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## **Poker Tournament**

**By Alex Chin**

A big appreciation goes out to everyone who went to the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament that was host by Chinese Student Association and Pi Sigma Epsilon (PSE) on November 7, 2005. The event was hosted in University at Buffalo's Student Union for fundraising purposes. There was a \$10 entry fee and an astonishing eighty-one players came to participate. The whole tournament lasted about four hours. Besides playing poker, PSE Alpha Lambda class was also selling donuts from Krispy Cream®.

The whole event was very successful. The total revenue for this event was approximately \$900. The first place winner received an iPod Nano, the second place winner was awarded a \$50 Gift Certificate, and the third place prize was a Poker Chip Set. For everyone who participated, we hope you had a good time and we look forward to having another event like this soon.



## **What is it like to be a member of E-Board?**

**By Karen Gao**

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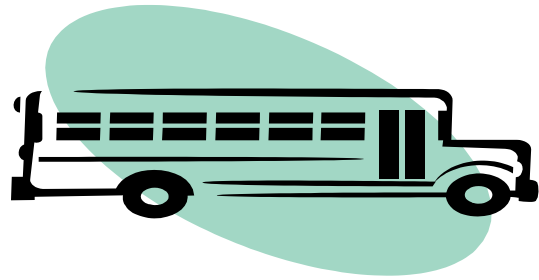
We usually have e-board meetings on Monday of each week to discuss topics for general meeting's and create upcoming social events. We discuss members' feed back from previous General Informational Meetings (GIM) and try to come up with some new or better ideas for the next meetings and events. Other topics that we usually talk about during the e-board meetings are future projects for Chinese SA such as fundraising projects, community service, and sponsorship for our biggest show – China Night in the spring! Duties are delegated equally to each chair position and deadlines for each project are given. The meetings usually last for one hour and afterwards the e-board members sometimes go out and have a dinner gathering.

## **EOP bus is Not worth it!! Try the CSA bus to NYC!**

**By Kevin Wu**

EOP BUS TO NYC SOLD OUT! EOP bus tickets to NYC during the break sold out fast. Instead of looking for people to hitch a ride home, the Chinese Student Association now offers bus tickets to NYC and back to Buffalo which is an alternative to dealing with EOP. The CSA bus to NYC is a 6 hour and 30 minute bus ride, which is agreed much better than the EOP bus where people experienced bus rides to NYC up to 9 hours long! The CSA bus offers a quick rest

stop of 10 to 15 minutes, while the EOP rest stop lasts for 1 hour and 30 minutes. EOP bus doesn't just end there, during pickups in NYC back to Buffalo bus delay can be up to 2 hours, meanwhile you are standing outside freezing waiting for them. Next time check for the CSA bus to NYC before buying EOP tickets and having to wait for them all the time.



## **Website Design Suggestions?**

**By Bo-Bo Puk**

This is Bo-Bo, one of your web mistress' for CSA this year. Since this is not my first time making a website, coding-wise wasn't much of a challenge for me, but coming up with this year's new layout was definitely tough. After looking through the past layouts from former CSA websites used in the last two years,

Lily (your other web mistress) and I decided to make something colorful this year; simply because the website had been using darker colored backgrounds. After some thinking and searching for references online during the mid-term week, Lily came up with the rough idea of the layout and drew it out herself. I then play around with some coding... and the final product is what you

see on the website right now. Hopefully everyone likes what we worked on so far and if you have any suggestions please feel free to let us now!

## China Night is Coming up Fast!

By Danny Tung

China Night is the biggest annual Chinese Cultural Event that Chinese Student Association (CSA) has been hosting for the past 40 years. This year is our 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. CSA traditionally holds such an event on a Saturday evening; this year will not be an exception! On April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006, Sweethome High School and CSA will host the 41<sup>st</sup> annual China Night at the Sweethome High School's auditorium. CSA invites everyone who is interested to come out and watch or even participate in this show.

The purpose of China Night is to celebrate and diversify the beautiful and unique Chinese culture. Our members will have the chance to show off the talents, such as dancing,

singing, fighting, acting and whatever ability that the members possesses. In the past few years, our dance performers performed the Traditional Chinese Dances which includes lion dance, fan dance, ribbon dance, hip hop dance, and step dance so the community can experience the differences between the unique Eastern culture and the Western World.

Besides traditional dances, we'll also be performing Modern Dances. Given that the new Chinese generation is being infused with the western world, western dancing has become a part of Chinese culture as well. The show also features a skit portraying a typical Chinese family value. Other than dancing and acting, we will have

fashion shows, singing, and other special talents from the members.

China Night is open to everyone. Our members come from a diverse group of students. We welcome all students who are looking for their traditional heritage or interested in learning a new culture. So come join us and learn a new culture in many different exciting ways! Come eat traditional Chinese food and enjoy our annual cultural show. CSA would like to invite the University at Buffalo community and everyone in Buffalo community to celebrate with us! This years China Night Performance should leave people with an unforgettable educational experience and gain new knowledge of the Asian culture.

*Talents Wanted!*

*Come be apart of this years 41st Annual China Night Production*

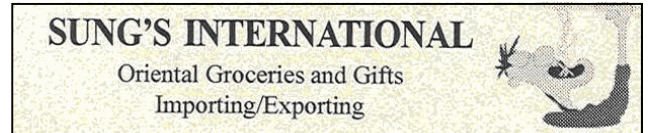




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## CSA Hotpot Night

Chinese Student Association held the first annual Hotpot dinner on November 11, in South Campus Goodyear X. The night was a blast, even though there were some technical difficulties and change in admission price, CSA still pulled it off with hours of hard work and loads of preparations for an incredible dinner. Food included home made herd soup base,



countless type of fish balls, meat balls, pork, beef, lamb, vegetables, noodles, crab, shrimp, mushrooms, taro, Tofu; the point is, you name it we had it. Even though the admission

was free and the broad members partially paid themselves, it was all worth it for the UB students to have a taste of Chinese culture rather than the less desired dorm food.



By Samantha Luk



## Letter of Farewell

By Lisa Illowsky

For the past four years I have always been a proud supporter of CSA. I got involved with CSA my freshman year through my current best friend and former President Linda Huang. She always recruited me to help out with China night every year and attend meetings. Last year instead of my usual roll of putting up decorations, running errands, helping performers with make-up, finding missing objects, and serving food at intermission, I actually got to participate in the show itself performing as the American girlfriend of a Chinese guy. That was in addition to putting up decorations, running errands, helping performers with make-up, finding missing objects, and serving food at intermission. It was a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to participate!

I also got the honor this year of becoming one of the newsletters for CSA. I hope they haven't been too boring for everyone. \*\*Snore\*\* It doesn't involve too much work. It just takes a little know how and stalking people until they hand in the article they agreed to write for you :). I am sad to say I am graduating this December. But I would like to say I had fun working with all of you, especially the e-board and keep up the good work. Don't get too stressed out when preparing for China night!!