



## CENTER TO CLOSE END OF JULY; STAFF STATES WHY

After months of deliberation, the Center staff has decided to close the United Asian Communities Center.

This action was determined by:

- the divergent ideas and opinions among staff members concerning the direction and future of the Center;

compounded by:

- the small size of the Center staff; and
- the staff's on-going struggle to raise funds required to operate the Center, and the dwindling support of individuals and groups that have either dissolved, consolidated, or vacated the premises.

Beginning in the fall of 1971, the Center concept was based upon the need for Asian-American identity, Asian unity and Third World unity. The staff was originally composed of people from the anti-Vietnam war movement and those interested in working in the Asian-American community. One aspect of the staff's work was that of taking on the responsibility for offering and providing space for various Asian groups (movement and non-movement) to gather and hold events.

An equally important task for the staff was outreach to Asian-Americans. In the early years of its existence, the Center sponsored manifold cultural, educational, social, recreational and service-oriented programs to meet the needs of the Asian-American community and to increase their awareness and encourage their involvement. Through these activities the UACC was able to establish a wide spectrum of contacts and gain supporters. Significantly, too, a few of these programs had a catalytic effect on some traditionally conservative Asian-American organizations.

In addition, communications were made by the staff with other Asian-American organizations in New York and throughout the country. The Center was often the first stop for out-of-town visitors who wanted to meet with local Asians to establish new friendships and share experiences.

Although the United Asian Communities Center is closing, the staff individually will continue as part of the progressive movement hoping that each will develop further to carry on the struggle for human betterment.

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# UACC PANDAS WIN 1976 NIKO NIKO SOFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

After a disappointing regular season, in which the UACC team compiled a 2 won - 4 lost record, the team rebounded during the playoffs to win 6 of 7 games and take the league championship.

During the regular season, we were plagued by inconsistency and the loss of 3 key players, forcing us at times to field a "patchwork" team. Eventually, we found regular replacements and began to function more effectively as a team. We never lost our good spirit nor our perspective of "friendship first - competition second", and in view of our successes in winning friends while playing good softball, we feel that many players on other teams have begun to see that playing just to win is not the way to approach sports in general.

The playoffs were single elimination ( 1 loss and you're out ) with the winner to meet the HAWKS who had finished first in the regular season in a best 2 out of 3 series. The results were as follows:

UACC 10 - SHIRO 2  
UACC 17 - CCNY 1  
UACC 3 - DRAGONS 2  
UACC 6 - DAIICHI 1

UACC 5 - HAWKS 9  
UACC 5 - HAWKS 4  
UACC 3 - HAWKS 1

The players who participated this season and the positions they played include:

Henry Chu	LF
Anton Heins	3B, LF
Bill Kochiyama	C
Eddie Kochiyama	2B
Virgo Lee	P, RF
Steve Morizumi	RF, 1B
Danny O'Connell	1B, 3B
Jeff Perry	SS
Don Smith	3B
Clyde Weathers	LF
Mike Williams	1B
Legan Wong	RF, CF, P
Don Yee	CF, 1B

Special mention should be made of 2 people who consistently provided support and inspiration: Yuri(Mary) Kochiyama and Dick Kawamoto. Also, our appreciation is extended to the players from other teams who did their best to make this a good season.

Next year the team will be playing under a different name since the Center will no longer exist at that time but our motto will be the same.



NOTE: In light of the decision to close the UACC, all July pledges and donations will be returned. The Center staff is presently discussing how to dispense with the remaining funds and equipment. We welcome suggestions in writing from Center contributors by July 24th.

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