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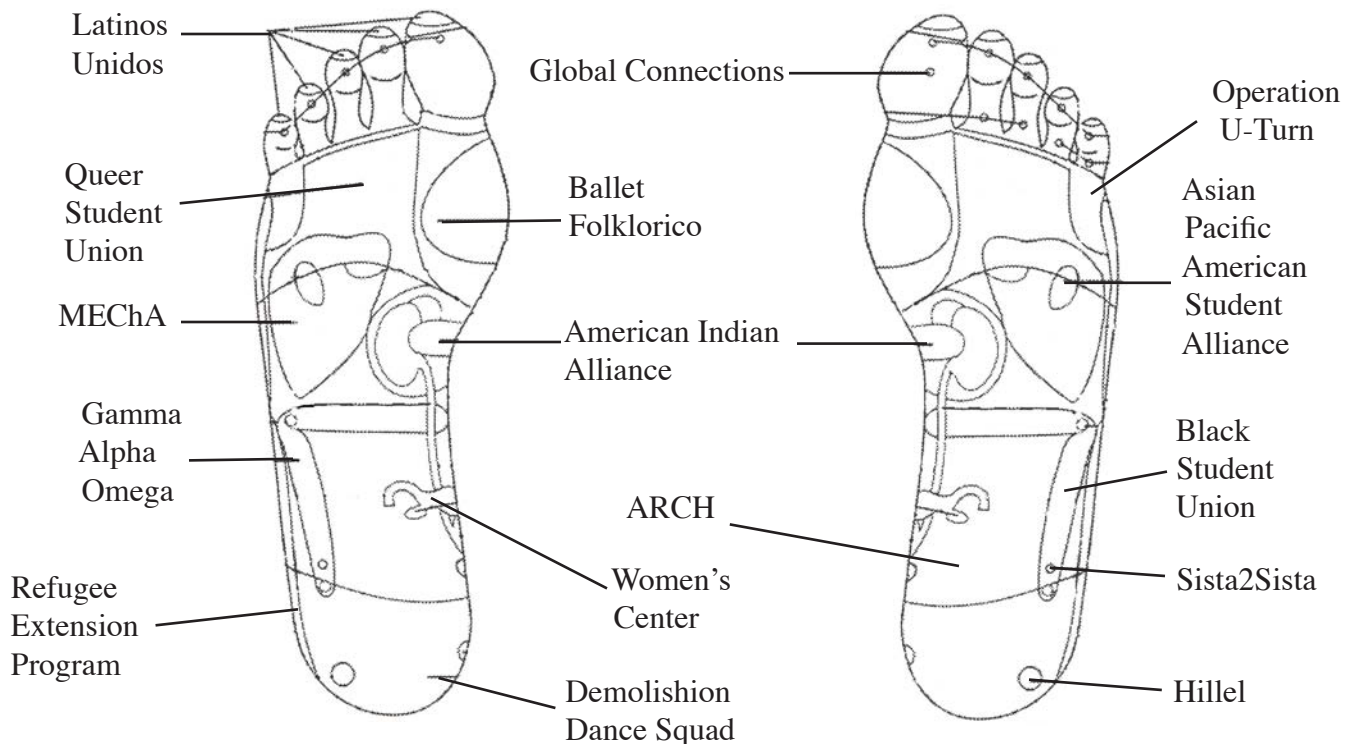
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Most of the MultiCultural Center's Staff at a weekly meeting.



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Editor's "Foot"note:

I had never stepped into the MultiCultural Center before applying for the job as editor of the Cultural Times and since then I have constantly been encouraged to step out. This year's retreat asked all of us to trust, embrace differences, have fun, and support one another. We played a game where we grabbed hands with a person we didn't know and attempted to step on each other's feet without letting them step on ours (Erik you were a great partner!), and hopefully no one has had their toes stepped on since. I stepped out with my eyes closed, blind to the world, and with Juan's guidance avoided every obstacle. I stepped out onto a high wire trembling with fear and I made it all the way across thinking of those who rely on me to be there for them. We had the chance to run full ahead and fly as our whole group hoisted us into the air, what a rush! We lifted each person higher, we picked them up and held them there, so that they felt our support, and our teamwork concentrating on just them. Each and every one of us is valued for our uniqueness and individuality just like how every pair of feet are different and beautiful, and still we all can imagine walking in someone else's shoes.

Thank you to everyone at the MCC for making my life more vibrant and adventurous. Most of all, I encourage each and every one of us here at HSU and elsewhere to feel our fears and apprehensions, embrace them, and step out. This is how we grow; this is how we learn. Get Involved!

Still Stepping,

Brandi Miller



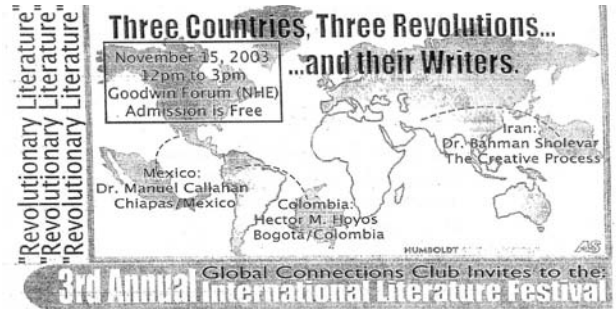
Revolutionary Connections

By Maje Hoyos

The Global Connections Club organized the 3rd Annual International Literature Festival, featuring: "Revolutionary Literature," a space where the main revolutions of a country meets the intellectuals that influenced them, and the writers who were influenced by them. This year's event took place on November 15, 2003 from 12PM to 3PM in Goodwin Forum. As usual, the event was free.

In the past we have featured renowned authors from Asia. Last year we had the pleasure of sharing our event with Ruth Behar a Cuban American woman with many Jewish stories to share and an incredible documentary about her return to Cuba and the search for her identity.

This event was started by the members of the club three years ago as a way to provide an outlet for our constant quest for ideas and knowledge. The inspiration was to provide an environment for the community to experience first hand the diversity of influences and interests that the members of the club wanted to explore. This unparalleled occasion developed into a yearly event offered to discover literature and diversity in a festive and accessible atmosphere.

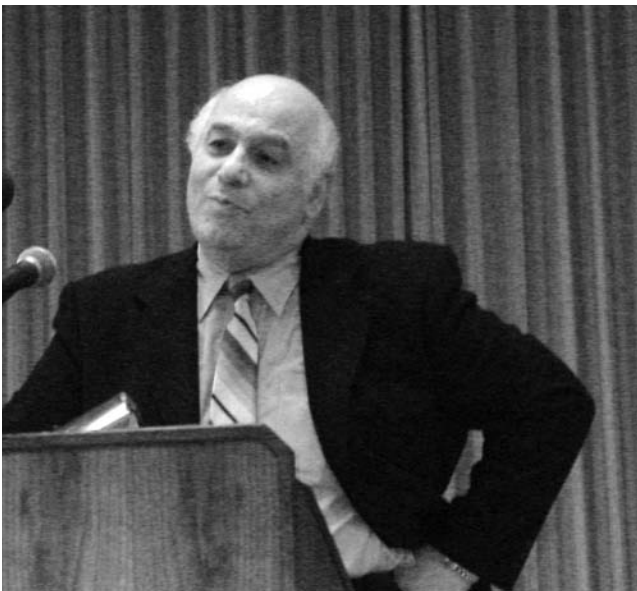




This year's festival began at noon with a presentation by HSU professor, Dr. Manuel Callahan. He talked about the revolution in Chiapas-Mexico and focused on the influence of Sub-Comandante Marcos, as well as a recent collection of communiqués.

Representing Colombia, we had Hector M. Hoyos. Currently working on his PhD. in Latin American Literature at Cornell University, he also won the Otto de Greiff National Prize for his research on Bogota's urban literature. His presentation was about the influence that the Bogotá political revolution has had and how several authors reflect it. He focused mainly on the literary works of Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

For our grand finale, we had Dr. Bahman Sholevar. An Iranian novelist, poet, psychiatrist, and an author of several books, Dr. Sholevar was going to talk about the creative process, but at the event decided to enlighten us with some of his poetry and his insight in revolutionary thinking. If you want to read more about him, check out [The Night's Journey](#) and [The Coming of the Messiah](#) available at the HSU library. Our program also included refreshments, the presentation of the poetry contest winners, and Flamenco dancing by Laura Lopez Allon.



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APASA finishes organizing the Asian Purposeful Dinner.

The APASA Purposeful Dinner

Since November of 1997, the Asian Purposeful Dinner has become a very popular event at HSU. The dinner featured dishes from nine different Asian countries as well as performers from Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. The entire event was organized by the Asian Pacific American Student Alliance (APASA), who not only cooked the food, but served it to their many guests. Personally, the food was great, but it was all of the performances that made this event wonderful.

The performances started around 7PM and were hosted by Daeng Koupradit and Ker Thao. Marylyn gave a brief history of the event, and the purpose of the dinner is to share the diversity of Asian cultures. Daeng added, "It's as diverse as diverse gets!" The Crescent City girls performed a traditional dance from the Hmong culture, using graceful hands and steady rhythmic steps. Next The Humboldt State University Middle Eastern Dance Club performed an amazing dance that incited the crowd to cheer and tap their feet. There was a small demonstration of Korean Martial Arts, stealthy, flowing, and obviously powerful.

Ralph (HSU alumni) and Yoshi (HSU student), performed a rap about world peace that included counting in Japanese and a lot of laughing coming from the audience. There was a brief presentation of Dil Se, a Bollywood film from India, that inspired many to start watching more foreign films. Marylyn Paik-Nicely performed a Hawaiian Hula that impressed all of us from the MCC who were unaware of Marylyn's many hidden talents. She began learning the Hula when she was 3 or 4 years old and I hope that she continues to dance so elegantly. The show also included Japanese Story Telling, which included gasps and uproarious laughter from the audience members. The moral of the story was, "If we drink less, smoke less, and sleep around less, then we won't waste our lives and hopefully defeat the Bush Administration." The evening concluded with the Crescent City girls doing a modern dance to Juvenile's Back That Thing Up. Be sure to get your tickets early next year!

~Brandi Miller







M.E.Ch.A. 9th Annual High School Conference



The 9th Annual High School Conference, held on November 15 at Humboldt State University and sponsored by Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.) and the MultiCultural Center, was definitely a success. The dedicated club members and students who participated in the event started bright and early at 10AM. Presentations made by Ann Plantin from Financial Aid and Steve Ladwig from EOP gave information and advice about EOP, admissions, and housing and dining. There was a panel of club members from APASA, Gamma, BSU, and Larios Unidos. The conference featured campus tours and workshops. The themes of the workshops included race and ethnic relations, survival skills, multicultural history, and cultural awareness. The event was closed by M.E.Ch.A. advisor, Don Anton, and followed by dinner. After eight hours on a rainy Saturday, campus tours, a raffle with lots of prizes, and tons of great food donated by the community, this is what students in attendance had to say:

“I liked everything that happened today. Everything was beneficial to me because next year I will be stepping into the unknown . But with this today, I will have some insight and I won’t feel like I’m walking into darkness. Thank you everyone.” ~Chao Her

“I loved the Mayan and Aztec Presentation. The dorm tours are the best. We see student rooms and their way of life. This meeting has helped ready me for college more.” ~Jose Gil-Quirarte

“I liked everything I learned about Humboldt State University and the end was really cool.” ~Priscilla Ayon-Quirarte

“I have never done anything in preparation for college and I think this is an excellent start! I feel like I have options and variety with my future.” ~Janell Ward

“I had a really good time! This was a great experience for me. The M.E.Ch.A. leaders were sooo nice. I feel I am ready for my future!!!” ~Monica Hernandez

“Thank you guys very much. I really enjoyed it. You made me look at another perspective.” ~Shereena Balar

“The interesting thing that I learned was when they talked about useful stuff, about HSU, like money and roommates.” ~Ailee Cheng

“I thought that at the end was really cool when that man came and talked to us [Don Anton]. Also when we got the tour of the campus. It was a blast looking at places. And also the speakers talked about important stuff that deals with college.” ~Nancy Vang

NEW CLASS THIS SPRING SEMESTER!

The MCC proudly presents the 2nd annual
Gross Cultural Queer Film Festival
(Q-Fest)

March 25, 26, 27

FREE!

Register for a one-unit course in:
Women Studies – WS 480 (24786)
Ethnic Studies – ES 480 (24892)



Clubs

M.E.Ch.A. 2003



"Thanks to all of the people who helped us put on the conference!"



M.E.Ch.A. Cabinet
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American Indian Alliance



Members of AIA relax after another successful Indigenous People's Week! Go AIA!!!

Sista2Sista

Sista2Sista (SIS) was started in hopes of giving all women here on campus a place to come and unite with each other, regardless of creed, color, and origin. Our membership is growing and we have been successful in bringing together a diverse group of women. If anybody is interested we meet on Thursday from 7 to 8PM in Siemens Hall 116. Hope to see you there!
~Tiffany Davis



Demolishion Dance Squad- The New Squad!

Last October, Demolishion Dance Squad added 11 new members after a rigorous tryout week. Each member learned and performed three routines in a week and was evaluated based on their performance. Practices are held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8PM-10PM in Goodwin Forum. The team has a few performances lined up for this upcoming semester. Watch for Demolishion on the quad and at basketball games.

~Aunjelique Meraz





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Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc.

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority is the only multicultural sorority at Humboldt State University. We strive to help out with promoting diversity on and off campus. We contribute all over to do community service with students and with our community. We are traditionally a Latina based sorority, yet we are open to all cultures. We promote ourselves as being multicultural and accept all people for their differences. We encourage all women to benefit from our sisterhood. Our sorority focuses on Academics and Community service. We are a support network for our sisters and strive to make sure that all Gamma Alpha Omega sisters reach their goals. We have basic pillars that our sisters live by which are Honesty, Integrity, Leadership, Scholarship and Unity. At Humboldt State we have developed our sisterhood into a thriving community outreach group. We often get calls for help to contribute to the efforts of our local community events. People know that they can depend on our sisters to contribute to their causes.

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority is also active in spreading multicultural awareness on our campus. We often help out our fellow clubs under the MultiCultural Center and most of our sisters are members of other existing clubs. We also want to promote multicultural issues regarding women of color.

Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority has created programs to promote our presence on campus such as the “Annual Women of Color Conference.” We are more than pleased to educate the campus on the issues that women of color have to face as well as how others can learn to contribute to bridging the gaps between races. We are so involved on and off campus that we have received the outstanding community service award two years running from the Greek life student body. We are very proud of the milestones that we have accomplished and will continue to push forward with our efforts. Gamma Alpha Omega sisters love what they do and always encourage other women who want to get involved to join us. Our Mission Statement is: “We are a service sorority, established not only for our needs, but also for the needs of the community. We want to better our communities so that other young women, like ourselves, may better themselves and in turn help out their communities.” You can visit us at www.humboldt.edu/~gaopi or send us an email at gaopi@humboldt.edu. You could also visit our national sorority at gammaalphaomega.com



Latinos Unidos

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Vice President- Carolina Tercero
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Treasurer- Matt Courtis
Public Relations- Soledad Gomez



Latinos Unidos was founded four years ago by two girls who felt that there was a need for a Latino club that would make them and others feel more comfortable at HSU. The mission of Latinos Unidos is to spread awareness of Latino culture emphasizing diversity through education and cultural gatherings. We get together and discuss cultural events and share our cultural traditions. We also go out, sharing a good time through events like bowling nights and watching movies.

In the past, Latinos Unidos has put on a benefit dance, proceeds of which go to donations and valuable supplies for the community. One dance was even used to aid El Salvador after it was devastated by an earthquake. This semester we are organizing a benefit dance, "Beautiful Color of Cultures," on December 6th from 9PM-12AM in the KBR. The entrance fee will be to bring donations such as clothes, especially children's clothing, or non-perishable food items. Please do not wrap them. Also, we're looking forward to Celebracion Latina, a collaboration with Latinos Unidos, M.E.Ch.A., and Gamma, March 31st to April 10th. Please join us. We meet regularly on Wednesdays at 5PM in NHE 116. For any questions you can email us at latinos@humboldt.edu, call for information and the MultiCultural Center (707)826-3364, or you can check out our web site at <http://www.humboldt.edu/~latinos>



Footnote: *Latinos Unidos and the MultiCultural Center sponsored a slideshow presentation by one of our students, Marlon Gil. It featured his travels through Ghana, West Africa and included geography, wildlife conservation in Ghana, and some of the Ghanaian culture and traditions. He helped study the Roloway Monkey and other animals. The audience was packed and enjoyed it very much. Keep your ears and eyes open for similar upcoming opportunities around campus.*





Upcoming

Events:

January 22 Lunar New Year

February 1-29

Black History Month

February 21

International Cultural Festival

February 22 Soul Food Dinner

March 1-31 Women's History Month

March 5-6 Diversity Conference

March 25-27 Q-Fest

March 31-April 10

Celebracion Latina

April 26-May 1

Asian pacific Heritage Celebration

May 1 HUI Luau

May 5 Cinco de Mayo MCC Block Party

May 15 Commencement

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