," will be presenting a lecture titled "A Child of War." See ASIAN...

Woman of Peace." Wednesday at 8 p.m., in Independence Hall, room 100.

"Hayslip is an Asian American who has used her bicultural identity in a way that is very humanitarian," Kapur said.

"I think she is an excellent role model for a lot of Asian Americans who try to balance two cultures, one western and one Asian," Kapur said.

The World Food Fair will be held Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., in Ohio Union West Ballrooms. This is expected to be the largest event of the week, Kapur said.

Last year's food fair brought more than 1,000 people. There will be more than 20 student groups participating in this event, and area restaurants will be donating food, Kapur said.

The students involved in the fair will be providing entertainment for the guests. They have planned a fashion show exhibiting both traditional and modern clothing, along with music and dancing, Kapur said.

The program on Japan-Bashing will be continued Thursday in Ohio Union Gray Suite A at 11:30 a.m. with a follow-up discussion led by Sharon Youskin, a psychology intern and Chuck Klink, a psychology intern.
Asian-Americans voice concern

By Yvette Harms
Lantern staff writer

Campus climate, increased funding and the removal of Asian-American students from the Office of Minority Affairs were some of the concerns voiced in Wednesday’s release of the Asian-American Task Force report.

The task force, consisting of faculty, students and staff, was mandated in 1990, by former provost Frederick E. Hutchinson to “study the needs of Asian-American students as they relate to college retention, involvement in university life, career development and academic and career success,” said Professor Felicisima C. Serafica, chairwoman for the task force.

The task force also studied the programs currently existing at the university. Its goal was to decide if the programs intended to meet the needs of Asian-American students are actually meeting those needs, Serafica said.

In addition, the task force was concerned with the recruitment of Asian-American students. It studied “whether the university is effectively recruiting the best possible students in the state of Ohio,” Serafica said.

The main focus of concern for the task force is to improve the campus climate for Asian-Americans.

According to the American Council of Education, campus climate is defined as “the sum total of daily environments, including culture, habits, decisions, policies and practices of campus life—shaped by traditions, values and attitudes, many of which are unexpressed.”

“This is important because the comfort factor of students faculty, staff and administrators is critical to growth and well-being. A chilly climate can undermine self-esteem, impair academic performance and lower morale,” said Sheila Kapur chairwoman of the Program Assessment Committee.

The campus climate was measured by the university by looking at the expression of concern regarding discrimination and stereotypes, Kapur said.

“Four-fifths of the sample from the needs assessment survey indicated that students have concerns about ethnic discrimination and stereotypes,” Kapur said.

Other variables used to measure the campus climate were the actual experiences with discrimination on campus, reports of discrimination made to the Office of Asian-American Student Services and policies and procedures regarding Asian-American students, Kapur said.

“Generally, what we were finding was that white faculty, T.A.’s, and staff, including OSU police, received the highest ratings of discrimination occurring on campus,” Kapur said.

The issues revolved around grades, general exams, graduate associate and scholarships, Kapur said.

Kapur concluded by reading a passage from the task forces report which stated “the derogatory comments and graffiti convey a strong anti-Asian-American sentiment and the message that Asian-American are outsiders who are not welcome at this institution. The cumulative effect of these ethnic bias-related incidents is to erode the quality of life for Asian-American students on this campus.”

“The learning environment and the campus climate go hand in hand,” Kapur said.

The task force has also proposed an increase in funding for the Office of Asian-American Student Services because it is through this office that the Asian-American students receive the most support.

Another primary goal of the task force is to remove funding, academic support and services entitled to Asian-American students from the Office of Minority Affairs and transfer them to the offices that currently provide these services to OSU students, Professor Daniel E. Chow, chairman of the Program Assessment Committee.

Students entering Ohio State receive information such as brochures and bulletins that say services will be provided to them through the Office of Minority Affairs but they are not, Chow said.

Asian-Americans are not eligible for programs such as recruiting, counseling and tutoring, Chow said.

Asian-American students are not eligible for these programs because they are a “non under represented minority,” Chow said.

This means that because the percentage of Asian-Americans in Ohio is less than the percentage of Asian-American students attending Ohio State, they are not considered underrepresented and therefore can not receive any of the services provided from the Office of Minority Affairs, Chow said.

“Students have very intense, very negative comments about the Office of Minority Affairs,” Chow said.

Although this report was completed last year, the task force has not seen many results.

“This report has no operative effect, it is only the action plan that has an operative effect,” Chow said.

The action plan is being drafted by the Office of Academic Affairs, but it has not been completed, Serafica said.

It is very important for students to get involved in these issues in order to make a change, Serafica said.

Students can become involved by writing letters to departments they care about, faculty and administrators that they believe to see a change in the treatment of Asian-American issues. Students can also challenge faculty to create new courses and get involved, said Rebecca Nelson, chairwoman of the Curriculum Review Committee.
Awareness week

Asian Awareness Week 1993, sponsored by the OSU Asian-American Student Services, will begin with the "April Madness" — Asian Olympic Games.

Students will compete in basketball, volleyball, tennis, flag football and billiards.

"Changing with the Times" is the theme of the awareness week held during the first week of May. It is the major annual campus event created jointly by Asian-American and international Asian students at Ohio State.

The purpose of the week is to give Asian-Americans from different Asian countries an opportunity to come together and express their cultures to one another, and to attract non-Asians in hope that they will get to know more of Asian issues and Asian people, said Jim Miller, director of OSU Asian-American Student Services.

This is the fifth year that Asian Awareness Week has been held. Miller said the event, which is expanding every year, raises awareness of the diversity of Asian and Asian-American culture.

"One of the big things this week tries to do is to express different diversity because there are so many countries that are labeled Asian-American," Miller said.

Other activities of the week include a leadership awards banquet, Asian films, workshops, Asian food and cultural festival and a dance party.

— Hui-Iung Lai
Correction

* In Wednesday's Lantern, Jim Miller was incorrectly identified. He is a member of the Asian Awareness Week steering committee.
Asian-Americans unhappy that OSU ignored their report

By Tim Doulin
Dispatch Higher Education Reporter

It is the fastest-growing ethnic group in the state, but its members don't believe their voices are being heard in Ohio — or at Ohio State University.

They are Asian-Americans.

"We feel that we are a neglected minority, in spite of the fact that we are the fastest-growing racial/ethnic group in the state and the nation," said Dr. Moon S. Chen Jr., professor of preventive medicine at OSU.

"We have a lot to contribute, and really the future of Ohio depends on people like myself — a third-generation Buckeye. We are going to make a difference here, and we want to be included."

A group of Asian-American faculty and staff members held a news conference yesterday at the Ohio Union to honor national Asian Awareness Week, which begins today and runs through Friday.

The group quoted the most recent U.S. Census figures, noting that since 1980, Ohio's Asian-American/Pacific-Islander population has grown by 91 percent.

At OSU's main campus, Asian-Americans make up the fastest-growing student population. There are 1,649 Asian-American students, up 8.1 percent from last year. Total campus enrollment dropped 8.1 percent this year.

The OSU group is unhappy that a report — issued by Asian-American faculty and staff members and recommending support services and ways to address such issues as recruitment and retention of Asian-Americans — has been ignored.

They also said that a committee charged with implementing the recommendations is being bypassed.

Chen said David Williams, vice provost of the Office of Minority Affairs, created a position in the Minority Affairs office for an Asian-American and made a job offer without consulting the oversight committee.

Chen resigned as chairman of the committee in protest.

"We don't have any objection with the Asian-American he is planning to hire, but David sits on the oversight committee and could have sought our input," Chen said.

Williams said he only is asked to consult the committee as a courtesy. He said he would have notified the group but said the person being considered for the job works at the university and did not want interest in the position known.

There was concern that the new position in the Minority Affairs office would overlap with work already being done for Asians on campus. Williams said he reworked the job responsibilities of the position to make sure that didn't occur.

Williams said some people claim the Minority Affairs office works only for blacks. That is an issue he is trying to address by hiring an Asian-American, he said.

Chen applauded Williams' effort to include a range of minorities in the Minority Affairs office.
UC history professor launches
OSU’s Asian Awareness Week

By Hui-ling Lai
Lantern staff writer

Most Asian immigrants to the United States in the late 19th century and early 20th century were male laborers. But since the Immigration Act of 1965, many Asian immigrants, especially from China, Korea, India and the Philippines, have been entering this country with highly developed skills, said Professor Roger Daniels of the University of Cincinnati.

Daniels discussed the Asian-American history and experience Monday afternoon as part of OSU Asian Awareness Week.

In the 1970s, an average of 134,000 Asians entered the United States annually, but the figure skyrocketed to 268,000 in the 1980s, he said. The Chinese, Japanese, Asian-Indians, Koreans and Filipinos constitute the main immigration streams, Daniels said.

"This new Asian immigration, and changing perceptions about Asian-Americans have had significant ideological impact," he said.

The changing circumstances of Asian-American life have been manipulated by some cultural and political conservatives, Daniels said.

When Dalip Singh Saund, an Asian-Indian immigrant, became the first Asian-American elected to Congress in 1956, the Eisenhower administration sent him on a tour of his mother land as an exemplar of "American multiculturalism."

"The success stories of Asian immigrants have been used to demonstrate the unprejudiced nature of American democracy in the post-World War II era," he said.

However, these stories also have been used in other, less positive ways.

"On the one hand, Asian-American success has been used to accentuate African-American failure, and on the other hand, certain Asian-American successes have been seen as threatening to white dominance," Daniels said.

Despite a large number of Asian-Americans having had outstanding performance in academia and other aspects of American life, negative reactions to Asian-Americans have been occurring in contemporary American society, Daniels said.

The continuing evidence of discrimination has been emanating from the upper echelons of American society, including some major universities, Daniels said.

There is no reason to assume that the civilization in the United States will stumble because of the accomplishments of Asian-Americans, he said.

"Any civilization that is not constantly refreshed will become ossified," Daniels said. "The true strengths and weaknesses of any culture can be best understood in some kind of cross-cultural perspective."

Although Asians in America have suffered persecutions, they have overcome these and finally become members of the middle class.

Daniels pointed out two ways to classify Asian-American history: by American immigration law and by the dominant trends within the several Asian-American communities.

He said the Asian-American experience, from the point of view of immigration law, can be arranged into four periods: a period of unrestricted immigration around 1850, a period of increasing restriction from 1882, a period of restriction with some relaxation from 1943 and a period of non-discrimination with relatively heavy immigration from 1965.

During the first three periods, Asian-Americans were often "victims of American prejudice and law," Daniels said.

From the point of view of the trends, the initial phase of immigration is of mostly male labor. After male immigration was halted, a smaller female immigration ensued, and statistically significant family formation began, Daniels said.

The third phase of immigration, beginning slowly in 1948 and gathering momentum after 1965, marks the high level of education of immigrants from Asia, he said.

"There is every reason to believe that their impact on American culture and society will continue to increase," Daniels said.
Asian festival offers fun and food for all

By Hui-ling Lai and Viviane Mao
Lantern staff writers

Jayme Hutchinson, a nursing major, sat in the Ohio Union eating egg noodles and listening to music played on a Gu Zhong, a Chinese string instrument.

"After all, this was the Asian Food and Cultural Festival. "This festival will make people appreciate other cultures," Hutchinson said. "Culture is not just opera, culture is diverse."

The festival was part of Asian Awareness Week. Sixteen associations from different countries and cultures presented their food.

Asian Awareness Week representative, Jim Miller, said the food and cultural festival was for non-Asians as well as Asians.

"The main purpose of the festival is for non-Asian people to experience the Asian cultures through the food and art," Miller said.

Kan Nobuta, a doctorate student from Japan studying plant biology, said he did not try any Japanese food because he wanted a chance to experience Asian food.

I-Cheng Huang, a communications major from Taiwan, said the festival was a surprise for him because he thought it would be a dinner party rather than a fair, that included food and entertainment.

Huang said this event increased his awareness of the diversity within Asian cultures. "This is like a multicultural program for me," he said.

Food was not the only attraction at the festival, which drew about 1,000 people. While tasting various foods, festival goers were able to enjoy traditional Asian cultural shows performed by OSU students.

Paramita Sastrosatono, a communications major from Indonesia, performed a Balinese dance while dressed in a golden garment decorated with gems.

Along with cultural dances on the stage, a fashion show drew attention.

The models, student volunteers, danced on stage in modern dress. Cattein Do, one of the organizers, said the fashion show was fun to do.

"We have done the fashion show in the festival for several years. It is great entertainment," Do said.

Mui-lin Cheong, a food science major from Singapore, was one of the models. She said she really liked the show and Do deserved a lot of credit for it.
Students awarded

Five students received awards Saturday for their commitment in assisting with Asian Awareness Week.

The banquet, held each year after the awareness week, recognizes students who show sincere dedication, said Sheila Kapur, director of Student Services. This year's festivities, sponsored by OSU Asian-American Student Services, were held at the Pacific Club restaurant.

The winners of the leadership awards are: Margaret Liang, a graduate student in statistics; Jim Miller, a senior in journalism; Susie Nguyen, a sophomore in zoology; Sundarany Som, a senior in family resource management; and Sandra Wan, a senior in interior space design.

At the banquet, Sridhar Ramamoorti, a graduate student in quantitative psychology, received the Dr. Jung Jing Campus and Community Participation Award. This award recognizes a student who has demonstrated effort to promote Asian-American issues, and has made an impact on the campus community.

— Hui-ling Lai
Keeping score

Ed Kim and Sunahy Lee keep score for a basketball game in Larkins Saturday. The game was part of the Asian Olympic Games, which has been running throughout the month of April. Asian Awareness week officially begins May 1.
Asian Awareness Week festivities have begun
Goal is to promote better understanding

By Robbin Bowman
Lantern staff writer

Promotion of a more comfortable campus climate and a better understanding of Asian culture are two of the primary goals of this year’s Asian Awareness Week, held May 1-7.

Sponsored by over 45 student, faculty, and local organizations, the events of Asian Awareness Week include film showings, art exhibits, guest speakers and workshops.

“The main point of celebrating Asian Awareness week is to educate people about the diversity of Asian culture,” said Sheila Kapur, director of Asian American Student Services.

There are 15 different ethnic groups within the Asian student population and more than 50 student organizations, Kapur said. The fact that some students don’t understand Asian culture, coupled with the recent trend of Asian-bashing, has created even more of a need for awareness.

Kapur said her office was established six years ago to combat the hostile climate towards Asian-Americans on campus. Unfortunately, levels of cultural awareness have not grown to keep up with the rising Asian population, she said.

“One of the reasons for the office and the reason for such a strong outreach during the Awareness week is really to help create a better campus climate and to deal with some of the tension we’ve experienced in a more positive way,” Kapur said.

She added that another goal was to emphasize that most of the Asian students at Ohio State are American-born rather than foreign-born, and therefore have specific needs.

“We have an enormous Asian immigrant population at the university with a lot of second generation Asian-American students who are really experiencing numerous cultures — their native culture they grew up with at home and the American mainstream cultures they’re exposed to,” Kapur said.

The events started Sunday evening with a showing of the film “The Joy Luck Club” and a discussion about the film afterward.

Kapur said the inclusion of the film as part of the awareness week was essential because it deals with the issues surrounding second-generation Asian-Americans, such as stereotypical depictions of them.

Felicisima Serafica, OSU associate professor of psychology and pediatrics, agreed that stereotypes are a serious issue for the Asian community.

“We are also trying to change this notion of Asian Americans as a ‘model minority’ because this is a stereotype which ignores the diversity of Asian-Americans,” Serafica said. “We differ in who we are and how we came to this country. For example, one family may have come as refugees, while another may have come by choice, while another may not be adequately addressed,” Serafica said.

The week also includes the celebration of the Hindu cultures and traditions of India and Malaysia.

The main attractions include guest speakers Sri Bansi Pandit, who will speak on “Hinduism in the Modern World” Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union, and Dr. Gary Okhiro, who will speak Wednesday afternoon.

Okhiro, director of the Asian-American Studies Program at Cornell University, will speak about Asian involvement in American history.

“Because Asians comprise 3 percent of the U.S. population, they are frequently left out when people are talking about race relations,” Serafica said.

Kapur said another big event is the Asian Cultural Festival on Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Ohio Union Ballroom.

“What makes this particular event unique is that we will have 20 student groups participating with booths, displays, food and entertainment, and in the past we have had as many as 1,000 people there,” Kapur said.

“You really feel like you’re walking into something like the United Nations. The students really go all out for this,” Kapur said.
Asian fest celebrates Awareness Month's end

By Yu-Lan Fu
Lantern staff writer

Thirteen Asian ethnic groups are going to present their food, culture, performing arts, and more to celebrate the end of Asian Awareness Month this weekend in Franklin Park.

This will be the first time Asian groups have been together in Ohio. It is also the largest activity involving ethnic groups in the United States, said Yung-Chen Lu, chairman of the festival committee.

Lu said this festival represents a unified effort by many Asian groups in Central Ohio. He said the ethnic groups are showing the community they can work as a team to increase self-awareness.

Lu said the committee has been planning the festival for nearly a year.

The committee expects the festival to attract about 30,000 to 40,000 people, he said. Lu said he wished the festival could become an annual event.

Lu said the festival is supposed to be educational and not commercial.

"The purpose of the festival is to celebrate and educate about the richness, variety and ingenuity of our (Asian) cultural traditions," Lu said.

"The festival attempts to feature some of the best and most authentic cultural traditions within the numerous Asian communities in Ohio," said.

Lu said programs and activities include a performing arts series that contains both music and dance, visual arts and craft display. The committee has invited performers from Washington D.C., Chicago and New York, Lu said.

There will be a cultural exhibit displaying the antiques of ancient China, India and Korea, he said.

The committee will set up 15 traditional and modern health booths and health education programs for people, said Cora Munoz, health coordinator of the committee.

The health committee has invited an acupuncture booth for answering questions and providing information and OSU Asian medical students will provide blood pressure screening, said Munoz.

They also have invited a Chinese herbalist to speak about the earth and health promotion.

Munoz said the committee offers many health books, especially cookbooks that represent 10 Asian countries.

There will be a rare opportunity to purchase foods typically not available in commercial Asian restaurants. Authentic Asian food typically made only during special cultural and religious festivals will be provided, said Grace Chen, the committee's food coordinator.

Lu said Asian ethnic groups began Asian Awareness Month on May 1 with an Asian-American Health Conference. The festival will end the month that was established by President Clinton this year.
Students launch Asian Awareness Month

Asians to celebrate their diverse culture through speeches, exhibits and films

By Szu-yao Wu
Lantern staff writer

Asian students at Ohio State will launch the Asian Awareness Month in May, highlighting the theme "Manifesting a New Generation." The festival will present diversified cultures and distinct heritages from throughout Asia.

The event will feature films, speeches and art exhibits. It begins May 2 with the Asian Food and Cultural Festival.

Sheila Kapur, director of the Office of Asian American Services, is host of the event. She said the activities will provide opportunities for the OSU community of Asian descent to celebrate their heritages. It also provides an educational opportunity for OSU and the Columbus community to learn Asian cultures and raise awareness.

"Asian Awareness Month will present the different characteristics of each Asian culture," said Warren Den, president of Asian American Association at OSU, one of the more than 50 sponsors of the event.

The significance is to convey the message that Asians or Asian Americans are not a homogeneous group, Den said.

Asian Awareness Month will address the growing visibility of the Asian American and international Asian community and start dialogue on issues about it, Kapur said.

About 2,500 Asian American students and 2,800 international Asian students attend OSU, according to the Offices of Asian American Services and International Education.

The purpose of Asian Awareness Month is to correct the stereotypes that are perceived about Asians and Asian Americans by demonstrating more realistic and accurate portrayals of them, Kapur said.

Kapur pointed out the stereotypes toward Asian Americans include that they are financially well-off and academically gifted. Conflicts in self-identity, parents' expectations and the high value placed on achievement have caused pressure for the younger generation of Asian Americans.

William Wei, history professor and director of the Sewall American Studies Program at the University of Colorado at Boulder, will address "the Asian American Movement: An Update" May 6. Wei will discuss stereotypes and how anti-Asian sentiment originates in United States society.

Counseling and Consultation Services will conduct a series of workshops on taboo topics in the Asian community such as bicultural identity, interracial relationships and assertiveness.

However, an Asian American student in the College of Arts, who asked not to be identified, questioned whether confusion about Asian Americans would emerge because the event includes OSU international Asian students as well.

"Although Asians and Asian Americans share the same descent, the different social, cultural and political contexts they live in make them different," she said.

Situations faced by international Asian students, such as discrimination, are similar to those of Asian Americans, Kapur said.

Asian Americans include adult immigrants from Asia, who have to build a bicultural identity, not just those who were born and grew up in the United States, Kapur added.

This is the first time the Asian awareness event will extend for an entire month, though activities like this have been held for the past eight years, Kapur said.

The activities of Asian Awareness Month will be held at various locations on campus. More information is available at the Office of Asian American Services in the Ohio Union.
Manifesting a New GenerAsian

Asian Awareness Month is an annual event coordinated and executed through the Office of Asian American Student Services in the Office of Student Life, Division of Student Affairs at The Ohio State University.
Asian Awareness Month
May 1 - 31, 1996

Thursday, May 2
Asian Food and Cultural Fair, 5-7 p.m., Ohio Union Ballrooms.
The Office of Asian American Student Services (ASAM) and 25 Asian American and International Asian student groups cosponsor this annual event. This event highlights the diversity of Asian cultures with food, entertainment, and a fashion show. Admission is $5. Advance tickets can be purchased in 340 Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St. To volunteer call 292-0625. Cosponsors of the Fashion Show include Mekka Dance Club, Haley's Planet, Contempo Casuals, Pacific Sunwear, Benetton, and Banana Republic.

Talent Showcase, 7-9 p.m., Ohio Union East Ballroom.
The Talent Showcase provides a noncompetitive forum for Asian American and International Asian students to display their talents in a variety of genres; performances range from 2-20 minutes in length. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Office of ASAM.

Saturday, May 4
Dance, 9 p.m.-1a.m., Newport Music Hall, 1722 North High St.
Come join your friends and meet new people as you dance the night away. Admission is $3. Sponsored by the Office of ASAM.

Sunday, May 5
Film: Double Happiness, 5-6:30 p.m., Ohio Union Conference Theater.
Writer/director Mina Shum’s award-winning debut film is a knowing comedy about a twenty-one year old Chinese-Canadian who must choose between pleasing her family and following her heart, 87 min. (1995). Admission is $2. Cosponsored by the Office of ASAM and the Student Events Committee.

Monday, May 6
Dr. Wei is a professor of History and the Director of the Sewall American Studies Program at the University of Colorado at Boulder, and the author of the book, The Asian American Movement. Cosponsored by the Asian American Research Interest Group, Office of ASAM, and the Department of History.
Thursday, May 9  
Panel Discussion: "Body Image and Color Politics,"  
7:30-10:30 p.m.,  
Failer Lounge, 3rd fl., Ohio Union.  
Panelists will discuss how mainstream standards of beauty affect their  
conception of their bodies and self image and whether or not the values  
of their own culture conflict with or affirm these standards.  
Contact Archana at 299-4461 for more information.  
Cosponsored by the South  
Asian Women's Student Organization, Asian American Graduate &  
Professional Student Organization, Office of ASAM, and the Office of  
Women Student Services.

Friday, May 10  
India Day, 12-4 p.m., Ohio Union West Lawn.  
Games, music, demonstrations, and dancing to promote Indian cultural  
awareness. An enjoyable hands-on experience. Rain date: Sat. May 11,  
12-4 p.m., Ohio Union East Ballroom. Contact Hetal at 294-5911 for  
more information. Cosponsored by the Indian American Association and  
the Hindu Students Council.

Saturday, May 11  
Raas-Garba: Indian Folk Dance, 8 p.m. - 12 midnight,  
Royer Activities Center.  
During the first hour, beginners will be taught the simple steps to Raas  
and Garba. Dance DJ is Harin Kamdar. Contact Sudha at 688-1363 for  
more information. Sponsored by the Hindu Students Council.

Tuesday, May 14  
Discussion: "Responses to the Films of Indian Film Director  
S. Ray," 6-7:30 p.m., State Room, 3rd fl., Ohio Union.  
See listings below for dates and times of films. Contact Archana at 299-  
4461 for more information. Sponsored by the South Asian Women's  
Discussion Group.

Thursday, May 16  
Speaker: Acclaimed Poet and Writer Agha Shahid Ali, 7:30 p.m.,  
Wexner Center for the Arts Performance Space.  
Originally from Kashmir, Ali directs the M.F.A. Creative Writing Program  
at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He will read from his own  
work. Reception to follow. Cosponsored by the Office of ASAM,  
Department of English, Division of Comparative Studies in the  
Humanities, Middle East Studies Center, Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual  
Student Services, and the Wexner Center for the Arts.

Friday, May 17  
"24 Hour Fast" Kickoff Session, 6:30 p.m., Ohio Union  
Conference Theater.
Speakers from CARE and OSU will speak about hunger and advocacy. Vegetarian dinner will be held to break the fast on May 18, 6-7 p.m. at Royer Activities Center. Contact Sudha at 688-1363 for more information. Sponsored by the Hindu Students Council.

**Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18**  
**ASIAN AMERICAN HEALTH CONFERENCE**  
"Cultural Competence for Health Services: From Rhetoric to Reality"  
**Chemical Abstracts, 2540 Olentangy River Rd.**  
Geared toward health care professionals and health professionals in-training, the emphasis will be on how to attain cultural competence and why it is important when dealing with Asian Americans. Keynote speaker is Dyanne Affonso, RN, Ph.D., Dean and Prof. at Emory University School of Nursing. Contact Dr. Moon Chen or Kathy at 293-3908 for more information. Cosponsored by the School of Public Health and Coalition for Asian American Health.

**Sunday, May 19**  
**Film: Eat, Drink, Man, Woman, 5-6:30 p.m., Ohio Union Conference Theater.**  
Director Ang Lee's comedy film is set in Taiwan and follows the life of a widower chef and his three daughters, each of whom meets someone to take her away from the family nest.  
Admission is $2. Sponsored by the Student Events Committee.

**Saturday and Sunday, May 25 & 26**  
**Asian Festival: Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon-5 p.m., Franklin Park, International Center.**  
The second annual Columbus Community Asian Festival represents a united effort of the many diverse Asian groups in central Ohio to highlight the arts, culture, and food of their traditions. Contact Yung-Chen Lu at 451-3550 for more information. Cosponsored by the Asian American Community Service Council and the International Center.

**WEXNER CENTER FOR THE ARTS CINEMATHEQUE: The Films of Satyajit Ray**  
All screenings begin at 7 p.m. and are in the Wexner Center Film/Video Theater.  
Admission is $4 students, $5 public. Contact Dave Filipi at 688-3307 for more information.

- **Saturday, May 4**  
  Pather Panchali (1955)
- **Wednesday, May 8**  
  Aparajito (1956) & The World of Apu (1959)
- **Saturday, May 11**  
  The Music Room (1958) & Charalata (1964)
- **Wednesday, May 15**  
  Devi (1960) & The Big City (1963)
- **Saturday, May 18**  
  Two Daughters (1961) & The Middleman (1975)
May 7-19 Asian American Themed and/or Produced Videos
May 21-26 Asian Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Films
Films will be shown continuously in the new Video Space near the
Wexner Center Café. Titles to be announced. Admission is free. Contact
Melodie at 292-7617 for information.

ART EXHIBITS:
May 1-31 Bricker Hall 2nd fl.
Cosponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, Hale Black Cultural
Center, Society for Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture
Amongst Youth (SPICMACAY), and the Office of ASAM.

May 5-12 Exposures Gallery, 2nd fl., Ohio Union.
Cosponsored by Student Events Committee, Office of ASAM, and the
Hale Black Cultural Center.

BROWNBAG WORKSHOP SERIES:
Taboo Topics in the Asian Community
All workshops held 12 noon-1 p.m. in the Counseling and Consultation
Services Office, 4th fl., Ohio Union. Contact 292-5766 for more
information.

May 7: Interracial Relationships
May 14: Guilt and Shame
May 16: Anger and Assertiveness
May 21: Biracial Identity
May 28: Rape and Sexual Assaults

Cosponsored by Counseling and Consultation Services, Counseling
Program of the Psychology Department, Office of International
Education, Office of Minority Affairs, and Rape Education and Prevention
Program.

ASIAN BUFFET LUNCHES:
Every Thursday in May, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Terrace Dining
Room, 3rd fl., Ohio Union.
Representing different regions of Asia for each Thursday of Asian
Awareness Month:

May 2: South East Islands
May 9: Southeast Asia
May 16: South Asia
May 23: Pacific Islands
May 30: Far East Asia
Cost is $6.50. For reservations, call 292-2665.
Fashion, food and frolicking launches Asian Awareness Month

By Seu-yao Wu
Lantern staff writer

Asian Awareness Month will kick off its activities with its biggest event, Asian Food and Cultural Fair, tomorrow evening in the Ohio Union Ballrooms. It will feature colorful Asian cultural performances, food, and a fashion show.

About 1,000 people went to the fair last year, said Sheila Kapur, director of the Asian American Office and host of the event.

Participants will have the opportunity to take a cuisine tour from India to Japan. The exquisite food, made by local Asian restaurants, includes the red hot kimchi (Korean preserved vegetables with hot pepper and spicy seasonings), spicy “samosa” (Indian potato with green beans), sweet “ped thai” (Thai stir-fried noodles with chicken and egg), and a Cambodian dessert of banana leaf-wrapped sticky sweet rice with banana in the middle.

Meanwhile, the cultural performances will be held on the other side of the ballroom by 14 Asian and Asian-American student groups at Ohio State and the Columbus community.

The United Cambodian Students at OSU will present a traditional courtship dance, which used to be performed only for the Cambodian royalty.

Filipino-American students will perform three popular dances from the northern Philippines.

The female dancers will dress in white butterfly-sleeved clothes with a red cloth fastened around the waist. Each woman balances one glass on the top of her head with wine or a candle in it while her body is swaying, said Althea Tadena, one of the dancers performing and an OSU student from the Philippines.

Taiwanese students will present a folk puppet theater, which originated in the southeastern coastal provinces in China. The show is adapted from an episode in a famous Chinese classical novel, “The Western Adventure.” This entertaining comedy tells about a Buddhist monk and his followers confronting danger on their pilgrimage to India, said Kuang-chi Chen, vice president of Taiwanese Student Association and a graduate student in statistics.

“Silat,” Malay martial art, will be performed by Malaysian students. The major difference of Silat from Karate is in its softness of movement, said Shahrul Nizam, a junior in finance from Malaysia. Unlike Karate’s emphasis on quick, straight offense, Silat moves slower while giving the opponent no chance to attack.

A fashion show, with the theme “Funky/Retro,” will follow the cultural performances. The show, sponsored by local companies such as Banana Republic and Benetton, will highlight a variety of clothes of the 70s style, bell-bottoms, twisted with the 90s alternative, cool accent, said Michelle Teleron, co-chairwoman of the show and a sophomore in chemical engineering.

The models will put on traditional dresses from each Asian country at the end of the show, Teleron said.

The models are student volunteers at OSU. Most of them are first-time models.

Susan Lee, a senior in operation management, said the modeling on the runway teaches her how to show her confidence better because the models are required to walk with their heads high, backs straight, and shoulders open.

“You have to walk with the idea knowing where you are going,” Lee said.

Vanessa Tapia, a senior in criminology from Puerto Rico, is one of the non-Asian models in the show. She has made many Asian friends through participating in the fashion show, Tapia said.

Freshman Anthony Layme and sophomore Aaron Boggs perform Filipino Kali, a combination of stick fighting and martial arts.

Tapia said her Asian friends are very internationalized and open to new ideas, unlike the stereotypes she had heard about Asians, saying they are into books and don’t get involved in extra-curricular activities.

The fashion show will break down the stereotyped, serious and quiet image of Asians and present a positive image of being active, social and relaxed, Yam said.
Asian American prof to address OSU

Stereotypes, discrimination, history are topics for author of “The Asian American Movement”

By Judy Zitnik
Lantern staff writer

National debate on affirmative action and immigration has caused a resurgence of the Asian American movement on college campuses across the country.

William Wei, a University of Colorado history professor and author of “The Asian American Movement,” will speak in the Memorial Room of the Ohio Union today about the history of the Asian American movement and the issues which are stimulating interest and activism in the Asian American community.

Issues facing Asian Americans at Ohio State include discrimination and stereotyping.

“Many assumptions are made in the classroom,” said Julie, an Asian American student who asked to remain anonymous. “When I walk into a new class and people groan because they think I’m going to ruin the curve.”

Even students of Asian descent born and raised in the United States must deal with stereotypes, said Sheila Kapur, director of Asian American student services.

“People assume they are foreign and not a part of America,” Kapur said.

Julie, an English major who grew up in a Cleveland suburb, said most people at OSU assume she is a premed or in engineering and make comments on how well she speaks English.

“It happens all the time,” she said. “People say, ‘you speak very well and you don’t even have an accent.’”

Growing up and trying to assimilate different cultures can be difficult for Asian Americans.

“You speak one language at home and another at school and with your friends,” Julie said. “You are getting some values from the Asian community and some from American culture. There is often conflict.”

The increased awareness of a common history and shared contemporary problems fostered the development of an “Asian American” identity, Wei said.

“The Asian American movement is about recent generations defining their own identity and culture,” Julie said.

Kapur said the Asian American movement is “a group of people on college campuses who network to bring about a social consciousness of Asians in the United States.”

The diversity of interests and issues within the Asian community led to the need for a month of programming about Asian Americans and international Asians.

“Asian is such a huge label,” Julie said. “We’re trying to incorporate the issues of so many diverse people and cultures.”

Wei’s presentation will explore common issues that bring Asian American students together.

“There are common themes because (the students) are in the U.S.,” Kapur said. “They may not have the same issues if they were abroad.”

Wei will address these issues facing college students, as well as current national and historic events which have shaped the Asian American movement. Wei will speak at 4:30 p.m. with a reception following at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge of the Ohio Union.
Celebrate Asian awareness with this weekend’s festivities

By Chelsea Chen
Lantern arts writer

As the flourishing spring is giving way to summer, Asian Awareness Month ‘96 is coming to the final stage. Asian Awareness Month will be rounded off with the second annual Asian Festival at Franklin Park, West Broad Street, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, on May 25 and 26.

The Asian Festival includes five major parts: cultural and heritage exhibits, performances, health information and screening, children’s activities and food. All these parts present the diversity of Asian cultures and the unity of the Asian community in central Ohio.

“The theme of Asian Festival is harmony,” said Dr. Yung-Chen Lu, chairman of Asian Festival. “The effort to unite diverse Asian groups and to establish a consensus among Asian Americans is our main goal.”

There are 12 Asian groups participating in the festival including Cambodian, Chinese, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Pakistani, Filipino, Thai and Vietnamese. Each group will demonstrate its tradition, culture and art in different festival activities.

The Asian Festival will begin with a Chinese lion dance which involves a two-man team dancing inside a cloth lion. The dancers emulate the lion by dressing in a colorful cloth, showing its fangs and brandishing its paws, bringing jubilant atmosphere and good luck to the festival.

Performances are the biggest part of the festival. Professional and amateur dance and music ensembles are invited from Ohio, other states and abroad to introduce the beauty of Asian performing arts.

For example, the Korean Ensemble consists of a farmer’s band, dancers, kayagum, flute and haegum players from New York and an OSU professor. Dressing in traditional Korean outfits, the ensemble will present vivid Korean folk music and dance.

Between each dance and music performance, martial arts demonstrations are going to offer a different path to understanding oriental philosophy. Chinese Kung Fu, Japanese Aikido and Kendo, Korean Taekwondo and Hapkido will manifest the powerful and strong side of Asian spirit.

Authentic ethnic foods, of course, are the most scrumptious part of this festival. There will be 22 food booths providing gourmet selections which repent the uniqueness of Asian eating cultures. Visitors will have the chance to experience exotic tastes that are hard to find in Columbus.

Children loved the activities which were prepared for them, Lu said about last year’s experience.

“They didn’t want to leave because there were so many interesting games they had never seen,” Lu said.

This year, there will be paper-folding, paper-cutting, fish-drawing and other games from Asia. One major characteristic of these games is that children can use simple materials, like paper, to make toys.

The best part about the festival is that visitors can have fun without spending a penny — if he or she can resist the temptation of the delicious food, Lu said.

For more information, call 222-4944.
Ohio State Celebrates Asian Cultural Diversity

COLUMBUS -- The complexities and uniqueness of Asian diversity in culture, language and peoples will be explored as The Ohio State University celebrates Asian Awareness Month May 1-31.

"Many times Asian students are stereotyped as studious people, with no life apart from class," said Lakshmi Raman, graduate administrative assistant in the Office of Asian American Student Services. "By increasing awareness of the diversity of Asian students, we hope to combat stereotypes that can create barriers between students. There are over 3,000 Asian students at Ohio State, so better awareness can create a more open and receptive environment for students of all ethnic backgrounds."

The celebration kicks off with an Asian Food and Cultural Fair, May 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union Ballrooms, 1739 N. High St. The fair will highlight the diversity of Asian cultures with food and entertainment. A Talent Showcase will follow at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union East Ballroom, providing a noncompetitive forum for Asian students to display their talents.

May 9 at 4 p.m. in the Ohio Union Memorial Room, K. Scott Wong, professor of history at Williams College, will examine the impact World War II had on Asian Americans and the creation of a

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new social identity for many, while calling their place in American society into question. From 7 to 10 p.m., Japan Night will be presented in Royer Activity Center, 85 Curl Drive, with martial arts, a tea ceremony, origami, calligraphy, music and food. Admission is $1.

Other activities include:

-- The acting troupe Here and Now, May 15 from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Ohio Union Conference Theater. The cast, primarily college students from Southern California, brings to life the story of Asian American life through the eyes of a younger generation.

-- "Asia and How It Got Its Name." Historian Saii Johari will present a lecture on the populating of Asia based on the writings of noted paleontologists and anthropologists Kwang-Chih Chang, Ivan Van Sertima and Runoko Rashidi, May 19 at 2 p.m in the Ohio Union Memorial Room.

-- An Asian Festival combining 13 Asian groups based throughout central Ohio, highlighting their arts, culture and food, May 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Franklin Park in the International Center, 1777 E. Broad St.

-- Ohio State student Anita Prabhakaran will perform Bharatha Natyam, the most popular classical Indian dance form known as one of the subtlest expression of Indian culture and Hindu mythology, in the Ohio Union Conference Theater May 28 at 7:30 p.m.

-- Asian luncheons in the Ohio Union Terrace Dining Room, May 2, 9, and 16. A variety of Asian cuisine will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost of the buffet style lunch and drink is $6.50.

All activities are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For a complete calendar of events, call Asian American Student Services, (614) 292-0625.

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 1 Asian Food and Cultural Fair, 5-7 p.m., the Ohio Union Ballrooms. Includes a Fashion Show and Cultural Entertainment. The Office of Asian American Student Services (ASAM) sponsors this event along with 35 participating Asian American and International Asian student groups. This event highlights the diversity of Asian cultures with food and entertainment. Sponsors of the Fashion Show include the Gap, Express, Pacific Sunwear, and Costempo Casuals. Admission $5.

Talent Showcase, 7-9 p.m., the East Ballroom, the Ohio Union. The Showcase provides a noncompetitive forum for Asian American and International students to display their talents in a variety of genres ranging from 2-20 minutes. Performances reflect any culture. Sponsored by the Office of ASAM. Admission is free.

Saturday, May 3 & May 31 Workshop: Study Circles on Racism. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Scarlet Suite K, basement, the Ohio Union. For more information call Cynthia at 292-8782. May 31 workshop will be in the Ohio Union Gray Suite H. Sponsored by the Study Circles on Racism and the YWCA.

Thursday, May 8 Film: My America—or How If You Love Buddha. 6-7 p.m., Wexner Center for the Arts Film/Video Theater. The film is a warm and funny odyssey across America to record the real voices and personalities of Asian Americans, punctuated by the irrepressible insights of iconoclastic actor and ex-Beatnik Victor Wong and director Renee Tajima-Peña herself. Admission: $4.00 students. $5.00 guests.

Thursday, May 8 Demonstration: Asian Martial Arts. 2-3 p.m., Ohio Union Mall, by Sall Johari (5th Level Shaolin Priest). The public is invited to witness a demonstration of authentic Shaolin Kung Fu as well as Chen, Wu and Yang style Tai Chi Chuan. There will also be a tribute to women and feature on Wing Chun, the only Martial Art developped by a woman but made famous by male students like Yip Man, Bruce Lee and Jackie Chan.

Workshop: “Valuing and Appreciating Diversity.” 5-7 p.m., Memorial Room, second floor, the Ohio Union. This workshop is structured to provide the participants an opportunity to better understand themselves as well as others who bring differing worldviews and perspectives. Sponsored by OSU Student Judicial Affairs.

Friday, May 9 Speaker: K. Scott Wong, Ph.D. “The Best War Ever? World War II and The State of Asian America.” 4 p.m., Memorial Room, second floor, the Ohio Union. Wong’s lecture will examine the impact WWII had on Asian Americans, especially Chinese Americans, and the creation of a new social identity for many Asian Americans, while simultaneously calling their place in American Society into question. Dr. Wong is a professor of History at Williams College and is active in the East of California Asian American Studies Programs. Cosponsored by the Asian American Research Interest Group and the Office of ASAM. Reception to follow program. Students are encouraged to attend the reception to meet Dr. Wong.

Saturday, May 31 Workshop: Study Circles on Racism. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Gray Suite H, basement, the Ohio Union, sponsored by the Study Circles on Racism and the YWCA.

The Night of China, 8 p.m.-12 midnight, Dreeer Laboratory Building, 1505 Neil Ave., OSU campus. Program will include: a concert with folk music; a Chinese Movie; Chinese dance groups; and Karaoke. The evening will celebrate Hong Kong’s return to China on July 1, 1997. Sponsored by the Chinese American Culture Exchange Association, the Chinese Students & Scholars Society, and the Hong Kong Student Association. Admission is free.

Art Exhibit: May 1-31, Bricker Hall, cosponsored with the Office of Minority Affairs Black Cultural Center.

Asian Buffet Luncheon: The Terrace Dining Room, third floor, the Ohio Union, 11:30-2:00 p.m., Price: $6.50; Reservations: 292-2665. Salad Bar included in every meal.

Friday, May 2: South East & Pacific Islands: Mango Beef Soup, Iavanese Salad, Pork Sauteed in Coconut Milk, Chicken Satay w/ Peanut Sauce, Grilled Pineapple, Fragrant Rice with Vegetables, Rum Raisin Ice Cream.

Friday, May 9: South & Southeast Asia: Tomato Egg Drop Soup, Tomato-Omeion Salad, Fish Poached in Tamarind Broth, Chicken Dhaansak and Chapati Bread, Rice, Fried Vegetables and Samosas, Rice Pudding.

**Japanese Night.** 7-10 p.m., Royer Activity Center. This will be an evening of Japanese cultural events, including martial arts, a tea ceremony, origami, calligraphy music and video. Japanese food will also be sold. For more information, call Noren at 882-9795. Sponsored by the Japanese Club and the Japanese Cooking & Conversation Club. Admission: $1.

**Indian American Play.** 7 p.m., the Conference Theater, the Ohio Union. Sumit Ghose, an OSU Ph.D. student, writes this dramatic presentation of Indian Americans and International Indians, adjustment to college life. Sponsored by the Indian American Association. Admission is free.

**Thursday, May 15**

**Acting Troupe: Here and Now.** 7-10 p.m., Conference Theater, the Ohio Union. This non-profit Asian American theater company brings the story of Asian American life from and through the eyes of a younger generation. The cast, primarily comprised of college students in the Southern California area, creates and performs all original materials. This show contains new and updated skills. Issues such as inner conflict, the struggles of coming to America, politically unjust sexual experiences and attitudes, gender issues and what it means to grow up Asian in the U.S. are examined. Co-sponsored by the Asian American Association, the Office of ASAM, and the Office of Student Life. Admission is free.

**Friday, May 16**

**Dance.** 9 p.m. - 1 a.m., Newport Music Hall, 1722 N. High Street. A Dance Contest will also be held for the winners. Free parking in the Ohio Union garage. Cash bar. Please call Ben at 292-0625 or Serena at 291-2299 for more information. Admission: $3.00.

**Sunday, May 18**

**Leadership Banquet.** (Location and time to be announced. By invitation only.)

**Film: The Story of Oiu Ju.** 5 p.m., the Ohio Union Conference Theater. A doll and lively modern-day story of the slippery relationship between law and justice as represented by one remarkably determined woman's battle through the labyrinth of the Chinese court system. Starring Gong Li and directed by Zhang Yimou, best known for his film Farewell My Concubine. (180 mins.) Sponsored by the Students Events Committee. Admission: $2.

**Monday, May 19**

**Presentation: Asia & How It Got Its Name.** 2 p.m., Memorial Room, the Ohio Union. Historian Saiu Ikari will give a lecture on the populating of Asia. The 30 minute lecture will be based on the writings of noted paleontologists and anthropologists Kwang-Chih Chang, Ivan Van Sertima and Rusoko Rashidi.

**Wednesday, May 21**

**Film:** "Kabuki." 8 p.m., Rockeys Suites A & B, the Ohio Union. Indian film director Prabha Parmar depicts the experiences of being "queer" and of color of a South Asian Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals. (24 mins.) A panel of students will lead a discussion after the film. Sponsored by the Office of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Services. Admission is free.

**Friday, May 23**

**Film and Discussion: Beyond the Color of Fear.** 1-5 p.m., the Ohio Union Memorial Room. Call Cynthia at 292-8782 for more information. Sponsored by the Study Circles on Racism and the YWCA.

**Saturday & Sunday, May 24 & 25**

**Asian Festival.** Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sun., 12 noon -5 p.m., Franklin Park, International Center. The third Columbus Community Asian Festival represents a united effort of the many diverse Asian groups in central Ohio to highlight their cultural heritages. The Office of Asian American Student Services would like to express our sincere appreciation for the participation and support of the following sponsors:

- **Asian American Association**
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- **Japanese Club**
- **Japanese Cooking & Conversation Club**
- **Korean Students Association**
- **Laotian American Organization of Students**
- **Malaysian Student Association**
- **Mark IV's Express**

All programs are open to the public and admission is free unless otherwise indicated. Programs are subject to change without prior notification. For more information, call the Office of Asian American Student Services at 292-0625.

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OHIO STATE CELEBRATES ASIAN CULTURAL DIVERSITY

COLUMBUS -- The beauty, complexities and uniqueness of Asian and Asian-American diversity in culture, language and peoples will be explored as The Ohio State University celebrates Asian Awareness Month April 30 through May 31.

"The focus of the awareness month is to create more accurate portraits of Asians and Asian Americans," said Sheila Kapur, director of Asian American Student Services. "By increasing awareness of the diversity of Asian and Asian-American students, we hope to combat stereotypes and misconceptions that can create barriers between students. There are over 3,000 international Asian students and 2,500 Asian-American students at Ohio State, so better awareness can create a more open and receptive environment for students of all ethnic backgrounds."

The celebration kicks off with an Asian Food and Cultural Fair April 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union ballrooms, 1739 N. High St. The fair will highlight the diversity of Asian cultures with food and entertainment. A talent showcase will follow at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union East Ballroom, providing a noncompetitive forum for Asian students to display their talents.

Friday, May 1 at 1 p.m. in the Ohio Union Memorial Room, a panel discussion will be held by undergraduate and graduate students on the conflicts and experiences of growing up with dual heritages.
Other activities include:

-- An Asian festival combining several Asian groups based throughout central Ohio, highlighting their arts, culture and food, May 23-24 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Franklin Park in the International Center, 1777 E. Broad St.

-- "Slaying the Dragon," a film that traces the historical and political forces that have influenced the depictions of Asians -- and Asian women in particular -- in films, television and popular culture, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. in room 300 in the Journalism Building, 242 W. 18th Ave.

-- "The Holocaust Memorial -- A Play About Hiroshima." Amy Taipale directs this staged reading of a play about the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. The settings of the play include Hiroshima and Columbus, hometown of Gen. Paul Tibbets, the pilot of the plane that dropped the bomb. The play begins at 8 p.m. on May 29 and 30 in Mount Hall Studio Theater, 1050 Carmack Road. Admission is $5.50.

-- "China Night," a program that introduces the culture of China and includes a concert with folk music, a Chinese movie, dance groups and karaoke, May 30 from 8 p.m. to midnight in Dreese Lab Auditorium, 2015 Neil Ave.

All activities are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. For a complete calendar of events, call Asian American Student Services, (614) 292-0625.

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ASIAN AWARENESS MONTH HIGHLIGHTS DIVERSITY IN ASIAN CULTURES

COLUMBUS -- Asian Awareness Month, featuring keynote speaker George Takei -- Sulu from the original "Star Trek" series -- kicks off at The Ohio State University Thursday (4/29) and continues through May 31 with many new events, including a celebration of life in India.

"Every year we try to add new programs into the mix," said Sheila Kapur, coordinator of Asian American Student Services. "This is the first year we've had a major celebrity (Takei) as our keynote speaker. We're expecting a big turnout."

Takei, a Japanese American who at age 4 was taken along with his family to a Japanese internment camp during World War II, will speak of his personal journey in the film industry, including how he overcame obstacles of racism and stereotypes. He will speak at 7 p.m. May 20 in the Ohio Union Ballrooms, 1739 N. High St. Admission is free and open to the public.

The month-long celebration starts Thursday (4/29) with the Asian Food and Cultural Fair from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union Ballrooms. Tickets for the event, featuring food and entertainment from 25 participating Asian American and International Asian student groups, are $5 with food and $1 without food. The public is encouraged to attend.

A talent showcase follows the food and cultural fair from 7 to 9 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Ohio Union.

The observance features film and video screenings and two panel discussions: one on Asian Women's Health Issues, May 19 at 7 p.m., and another on Women and Race Choosing the Future, May 27 from 3 to 5 p.m. Both take place in the Ohio Union's Stecker Lounge.
Other events include:

**FRIDAY (4/30)** -- A Holi Celebration at 7:30 p.m. at the Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road. The event, which celebrates the rich history and culture of India, includes a cultural program of Indian music, dances and a "Mr. India" pageant.

**MAY 6** -- "The Dating Game: The Ups and Downs of Choosing a Partner" at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room of the Ohio Union. The event looks at Asian dating in the 1990s.

**MAY 13** -- Michael Omi, from the University of California at Berkeley Asian American Studies Program, will talk on "Situating Asian Americans in the Political Discourse on Race" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Stecker Lounge in the Ohio Union. He is the featured speaker for the 1999 Ohio State Distinguished Lecture in Asian American History.

**MAY 20** -- George Takei talks on "Infinite Diversity" at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Union Ballrooms.

**MAY 22** -- China Night, a program including folk music, a movie, Chinese dance groups and Karaoke, takes place from 8 p.m. to midnight in Dreese Lab Auditorium lobby, 2015 Neil Ave.

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Asian cultures merge at celebration

By Na-Yun Kim
Lantern staff writer

The sixth Annual Asian Festival was held Memorial Day weekend at Franklin Park to highlight the beauty of Asian cultures and arts.

The festival featured an exhibition of art crafts, dance, foods, martial arts and music.

Thirteen different Asian groups in Central Ohio organized the event. The Asian-American groups included first- and second-generation immigrants from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

Different cultural and educational displays were also available to educate and inform everyone from children to adults. Health screenings during the Asian Festival included screenings for high blood pressure, cholesterol and hepatitis. Nutrition education also was offered.

The Asian Festival has brought tremendous success every year with the support from the city of Columbus, state of Ohio and the cooperation of 13 Asian communities since its beginning in 1995.

Yung-Chen Lu, associate professor of the Department of Mathematics, who is a founder of the event, said the goal of the Asian Festival 2000 was to allow different Asian cultures to collaborate on a celebration of their common heritage.

"When I established the Asian-American Community Service Council in 1994, I proposed to the council that we do something to unite the 13 Asian groups together and people in the council agreed," Lu said.

Cora Munoz, vice chairwoman of State of Ohio Commission on Minority Health said the festival's goal is to contribute to improved racial relationships.

"(The event) is an initiative to improve racial relationships. I think people are prejudiced because of lack of knowledge," she said.

Munoz also said she hoped that people could reduce or even eliminate prejudices by encountering Asian food, performances, languages and cultures.

Another committee member commented on her experiences as a volunteer for the event.

"It is a rewarding experience for me to find people enjoying themselves," said Sally Paz, chairwoman in Site Planning and Decorations and Volunteer Coordination. She has volunteered for the event for three years.

Paul Gledhill, a sophomore environmental science major at Muskingum College, said that he enjoys different Asian foods, music and performances. Gledhill said he has enjoyed this festival since 1998. "I don't see various Asian cultures in other places," he said.

Jun-Pill Kim, who will be a graduate student in the College of Engineering this fall said that anyone attended would find something of interest.

"(The event) is impressive for people with Asian ancestry and people who do not have a lot of understanding of Asian cultures," he said.

He said that although the rainy weather did not help to draw more people into the event, the opportunity was especially excellent for American families with adopted children from Asia.

"The event provided an opportunity for American families to introduce Asian cultures to their adopted children to increase the understanding of their original ancestry," Kim said.
April

16 PASA Presents the Film “Daira”
   Hitchcock Hall 131 6:30-8:30 pm
20 Ethnic Images and Stereotypes Opening Reception
   Elijah Pierce Gallery The Kin gArts Complex 6-7:30 pm
23 PSA Presents the Documentary “An Untold Triumph”
   Hagerty Hall 180 1:00 pm
23 KSA Culture Show
   Hitchcock Hall 131 5-8 pm
23 Asian Health Fair
   Chinese Christian Church 4141 Maize Rd 9 am-3 pm
27 ASIAN FOOD and CULTURE FAIR
   Ohio Union Ballroom 4:30-10:30 pm
28 Mari Matsuda Talk
   Drinko Auditorium Moritz College of Law 4-5:15 pm
28 Ethnic Studies BBQ/Cookout
   Hagerty Hall Courtyard 5:30-7:30 pm
29 Asian Pacific American Caucus (APAC) Brown Bag Series
   Ohio Union MCC Center Room 436 11:30 am-1:30 pm

May

2 Asian Film Night
   Conference Theater 8-11 pm
4 ASAM Name Game
   Ohio Union Multicultural Center Room 436 12-1:30 pm
6 APAC Brown Bag Series
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 11:30 am-1 pm
7 APAHM SERVICE DAY
   TBD 9 am-3 pm
10 Dispelling Myths About Asian American Women in Graduate School
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 5:30-6:30 pm
11 KEYNOTE SPEAKER: B.D. Wong
   Campbell Hall 200 5-7 pm
12 “The Power of Alumni Networking”
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 5-7 pm
13 Min Zhou Sociology Brown Bag Series
   Bricker Hall 385 12:30-1:30 pm
14 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
   ARC Brown Gym 8 am-6 pm
14 CRICKET TOURNAMENT
   Jesse Owens West 8 am-6 pm
14 PSA Diabetes Banquet
   Drake Union River Den 6 pm-9 pm
16 MCC Awards Banquet
   Ohio Union Stecker Lounge 3-5 pm
17 GLBTSS “Queering Asian America”
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 7-9 pm
19 King Arts Complex Dialogue Circle
   King Arts Complex 967 Mt Vernon Ave 6 pm
20 APAC Brown Bag Series
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 11:30-1 pm
20 IAA Spring Culture Show
   Riffe Center Downtown Columbus 5:30-10:30 pm
21 FIELD DAY AND PICNIC
   Beekman Park 11 am-4 pm
23 Asian Film Night
   Conference Theater 5:30-9:30 pm
25 Bowling Night
   Sawmill Lanes 4825 Sawmill Road TBA
26 Dr. Yen Le Espiritu Lecture
   Hale Hall, Black Cultural Center 4-5:15 pm
26 APAHM CLOSING PARTY
   TBD
27 APAC Brown Bag Series
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 11:30-1 pm
27 Asian Festival May 27-31
   Franklin Park Columbus, Ohio All Day
31 Human Trafficking in Ohio
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 2:30-4:30 pm

June

2 Exhibit on Asian American Women’s History
   Exposures Gallery 2nd Floor Ohio Union Room 237 1:30-3:18 pm
3 APAC Brown Bag Series
   Ohio Union MCC Room 436 11:30 am-1 pm

Website: http://multiculturalcenter.osu.edu/asam
APRIL

25 Asian American Studies Workshop
11:30-1 pm, 168 Dulles
Shelley Lee, Assistant Professor of History and Comparative American Studies, Oberlin, "That Splendid Medium of Free Play": The Meanings of Sports in Pre-World War II Japanese America.

25-27 The 20th North American Conference on Chinese Linguistics (NAACL-20) hosted by The Ohio State University

26 Images of You Diversity Workshop ’08
12:30-6 pm
University and Independence Halls

26-May 3 African American Heritage Festival ’08

27 2008 Chinese Culture Festival
Chinese Business Professional Association TBA

28-May 11 Calligraphy Exhibit by Dr. Siu-Leung Lee
Upper Arlington Library

30 Tie a Yellow Ribbon film screening
5:30-8:30 pm
Reception, and discussion at the Hale Center

MAY (continued)

9 Asian American Studies Workshop
11:30-1, 168 Dulles
Roland Sintos Coloma: "Educating the White Man's Burden: Toward a Transnational History of Race, Empire, and Curriculum"

10 Paintball at Splatter Park
9-3 pm
email Paul Woo.65@osu.edu for more information

14 Annual Distinguished Lecture in Asian American Studies
Sunaina Malra, "Missing: Youth, Citizenship, and Empire After 9/11"
1:30 pm, Hale Center

15 Deconstructing the Chapelle Show presented by Kashif Khan
12-1, RPAC Amphitheater

16 Interdisciplinary Minor Fair
12-3, North Oval

16 47th Annual Leadership Awards Celebration
4 pm, Gateway Event Place

19 Korean Culture Show
6-8 pm, Independence Hall 100

19 1960s Japanese Action Cinema Double Feature 7 pm, Wexner Film/Video Theatre
IAA Spring Cultural Show
7:30, Fawcett Center

17 Japan Spring Festival
TBA

Chinese Drama Club, part of CSSS, presents The Drums of Two Crews, One Stage
TBA

Annual Spring Banquet: A Generation of Hope by Pilipino Student Association
6 pm, Fawcett Center

Relay for Life
10 am, Beekman Park

18 APAHM Annual Picnic
12-4 pm, Women's Field House

19 Multicultural Center Annual Awards Ceremony
4-6 pm, Longaberger Alumni House

21 OUAB Presidents Jo Koy and Russell Peters
7:30 pm, Mershon Auditorium

23 Asian American Studies Workshop
11:30-1 pm, 168 Dulles Binaya Subedi

Asian Festival
10-9 pm, Franklin Park

Asian Festival
11-7 pm, Franklin Park

26 Memorial Day
OSU Closed

27 Business Dinner
hosted by Asian Business Student Association
TBA

28 Asian American Women's History: Screening of Digital Narrative Projects
1:30-3:18 pm, SEL Rm. 90

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