

UNITED ASIAN COMMUNITIES CENTER

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The BILL COLLECTOR

Three fully clothed Center staffers were recently exposed to the naked truth.

Here are the starkly bare facts:

On Tuesday, March 5, after the Center's weekly staff meeting, Tak Iijima drove Audree Williams and her 5-year old son, Zulu, and this reporter to their homes.

Enroute, on Broadway and 116th Street, from out of the Columbia campus, a blue streak of young men appeared--au natural, pursued by hundreds of adoring and cheering B.A. candidates.

The weird spectacle caught the riders by raw surprise.

Gentle composure was quickly regained, however, and after some eloquent and pithy language, Tak drove calmly through the throng amid boos and catcalls from the "leaders of tomorrow" who wanted the Broadway strip for their own.

Two nights later, at the same spot and full moon hour, this writer was cast into a similar racy, revealing, but threadbare situation. This time as a guest passenger in the car of George and Kimi Yuzawa, long-sustaining friends of the Center.

Again, on Broadway and 116th Street, the car was suddenly and completely engulfed by swarms of impassioned students, who blocked both uptown and downtown traffic in their anxiety to peek at the undraped campus scampers.

Conveyances of all sorts, including an ambulance, cabs, city buses, and a motorcycle, were trapped by and in the howling and milling crowd.

Fifteen minutes passed. By then, George was totally unamused by this streak of bad luck. He bolted his wagon, approached the local gendarmes, chiding them for not helping to extricate the vehicles caught in the mob. The constables responded by clearing an escape path, which meant backing up and cutting across Broadway to freedom via Riverside Drive.

Dash it all!

How does streaking relate to the Center? Ummmm... an embarrassing (sic) question. Can't answer. Gotta run. Need to purchase new spring apparel.

LAST SAT. AT CENTER FEBRUARY

The "Last Saturday" of February was a fun-filled benefit for the Center's Playgroup. The theme of the evening was a carnival with games, magic show, dancing and food. Door prizes and game prizes were donated by DICK KAWA-MOTO, GEORGE YUZAWA, NEW YORK TRAVEL SERVICE (TOORU KANAZAWA), SQUID FRAMES AND AZUMA. The success of the benefit was due to the generosity of all who attended.

HEALTH CLINIC BENEFIT

On March 9th, a benefit for the Chinatown Health Clinic was held at the Asian Center. The Health Clinic is presently fundraising in order to continue to provide free medical services to the people in the Chinatown community.

The party, sponsored by an Ad Hoc Committee of Concerned Community Organizations, raised over \$500 to help the Health Clinic maintain operations until future funding becomes available.

The Health Clinic is planning another benefit (an Asian variety show) on May 11 at Hunter College. For more information, please call the Health Clinic at 732-9545.

AAFEE

Members of the Center Staff are participating with organizations and agencies in Chinatown to work with Asian Americans For Equal Employment. AAFEE is endeavoring to secure more jobs for Asians in the construction industries particularly in a project being constructed in Chinatown called Confucius Plaza. AAFEE petitions asking for more jobs and opportunities for Asians in the construction field are available at the Center. For further information, contact Lillian or Chris at the Center.

CGBH Holds a Benefit Food Fair

On March 2 the Center joined other Asian groups in cooking for and supporting the Chinatown Committee for Better Health's benefit food fair held at Hamilton Madison House in Chinatown.

The purpose of the benefit was to raise funds for CGBH and to publicize the upcoming Gouverneur Community Board Elections to be held on May 7. Petitioning for these elections is from March 18 to April 5. The Community Board is the legal body responsible for seeing that the hospital is responsive to the community.

The congenial atmosphere and fine food, which included Korean, Chinese, Japanese, and Indian dishes as well as a program of a slide show, skit, and speaker focused on the nature of health care in Chinatown as well as a raffle made for an educational and delicious afternoon.

FOOD COOP ITEMS AND PRICES

Instant Noodles	3½ oz. pkg.	.21
Thin Soy	22 oz.	.93
Kikkoman	24 oz.	.85
	½ gal.	1.95
	1 gal.	3.40
Rice:		
Long Grain	1 lb.	.37
Short Grain	1 lb.	.34
Sai Fun	4 oz. pkg.	.20

NOTE: Deliveries are suspended until further notice due to unavailability of gas.

25 lbs. of rice and more must be ordered in advance and paid for in advance.

The same is true for anyone who wishes to order in case lots.

Meeting Held to Discuss Projected Series for Asian American Children

A meeting was held on March 8 at the Center for those in the community who wanted to offer suggestions regarding a projected television series designed for and about Asian American children.

The series is one of several involving a variety of ethnic groups. Thirty-nine half-hour programs aimed specifically at children from 4 to 8 years of age are scheduled to be shown on public television stations throughout the country and offered free to the major networks. It is being funded by the Health Education and Welfare Emergency School Aid Act, and administered by the State University of New York's Dept. of Education.

The goal is to "bring about greater understanding between racial groups and to create pride in one's identity."

Those attending the meeting were Teddy Yoshikami, Asian American consultant for the series and members of the Asian American Advisory Board including Aiko Abe and Sam Chu. Ideas discussed included folk tales, modern stories of and by Asian Americans; art work, poetry, music by Asian American children. Other members of the Asian community also attended.

Those who still have suggestions to make and did not make the meeting are invited to contact Teddy Yoshikami for further details (TW 9-7629).

center activities

Ping Pong classes have been held at the Center every Sunday from 11-2 p.m. and will continue through April. They are being taught by Boreysa. If you are interested, stop by on Sunday mornings or call the Center for further information (684-9276).

Modern Dance classes for beginners is being taught by Teddy Yoshikami on Tuesdays (4-6) and Thursdays (3:30-5:30). Stop by and EXPRESS yourself.

Woodwind Music Class continues to meet on Saturdays 11:30-1:00 p.m. For more information, call the Center on Saturdays.

Yoga Class meets every Friday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. Robin Pounce teaches you how to stretch and relax.

Play Group meets from 2-5 p.m. Field trip every third Saturday.

A P R I L

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 A.S.I. Mtg.	2 4:00-6:00 Modern Dance Class 6:30 Center	3 7:30 Asian Women's Grp. Mtg.	4 3:30-5:30 Dance 6:30 AAFM Mtg.	5 6:30 Yoga Class 7:30 AAA	6 11:30-1:00 Music Class 2:00-5:00 Play-Group
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Independent Groups Using the Center:
 (for meetings, functions, forums, mailing address, etc.)
 Asian Americans for Action (AAA)
 Asian Americans for Fair Media (AAFMM)
 Asians in the Spirit of the Indochinese (ASI)
 Asian Women's Group
 Group of Khmer Residents in America
 KDP
 Korean Group
 Worker's Viewpoint

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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for CHINATOWN HEALTH CLINIC on May 11, Saturday Evening

songs; Japanese, Chinese, Filipino dances; Chinese folk songs; Peking Opera; Karate and Gung Fu demonstrations. For further details call the Clinic 732-9545.

CHINATOWN HEALTH CONFERENCE

April 6, 1974

9 am to 5 pm

Workshops

Gouverneur Hospital Auditorium
 227 Madison Street

Sponsored by Chinatown Health Clinic and Chinatown Committee for Better Health Care