

Stop by the APA of ND Tailgate *ND vs. USC*

Please join the APA of ND at the Los Angeles Coliseum to cheer on the Fighting Irish as they take on the Trojans of Southern California!!! On Saturday, November 29, 2008, we will be hosting tailgate at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. If you will be in the L.A. area during the Thanksgiving weekend, please stop by and join us! This is a great opportunity for ALL Domers to reconnect with old friends and make new ones, enjoy some good food, and support your Fighting Irish as they compete against the Trojans of USC. Even if you don't have tickets to the game, feel free to come by and tailgate! This year's tailgate will take place in Lot 1 at the LA Coliseum – look for the Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame banner. For more information or to RSVP, please contact the APA of ND Alumni Relations Director, Jaelyn Rey-Hipolito '02 at jreyhipo@alumni.nd.edu or (661)713-0799.

2008 APA Mini-Reunion *Notre Dame vs. San Diego State*

On September 6, 2008, the Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame hosted its annual mini-reunion, in conjunction with the Black, Hispanic, and Native American Alumni of Notre Dame, and the Notre Dame Alumni Association. This year, the various alumni groups hosted the mini-reunion at Legends. As always, we had a great turnout as APA from all over the country and different class years reunited and reminisced before heading into the stadium to watch the Fighting Irish take on the Aztecs of San Diego State University. Proceeds from the tickets sold at the mini-reunion go to support the APA of ND Scholarship and the Kenneth Kwak Scholarship for Asian Studies. Please remember to earmark your annual donations for the APA of ND Scholarships – your support is greatly appreciated!

2008 APA All-Class Reunion

This past summer, the APA of ND sponsored its third triennial All-Class Reunion, May 29 to June 1, 2008, coinciding with the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Reunion weekend. This year, APA of ND recognized senior APA and APA who have proudly served our country in the military. A casual reception was hosted at the Coleman Morse Center and certificates and gifts were distributed to attendees falling into either the senior or military designation. We also sponsored our first silent auction during the All-Class Dinner, to help raise money for our two scholarship funds. Among the items auctioned were a book and CD autographed by Regis Philbin; football tickets to various home games; and a photograph of former University Presidents Revs. Hesburgh and Malloy, with current University President, Fr. Jenkins, signed by each.

Message from the Chairperson *Michael Wong '96*



This past October, the APA of ND Board of Directors returned to campus for its annual fall meeting. As we gathered in McKenna Hall and thoughtfully discussed our mission and debated new initiatives, I was struck by the talent and demonstrated commitment being shown by the members of our newly constituted Board. It is truly an honor to be serving with them.

Our recent election allowed us to welcome three new members and two carry-overs with new roles. Just as Charlie Weis has been year over year increasing the depth and talent on Notre Dame's football team, so too has the APA of ND been able to find exceptional, quality talent to fill the positions on its Board. Our new class of Board members are:

- Maggie Phe – Vice Chairperson
- Jennifer Cho – Student Recruitment Director
- Edward Pok – Regional Director, Chicago
- Ron Joe – Regional Director, New York
- Tim Mascarenhas – Regional Director, West

I expect great things from this organization, your organization, over the next few years. In the student recruitment area, Jennifer Cho is already

off and running. She is taking over from wonderfully committed and charismatic Frank Perez, who left us to begin his studies in an advanced degree program. Jennifer and her committee have developed some specific goals that will build on the great work that Frank began.

Led by Ashok Tripathi and Brian McLaughlin, the Board of Directors just completed a letter-writing campaign to ask its APA of ND constituents to update their profiles on Irish Online, including their e-mail addresses. Such information will allow communications to be more efficient and economical for us and the Alumni Office. This too is supporting our effort to go Green.

Now, for a shameless plug . . . If you haven't updated your profile yet, please do so now at <http://irishonline.nd.edu>. It'll take you only 10 minutes.

Over the next five months, before we return to Our Lady's campus for our spring Board meeting, we plan to execute a new organizational strategy that we are excited about. So please stay tuned. You may be hearing from me directly on this, asking for your renewed support of our APA of ND mission.

God Bless and Go Irish!
Michael Wong, ND '96
Chairman, APA of ND



2008-2009 APA of ND Board

Nominations Sought for APA of ND Board of Directors

In Spring 2009, the Asian Pacific Alumni Board of Notre Dame will be conducting its annual elections. This is a tremendous opportunity to help your alma mater in one of its important initiatives, that of improving the diversity of its population and programs.

If you are interested, please consider running for an office. Terms are for three years. Everyone is encouraged to help identify and nominate deserving candidates. All APA, all degrees, are eligible. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Board members are asked to attend two meetings on campus each year. Travel and incidental expenses will be covered by the ND Alumni Office. Board members should also be available to participate in occasional conference calls throughout the year. Also, members must be a member of a local Notre Dame Club and are expected to be representatives of the APA of ND at various Notre Dame school, alumni, and student activities and programs.

The five positions that will be voted on in 2009 are:

- Secretary
- Communications Director
- Alumni Relations Director
- Regional director - Los Angeles
- Regional director – Washington, D.C.

In addition to the general requirements mentioned above, the specific duties of each position are as follows.

The Secretary is responsible for recording the official records, minutes and historical information of the Board of Directors and the APA of ND. He or she must be a constituent in good standing, have good writing and organization skills, and be willing to faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of the position.

The Communications Director is responsible for maintaining an appropriate level of communications with the APA, University, other alumni, and the general public through publications, the internet, and other means of communications to inform them of the purposes, activities and news of the APA of ND and its Board of Directors. He or she will be responsible for maintaining the APA of ND website and preparing, finalizing and distributing the bi-yearly newsletters.

The Alumni Relations Director is responsible for increasing participation of APA in the local clubs, NDAA activities, and University programs.

Regional Directors are responsible for representing the APA of ND in their respective regions, primarily by working with local ND clubs and their National Regional Directors. Regional Directors should reside in those cities or their environs. Candidates residing in nearby counties will be considered.

Watch for further information and the nomination form in future website and alumni publications. For additional information, please contact Maggie Jaramilla Phe, Vice-Chairperson at maggiephe@alumni.nd.edu

Student Perspective:
Home Is Where the Clubs Are
Thanh Le '09
Anthropology and Japanese



I still remember the first days of my freshmen year at Notre Dame – full of anxiety, excitement, nervousness, and aspirations.

I worried about whether I would fit in, be accepted by the other students, or simply be able to make friends. Because I stayed off-campus my freshmen year, security did not lie with friends across the hall or my roommates, but instead, my refuge was with the various cultural student clubs.

I found my sanctuary at club events where I explored my identity and engaged in my ethnic-side around those who cared and felt what I felt – the separation associated with being different. My friends told me about how they did not get along well with their roommates or with others in the dorm. For instance, many of my Asian American friends told me stories about long, tiresome nights on the weekend because they stayed up caring for their roommate, making sure she slept well throughout the night. Or, I heard other stories how my friend could not stand being in her own room because her roommate's friends would gather and gossip about other girls or about which boy they made out with. It felt as if the dominant Notre Dame culture did not include the values and morals of Asian Americans or did not address issues concerning biculturalism.

The club events became my social gatherings, the club members became my best friends who I would spend all-day and all-night studying with, and the club officers became the people that I relied on to answer my questions. For many students, club members are their only friends on campus. Like mine, their social life centered on the student clubs. By being active in the different clubs, I contributed my time and effort into creating an environment open to Asian Americans. Although, my ventures were primarily social in nature, I always wanted to host more academic events focused on Asian Americans.

The student clubs are the only window into the issues, discrimination, talent, and life of Asian Americans at Notre Dame. However, most student club events are social in nature, focusing on gathering its members to have Pho or Lumpia or go bowling. We would build a stronger community if we also had events highlighting Asian American academics or vocations. Imagine having roundtable talks with an expert in your field who shares the same background, trials of adversity, and experiences that you went through; while also having steamed Chinese dumplings with ramen noodles! Last year, Notre Dame hosted the 6th Annual Vietnamese Interacting as One Spring Conference, an event which fosters relations between VSAs in the Midwest and brings to light matters regarding Vietnamese Americans. This year, I am attempting to bring an Asian American film festival to campus. Possibilities like these are endless, but we must have open communication between the APA Alumni and the student clubs so that we could engage in more of these endeavors.

Support Our Student *Five Ways You Can Help*

1. Become an active member of the APA. From as little as calling prospective students in your local area to meeting with current students and sharing your Notre Dame story. You can start today! For more information e-mail Student Relations Director Paul Nguyen at pnguyen3@alumni.nd.edu.

2. Join IRISHONLINE.nd.edu, the online community of the Notre Dame Alumni Association. Once on IrishOnline, access Career & Networking Resources. From there you can explore My Mentor Network where you can volunteer to be contacted by our graduating seniors who seek advice from experienced Asian Pacific Alumni.

3. Attend meetings of your local Notre Dame Club. Improve the presence of Asian Pacific Alumni and connect with students, alumni, and friends in your region. Attend student sendoffs and participate in important recruiting events, college fairs, and fundraisers.

4. Donate your Football Lottery to the APA Scholarship Fund. Your contribution will support high achieving Asian Pacific students. Simply earmark your donation “for APA Scholarship Fund” on the memo line of your check.

5. Visit student organization web sites (www.nd.edu/~msps/clubs.htm) to find out about events and activities of our Asian Pacific students. Signature events such as Asian Allure, Luau, and Fiestang have become great traditions to Notre Dame. Contact student leaders and ask how you can support their efforts for cultural awareness on campus.

Student Activities *Asian Allure 2008: Revolution*

The Asian American Association’s (Triple A) annual production of Asian Allure presented a night of pure entertainment and a glimpse into the world of Asia through the eyes of Notre Dame students. A community of talented students performed two nights of cultural dances, song, and all-out fashion show centered on the idea of metamorphosis. The show has been a sold-out event for the past few years and was recently extended to two nights in order to accommodate the campus-wide presentation. Producer Thien-An Nguyen-Vu described the experience as “creating a welcoming Asian American community on the Notre Dame campus.” The performances were held November 14th and 15th at Washington Hall. For information on ordering DVDs, contact the Asian American Association at aaa@nd.edu.



Student Recruitment 2008-2009 Objectives and Goals

The APA of ND Student Recruitment Committee has developed the following goals, which support those of the University Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

1. Increase number of applications from prior year by at least 10%.

<u>Year</u>	<u># of Applications</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
2008	1063	19%
2007	896	30%
2006	691	---

2. Target 100% follow-up on all accepted names listed on MAN Admissions website.

3. Increase the percentage of confirmation rate of admitted students from prior year and strive to achieve at least 40% confirmation rate.

<u>Year</u>	<u>% Admitted</u>	<u>% Confirmed</u>
2008	36.41%	35.92%
2007	41.63%	37.80%
2006	46.89%	49.07%

4. Every person on APA board should attend at least one college fair/or school presentation this fall.

5. Every person on APA board will assist with recruiting efforts and fulfill duties assigned by the Student Recruitment Director or the Committee.

The Student Recruitment Committee members are Paul Nguyen, Ed Pok, Jack Rey-Hipolito, Gina Corpuz, and Tricia Sevilla and the Student Recruitment Director and Committee Chair is Jennifer Cho.

The key responsibilities of the Student Recruitment Committee are:

- Develop and maintain a solid working relationship with the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
- Coordinate and implement recruiting events and activities for the Board of Directors, which include contacting potential AP students prior to the deadline for application submission, and contacting admitted AP students and their parents after the students are admitted to encourage them to confirm that they will attend Notre Dame.
- Develop and maintain communications and a working relationship with the Office of Financial Aid for purposes of recruitment.

Through these efforts, the APA of ND Board hopes to increase the number of Asian American students at Notre Dame, and therefore eventually, among the ranks of Asian American alumni.

Asian Admission Statistics			
	200810	200710	200610
Applications	1063	896	691
Admits	387	373	324
Confirms	139	141	159
Admit %	36.41%	41.63%	46.89%
Confirm %	35.92%	37.80%	49.07%
<i>For those who were Admitted to ND:</i>			
Catholic %	41.6%	49.6%	60.2%
% Rank-in-Class	3.7%	4.7%	4.8%
Average SAT	1431	1417	1395
Average ACT	32.3	32.2	31.3
<i>For those who Confirmed at ND:</i>			
Catholic %	56.1%	64.5%	64.8%
% Rank-in-Class	4.9%	4.7%	6.5%
Average SAT	1405	1378	1373
Average ACT	31.9	31.6	30.7

**Support Our APA of ND
Scholarship Funds**
*Earmark your Donations and
Contribute Football Tickets*

The APA of ND is building a scholarship fund that provides financial assistance to worthy Asian Pacific students. You can support this effort by designating any donation to the University you make to go to the "APA Scholarship Fund." Just specify your wishes on the memo line of your check. Your donation will still qualify you for the football ticket lottery

If you have family or friends who will be making a donation to Notre Dame and might also be interested in supporting the APA Scholarship Fund, please suggest to them that they do so in the manner described above.

Remember, in order to order ND football tickets for the 2009 season, you must submit your qualifying donation by the end of the year. Next year should be a banner season for the Irish, so don't miss out doing so.

If you don't plan on going to any football games, we request that you participate in the lottery anyway and then provide your football tickets to the Asian Pacific Alumni Board for the Scholarship Fund. Every year we auction off the football tickets to raise money for the scholarships that help students in need who have made outstanding accomplishments. We will gladly accept donations of season tickets or individual home games. After the auction, we will reimburse you for the cost of the tickets.

Thank you again for your support to "our" students.



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