like that of professional associations in the disciplines, many member institutions have established separate and dedicated funding to allow one or more faculty colleagues to attend the conference each year.

ASIANetwork also is the beneficiary of unseen largesse from member institutions, for they are the environments in which we do our work of teaching and learning about Asia and communicating with each other by e-mail, telephone, and hard copy. Invariably the home institutions of ASIANetwork Board members provide essential services that enable the consortium to function, and we are grateful for such contributions. One institution deserving special recognition for the provision of unseen services is The Colorado College, which is the venue for the office of the Executive Director of ASIANetwork.

Beginning this year, ASIANetwork invites faculty colleagues to make individual contributions to the consortium as a means of assuring the continuation of its mission to promote the study of Asia at the undergraduate level. Your contribution, which is fully tax deductible, will convey your commitment to this mission and the promise of the consortium. (Please take note of the announcement about individual donations that appears elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Asia and liberal arts education

Zhuangzi's defense of "the realm of nothing whatever," in Arthur Waley's translated phrase, may be an apt representation of the potential of Asian area studies in American higher education: in order to walk we need much more ground than that which is immediately beneath the landed foot. By analogy, we cope the better with the flights and folly of human existence to the degree that we have access to varied ways of thinking and can call upon a vast array of ideas. Underlying the very existence of ASIANetwork is the conviction that the complex traditions and historical experiences of Asian peoples hold elegant promise as part of the liberal education so important to the wise governance of our shared world.

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1999 ASIANetwork CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN THE NORTHWEST
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 1999 CONFERENCE OF THE ASIANetwork A CONSORTIUM OF LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES TO PROMOTE ASIAN STUDIES APRIL 23-25, 1999 SHERATON TACOMA HOTEL

On April 23-25, 1999, the ASIANetwork Conference will be held at the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel, Tacoma, Washington. The ASIANetwork Conference is held customarily in a different part of the country in one year and at the Hickory Ridge Conference Center near Chicago in alternate years. The choice of venue in the Northwest follows ASIANetwork conferences held (alternately with the Chicago area site) in the Southwest (Santa Fe, New Mexico), in the Southeast (St. Petersburg, Florida), and in New England (Manchester Village, Vermont).

Keynote speakers

Our keynote speakers will feature Southeast Asia and South Asia, subjects of the current ASIANetwork faculty curricular development seminars funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Leonard Y. Andaya, History, Southeast Asia, University of Hawai'i
Gerald J. Larson, India Studies, South Asia, Indiana University

Presidents' Reception

President Susan Resneck Pierce of the University of Puget Sound and President Loren J. Anderson of
Pacific Lutheran University have graciously invited the ASIANetwork Conference attendees to a reception on Saturday, April 24, 1999 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. on the University of Puget Sound campus. The University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University are long-time ASIANetwork member institutions.

Buses will transport conference attendees to the University of Puget Sound campus for the reception and then back to the Sheraton for dinner and the second keynote address.

Tentative conference program
Two plenary sessions:
“Books that Change the Way We Teach”
“Study Abroad and Legal Issues”
Panels (to be completed):

The sixteen breakout panels in four concurrent blocks on Saturday and Sunday fall into three categories:
(1) panels that flow from ASIANetwork grant-funded initiatives, including a panel featuring the Ford Foundation funded Faculty Curricular Development Seminar on China (summers 1997 and 1998) and panels featuring the Luce Foundation funded website, the Luce Foundation funded book about Asia in undergraduate liberal arts education, and the Freeman Foundation funded ASIANetwork Institutes in Asia and Student-Faculty Fellows Program in Asia;
(2) panels about ideas that can translate into excitement in the classroom, including a panel entitled “Asian Classics in Changing Time and Space;”
(3) panels having to do with teaching, as in a panel on “China Through Visual Images,” or a panel on “Placing Korea in the Undergraduate Curriculum;” and
(4) panels on matters such as outreach, as in a panel on “Asia and the Schools” and professional issues, as in a panel on “Asian Studies and African Americans.”

Start and finish of the conference
Registration begins at 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Sheraton Tacoma Hotel. The conference will be launched with a dinner and a keynote address by Professor Leonard Y. Andaya on Friday evening, April 23, 1999, and will conclude by 1 p.m. with lunch, hosted by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, on Sunday, April 25, 1999.

A pre-conference excursion on Friday, April 23, 1999 is “in the works.”

Further information will be forthcoming about a possible pre-conference exploration of sites in the Tacoma/Seattle area involving Asian Americans in the Pacific Northwest. Details about the excursion, which would require sign-up and a fee paid ahead of time, will be announced in the December newsletter.

Accommodations
Hotel room reservations must be made by Thursday, April 1, 1999.

The Sheraton Tacoma Hotel ASIANetwork Conference room rates are $91 per night for a single or double, and then $10 per extra person. The rate is not inclusive of the state and local taxes, which are currently 13.4%.

The conference rate will apply for three days before and three days after the conference dates based upon availability.

Individuals are responsible for making their own reservations by calling 1-800/845-9466 and will be guaranteed a room with either a first night advance deposit or an accepted major credit card number.

Reservations should be made no later than Thursday, April 1, 1999. Any rooms remaining in the ASIANetwork block at this time will be released for normal sale. Any reservations requested after this date may not be eligible for the group discount and are subject to availability.

Conference registration
Registration must be postmarked by Thursday, April 1, 1999.

ASIANetwork members $140
Non-ASIANetwork members $150
Late registration ASIANetwork members $150
Late registration non-ASIANetwork members $160

The following meals are included in the conference registration fee: April 23 Friday night banquet; April 24 Saturday noon lunch; April 24 Saturday night banquet; April 25 Sunday morning Continental breakfast. All conference attendees are guests of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia on April 25 Sunday at noon.

The conference registration fee is inclusive and must be paid in full.

Conference registration fees must be paid by Thursday, April 1, 1999. Make checks payable to the ASIANetwork and mail to Marianna McJimsey, ASIANetwork, The Colorado College, 14 East Cache La Poudre, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The ASIANetwork is not equipped to receive payments by credit card.