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AMERASIA CLUB

RECORDS, 1976-1988
3.5 linear inches

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History

Formed in 1971, the main activity of the Amerasia Club is to plan and organize the annual Amerasia Week, a weeklong festival that continues to this day. The focus of the festival is Asian Americans, their heritage, struggles and accomplishments. During the week guest speakers, bands, dancers and theater groups are invited to perform at the festival. The band Hiroshima, author Maxine Hong Kingston, and the theater group East West Players have been some of the guest performers. On the last evening of Amerasia Week the Amerasia Club presents a Festival Night, where the many different aspects of the Asian culture are presented.

Scope and Content Note

The Amerasia Club records measure 3.5 linear inches and date from 1976 to 1988. The Amerasia Club records deal solely with Amerasia Week. Each year the festival has a new theme, with different logos, colors and styles.

Some of the events the club has offered during Amerasia Week have been: a talk by Maxine Hong Kingston, author of *The Life of A Japanese Immigrant Woman*, and movies such as "Chan is Missing," "Unfinished Business: The Japanese American Internment Cases," "Ah Ying" and "A Great Wall." There have also been musical performances by the band Hiroshima, Russel Hisashi Baba, the contemporary jazz band Visions, and a Hawaiian music and dance concert. Performances by theater groups such as the East West Players, who performed "Once Upon In America" and "Wakako Yamauchi's 12-1-A," and Sansei Productions, who presented "Life in the Fast Lane," were featured. There are not many photographs except for some slides for Amerasia Week in 1978 and some black-and-white photographs of different Amerasia Week performers. The collection contains newsletters (1978, 1980-1987) such as the *Monday Report*, *Central Coast Asian/Pacific Women* and *J.A.C.L.* (Japanese American Citizen League), all including announcements concerning Amerasia Week.

Related Collection

Asian Studies Club records

Box no. Description

Box 1

Announcements

1976- 1983

1984- 1988

Oversize, 1977-1978, 1983-1988 and undated [shelved in map case A, drawer 25]

Correspondence, 1980, 1983-1985, 1987

Events

Talk

1978, 1980-1982

Movies

1982, 1984-1985, 1987

Music

1979, 1981-1982

Photographs

1978-1979, 1981-1982

Theater

1976, 1982 to 1983

Newsletters

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Newspaper clippings

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Press releases

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Box 2

Scrapbook, 1973