

Could there ever be an Asian American president?

by *Albert Wu*

Eagle: The Making of an Asian-American President is a graphic novel documenting the rise of Kenneth Yamaoka, a second generation Japanese-American's, rise to the presidency.

While pulling at the heartstrings with family and love stories, writer/artist Kaiji Kawaguchi does not forget about the power politics involved in Yamaoka's rise to power from Vietnam to Yale to the Senate.

Also included are trying race situations, particularly in Yamaoka's travels to the Midwest and Texas, where the voters have difficulty coming to terms with a minority candidate running for president.

But, Yamaoka is certainly not the model minority as Asians have been consistently stereotyped.

As mentioned, Yamaoka has an illegitimate child (possibly more than one), he purposefully married into wealth and prestige, and he is involved in bribing, coercion, and backstabbing, all to get his way to the top.



Senator Kenneth Yamaoka in *Eagle*

Not to give away the ending, but what results is an America more willing to accept minorities in different roles and one that is more united in spirit than divided in race.

Kawaguchi not only has a strong grasp on American politics, but his artwork captures the emotions of the characters that manages to show all the strength, guile, and charisma of what it would take for a minority to reach the presidency.

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one of those social clubs that do nothing and only get people together to do silly outings? But of course not! (Although they DO have many of those)

The AAA's mission is to unite Asian Pacific Islander American community on campus through a "social, educational awareness, and service network". Whether it is through Project SMILE, a mentoring program for middle school students, or the first successful club run Spring Formal, AAA has the ideas, leadership, and dedicated support to bring a more unified APIA community on campus.

It is important to remember that even though there are many small Asian student groups, from ethnicity oriented groups to issue specific groups, that we all belong to the same APIA community on the UC Berkeley campus. So whether you're into politics, as most of us in APA are, busi-

ness, medicine, science, or what have you, AAA is the club that brings Asians of all countries and interests together.

Go ahead and check it out! First General meetings for the AAA are usually the second Wednesday of the semester. And if their skit doesn't make you laugh, then I have some ex-friends who will have explaining to do.

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APA Journal

Welcome to APA...

Six years ago, APA was founded with the mission of making Asians on campus more aware and active in politics.

Today, we hold that same mission, applying it to the new faces and new minds at UC Berkeley.

Asians are notoriously underrepresented in the political arena, but hopefully, with heightened knowledge of the political world and a channel with which to use that knowledge, that will soon change.

We must be the change we want to see in the world, and it starts with each and every one of us.

- Albert Wu
President, Fall '05



Judge John Roberts, known for his conservatism, was nominated on July 19 by President Bush to replace outgoing Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Club Highlight: AAA

By *Thomas Lee*

What do you think of when you hear Triple A? Car insurance. Road maps. Travel books. Largest Pan-Asian collegiate group in the nation. What? Yes, that's right: The largest Pan-Asian collegiate group in the nation.

Perhaps it is not coincidence that the Asian American Association is located in UC Berkeley, but that title is extremely im-

pressive considering that it grew as a social branch of the Asian Business Association.

As the largest such group in the nation, not to mention UC Berkeley, AAA makes quite an impact on the Asian community on campus. And, as most assure me, their skits are hilarious and always well received. What exactly, though, does the AAA do for Asians on campus? Are they just (cont. back page)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- First General Meeting - Sep. 6, 7pm 121 Wheeler
 - Social Mixer - Wed, Sep. 7, 7 PM, Kip's
 - Asian Porn Documentary - TBA
- Drop by our table on Sproul for more info!**

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