

# ASIAN ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## Meet your IU Asian Alumni Association board

### Eunice C. Donovan

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- **Nicknames:** Eun, Yoon, Yoo-nice, E-cab
- **Motto to live by:** "Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting, 'Holy cow — what a ride!'"
- **Background:** Originally from California, Donovan completed her undergraduate degree at UCLA and a master's in higher education and student affairs at IU. Currently, she works as a career adviser for the Graduate Career Services office at IU's Kelley School of Business. Donovan says, "When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Matt, and two dogs, JJ and Lucy, and training for my next marathon."



Donovan

### Lenny Kim

General manager, McDonald's  
lennykim@earthlink.net

- **Background:** "My name is Leonardo M. Kim. I go by the name of Lenny. My current position is general manager of a McDonald's restaurant in Bloomington. My McDonald's is located at 2819 E. Third

St., across from the College Mall. I have worked for McDonald's for 10-and-a-half years. To earn my position, I had to attend several intensive semesters or course work in the McDonald's education system and attend Hamburger University in Oak Brook, Ill.

"My other educational background consists of a bachelor's degree from the IU School of Music. I studied violin, piano, and composition. I played in many recitals concerts and even had the opportunity to play in the LaRoque Music Festival in France."

- **Goals:** "My present five-year goal is to finish earning an MBA, hopefully in the part-time program through the Kelley School of Business on the Indianapolis campus, and to combine my business degree with my McDonald's career."

### Naomi Funkhouser

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- **Background:** "I am a 1988 graduate of Indiana University Bloomington. I earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science. After an internship at Andersen Consulting, I was employed at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati before returning to Indiana University Bloomington."



Funkhouser

"I earned an MBA from Indiana Wesleyan in 1998 and went to United Technologies. During that time, my husband

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### *From the president*

## Board strives to expand outreach

Hello and welcome to all! My name is Colin Chang and I am the new IU Asian Alumni Association president. I am very excited to get the opportunity to make a difference for Asian alumni associated with Indiana University. Please allow me to briefly introduce myself.

I am a local physician in town for Internal Medicine Associates. I grew up in Bloomington with two older brothers. The oldest brother is married and has moved to northern California. He is enjoying sunny California as an optometrist for Kaiser. The middle brother has moved back to Bloomington and is helping on the IUAAA board.

He is an ophthalmologist and is married with three children. There are two girls and a boy, who was just born in January. Our mother has returned to Bloomington after a few years in Florida and is retired. Our father continues to teach at the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. The Chang family has strong ties to the Bloomington community and Indiana University.

The IUAAA board and I want to develop a strong Asian community here in southern Indiana. This will eventually allow us to encompass fellow alumni from around the world. We are currently setting goals and organizing events to get the ball rolling. In October, we will be participating in the Homecoming weekend. We would love for you to be a part of this exciting time. Please join us!

— Colin Chang



Chang

*Don't forget to join us for  
Homecoming 2004! See  
schedule and registration  
form on page 4.*

# Confirmed: Asians spotted at the library

*Joon Park graduated from Indiana University in 1998 with BA in comparative literature and East Asian studies. He was president of AAA from 1996 to 1998. He was also a co-founder of the Student Coalition and the author of the Strategic Directions grant for the creation of an Asian Culture Center. Joon heads the financial modeling division for Global Securities Research at Merrill Lynch. He lives in New York City.*

parents and they are overwhelmed with a sense of filial piety? Or is the answer much simpler? Maybe it's because it's the only place open.



Park

When I was in high school, my friends and I were always looking for a place to hang out: an abandoned warehouse, a late-night Taco Bell, a friend's house whose parents were gone for the weekend. We would usually gather and commiserate about the drama that is teenage life. We nattered about the provincial suburb that we lived in. I suppose you can call it a blathering fellowship. I remember we talked about going away. We talked about our future.

At the IU library, there was an endless

supply of blathering (and fellowship.) Perhaps the lack of sleep and the creepy resonance of fluorescent lights cricketing do something to you. However, I always felt that it was a place where you really got to know people. It was amazing to hear and understand how others (many of whom who grew up outside the United States) viewed certain issues. There was so much to discover from other people with different backgrounds and disciplines. In that respect, there was a tremendous amount of learning going on at the library (just a different kind).

In retrospect, the IU library reminds me of high school in many ways. When I reflect on the time that my friends and I spent at the library, I remember that we talked about going away. We talked about our future.

— Joon Park, BA'98

I would make my parents proud if I told them that some of the fondest memories of my undergraduate years were spent at the library. Of course, I would omit the fact that I actually didn't do a whole lot of schoolwork there. And why is that, exactly? Why did Asians gather at the one place specifically designed to inspire students to study, yet they did anything but study? Is it because Asians sense the omniscient eyes of their

## Nominations being accepted for IU Asian/Pacific American Distinguished Alumni Award

The purpose of the Distinguished Asian/Pacific American Alumni Award is to provide recognition for outstanding achievements by the A/PA men and women of Indiana University. Use this form to nominate someone for the IU Asian/Pacific American Distinguished Alumni Award. It must be accompanied by a statement of nomination, including a resumé or biographical data. Additional letters of support are welcome. Nomination forms may also be obtained from the IU Alumni Association office.

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate year(s) and degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Title \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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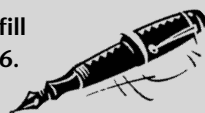
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Please return this form to the IU Alumni Association, Asian/Pacific American Alumni Association, DeVault Alumni Center, 1000 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408-1521. Phone: (800) 824-3044 or (812) 855-4822. Fax: (812) 855-8266.



Have news to share? We want to hear about it! Be sure to fill out and send in the 'What's new with you?' form on page 6. We'll print your exciting update in the next issue.



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## Main Library is second home to many students

As a student at IU, you have all probably spent time in this building ... or at least should have; the Main Library. The large stone edifice in the center of campus has served many purposes; a quiet study area, a place to eat, a meeting place, and more. A majority of students here have called this place a second home.

The building is as multifaceted as the student population. It boasts a new information technology lobby with hundreds of computers and workstations for late-night typing or group work needs. The undergraduate half houses five floors where solitude and silence can be "enjoyed" for last-minute cramming. Then, there is, of course, the graduate section. The towering 11-floor building contains dark, eerie floors, perfect for avoiding interruptions or distractions. The diligent can reward themselves with a light snack or a meal from the new food court in the basement, ordering anything from coffee and cookies to salads and sandwiches.

At the heart of it all, are the books. The Main Library contains nigh all the books necessary for research papers or projects. Whether it is a 90-year-old novel to an electronic copy, the library surely has it. And with the help of knowledgeable librarians, it is difficult to go wrong.

College years will bring back many memories other than the parties on weekends. I know that spending nearly 12 hours in the library studying for finals will be forever engrained in my mind. Maybe I should start paying this place rent.

—Raymund Ramirez



## Off target, or out of focus?

I am the "7" that pops up when you punch "3+3" into your calculator. I am the orange you get when you dye your black hair "blonde." I am the college graduate who has made it through in one piece, but still seems just a little off target. No 4.0 GPA to secure a place in that excellent research program. No auditions scheduled for joining that prestigious performing group. No killer management position in that Fortune 500 company. It was not until after dwelling on these "failures" awhile that I realized those were not even my goals to begin with.

At the start of my freshman year, I took a survey about my expectations for college. There is only one question I remember: "What is the most important thing you want to get out of attending college? A) A professional degree that will lead into a high-paying position; B) a body of knowledge that will allow access to a graduate studies program; C) a better understanding of who you are and what you want in life; or D) a skills repertoire that will allow you to practice a specific craft or trade."

While each had positive elements, C

stood out as most important to me, and in retrospect, IU delivered. College was an abundance of life experiences packed into four short years, all in a place I had never been and with people I had never met. There were so many opportunities to challenge myself, to grow, and to push myself in ways I had not even imagined in years previous. My experiences at IU helped me recognize my strengths and passions, as well as identify what I did not want to do in my life.

So what was your choice heading into your undergraduate years? Perhaps you wanted A, and your critics claimed you "sold out" to riches and materialism. Perhaps, like me, you chose C, and your critics claimed you "copped out" for flighty, romantic ideals. Regardless, it is not so important to choose one over another; nor is it so important what your critics might say. What is important is that you stick with goals that are significant in your life; it's easy to get caught up in fulfilling other people's dreams. Don't sell yourself short; stay focused on what's really important to you.

—Chris Sinclair, BA'03

## Retreat offers lessons in leadership

While most students occupy their winter Saturdays on the Indiana University Bloomington campus recovering from the previous evening's activities and going to IU basketball games, this was not the case on Jan. 31 for a handful of members from various Asian student groups. These 20 students carpooled out of Bloomington during the wee hours of the morning to spend the day at a cozy lodge in the heart of Bradford Woods, 35 minutes north of campus, to share some of their personal racial experiences at IU, participate in team-building and leadership exercises and, more important, forge new friendships.

The Annual Asian Student Leadership Retreat, now in its fourth year, is a time for students to get away from the often impersonal hustle and bustle of the university and address some important issues facing the Asian student community as well as reflect on the student minority leadership needed on campus. Theresa Chen, the graduate assistant of the Asian Culture Center and coordinator of the event, said, "I very much appreciated the opportunity to watch 17 motivated and energetic students empower themselves and strive to become better leaders."

Throughout the day, the students also completed an array of team-building and leadership activities. Each activity required an element of organization, execution, and most important, communication. "Communication is not just speaking, but listening too," Chen mentioned after one of the activities. After each activity, the students would discuss some of the difficulties they encountered and relate them to other experiences. Rosalyn Nguyen, a freshman at her first leadership retreat, commented, "It's really amazing how you can take these small concrete activities, like getting 15 people to get a marble across the room into a cup without anyone touching it, and apply the concepts to the larger problems we face in the real world."

By the end of the day, the students had reaffirmed their commitment to the Asian community at Indiana University and had taken a small but meaningful step to become better listeners and stronger leaders.

—Michael Choi



# Asian Alumni Association

## Homecoming Order Form (due by Oct. 15)

PLEASE PRINT: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday, Oct. 29

- Welcome reception #\_\_\_ complimentary tickets
- Tour of campus #\_\_\_ complimentary tickets
- Parade #\_\_\_ complimentary tickets
- Reception/dinner cost: \$15 single adult/\$25 couple/\$5 child (12 and under)
  - #\_\_\_ x \$15 single adult = \$\_\_\_
  - #\_\_\_ x \$25 couple = \$\_\_\_
  - #\_\_\_ x \$5 child (12 and under) = \$\_\_\_

### Saturday, Oct. 30

- 17th Annual Homecoming Brunch cost: \$12 adult/\$6 child (12 and under)
  - #\_\_\_ x \$12 Adult = \$\_\_\_
  - #\_\_\_ x \$6 Child (12 & under) = \$\_\_\_

**TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_**

### Payment

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to IUAA-Asian.  
 Credit card (required for hotel room)  
 MasterCard     VISA     Discover     American Express  
 Card # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

- Mail order form to IUAA  
 DeVault Alumni Center  
 1000 E. 17th St.  
 Bloomington, IN 47408
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- Fax order form to (812) 855-8266

### Hotel room: Indiana Memorial Union Biddle Hotel

Two-night minimum (Friday and Saturday) — credit card required to reserve room. Please select your choice below. See above for payment information.

	Per night, one person	Per night, two people
Single .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$96.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$104
Double bed .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$98.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$106
Two double beds .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$122.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$130
Two queen beds .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$129.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$137
King bed .....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$129.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$137
	<input type="checkbox"/> Smoking <input type="checkbox"/> Nonsmoking	

Prices listed  
do not  
include tax.

## The LEGEND OF OLD IU Homecoming 2004



### Homecoming Schedule Friday, Oct. 29

- 2-4 p.m. Registration, Asian Culture Center (ACC), 807 E. 10th St.
- 2:30 p.m. Welcome reception (cookies/punch), ACC
- 3-4 p.m. Tour of the campus by current Asian students
- 4 p.m. Hotel check-in, Indiana Memorial Union Biddle Hotel
- 4:30 p.m. Line-up for parade, Rose Avenue (next to Willkie)
- 5:30 p.m. Parade, Third Street to Indiana Avenue
- 6:30 p.m. Pep rally, Sample Gates
- 7:30 p.m. Reception/dinner, Frangipani Room, IMU (cash bar available)

### Saturday, Oct. 30

- 9-11 a.m.\* 17th Annual Homecoming Brunch, Gladstein Fieldhouse (Tables reserved for the Asian Alumni Association)
- 11:10 a.m.\* Kick-off, Memorial Stadium  
 Tickets available by calling IU Ticket Office at (812) 855-4006
- 8 p.m. Homecoming Show  
 The Four Tops, IU Auditorium  
 Cost \$37-\$27  
 To order tickets, call the IU Auditorium box office at (812) 855-1103

\*Game time is subject to change. If time changes, the Homecoming Brunch and DeVault Alumni Center's Big Red Warm-up will begin two hours prior to kick-off.

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# Alumni Notebook

**Michael G. Chang, MA'67**, recently established a consultancy in arts administration and management for nonprofit arts organizations. He specializes in strategic planning, marketing, public relations, and audience/membership development. Cultural and arts tourism development projects are also a large part of his portfolio of consultancy projects.

**Margaret C. Fung, PhD'83**, retired in August 2002, after 12 years of service as a ministerial member at the *Examination Yuan*, in Taipei, Taiwan, where she was in charge of the civil service system and professional certification. During her career as an educator, librarian, and administrator over the past four decades, Fung contributed to the development of library and information services and the refinement of the Chinese civil service system. Her collected writings in English are published by Showwe Information Co., Taiwan, and she recently published a volume of her Chinese writings.

**Susan L. Gibbons, MA'95, MLS'95**, is assistant dean for public services and collection development at the University of Rochester's River Campus Libraries. She can be reached at [sgibbons@library.rochester.edu](mailto:sgibbons@library.rochester.edu).

**Martha E. Kapitz-Growcock, BS'97**, received a doctor of medicine degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine in May 2004. Kapitz-Growcock and her husband, Chris Growcock, BS'96, relocated to Florida, where she accepted a residency position with the OB/GYN department at the University of South Florida/Tampa General Hospital. Martha can be reached at [mkapitz@iupui.edu](mailto:mkapitz@iupui.edu). Chris accepted a position of market development manager for Hart & Cooley Inc. He can be contacted at [growcoch@hartcool.com](mailto:growcoch@hartcool.com).

**Marlina Widjaja, BS'01**, writes, "Here is a summary of my college life at IUB: studying in the main library, classes in the Kelley School of Business, weekly free entertainment (music and food) at the

International Center, festivals sponsored by the Asian Culture Center, activities/parties by student organizations (Permas, JSA, SSA, AAA, ASUI), shops and restaurants/bars around Kirkwood Avenue. It was a most wonderful part of my life that I will always remember." She lives in Greenwood, Ind., and can be reached at [marlina\\_widjaja@yahoo.com](mailto:marlina_widjaja@yahoo.com).

**Bridget J. Lee, BS'02**, worked for the Peace Corps as a researcher and developer for a national park in Madagascar from 2003 to 2004. The Greenwood, Ind., resident writes that she enjoys bicycling and painting. She can be reached at [bridget@iqwest.net](mailto:bridget@iqwest.net).

**Patrick Christian, BS'03**, writes, "I am working in San Francisco with Deloitte in the audit department. I really miss the times at IU." He can be reached at [pchristian@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:pchristian@alumni.indiana.edu).

**Christine D. Lim, BS'04**, writes, "IU gives you the best of what a university should offer. Most important, you meet people from all walks of life. I truly have many unforgettable experiences as a Hoosier." She can be reached at [c31sius\\_bb@yahoo.com](mailto:c31sius_bb@yahoo.com).

## Meet the board

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and I began our drilling and blasting company and were both certified to blast in the state of Indiana. After the birth of my third daughter, I remained at home to run the business full time."

### Raymund Ramirez

Student assistant

• **Nicknames:** "People usually just call me Ray, but I've also been known as the SensAsian."

• **Motto to live by:** "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are," Teddy Roosevelt.

• **Background:** "I'm currently a junior at Indiana University

and am studying biochemistry. I'm from Indianapolis and am starting my second semester working for/with the Asian



Ramirez

Culture Center and the Asian Alumni Association."

### Eric Cheng

Senior research and development engineer; Core team leader, Hurricane Stone Management, Urology Boston Scientific (812) 829-5548 [chenge@bsci.com](mailto:chenge@bsci.com)



Cheng

• **Motto:** Carpe Diem

• **Background:** "I am a biomedical engineer at Boston Scientific, and I design medical devices treating kidney stone disease.

"I graduated from the University of Miami with bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering. I became a friend of IU after moving to Bloomington in October 2003, and I look forward to getting more involved with the Asian community. My wife and I are going to visit China for our first anniversary."

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