His hands say it...

Chinese myth in America is discussed

White America is not willing to give up the belief that Japanese and Chinese-Americans practice no culture of their own, according to Chinese-American author and playwright Frank Chin. Chin is regarded as the favorable image of the Chinese, Chin told a group gathered in the University Union, Thursday.

Chin is a passive, timid, delicate, overly polite, and never speaks in the first person. "Charlie Chan" was never written or played by a Chinese, said Chin, whose published works include "Year of the Dragon" and "Chinook Chop Chinese."

The myth of Chinese passivity runs throughout American history. Historians have neglected to mention that angry Chinese integrated San Francisco shop by shop, street by street during the 1860s, Chin said.

"Charlie Chan was a myth that we created to give ourselves some image," said Chin, author of "The Myth of Chinese Pauvity." Chin added that white Americans who know very little about Chinese culture, other than their own.

"They do not understand," he said. "The myth of Chinese passivity is a lie."

Chinese-Americans are told that only Asians have "no culture of their own," he added.

Chin complained critics fail to realize the significance of Chinese-American writing. They are overly critical of what they do not understand, he said.

"Critics assume that anything they do not understand is not their ignorance, but my bad writing," said Chin.

Chin ended his lecture with selections from his play, "Year of the Dragon," which depicted what Chin called "the most despicable site" in China Town — the tour guide.

Chin's lecture was sponsored by Cal Poly and the Chinese Students Association as the second of five 1971-72 programs planned around the American Ethnic Heritage theme.

...they’re learning to understand

Punctuating his talking with sign language, Ray Hansen began instruction in the first session of the Sign Language Workshop held in Room 318 in the Everhart Arts Building every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

About 20 people showed up for the workshop, offered for the first time at Cal Poly in an effort to gain the interest of more students, according to Hansen.

"The basics of sign language will be taught in this class," said Hansen. Starting with the signs for the letters in the alphabet, the students will eventually learn the signs for whole words and will learn to compose sentences.

"Sign language can be used for more than communicating with the deaf," Hansen said. "If people know how to sign they can use sign language at a dance or it can be used while eating lunch."

"It makes other people wonder what you are saying," he said. "It gets them interested."

Many people take the class out of curiosity rather than as a necessity, he said.

The class is being offered for no credit; there are no requirements and no fee for the students, said Hansen.

There is another sign language class, he said. It is held at the County Office of Education in San Luis Obispo on Thursday nights.

SAC gets the word

Kardel proves sly with answers

Roland Hill, director of Legal Aid, wasn't exactly pleased with the results of a meeting he had with Peter Kardel and he let the Student Affairs Council know it Wednesday night.

"He came to talk and I left a bell of a politician," said Hill, the manager of Kris Kar Apartments.

"He specified every major problem we asked him and seemed one minor point. He agreed to change the check-in, check-out procedures." Hill summed up for SAC the results of a long investigation into the controversy that arose last October when 30 student filed complaints against Kardel.

The complaints concerned the withholding of $100 security deposits for as long as 16 weeks after leases had expired and the deduction of questionable cleaning charges.

Kardel was unable to meet with campus representatives until recently when he met with Hill and a member of the city's Human Relations Commission.

"The meeting was not successful if you consider the number of questions we asked and the number we had answered," Hill informed SAC.

"Kardel was asked to use the term "depository" as a minimizer," said Hill.

"He regards the money as his and not the student." When Hill attempted to pin him down on the question he evaded the question." Hill summed up the situation for dealing with the matter, Hill said a meeting had been set for March.

"This is the earliest he says he can meet with us," said Hill.

One method of dealing with the situation could be through a mass demonstration of fact sheets on the bill is beginning this week, SAC President Scott Plotkin told the Student Affairs Council Wednesday night.

The fact sheets are part of SAC's campaign to generate a yes vote on the issue, Plotkin said to SAC in his report.

Plotkin also touched on these items:

The Staff Senate is exploring ways of keeping student-oriented offices located in the Administration Building open during lunch hour.

Many students have complained that they are unable to get business done at lunch because employees are not in.

"An amendment has been made to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act which makes it possible for a former student to see his records. Students are not allowed to look at financial information since their parents have placed in the file.

Ray Hansen teaches hand language to a special workshop class.
Student suggests grounding planes

Editor:

I was reading the article, "Gas-Loving Laws Love Lives," in your "Tuesday edition," and a few things occurred to me. Since everybody is supposedly going to m.p.g. now to save gas and live, why not set the speed limit at 8 m.p.g. and save more lives and gasoline? Just because it means more time must be spent in travelling from place to place, and less time can be spent on the reason we were travelling to that particular spot, this shouldn't have any bearing on my proposal at all. After all, we put everybody's speed control and a little more should bother us. Wait a minute. Everybody's speed control. What about emergency vehicles? They don't have speed limits as far as I know, at least not yet. Why not have them go 8 m.p.g. also? It would save more gasoline and probably the lives of a few farmers, ambulance drivers, police, etc.

I'm sure a person having a heart attack and having to be rushed to the hospital or she isn't making someone worse gas, or, worse yet, causing someone to die. Someone holding up a store or bank certainly wouldn't mind the wait. Fires are very patient; they could wait forever for a fireman on a horse on a windy day.

Let's keep our eyes on the ground, editor. Look down your street, see all these planes flying around? Go to a major airport and look at the number of planes coming and going. Do you realize how many gallons of oil these planes use? (It takes more crude oil to make a gallon of aviation fuel than a gallon of regular gasoline.) Let's ground them all. The whole place could be saved.

Why use planes when we can use something else? Most of the mail in the U.S. is now transported by plane. If we use trains...

Correction

The Tono Dashi Kai dinner scheduled for Saturday will begin at 6 p.m. Institutional following the meal will be a movie "Samurai." The dinner will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building. Tickets are $1.75 for students and $4.75 for the public and will be sold at the door. The Poly Japanese students' organization is in charge, served beef teryaki and sizzling hot in its memo.

Definition of life questioned

Editor:

We have been taught that ours is the land of the free and the home of the brave. We believe that under our system of government we have the constitutional guarantee of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Since the infamous Supreme Court decision of Jan. 31, 1972, allowing abortion on demand, the unborn are denied legal personalhood until they reach the age of viability. According to the Supreme Court, viability occurs when a baby has reached the stage of maturity when he or she can survive in an external environment.

With the intended memories of modern medical life-sustaining systems, viability, using the definition of the Supreme Court, now means 22 weeks or a little less than five months. When an artificial placenta is developed, and medical scientists are now working on it, viability could conceivably be pushed back as early as it is now, or a little longer than three months.

Is viability, then, a measure of humanity? No, viability is a measure of the effectiveness of an external life-sustaining system that is capable of preserving and nurturing a life that has already begun.

In light of the findings of modern science, wouldn't it be more reasonable to assume that human life and legal personhood begin at conception? This is what people in the Pro Life Movement believe and this is why we are asking the U.S. Congress to adopt a human life amendment to submit to the states for ratification—an amendment that would guarantee constitutional protection to human life from the moment of conception.

Donald J. Cochrane, Chairman United for Life San Luis Obispo County Chapter.

Chaplin films

The little tramp with the bowler hat and oversized shoes will be on screen again in "The Chaplin Revue" Sunday in Chumash Auditorium.

"The Chaplin Revue" is the sequel of a series of Charlie Chaplin films presented by AFI Films Committee. Tickets for the 3 p.m. showing are $2 cash for students and $1.80 for the public. They will be available prior to the showing at the University Union Ticket Office.

Chaplin put "The Chaplin Revue" together in 1968. It consists of three of his best short films, "A Dog's Life" (1918), "Shoulder Arms" (1918) and "The Pilgrim" (1916). In the prologue he shows the construction of his studio besides discussing silent era film making. Chaplin also scored the music for "The Chaplin Revue" in 1968.

"A Dog's Life," Chaplin portrays the familiar tramp. A tramp is always a precursor of the future, scheduled for Saturday will be on screen again in "The Chaplin Revue," Sunday in Chumash Auditorium.

"The Pilgrim" was Chaplin's first world-wide venture into the realm of satire. The movie is small town America, its Puritan hypocrisy and accompanying hypocrisy. Chaplin is an escapee convict disguised as a clergyman and mistaken for the new minister. He brings out not only the pompous hypocrisy of the deacon himself, but the hypocrisy of his congregation.

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Cindermen head north and south

Two track teams will travel separate ways to represent Cal Poly this weekend.

The Mustang treatise will be competing in the 4th Annual Examiner All-American Games Friday and Saturday nights at San Francisco and the Southern California Invitational on Saturday and Saturday night.

Competing in the Examiner Games are:
Open 110 yd. dash—Clancy Edwards; Open 220 yd. dash—Dwight Michael; Pole Vault—Ken Haagen, and Scott Lewis.

Competing in the Southern Cal Poly Monday night are:

Spikers home opener tonight

Opening in season with a fine start, the Mustang volleyball team will attempt to improve its 1-0 record in the first home match tonight.

The Cal Poly spikers will meet Cal Poly's 1-0 record in the first home match tonight.

The Mustangs, now 9-1 on their strengthening defense, were the only two Mustangs to take down in the heavyweight class by 19-9. The superior gave Poly's 70 points, two of those won making the final score close.

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Mustangs nip Drake

Wrestling their third n-a-a in as many days, the Cal Poly wrestlers showed a little wear and tear as they edged Drake Poly 13-12 Wednesday. Although Drake won only four matches to Poly's six, those two were pin making the final score close.

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