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Loyola Celebrates Asian– Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

In 1990, President George W. Bush, Sr., designated May as a month to honor Asian-Pacific Island Americans. May was chosen as Asian-Pacific American Islander Month because of the first Japanese immigrating to the United States on May 7, 1843, and the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 (many of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese). The month of May is celebrated with festivals and educational, as well as government-sponsored, activities. An example of such a celebration will be held here at Loyola, on April 19th at 9pm in the Reading Room.



Yellow Rage to Energize Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month at Loyola!

Together, Michelle Myers and Catzie Vilaphonh form the dynamic poetry duo, Yellow Rage. Provocative and entertaining, Yellow Rage offers powerful prose that challenges common misconceptions associated with being Asian.

Michelle and Catzie address topics ranging from fetishes to cultural pride with their quick-witted, in-your-face style. Based out of Philadelphia, they are part of the larger Asian American performance group, *Something to Say*. Yellow Rage has appeared on HBO's Russell Simmons Def Poetry Jam and performed at the 2001 HBO U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colorado, the 2001 APIA Spoken Word Summit in Seattle, WA, the 2001 NY International Fringe Festival, and the 2002 ECASU (East Coast Asian Student Union) Conference at Duke University.

Their first CD, *Black Hair, Brown Eyes, Yellow Rage, Vol. 1*, is now available. For more information on the dynamic pair, visit their website, www.yellowrage.com.

Michelle and Catzie are sure to provide a powerful performance that should be not be missed. Please turn to the last page for specific information about the time and place of the event.

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Director's Corner:

In this closing issue, I would like to invite you to remember both Women's History Month in March and Asian American Heritage Month in April. Loyola's Women's Center is sponsoring programs for March. Please check inside this edition for more details.

Also, the Asian Students Association and the ALANA Services office will sponsor programs to celebrate Asian American Heritage Month. You simply do not want to miss *Yellow Rage* on April 19, 2007. It is guaranteed to be a great event!

As the academic year rushes to a close, I would like to thank you all, faculty, students and the entire Loyola community for your support for another successful year. I would also like to say, "Congrats to the Class of 2007." To my staff, you are the best! Please have a blessed and safe summer, until we meet again.

Grace and Peace,

Rodney L. Parker

ALANA Student Services Mission Statement

ALANA (African, Latino, Asian and Native American) Student Services is committed to providing support, services and programs that facilitate the success of all ALANA students at Loyola College in Maryland. Through intentional programming and a myriad of services, we foster the academic, cultural, personal, spiritual and leadership development of ALANA students. Furthermore, we seek to create and maintain an environment of respect and awareness, while advocating for ALANA students and responding to their needs.

“Moving History Forward is a process of individuals coming together for the greater good of the society and confirming the idea that individuals working together can be effective in building a better, more compassionate world.”

Source: nwhp.org

March is Women’s History Month

March has been designated Women’s History Month since 1980, when President Jimmy Carter issued a Proclamation honoring women’s contributions to the history of the United States.

This year, the National Women’s History Project’s (NWHP) theme is “Generations of Women Moving History Forward.” The NWHP seeks to highlight two major historic events: the integration of Central High School that helped ignite the Civil Rights Movement in 1977, and the 30th anniversary of the National’s Women’s Conference in Houston. The NWHP will honor fourteen women from different educational, cultural, racial and religious backgrounds, who have courageously moved history forward. Some of the 2007 honorees are: Matilda Joslyn Gage (Women’s Rights Activist), Martha Wright Griffiths (Congresswoman who added sex as a protected class in 1964), Lupe Anguiano (Activist of the poor), Minniejean Brown Trickey (Civil Rights Activist),

Loyola’s Women’s Center is hosting three major events to celebrate Women’s History Month:

Kayona Brown

“The Tenth Letter” - a novel by Kayona Brown
Thursday, March 15th
7:00 pm, Selinger VIP

Desserts will be provided

For more information about Ms. Brown or the novel visit <http://www.tenthletternovel.com>

LUNAFEST

Thursday, March 22nd
7pm—Midnight, Reading Room

Popcorn & refreshments will be provided

Lunafest is national film festival of short films by, for and about women. This activity is being co-sponsored by Late Night Programs and will be followed with a female musician

Fortune Magazine Correspondent,
Cora Daniels

Information on date and location TBA.
 Stay tuned!



Did You Know... ???



◆ The first fortune cookies reached Chinese shores in 1892. They were imported from Brooklyn and were proudly advertised as "genuine American fortune cookies."

◆ Fortune cookies are an American invention. They originated in California, but the actual inventor is still unknown.

◆ Unequivocally not Chinese, the fortune cookie may in fact not even be Chinese American.

◆ Tea gradually became one of the seven basic necessities of Chinese life. (The others are fuel, rice, oil, salt, soy sauce, and vinegar.)



◆ Pronounced "fung shway," feng shui literally means "wind and water." Its roots are 5,000 years old.

◆ Feng shui seeks to promote prosperity, good health, and general well being by examining how energy, *qi*, pronounced "chee" flows through a particular room, house, building, or garden.

Source: infoplease.com

Congratulations to the Class of 2007!
Good Luck With Your Future Endeavors!

St. Patrick’s Day: Fun Facts & Tips!



- ♣ Make lime Jell-O and add some green whipped cream
- ♣ Make your favorite sugar cookies and add a few drops of green food coloring to the dough, or you can add a few green drops to any white cake mix.
- ♣ Shamrock means "little flower or little clover" in Irish.
- ♣ Abraham Lincoln carried a four-leaf clover around with him wherever he went for most of his life. It was said to be his good luck charm. Some say that one of the few times he didn't carry it with him was the night he was assassinated.
- ♣ In Ireland, the plant most often referred to as Shamrock is the white clover.
- ♣ The word "honeymoon" is Gaelic for "mi na meala" meaning "the month of honey." It's an Irish word that originated when Irish Monks would brew fermented honey called mead and give it to a bride and groom. The brew lasted them a month and was supposed to ensure them a good beginning to their marriage.

Source: midnightlife.com

Arab and Asian Cultures: Two Heritages in One Household



Soraya Abuelhiga is a sophomore at Loyola College. She has a double major in Photography and Writing. She comes from a biracial household, her father being Arab and her mom being Asian. We talked with Soraya about the meaning of being biracial in the United States. She stated: "[Asians] are supposed to be proud of their culture. But when they come over to this country, they tend to get lost." Soraya emphasized that even though it is challenging for Asians to preserve their culture when they arrive to the US. "You don't want to dye your hair, you don't want to forget your language, or who you are."

Regarding the recognition that both Asian and Arab cultures have in this country, she said: "You get big Black Heritage Month and Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations. But when it is Asian time, nobody makes a big deal out of it. It is easier for other cultures to be proud." She also said that the fact that Arab culture is not recognized in the same way other cultures are, is unfortunate. Beyond that, stereotypes of Arabs have become worse after 9/11, which makes it more difficult for them to be well-recognized. When asked about her opinion on the stereotypes of Asian as smart people, she said that such stereotypes "only increase the line between races". Soraya implied that this line should be erased and she emphasized that the most important task for anyone to do, regardless of culture, is to embrace your heritage.



“You don’t want to dye your hair, you don’t want to forget your language, or who you are. You want to embrace your heritage”.

about face

9th Annual BSA Fashion Show * Friday, March 16th * 8pm * Reitz Arena

On Friday, March 16th at 8:00pm, in Reitz Arena one of Loyola's biggest events of the year will be taking place. The Black Student Association will be hosting ABOUT FACE, 9th annual fashion show. In years past the fashion show has been a great display of student work and high fashion, but this year's Directors Jasmin Conner & Shanté Bassett, are trying to innovate what the BSA Fashion Show means to Loyola as well as the Baltimore community. In addition to supporting local designers, this year, the show will include student models from St. Mary's School, as well as an opening performance by The PolyWestern Marching Flock band. In line with the Year of the City initiative, some proceeds will be used to provide educational supplies for St. Mary's students and the event will be heavily advertised to the Greater Baltimore Community. Designers include Retro Ragtime, Mulé, and Embroisa, just to name a few. Tickets are \$12 for the show and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com or the Loyola Box Office. Hurry and buy your tickets for what is sure to be the best event of the year!

ALANA OVERNIGHT WEEKEND



February 8-10 was ALANA Accepted Students Overnight Weekend. With the help of willing hosts and volunteers, over 40 accepted ALANA students came to visit Loyola for the weekend and definitely enjoyed their stay. Student activities included a visit to the Inner Harbor, Movie & Game Night, Soul Food Friday, and the amazing Loyola v. Canisius Men's basketball game. Overnight Weekend is just one of Multicultural Recruitment's efforts to diversify the student body on campus.

2nd ALANA OVERNIGHT WEEKEND

Thursday, April 12th—Saturday, April 14th

HOSTS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Interested in helping? Contact Shanté Bassett, Multicultural

ALANA STUDENTS SPOTLIGHT

The Asian Students Association (ASA) strives to connect with the campus based on an interest in the many forms of Asian culture. In pursuing this mission, we deliver valuable experiences based upon: traditions, culture, food and other aspects of Asian culture. The ASA also aims to educate and increase the awareness of the intricate aspects of Asian life, dismiss any stereotypes that people may have about people of Asian descent, spread diversity, and gather those who are interested to learn and discuss current issues either related or unrelated to Asia.

This year's Asian Pacific-Islander American (APIA) Heritage Month will be sponsored by ALANA Services, Asian Students Association, Chinese Club and the Choice Alcohol and Drug Education Team (CADET). In continuing to share cultural knowledge and encourage awareness throughout APIA Heritage Month, these cultural, social and educational events will be hosted on campus:

[Yellow Rage Coffee House](#)

[AsiaFest](#)

[2nd Annual Bubble Tea & Karaoke Night](#)

Thursday, April 19th, 9 PM, Reading Room

Friday, April 20th, 7PM, McGuire East

Thursday, April 27th, 9 PM, Reading Room

Stay posted for more!

~ Anter Gonzales, President, Asian Students Association



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ALANA Mentoring Program

The ALANA Mentoring Program (AMP) pairs first-year students with upper class students to assist them in acclimating to campus life at Loyola College. Mentors help first-year students gain an understanding and appreciation of the College culture, introduce them to co-curricular activities and assist them with achieving academic and personal growth. Interested in being a mentor for the 07-08 academic year? [Click here to obtain an application.](#)

Applications are due Wednesday, April 4th to ALANA Services. E-mail alsmith@loyola.edu for more information.

ALANA ORGANIZATIONS EVENTS CALENDAR

- ◆ [BSA Fashion Show](#): March 16, 8PM, Reitz Arena
- ◆ [Yellow Rage](#): April 19, 9PM, Reading Room
- ◆ [AsiaFest](#): April 20, 7PM, McGuire East
- ◆ [2nd Annual Bubble Tea](#): April 27, 9PM, Reading Room

CULTURAL CALENDAR

March

- ★ **March 4:** Purim (Jewish)
- ★ **March 11:** Daylight Saving Time begins (US)
- ★ **March 12:** St. Patrick's Day
- ★ **March 31:** Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)

April

- ★ **April 1:** April Fools' Day
- ★ **April 1:** Palm Sunday (Christian)
- ★ **April 2-10:** Passover
- ★ **April 6:** Good Friday (Christian)
- ★ **April 8:** Easter (Western Christian and Orthodox)
- ★ **April 14:** Tax Day
- ★ **April 22:** Earth Day
- ★ **April 26:** Administrative Professionals' day