

May 2008

# UFMC Newsletter

## Upcoming events

Thursday, 1st: Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
Gender Studies Banquet

Saturday, 3rd: FUSO 15 Year Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, 4th: House of Poland Celebration at Balboa Park, meet at ATM at 11:30am (Diversity Through Dance)  
NASO Graduation Ceremony 6-9pm, Faculty/Staff Dining Room

Monday, 5th: Cinco De Mayo!

Wednesday, 7th: Watch Your Language Day, 12-2pm in front of the UC

Thursday, 8th: UC End of the Year Celebration, 12-2pm, Immaculata Lawn  
Diversity Banquet, 6pm, UC Forums

Friday, 9th: Pamper Me Day (Women's Center)  
Senior Banquet

MEChA's Noche De Atole, 7-9pm, Torero Grille

Saturday, 10th: FUSO End of the Year Banquet, 6-10pm in the Degheri Center

Sunday, 11th: House of Italy Celebration at Balboa Park, meet at ATM at 11:30am (Diversity Through Dance)

Monday, 12th: Last Day of Classes

Tuesday, 13th: Dead Day—NO CLASSES!

Finals: Wednesday 14th—Tuesday 20th.

Saturday, 24th: Chicano/a Graduation Ceremony, 7pm, Shiley Theater

Sunday, 25th: Commencement

Monday, 26th—Saturday, 31st: NCORE

## May is... Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

May is the month to celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage! Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month is a fairly recent addition to the list of nationally recognized heritage months. Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month originated as a congressional bill in 1977 that passed with the support of Representatives Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta. Originally, just the first 10 days of May were reserved for Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. In 1978, a Joint Resolution was signed by president Jimmy Carter to legalize the bill. But it didn't stop there. In 1990 President George Bush Sr. made Asian-Pacific American Heritage a month long celebration. The extension was created in part to



commemorate the immigration of large numbers of Japanese people to the United States, and partially to recognize the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, most of which was built by Chinese immigrants. In a 2006 proclamation, George W. Bush officially recognized Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. In a press release concerning the recognition, President Bush stated, "During Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, we honor and celebrate the millions of Asian/Pacific Americans whose contributions have helped make America a strong, vibrant, and free society."

Truly, Asian-Pacific Americans have made a great impact on the United States. There are about 15 million

U.S. citizens that identify as Asian or Pacific Islander in heritage. Asian and Pacific Americans represent about 5% of the total United States population. California has the largest population that identifies with Asian or Pacific Islander heritage—about 5 million people. Asian-Pacific Americans have been leaders in science, architecture, sports, and fashion. Consider this—without the invention of paper in China in 105AD, or the invention of movable type printing there in 1045AD, this newsletter would not even exist!

Take advantage of the wonderful cultural and social contributions that Asian-Pacific Americans have made to the United States, and celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month this May!



## May is... Jewish American Heritage Month!

During May, we celebrate the contributions of the Jewish-American community to the American society. In a 2007 proclamation, George W. Bush recognized the efforts of the Jewish American Heritage Month Coalition by designating May as Jewish American Heritage Month. The following is an excerpt from that proclamation:

"The faith and hard work of Jewish Americans have played an integral role in shaping the cultural fabric of America. During Jewish American Heritage Month,

we celebrate the vital contributions of Jewish Americans to our Nation. Throughout our history, Jewish Americans have contributed to the strength of our country and the preservation of our values. The talent and imagination of these citizens have helped our Nation prosper, and their efforts continue to remind us of America's gift of religious freedom... Jewish American History month is an opportunity to honor the accomplishments of Jewish-American citizens and to remember that our Nation is a melting pot of cultures. I join all Americans in celebrating the rich Jewish

heritage and the many ways Jewish Americans contribute to a bright future for our country."

During Jewish American Heritage Month, attend Jewish American Heritage Shabbat programs and interfaith programs at local synagogues, and attend Jewish museums and cultural institutions to explore the history and traditions of the Jewish people. For more information about Jewish-American heritage and to connect with Jewish college students in the San Diego community, visit [hillelsd.org](http://hillelsd.org)

## 'Aikane O Hawai'i: organization of the Month

'Aikane O Hawai'i is a student organization committed to promoting and perpetuating the Hawai'ian and Pacific Islander culture at USD and within the San Diego community. Aikane O Hawai'i members strive to learn from and teach one another about different cultures by sharing traditions and life experiences.

'Aikane means "friend", so 'Aikane O Hawai'i means "friends of Hawai'i". Membership in 'Aikane O Hawai'i is open to all undergraduate students at USD, regardless of race, nationality, ethnicity, or culture. The only requirement is an appreciation for Hawai'ian and Pacific Islander culture!

'Aikane O Hawai'i was founded in the early 1990's at USD, but mem-

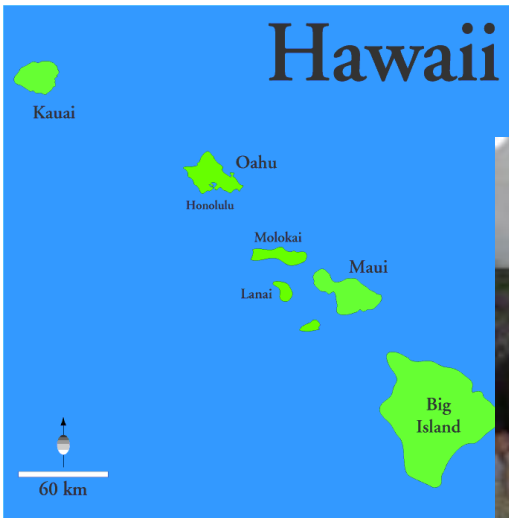
bership began to decline, and the organization became inactive until 2002. In 2002, a dedicated group of students, supported by a staff advisor, brought 'Aikane O Hawai'i back to life. Six years later, 'Aikane O Hawai'i is a large group with a strong presence in the United Front.

The First Annual 'Aikane O Hawai'i Lu'au was held in 2002. The Lu'au is 'Aikane O Hawai'i's largest and most important event. The 'Aikane O Hawai'i Lu'au is held in the University Center, and is open to the entire campus community. Lu'au features a buffet of delicious authentic Hawai'ian food, and entertainment is provided by performances by 'Aikane O Hawai'i, a Hawai'ian band, and a halau, or traditional Hawai'ian dance troupe.

This year's Lu'au, held

on Saturday, April 19th, hosted the largest turnout yet. Lu'au was held in USD Main Dining in the UC. The entertainment was provided by HI Rootz and Ooklah the Moc. The exciting dance performances included Hula, Tahitian, Figian, and Haka. The traditional Hawai'ian buffet was a hit— so much so that Main Dining ran out of food!

Be sure to stop by the UF to learn more about 'Aikane O Hawai'i for next year, and look for more exciting events in the coming semester!



## Focus on... Holocaust Remembrance Day

*"If you saw a fanatical mob pillage and burn a church or synagogue you would not stand silent..."* -Thomas E. Dewey, *New York Times*, November 12, 1938, p. 4.

In World War II, the world witnessed the injustice and prejudice directed toward the Jewish community by the German Nazis, and in response, the United States Congress designated a day to remember the Holocaust and remember it's

victims.

This year, Holocaust Remembrance day, or Yom Hashoah, will fall on Thursday, May 1st. This year's theme is "Do Not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht 1938". Kristallnacht, or "The Night of Falling Glass" was a night of horrible assaults on the Jewish people. The Nazis smashed windows of synagogues, homes, and stores owned by Jewish Families. This brutal attack lasted for forty

eight hours, during which mobs of people struck out against the Jewish people. Kristallnacht exemplifies the cruelty inflicted upon the Jewish people during the Holocaust.

How should we honor Holocaust Remembrance day? Attend vigils for victims of the Holocaust, and especially Kristallnacht. Celebrate the lives of those that fought for Jewish liberation. Above all, do not stand silent, and always remember.



**United Front Organizations: General Body Meetings**

Fuso: Tuesdays, 12:15pm, Serra 211  
 MEChA: Every Other Wednesday, 10pm, UFMC  
 'Aikane: Thursdays, 12:15pm, Serra 212  
 BSU: Tuesdays, 9pm, UFMC  
 Pride: Wednesdays, 7pm, UFMC

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Walk for Hope

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House of Poland  
 at Balboa Park

G Love and  
 Special Sauce  
 with the Cool  
 Kids and Talib  
 Kweli

House of Italy  
 at Balboa Park

Last Day of  
 Classes

Dead Day  
 NO CLASSES!

**FINALS!**

Chicano Grad  
 7pm in Shiley  
 Theater,  
 Dinner in Main  
 Dining

**FINALS!**

Commencement

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