

MARCH NEWS: A MONTH IN REVIEW

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



If we look back to last month, in the United States, the month of March was spent recognizing many important aspects of America. In March, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and welcome Spring. March was the National Peanut Month and also the National Red Cross Month. In 1931, in March, the

star-spangled banner officially became our na-

National Women's History Month!

"Courageous women of the past who have dared to forge new roads join women living quietly at their families' center to create a world where future possibilities are limitless. Their stories are an inspiration for us all."

President Jimmy Carter

Traditionally in, early American history focused on political, military and economic matters; all fields which were dominated by white men. Much of what was written during this time left out the stories of many women and ethnicities.

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The Changing Faces Of Feminism

On February 5, OMSA sponsored another intriguing and educational speak out in Union 104-106. The topic was "The Changing Faces of Feminism" and the guest speakers were Parkside very own staff Felita Singleton, and Rita Altmeyer, Professor Maria Martinez of English, and Katherine Gregory Professor of Communications. The panel explained what feminism was and how it has evolved.

When feminism first began as a movement, issues

that pertained to white middle class women were the main agenda. Now almost 100 years later, the outline's view has become wider and focuses on issues that range from: stay at home mothers to the future of women in the work force. As reported by Terry Flores, Singleton stated, "Today feminism has a different look . . . It's certainly not the overly dressed angry woman who is not wearing a bra. Feminism includes women with multiple degrees, who are involved in politics, health

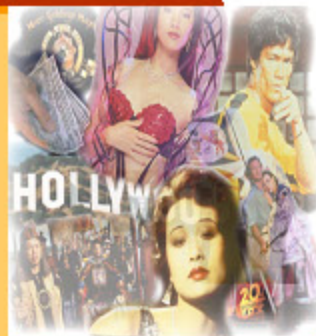
care, labor disputes. We are certainly more cosmopolitan and not as enigmatic, and there is certainly a lot more color, which are some of the more palatable aspects of feminism today."

The faces of Feminism will continue to change, but the strive to revolutionize the masculine influenced norms in society will remain as core focus of the Feminist movement until women have gained total social, political and economic equality.

“With a theme embrace the past, empower the present, and envision the future, MAASU was very intellectual and stimulating as we move to addressing issues from our own organization to more complex issues we face as Asian Americans”

-EHM

OMSA SPEAK OUT: Asian Americans in the Media



UPPER MAIN PLACE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007
NOON

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PAO SPRING CONFERENCE

MAASU (Midwest Asian American Student Union) SPRING CONFERENCE: From colonial mentality, to hate crimes and discrimination, these are some concerns that were being discussed at the Midwest Asian American Student Union (MAASU) Parkside’s Asian Organiza-

tion (PAO) attended during spring break. “By learning to embrace our past, we looked back to our history and proudly recognize our early ancestors’ foundation of our community. We gained knowledge of their past struggles and successes that will definitely guide us to do better in the future.” Ehm, Vice President of PAO stated.

The workshops at MAASU ranged from leadership development to embracing cultural history. Teaching the attendees to envision the future, MAASU provided the students

workshops that opened their eyes to different career options and opportunities such as careers in law, volunteerism and advocacy abroad, civic engagement, internships for the government and many more.

By learning to empower the present, the Asian community can achieve more motivation that will drive them to reach their goals not only the goals they set in their organization but also their personal goals that will benefit them and the Asian community as a whole.

Courageous Voices Echoing in Our Lives



Women History Month cont.

This led to a movement in the early 1900’s that raised the question “what were the women doing?” March 8, in 1911 became the International Women’s Day which sparked an interest in educating the public about many women in history who made an impact in America history and to human

kind.

In 1987, what started off as one day, was expanded by Congress and evolved into WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH.

Today, Women’s History Month honors all women of race, class and ethnic background.

The goal of Women’s History Month is to highlight the perspectives and presence of a group of people whose voice was seen as unimportant and useless to historical text. Women’s History Month widens the possibilities of dreams, encourages leaders and inspires future.

SPOTLIGHT OF THE



NAME: Marfina Peralta
NICKNAME: Ehm
FROM: Pleasant Prairie, WI
YEAR: Sophomore
MAJOR: Nursing
ORGANIZATION INVOLVED IN: V-President of Parkside Asian Organization (PAO)

3 THINGS I LIKE ABOUT PARKSIDE: The environment (teachers, advisors, students, and the nature), organizations and events, and OMSA
3 THINGS THAT NEED IMPROVEMENT: The parking lot, more student body involvement, and bigger lecture rooms in Tallent hall

What did *you* do? (Spring Break 07)

“I hung out with my friends and had fun. I didn’t get much sleep. I won a beer pong championship!”



Luis Barba
Sophomore

“I went to a conference in Chicago. I painted a house. ... Visited family. Spent most of my time in the gym.”



Valentine Garcia
Senior.

“I worked. I slept!”



Kryssy Howard,
Sophomore.

“I stayed at home. I watched TV. I went to a party for my friends 21st birthday.”



Shavon Flowers,
Junior.

“I visited family in Madison. I went to the MAASU conference!”



Stacey Yang
Junior

“I spent time with my family. I met my new nephew and caught up on homework.”



Kenneth Downey,
Senior.



ARU FUN FRIDAYS

Everybody mark your calendars !!!

ARU FUN FRIDAYS are back! Sponsored by OMSA, fun Fridays take place every month in Inter-Cultural Commons in

OMSA. The event promotes faculty, staff, and students to meet in a social setting for food, games and entertainment. THE NEXT ARU FUN FRIDAY is APRIL 13! See you there.

OMSA'S MISSION STATEMENT

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- **Connecting** students, staffs, faculty and alumni to the university community
- **Empowering** targeted student populations (African Americans, Latinos/Latinas, Native Americans, and Southeast Asians) with the necessary skills and liberties to explore academic, social, and cultural opportunities to enhance their educational growth and professional advancement
- **Developing** students through challenging experiences that will contribute to academic success and competence in a global society
- The **SUCCESS** of the UWP campus community including students, staff, faculty, alumni, and the neighboring communities

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FAMOUS QUOTES BY WOMEN IN HISTORY!

"The diversity of women in our society offers the chance for greater exploration and even greater inspiration." -Vera Wang.

"Show me someone not full of herself and I'll show you a hungry person." -Nikki Giovanni

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." -Mother Teresa

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you came from. The ability to triumph begins with you. Always."
-OPRAH

"I'm spoiled in the sense that now I get what I want but it's because I work for it." -Selena

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

UPCOMING OMSA EVENTS

APRIL 4– Asian Heritage
Month Kick Off

APRIL 13– ARU Fun Friday

APRIL 18– OMSA Speak

Out: Asian Americans
in the Media

April 20– Taking Care of Business
(TCB) Banquet