

Japanese Internment Subject of Lecture

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The Japanese-American Experience was among the topics of a multifaceted presentation Thursday at the continuing University Forum Lecture series.

Subjects covered included Japanese-American residents of Nevada and California being sent to internment camps during World War II and the history of Japanese migration to the Silver State.

Sue-Fawn Chung, chair of history department, said her objectives for organizing the event included an effort to bring about a greater awareness concerning the internment of Japanese-Americans and to promote an upcoming Smithsonian Institute traveling exhibit which is scheduled to stop at UNLV.

"Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-Present" is slated to open July 28, 1995, at the UNLV Marjorie Barrick Museum and run through Oct. 2.

Andrew Russell, a history department master's degree candidate, echoed Chung's goals. He hoped his lecture presentation helped inform people about the circumstances surrounding the internment of Japanese-Americans.

Russell said that while many Nevadans held no ill-feelings towards Japanese-Americans during World War II, two Nevada towns, Ruth and McGill, interned more than 100 Japanese at the outset of World War II. "The cases of internment in Ruth and McGill were the exception rather than the rule in Nevada," Russell said.

Russell said the internments in Ruth and McGill were short and that all of the Japanese were quickly transferred to Utah and later Montana and North Dakota internment camps.

Much of Russell's information regarding the internment he gathered by reading letters written by the Japanese who were interned.

Many of the letters were from a group of Japanese nationals who had worked for the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company. Fred Toyota was a Japanese-American in charge of a contingent of mostly Japanese nationals. According to Russell, the group developed a close bond with Fred and his wife Kame.

After their internment, the workers regularly corresponded with Kame. It was Kame who contacted United States government officials in pursuit of gaining the release of the group who had worked for Nevada Consoli-

dated Copper Company. Russell was able to access some of the letters which he said provided him with a good insight into the circumstances surrounding the internment of Japanese-Americans.

"In reading the letters I could see the early ones filled with hope of getting out of the camps," Russell said. "But the later ones, you could tell that they had lost hope."

While Kame successfully helped her husband Fred gain an early release, the rest of the Japanese Nevada Consolidated Copper workers spent the remainder of the war interned. Most later repatriated to Japan at the war's conclusion and their subsequent release.

Following Russell's presentation was Caryl Suzuki of the Japanese-American Citizens' League of Las Vegas. Suzuki, through a series of personal stories and a slide presentation, retraced her Grandfather, parents and sisters experiences in the internment camp in Poston, Ariz.

Suzuki was born in the camp but spent just six months before the end of the war when she and her family were released. She said that while her parents were very reluctant to talk of their experiences of being interned, it is important to provide others with information concerning the chapter in United States history.

"My mother still won't come to Las Vegas because it reminds her too much of Poston," Suzuki said.

Suzuki is a project director for the "Strength and Diversity: Japanese American Women 1885-Present" exhibit. For additional information about the exhibit call the Marjorie Barrick Museum at 895-1404.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

A Child Abuse Prevention Month Ribbon Campaign is being sponsored by WE CAN, Inc., a support group for the Florida Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

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Easter Egg Hunt for Child Haven

AT&T and ΔZ present their second annual Easter Egg Hunt at 12 p.m. on Sunday from Valerie Pida Plaza to the Flashlight on campus.

All students, faculty, staff and their children are invited to attend this four hour event to help benefit the children of Child Haven, a home for abused children in Southern Nevada. (need to check this out for sure) Prizes, games and fun are available for the children.

UNLV Celebrates Earth Day

UNLV's Earth Day 1995 will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, April 13 on the academic mall.

Moved to Friday to encourage and permit students and faculty to attend, the price of admission is one aluminum can. Proceeds from the can recycling will be used to provide scholarships to UNLV students.

The year 1995 marks the 25th anniversary of Earth Day. Educational displays, informational booths, environmental films and live band performances will be among the offerings to celebrate the event.

Students from the Clark County School District will be taking field trips to our campus since our celebration is on a school day.

For more information, please call

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Vicki Tripoli at 895-4439 or Marianne Carpenter at 798-2168.

If your campus organization is participating in Earth Day and you would like your contribution previewed in the next edition of THE REBEL YELL, leave a voice mail message with the name of your organization, number where you can be reached and a brief description of what you will present for: Jan Williams at 895-1513. One of our news reporters will return your phone call. Or you can fax us a press release to the news department at 895-1515. All information must be received no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday to meet our deadline.

Wal-Mart Sponsors Country Safety Fair

The Wal-Mart Store on Spring Mountain and Rainbow will host their Second Annual Country Safety Fair on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children with special needs will be accommodated today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the same location.

Free immunizations by the Clark County Health District, free finger printing and id by Nevada Child Seekers, free orange juice and cookies for donating one pint of blood and a free lecture on CPR and water safety by the American Red Cross will be offered.

The Clark County Fire Department, Search and Rescue, Mercy Ambulance and Southern Nevada Street Rod Association will be present. The Inland Empire Carnival will be featured, plenty of baked goods and raffle tickets will be on sale and local gymnastic groups will perform.

For more information, please call Wal-Mart at 367-9999.

Spring Registration at Mirabelli Community Center

The City of Las Vegas Mirabelli Community Center is holding registration through Friday for programs that start on Monday.

Registration is accepted from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the 6200 Elton Ave. location on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited and fees vary.

A wide variety of programs are available

for persons from 18 months to senior citizens, including recreational classes, workshops, educational sessions for children, gymnastics, dance classes, aerobics and judo.

To request a free brochure with program schedule, please call 229-6359.

Call for Volunteers

Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada is still recruiting volunteers to help out with upcoming events.

Help with bulk mailings, the Wine Festival and Silent Auction and our Speaker's Bureau are needed.

For information, please call Susan Summers at 878-3622.

Workshops to Prepare Children for the Workplace

"Guiding Your Child from School to Work" is a program aimed at the parents of children currently enrolled in grades five through nine.

The two-hour informational sessions are held four locations throughout Las Vegas and are free to the public. Following the workshop, parents and children will have an opportunity to sign up to spend part of a day on a job site observing an employee's day.

For workshop times, locations and registration, please call Joyce Nelson-Leal at 895-1380.

Honors Convocation Held at Ham Hall

The Annual Honors Convocation will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 20 in Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall.

Robing and preparation for the processional will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Judy Bayley Theatre.

While there is no mandatory cancellation of classes, early dismissal would permit students and faculty to join in the celebration of the honorees. A reception will follow in the lobby of Ham Hall.



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mation must be strictly accounted for and reported on the federal government regularly. Some of the penalties are 10 years in jail, \$1 million in criminal fines and unspecified civil fines.

The EFF has alleged that cryptography restrictions allow the government to restrict the publishing of certain materials without having the benefit of the court system, Gordon stated, adding that the same restrictions are applied too broadly to many different kinds of software (not just cryptographic software).

Gordon encourages anyone who wants to protect their Freedom of Speech on the Net to call the office of Sen. Harry Reid at 474-0041 to oppose S.314.

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