

Asian Americans still need help



Before I read Kong's fourth chapter, I did not realize that Asian Americans were paid less attention in UCSD. There are a lot of Asian students in our school and myself is also from Asian. After school, I spent most of my time being with Asian students. We will study together and go outside as well because we had the same language and culture and it was easy for us to communicate. I felt everything had no problem at that time because it seemed that I could have happy time with my Asian friends even I did not know any student out of Asia. After I read Kong's fourth chapter and thought about past few months, I realized that it was true that in some ways, Asian Americans were not welcomed in our school. In Kong's article, Scott, a queer Chinese American student, was treated unequally by not only his classmate but also his professor. Actually, I have met the similar situation. Last quarter when I was still living in the school dormitory, once I heard some American girls were talking about Chinese students. They said that Chinese students did not work hard but still could receive good grades in Math classes. Actually, Chinese students worked really hard even harder than students whose mother language was English. The reason lots of Chinese students could receive good grades in Math classes was that we did lots of practices when we were in high schools and spent more time trying to understand the courses but others did not know. Many people seemed to have stereotypes about Asian Americans. Also, I noticed that when I walked on the library walk, sometimes I could see a lot of organizations were looking for more students to join them and they would give out flyers. I saw that most of the organizations would give flyers to students who were not Asian students. When they saw Asian students, they would just stand there and watching the Asian students walking pass them. The behavior made me feel that those organizations did not welcome Asian students. Maybe they thought Asian Americans would not want to join them like what in Kong's article said by students out of Asia that "Asian Americans stay in their own little world". However, they misunderstood Asian Americans. Thus, Kong's fourth chapter changed my view of UCSD. Before, I thought that everyone treated Asian Americans well without feeling that Asian Americans would have problems to fit in the UCSD community. Nowadays, I would feel Asian Americans were not welcomed sometimes. The UCSD's campus climate to me is like that because there were lots of Asian Americans in our school, they will stay with themselves at most of time. Asian students and students who are not Asians stay in their own little communities.