March marks Women’s History Month

In the cultural calendar, March is Women’s History Month, and the theme for this year is Women Change America. During this month we honor and recognize the role of American women in transforming culture, history and politics as leaders, writers, scientists, educators, politicians, historians, and informed citizens.

As late as the 1970’s women’s history was rarely an accepted topic in the K-12 curriculum or in the general public awareness. At first women did not get a full month, but “Women’s History Week” which was started in 1978, when the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County (California) Commission on the Status of Women initiated this week to address the need for the recognition of women in history. The focus point of women’s history month is March 8th, as it is International Women’s Day, which was first recognized in 1911. Since the inception of women’s history week, colleges now offer course’s in women’s history.

A significant factor that contributed to the emergence of women’s history was the women’s movement of the sixties that caused women to question their invisibility in traditional American history texts. In 1987, the National Women’s History Project petitioned Congress to expand the national celebration to the entire month of March.

While researching Women’s History Month, I found it very interesting to learn just how far back it goes. When it was created as a “week” in 1978, I was five years old. In 1987 when it became a national “month,” I was in junior high school, and I can remember doing projects for class on women in history.

While researching women’s history I found out that the earliest recorded doctor in history was in fact a woman by the name of Merit Ptah in 2700 BC. I never knew that women were doctors back in that time period.

I also learned that the first Women’s Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, New York in 1848. This was very interesting to know that women were fighting for their rights long before the women’s movement in the 1960’s.

In 1902, Australian women gained the right to vote in all national elections. In 1917 during the Russian Revolution Soviet Women gained the right to vote.

The timeline for women’s history is endless; I thought that it was very interesting to find out about the first doctor and some of the rights that women were given.

Women are continuing to be a driving force in our history and we should get to know all we can about the women in our history to better ourselves as well as our futures.

—Michelle Bynum
TCC Student

**MECA and Tutoring Center hours for Spring Quarter are**
8a.m.—5:30p.m.
Monday—Thursday,
and 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. on Fridays.
The Tutoring Center opens for tutoring on Wednesday, March 30.

Planning to graduate this Spring? Remember that April 15th is not only “tax day,” it’s also the last day for Spring Quarter degree applications.
You can pick up applications at the registration counter in Building 18.

ΦΘΚ
The TCC chapter of the international honors society Phi Theta Kappa will be posting new meeting times for Spring Quarter.
You may e-mail the chapter at chigammatcc@hotmail.com or check out their website at http://groups.msn.com/ChiGammaPhiThetaKappa

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“THE TEST FOR WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN HOLD A JOB SHOULD NOT BE THE ARRANGEMENT OF YOUR CHROMOSOMES”
BELLABZUG 1820-1998

“A GOSSIP IS SOMEONE WHO TALKS TO YOU ABOUT OTHERS, A BORE IS SOMEONE WHO TALK TO YOU ABOUT HIMSELF, AND BRILLIANT CONVERSATIONALIST IS SOMEONE WHO TALKS TO YOU ABOUT YOURSELF”
LISA KIRK—1925-1990
Final spring event, massage therapy, just in time for finals

The folks in Student Programs and Activities have scheduled a special “Relax Your Back” massage event for the first day of Winter Quarter Finals, March 16. The massages are scheduled for 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Student Center, Building 11.

Other events in early March highlight Women’s History Month. “Feminism 101” work shops is slated 12:30 p.m. March 7. The YWCA will be holding a Domestic Violence workshop at 12:30 p.m. March 8. The local community group Sistah to Sister will do a presentation on “Herstory”—history from a female perspective at 12:30 p.m. March 11. All three events will be held in the Senate Room, Building 11.

ΦΘΚ Active from first day of school this spring.

TCC’s Chi Gamma Chapter of the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa will kick off Spring Quarter with a fundraiser to benefit tsunami relief.

During the first week of school (March 28-April 1) student in the society will be selling “pizza cards” offering discount bargains from Dominos Pizza. Proceeds will go toward tsunami relief programs.

Membership in the Phi Theta Kappa society is open to TCC students who have accumulated a 3.5 grade point average or higher. To apply, interested students must first attend an orientation session.

The TCC chapter has scheduled two orientation sessions during Spring Quarter: April 20 at 3 p.m. and April 26 at 3 p.m. Both sessions are slated for the Senate Room, Building 11.

Chi Gamma has scheduled its Spring Quarter Induction ceremony for 7 p.m. May 20.

TCC’s cultural clubs are putting together several events for Spring Quarter.

The Native American Student Union plans a pow wow in May, while the Black Student Union will hold their annual SoulFest in April. The Pride and Allies Club has a spring carnival in the works, while the Russian Club is working on a concert of Eastern European music.

The International Student Organization is working on several projects for spring, including trips to Victoria, BC and to a Mariners game, a “movie night” and a talent show. The Asian Pacific Islander Club and Latinos United for Higher Education are also working on spring events. For more information on clubs and club events, contact the ASTCC Club Office in

Annual Students of Color Conference May 5-7

The 15th Annual Students of Color Conference will be held May 5-7 in Yakima. This popular state-wide event has drawn two-dozen or more TCC students in past years, and remains one of the most important extracurricular activities for many students years after they attend.

Sponsored by the Washington State Multicultural Student Services Directors’ Council, the event draws student from all over the state for leadership and personal development activities, guest speakers, and a chance to network with students from other schools.

The theme for this year’s conference is Keepin’ it Real and Givin’ it Back. Keynote presenters will include Norma Cantu, Terry Tafoya and Minty Jeffrey.

The event will also include a Cinco de Mayo celebration Thursday and a Friday night dance.

Students interested in attending usually participate through membership in a TCC sanctioned student club.

Check with your club officer or with the club coordinator in Student Programs, Building 11.

The Tutoring Center will resume its drop-in Friday afternoon tutoring on April 8.

Cultural Heritage Calendar
March—Woman’s History Month
Apr.—European American Heritage Month
May—Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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