Annual Asian Coalition Dinner is on April 26.
By Eva Cheng

The Dinner Committee has chosen Friday, April 26, 2002 to host the Annual Asian Coalition Scholarship Dinner. The committee sampled several restaurants and decided on the famous New Asia Restaurant located at 772 Pacific Avenue in Chinatown. The restaurant is a favorite among both local residents and celebrities. It is the site for many family, social and political events. It offers excellent dim sum lunches and fabulous traditional nine course banquet dinners.

The dining hall can hold forty tables and has a center stage for after-dinner karaoke. Obviously, The PA system works well! Besides a few reserved off-street parking spots, reasonable public garages are located three blocks away at the Vallejo Street Garage and Portsmouth Square Garage.

This year, instead of a keynote speaker, we will honor our scholarship recipients and our own colleagues. We are soliciting nominations from the College at large for one faculty member and one classified employee who have demonstrated outstanding contributions and services to the College, the students and the community. Please see the attached form.

The AC Scholarship Dinner promises to be fun, delicious, enjoyable and very collegial. The cost is still $40 for AC members, $45 for

Nomination for Outstanding Service
The Asian Coalition Executive Board decided to recognize CCSF Asian-Pacific Islander employees for their outstanding services to the students, the college district, and/or greater community. Each year AC will select one classified employee and one faculty member for recognition. We know that there are many deserving individuals who are the backbone of CCSF. Please send your nominations on the attached form to Co-President Sunny Clark at the Phelan Campus, B201, by April 15. Feel free to contact Sunny at 239-3110, if you have fur-

Teresina Wong Fund Update
By Eunice Lew

Ten years ago, many CCSF colleagues donated to the Teresina Wong Fund. The fund was established to provide for the future educational expenses of the two young sons of our late colleague, Teresina Wong, an ESL instructor who taught at Alemany and Chinatown campuses.

Through the overwhelming generosity of the CCSF community $5,300 was collected. The funds were divided into CD accounts for the two sons. The co-trustees for the account are Elaine Wang and Eunice Lew, Chinatown ESL.

The two sons and their father, Daniel Wynne, moved to Ohio. Daniel recently remarried. The older son, Kevin, 18 years old, graduated from high school with honors and is studying at a community college. Co-trustees Elaine and Eunice recently gave Kevin a check for $4,054.86 (his half of the fund) to be used for his college expenses. Keith, the younger son, is now 14 and is playing football for a nationally ranked team. When he turns 18, he will receive his half of the fund.

Daniel, Kevin and Keith wish to thank
Disability Rights in China
By Jack Wilde

Last summer I submitted a report to the United Nations office in China titled, "A Comparative Study on Disability Laws of China and the USA." I was hired to consult with Chinese officials about writing laws for children and adults with disabilities.

It was easy for me to sense that the United Nations office is playing a neutral role in assisting China work toward improving human rights in China. Because of my expertise in disability rights and because they identified me as someone from the West who understands the Chinese culture, I was enlisted by the UN to assist China in extending rights and improved services for people with disabilities.

My work with the UN involved looking at China's existing laws regarding disability rights and assisting officials to write laws and regulations that are more closely in line with those of Western countries. In particular, I meant the final Report to create an impetus for proposed disability rights laws in China that are similar to laws in the United States.

There is no doubt in my mind that my real focus was to show the China Disabled Persons' Federation how to advocate for children and adults with disabilities. The Federation is the only entity in China approved by the government to work with the disabled. To write the Report I drew upon US laws that include P.L. 94-142/IDEA (public education mandated for all children with disabilities), the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. In the near future, I'll present a program for the Asian Coalition and discuss the results of my study of China's disability laws and the complexities of working with United Nations. For anybody who would like to see a copy of the entire final 225-page Report, it's

East Meets West Authors Series
Look for this upcoming program that will take place on May 1, 1-3 pm, Rosenberg Library. Chitra Divakaruni, Brian Ascolon Roley, and Tess Holthe will give presentations.

About China: An Introduction to the Introduction

May 8, 2002 Noon, Rosenberg Library 305
Presented by the Asian Coalition

In May be prepared to spend two hours finding out more about China, its culture and its people. The presenter, Jack Wilde, a CCSF counselor for students with disabilities on the Ocean Campus, has learned much about China since those three days in 1992 when he first visited as a tourist in Beijing.

Seventeen visits later and after living in Beijing in 1998 while he completed his sabbatical at the Beijing Language and Cultural University, Jack has found that many unexpected changes have happened to him both, personally and professionally, since that trek to China ten years ago.

Before going to Beijing, Jack took his first Chinese class at CCSF in 1991. He now looks back on those earlier days when he had no background in Chinese culture but only a fascination with China and the language. Through CCSF's Chinese courses 12A, 12B, 12C, 14A, 14B, 16, 1A, 1B, 2A and 39, Jack relentlessly pushed his quest to become more fluent and thanks to the CCSF Foreign Language Department, he gained more confidence in his new-found language.

After returning from his sabbatical Jack has presented for the CCSF community several slide shows about his travels and unique experiences in China. He has also been hired as a consultant to those who want to do business in China. In 2001, because of his knowledge of China's culture and his professional expertise in disability laws, he was recruited by the United Nations in Beijing to assist China in developing improved disability access laws and services.

On May 8, 2002 at noon in room 305 of the Rosenberg Library the Asian Coalition proudly presents this lecture by Dr. John (Jack) Wilde, who will share his most recent activities in China and how he used his understanding of Chinese culture to successfully negotiate a contract with the United Nations in China. The lecture will begin with a one-hour visually compelling slide show titled, "About China: An Introduction to the Introduction." During the second hour, for those interested in gaining insights into disability laws in China, Dr. Wilde will offer, with the assistance of PowerPoint, a descrip-
MANDARIN CONTINUES TO EXPAND in Marin
By Sue Lim Yee

With support from the Foreign Language Assistance Program (FLAP) grant awarded to San Rafael City Schools last year, two sections of Mandarin are now being offered at Davidson Middle School. Sixth grade students are able to rotate through a 6-week session of BASIC MANDARIN as part of an elective wheel. The one semester course, INTRODUCTION TO MANDARIN, is available for seventh and eighth grade students. Betty Lee brings a wealth of experiences and talents to this middle school program.

FLAP also funds the Mandarin Program which started last year at Sun Valley Elementary School. Besides the after school classes, there are weekly lessons for a 3rd grade class and a 5th grade class, and school-wide cultural assemblies and activities. Emily Peng finds her students hungry with curiosity to learn more about the language and culture as well as for the different Chinese goodies that she makes for her students to sample.

Shuyu Liu is now in her second year of teaching Mandarin at San Rafael High School and Terra Linda High School. Besides commuting to two schools and juggling the different class schedules, there is the difficult and challenging task of teaching mixed levels, abilities and interests: each class has 1st, 2nd and 3rd year Mandarin students, students with zero to limited background in either Cantonese or Mandarin, and students who are studying Mandarin as their foreign language elective or as a personal interest. The high school Mandarin Program continues to be a joint effort between the school district and the community.

The annual Mandarin Program Chinese New Year Dinner will be held on Friday, March 15th at Yet Wah, Downtown San Rafael. Proceeds will directly benefit the high school Mandarin Program. For more information or reservations, please contact Sue Lim Yee at 453-

CCSF Study Abroad Program: Summer in China and Mongolia
By Jill Heffron, Study Abroad Programs Coordinator

Make this summer an exciting one by studying in China and Mongolia with CCSF’s Study Abroad Program. Explore both countries’ ancient traditions, political, religious, and social institutions, and learn about the historical relationship between the settled, agrarian Chinese world and the nomadic, horse-mounted cultures of Mongolia and their predecessors. Visit China’s famous capital city of Beijing, the renowned Buddhist Center of Wutaishan, and picturesque Datong, then travel to Ulaanbaator in Mongolia and Khustain Nuruu National Park where the steppe environment is being preserved. Visit Karakorum, the Mongolian capital in the 13th century, established by Jenghis Khan, and camp in a Mongolian Yurt or Ger camp. Experience the mid-summer Naadam festival, where Mongolian wrestling, archery and horse racing take center stage. Return to China to visit Chengde, the vast summer capital of the Manchus. Finally, spend some time exploring Beijing and a little visited section of the Great Wall known as Simatai. Students participating in the China and Mongolia program will receive 3.0 units of transferable credit in Asian Studies. Lectures and discussions will be in English and will take place at museums, monuments, rural villages, temples and other sites. Program dates are June 29 - July 17, 2002. For information on program costs, the course offered, itinerary and so on, please visit our website: www.ccsf.edu/studyabroad or email: study-abroad@ccsf.dons.net

Doing Any Spring Cleaning?
Please remember that AC is also soliciting donations for Raffle prizes to be given away at the AC Scholarship Dinner. Call Winnie Leong (x3875) or Eva Cheng (x5227) for your donation pick-up. Thanks!

Cutting edge dramas, unflinching documentaries, innovative short films and videos, and special retrospective and revival programs will be presented at the 20th anniversary edition of the San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival (SFIAAFF), running March 7-14 .... For more Festival information or tickets,

### Deadline for Asian Coalition Scholarships is March 8!

This is to remind you that the Asian Coalition scholarship application deadline is Friday, March 8, 2002. Completed applications including the Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form must be received by 5:00 p.m. c/o Debra Liu at the Chinatown/North Beach Campus, 940 Filbert Street, San Francisco, CA 94133. Applications may be picked up at the counseling offices of each campus, the Scholarship Office at the Phelan campus (L366) or contact AC Scholarship Co-chair,

### Current Asian Coalition Membership

Here is a list of members who are currently paid AC members according to our records. If you haven’t paid yet, it’s not too late. Fill out the membership enclosed with this newsletter. Membership is only $10 per year.
I Nominate:

NAME:_________________________________________________________

POSITION:______________________________________________________

CAMPUS:_______________________________________________________

PHONE:_________________________E-MAIL:_________________________

Write a brief description of the nominee’s specific areas of service (students, college district, and/or greater community), and why you think he/she should be considered:

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Your Name
(Nominator):___________________________________________________

Position:_______________________________________________________

Campus:_________________________Phone:_________________________
Annual Asian Coalition Dinner

Date: Friday April 26, 2002
Time: 5:30—8:30
(Dinner at 6:30)

Where: New Asia Restaurant
772 Pacific Ave.
San Francisco, CA

Cost: $40 Faculty/Guests
$35 Classified/Students
$5 discount for paid members

Parking: Vallejo & Portsmouth SQ Garages
3 Street parking spaces available for disabled.

Reservations: Contact May Fong x1914,
Suzanne Lo x5546, Eva Cheng x5227, Sue Lim Yee x1853
MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:_________________________Campus:_____________

Department:______________________________________________
District Mail Box:____________E-Mail:__________________________
Position: ___Administrator ___Classified ___Faculty ___Student ___Other (i.e. Community)
Home Address:__________________________________________________________________________
City, Zip:_________________________________________________________________________

Phone (home):__________________________
(work):__________________________
Please indicate your interests and elaborate:
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District Matters:____________________________________________________________________
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Political Issues:____________________________________________________________________
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Professional Workshops:____________________________________________________________________
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The World is Watching

A poem by Janeva Chiang, EOPS stu-

New millennium
unforgettable fall
awakening call
September Day Eleven
a bolt from heaven
To deplume Eagle’s wings
Satan’s jaws and claws
grasp and clasp
Pentagon
gnaw, smother and sear
World Trade Center
escalate terror
Statute of Liberty
sheds her tear

A morning of terror
mourning after the horror
Gray day, white night
volunteers care, rescuers fight
Amidst dust debris and rubble
survivals bubble
World Trade Towers and Penta-
gon
world trades toboggan
Edifices, after collapse from height
trapped in catastrophic plight
landmarks’ funerals truck after
truck
the world is struck
unbelievable sight
incredibly out of sight

Thunders of assault
Quakes of shock
Clouds of smoke
Eruptions of flames
Waves of fury
Torrents of tears
Precipices of battle
Hails of insecurity
Mists of wonder
Fogs of terror
Peaks of trauma
Abyss of agony
Seas of flags
Rains of bombs

Statue of Liberty
shrouded in dismay
People
enveloped in gray
at ground zero
survive in shock
Skydivers
one pair, hand in hand
in desperate bravery
to escape flames and the heat
to escape Satan’s barbecue
plunge from a thousand feet
without parachute

Posters for the missing
people for the best wish-
ing
In front of walls of tears
people embrace
lament in tears
People, awakened in alert
pray to the stars, heal the
scars
People, united
work as a whole, massage the
soul
Donation nights, candle lights
Tribute to the heroes, patriotism ech-
Oes
3od Bless America,” God speed
America
To gallop across the plight
people, UNITE!

Where is the dove
Hijacks, attacks, anthrax, how to re-
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Behind each victim, bone, blood and
skin
behind each soldier, kith and
kin
A new arena of battles
for years of struggles
Air-drops of humanitarian daily ra-