Asian Studies Moving Forward at Notre Dame

Although it still has a long way to go towards becoming a large program at Notre Dame, Asian Studies has made continued strides. Professor Susan Blum, director of the Center for Asian Studies, gave the Asia Pacific Alumni board members an optimistic picture for Asian Studies at ND. A minor in Asian Studies has been an option for students. The Center’s course offerings for fall 2004 number more than 30 for this minor. In addition, there are continuing efforts to provide a major in Asian Studies, perhaps in the near future. And recently the undergraduate education committee approved a self-designed major in Asian studies. The Center is also able to offer scholarships to students who wish to study an Asian language at another institution if that language is not offered at ND.

The Center currently has 34 affiliated faculty members. It falls on them to promote Asian Studies on campus through the courses offered, support of the minor, and through activities such as the brown bag lunch series. In 2003 - 2004, topics covered in this series included “The Olympification of Beijing: Urban Demolition and Cultural Reconstruction,” and “Hanuman, History and Habitat: The Cultural Ecology of Human-Monkey Interactions in South and Southeast Asia,” and “Recent Developments in the East Asian Economy.”

In 2003 – 04, the center also hosted or co-hosted with various campus organizations, numerous events including Princess Kiram’s lecture on “Being a Muslim in Christian Philippines,” an Indian dance, and Victor Shih’s presentation on “Partial Reform Equilibrium: Chinese Style.”

Another Strong Recruiting Year for Asian Pacific Students

The number of AP students in the class of 2008 will come close to the record number set by the class of 2007. By this time last year, 136 Asian American students had confirmed their place in the class of 2007. This year’s incoming class has 129 confirmed AP students, the second year in a row that the number of incoming AP students has topped 100. The incoming classes prior to the class of 2007 each had fewer than 100 Asian Pacific students. But thanks to the efforts of the admissions office, more and more Asian Americans are seeing the value of a Notre Dame education and are seeing it as a welcoming place for AP students. Applications from Asian American students increased this year even as the total number of applications from all minority groups (“diversity recruitment”) dropped.

As Matthew Potts, ND’s outgoing admissions counselor responsible for AP recruitment put it, “I think the outlook for the future is good. We've literally almost doubled the number of AP students on campus in the last five years. We're not where we should be, but we're beginning to approach where we should be perhaps more quickly than I thought we would when I began working here in 2001. As our reputation grows on the coasts (where AP communities are concentrated) we'll recruit and confirm more and more AP students.”

In addition, the number of undergraduate international AP students at ND continues to rise. Their numbers have increased as ND has devoted additional resources for financial aid to undergraduate international students.
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An Important Message from Karen Anthony, ‘98 Hon.

You have very likely received one or more post cards recently announcing the publication of our 2005 Notre Dame Alumni Directory. If you have responded to an earlier post card, you need do nothing further. The information you provided will be published in our new directory. If you have not received a post card, email, or questionnaire, the address we have on file for you at the University is incorrect.

Please call 800-982-1589 EST at your earliest convenience to update your file. The information being compiled at this time will also be used for the 2005 Asian Pacific Directory which you will receive compliments of the University of Notre Dame. If you would like to order the 2005 Alumni Directory, you must purchase by late August 2004 by calling the above toll free number to be assured a copy will be printed for you. The 2005 Alumni Directory will be mailed to alumni in March 2005.
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Asian/Pacific Islander Graduation Recognition Ceremony by Jesse Dang ’01

On May 15, the Asian/Pacific Islander graduates of the class of 2004, along with their friends and family gathered in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art for a recognition ceremony in honor of this year’s graduates. The ceremony was coordinated by a student committee and sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Programs and Services. Professor Bradley Malkovsky of the Theology Department at Notre Dame, served as the keynote speaker for the afternoon’s program. Professor Malkovsky’s speech was a heartfelt address concerning the future that lies ahead for this year’s graduates and the faith that they each must carry as they look to find their place in today’s world.

Cecilia Lucero, APAND board member, announced this year’s recipient of the Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame Student Achievement Award, Linda Joseph and highlighted a few of Linda’s achievements and areas of involvement at Notre Dame.

The program concluded with a presentation of the graduates and a slide show of baby pictures and pictures submitted from the graduates themselves. Afterwards, family and friends gathered in the museum courtyard for refreshments and pictures. The Asian/Pacific Islander Recognition Ceremony served as an intimate event for both the graduates and their families, allowing for personal recognition of the graduates and their achievements while at Notre Dame. We at the APAND wish them the best of luck and congratulate them on their accomplishments at Our Lady’s University – GO IRISH!

Linda Joseph—2004 Recipient of the APAND Student Achievement Award

Linda has been a very active member of the Notre Dame community. As a junior, she served as the treasurer for the Notre Dame NAACP Chapter. She has served on the Club Coordination Council as a panel member, then Chair. Linda just finished her term as the historian for the Minority Pre-Med Society. While serving in these various capacities, she remained active with the Indian & Pakistan Clubs, performing in Asian Allure, Multicultural Fair and others.

Her diverse interests have cultivated a wide range of peers and administrators who respect her and enjoy seeing her smiling face. She has worked in La Fortune as building manager for several years. She is an outstanding student and an appropriate choice for the 2004 Asian Alumni Award.

Asian Student Profile – Richie Dang ’04

Richie Dang ’04 recently graduated from the Notre Dame, receiving a bachelor in business administration (Management), with a second major in Anthropology. While at Notre Dame, Richie was a member of the Vietnamese Student Association (VSA) and the Asian American Association (AAA). Richie also worked extensively as a retreat leader for Campus Ministry, working on retreats such as the Learning to Talk about Race and VSA Freshman retreats held during the academic year.

During all four years at Notre Dame, Richie worked as one of the Minority Student Recruitment Coordinators, working with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in the active recruitment of minority students for Notre Dame. With his work in student recruitment, Richie led various phone projects throughout the year and coordinated the annual Spring Visitation Weekend. Richie was primarily responsible for planning and scheduling the weekend’s agenda, along with matching up approximately 40 prospective students with student hosts on campus.

Richie enjoyed his time at Notre Dame and expressed a common sentiment when looking at commencement and reflecting on his time at Our Lady’s University. “I certainly made friends for a lifetime here at Notre Dame, and I look forward to what life has in store for me.” When asked about the evolving face of the student body at Notre Dame, Richie expresses a cautious optimism regarding diversity at Notre Dame. “We have certainly come a long way since the days that [Jesse Dang ’01 – Richie’s older brother and former Student Recruitment Coordinator] was here and I think most alums would agree that while the makeup of the student body has certainly changed, Notre Dame still has a way to go to match the makeup of its academic peers.” Richie feels that Notre Dame’s current efforts will eventually pay off in the not-so-distant future, “Someday there will be no need for a position such as mine at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.”

Richie fondly recalls his time in the London Program (Fall 2002) and his recent initiation into the Catholic Church through the RCIA program at Campus Ministry, as two highlights of his time at Notre Dame. Richie has returned home to Southern California, where he is currently seeking employment and for the next challenge that life will hand him. We at the APAND wish him luck in his future pursuits and that he continues to exemplify the Notre Dame spirit as an alumnus.
For many young-professional, Notre Dame graduates, northwest Indiana—with its persistently gray skies, lake-effect winters, and endless landscape of cornfields—literally pales in comparison to the lush, tropical paradise that is Hawaii. But Dr. Michelle Whaley, a faculty member in the Department of Biological Sciences, doesn’t see herself returning to her native Hawaii in the near future. “I love the Midwest,” she remarks, “I love the friendliness of the people and the values. It reminds me of Hawaii.”

Thirty-eight-year-old Whaley has been on the biological sciences faculty since receiving her Ph.D. in molecular genetics from Notre Dame in 1993. At that time, she was appointed coordinator of the newly created Howard Hughes Medical Institute program, focusing on developing a new curriculum for biology majors. She also taught—and continues to teach—research-based courses in experimental cell biology and genetics. In addition, Whaley has taught human molecular genetics to non-major students in the Honor’s Program and a course on “Teaching Effectively in the College of Science” to graduate students. Whaley also directs the Summer Undergraduate Research Program in biology (sponsored by the National Science Foundation’s Research Experiences for Undergraduates (NSF-REU) program); advises the Biology Club; and coordinates many undergraduate events in the department. This coming year, she will be teaching a science education class of graduate students in the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program.

As a newly-minted Ph.D., Whaley had not envisioned that teaching would be her vocation. “I pretty much stumbled into it,” she says. “Luckily, I love it.” Her passion and commitment to teaching undergraduates has earned Whaley Notre Dame’s Kaneb Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching—twice.

Originally from Pearl City, Hawaii (a suburb of Honolulu), Whaley attended Scripps College in Claremont, California for her B.S. in Biology and Religion. Soon afterwards, in 1988, she began her doctoral studies at Notre Dame. In addition to directing the Howard Hughes program, in 1999, Whaley was appointed coordinator of the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning Graduate Teaching Assistant Program, a teaching and professional development program for graduate students.

She and her husband, Steven Whaley, a physician who also plays in a jazz and a rock band, live with their two cats and dog.

Whaley thinks biology majors at Notre Dame “are really exceptional,” and among the most self-motivated and hard-working students at the University. This is reflected in their research projects, one of which recently led to journal publication in January. (Whaley noted there were two undergraduate co-authors for this article.)

Over the years, Whaley has developed a strong interest in undergraduate research as a way to enhance learning, and sees the University working to develop a culture of undergraduate research across disciplines, not just biology or science and engineering. The inquiry-based cell biology laboratory course she teaches requires sophomore and junior biology majors to undertake a semester-long research project.

Whaley notes that the crucial involvement of faculty mentors in her research-based cell biology course has also benefited students well. Alumni who are scientists serve as mentors for students, as well as donate money for prizes—incentives for students to do well in research. And along with providing networking opportunities for students, one alumni has also provided scholarships and funding for student travel to research conferences.

A Sample of the Many AP Activities on Campus

In Focus 2004 — Notre Dame’s Coalition for Asian Awareness successfully hosted the third annual In Focus conference, January 30-31. This year, the conference theme was “Personal Journeys in Professional Lives: Celebrating Asian Americans in the Workplace.” The conference attracted 120 participants.

Asian Heritage Week, April 13-18, 2004 — The Asian American Association of ND organized events for the week to celebrate, to empower and to appreciate the strength, honor, beauty, and wisdom of various Asian cultures. Events included the screening of several Asian films, a Chinese banquet (free), and information sessions.

India-Pakistan Association Events—The association was busy in April with a concert of Indian classical music, a Holi celebration that including a dunk tank in the North Quad, and a Bhangra Night (dance) at La Fortune ballroom.
We have heard many times about the Notre Dame family, the one that unites all Domers together as one. In the case of Dean, Hong, Mai, and Duong, these bonds are closer than anything you can imagine. They are not only all Domers, but they are also brothers and sisters. Phon and Phung Ly, with their four children, escaped by boat from Vietnam and for awhile were refugees in Indonesia. They were finally able to migrate to the United States in 1979, with all of their belongings stuffed into just the two suitcases they carried on the plane. The Ly family was sponsored by a church located just an hour away from South Bend. Phon and Phung, both teachers in Vietnam, immediately started working in factories to pay the bills of a family of six. Little did they know that their hard work would also pay for four children to attend Notre Dame. The tradition began in 1989 when Dean enrolled in the architecture program at Notre Dame. The beauty of the place, the excellence of the school, and its strong sense of community quickly made an impression on the rest of the Ly family when they would come to visit Dean. Two years later, Hong would enroll at Notre Dame, followed by Mai two years later. If you are doing the math, the three overlapped at Notre Dame in one year because architecture is a five-year program. A more amazing fact is that Phon Ly had decided to go back to college and study Chemical Engineering at Tri-State University during the same period. Dean graduated in 1994 with an architecture degree. Hong graduated in 1995 with a degree in biology and Mai graduated in 1997 with a degree in science - business. If you thought that was the end, you forgot that the Ly family had four children. Duong would start at Notre Dame in 1997, finishing in 2001 with a degree in biochemistry. Altogether, the Ly family attended Notre Dame for 12 consecutive years and 17 combined years. Whether this breaks any records, it is not known, but it is still staggering to imagine. Dean married Regina Lee, ‘96 and he went on to get an MBA and is now managing a housing development firm in Columbus, Ohio. Dean and Regina have one boy, Marcus. Hong earned a master in education and worked for several years in Singapore as the director of the US Education Center. She has since moved back to Utah with her two children, Connor and Cole. Mai attended the University of Missouri in St. Louis School of Optometry and is practicing optometry in Illinois. Duong is beginning his fourth year of medical school at Indiana University. Only time will tell whether the Ly family will produce more Domers. In the meantime, Marcus, Connor, and Cole are proudly wearing the Blue and Gold.
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTINGUISHED ASIAN PACIFIC ALUMNI AWARDS

In 2005, on the occasion of its tenth anniversary, the Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame (APA) will recognize and honor 50 Distinguished Asian Pacific alumni. These special awards will be bestowed on those Asian Pacific graduates who have served as exemplars in the spirit of "God, Country and Notre Dame."

The APA, along with the other Minority Alumni Boards, was established to help the University improve cultural diversity within the Notre Dame family. Over the past few years, the visibility of Asian Pacific cultures on campus has continually increased. The number of Asian Pacific undergraduate and graduate students and faculty has grown and the Asian curriculum is improving. The many Asian Pacific student organizations have evolved from being merely support groups to being major contributors to campus diversity.

Within this context, it seems timely to celebrate and showcase the contributions and achievements of Asian Pacific alumni to further reinforce the enhancement of diversity within the Notre Dame family.

Everyone is encouraged to help identify and nominate deserving candidates. All Asian Pacific Notre Dame graduates (all-degrees, American or international) may be nominated. Posthumous nominations are welcome. Awards will be considered in all age groups - from the oldest alumnus to recent graduates. Each will be selected based on their accomplishments. Anyone can nominate a candidate and self-nominations are acceptable.

Look around and find someone deserving. Watch for further information and the nomination form in future APA newsletters, website and alumni publications. For further information, contact Suzanne Kang, APA Vice Chairperson and Distinguished AP Alumni Award Chairperson at email: suziek86@alumni.nd.edu.