

News Briefs

Associated Student Council Vacancies Finally Filled

After several months of being short-handed, with one to four out of 13 seats on the Associated Students Council vacant, four new senators have been selected to serve from this current spring semester through fall 2001.

Interviews were conducted from Feb. 12-23 and the newly elected members were announced on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The four new senators are: Sonia Menjivar, Ebony Mathis, Richie Richardson and Micah Blue.

Following heavy lobbying by A.S. Executive Council member Raymond Smith to have representation from the satellite campuses, the council voted Richardson, who attends the Downtown Campus on 4th and Mission Streets.

Chancellor Day Declares High School Outreach Month

Following increases in the standards for graduating high school seniors including required graduation tests and GPA minimums, the Chancellor's Office and other members of the City College community have several workshops and orientations planned specifically for high school students.

March being declared "High School Outreach Month" by Chancellor Philip Day.

Filipino Club Lends a Helping Hand

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PEACE (Pilipinos for Education, Arts, Culture and Empowerment), a Filipino club at City College, conducted a clothes drive from December through January, sending garments, art supplies and money to the needy children of Makapi, a city in the Philippines.

Various members of the City College community contributed to the fundraiser and \$60 was collected along with 4 balik-bayan boxes filled to the brim with clothing. Balik-bayan, which means "to return home," in Tagalog, is the name given to the boxes used by Filipino-Americans to bring candy, clothing and other items to be distributed when visiting friends and family in the islands.

There was however, a problem of raising the \$80 needed for the postage. The items will be sent through the Virlanie Foundation Inc.(VFI), a nonsectarian, private organization that advocates the rights of children in the Philippines. VFI provides shelter, clothing, and mental and physical health care to children that are disadvantaged who may have been abused or exploited by adults.

Last year, three interns from City College and SFSU visited the Philippines and saw the poor conditions that affected people. They felt that they should send more members of the club to help those in need.

One person who made the trip was Associated Students Senator Richard Cantora, an ethnic studies major and club member. "I think our club has lots of potential," he said. "It is geared toward making positive social changes and making powerful leaders. The motto of our club is 'Each one, teach one.'"

Recognized in March 1997 and comprised of 12 core people, PEACE was founded by its president, Jeff Trinidad. Trinidad and other students were attending Filipino classes with excellent teachers but loud students created a distracting classroom environment. From then on, Trinidad and the other students decided to have a study group that met outside of the classroom. Before the club was recognized, Trinidad had opposition from other clubs that were fun and appealing to students yet may not have had the focus he wanted. He envi-

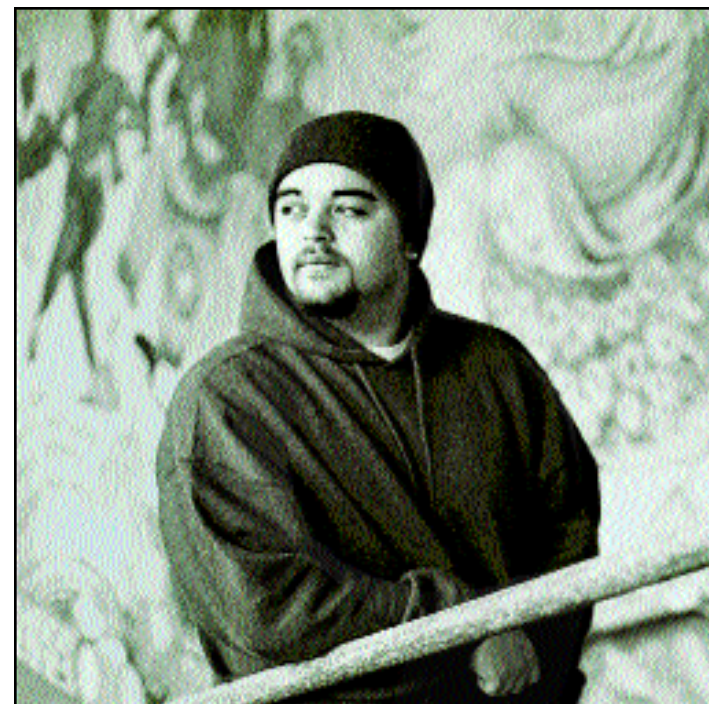


Photo By Doria Mueller

Associated Students Senator Rick Cantora has been heavily active in student government and PEACE.

sioned a different organization which, he explained, would "bring about the educational and political voice."

Along with bringing charity to poverty stricken children, the club has co-sponsored City College events such as the Interclub Council Fair and Native American Student Organization's Pow Wow. Major events centering on Filipino Culture included a dance performance by the Philippine Normal University and the St. Louis University Baguio Dance Troupe and Glee Club at the Diego Rivera Theater. In the three years of its existence, PEACE has sponsored over 40 events.

PEACE has also been involved in City College politics. "We're in the process of finding a Filipino bilingual counselor," said Trinidad. "That was one of our main goals when we created our club because there hasn't been one for 13 years. Filipino students are either transferring to other community colleges or dropping because there are no services for them."

For more information on joining the club or upcoming events e-mail: peace_ccsf@hotmail.com.

Retiring Classified Staffer Joan McClain Honored

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Joan McClain, a long-time City College classified employee who ran unsuccessfully for the College Board, retired from the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) in January.

A retirement dinner was held in her honor on March 2.

The dinner at the United Irish Cultural Center on Sloat Blvd. had a good turnout with faculty, administration, classified employees and McClain's family members all in attendance.

Public Relations Officer Steve Kech said, "Joan has contributed considerably to the college, it was

important to recognize her contributions over the years."

McClain has been working at EOPS as a data clerk for 13 years and overall, has been here at City College for 25 years. She started as a student for a year-and-a-half and wound up an EOPS worker.

While McClain was part of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU), she was on the Local 790 Executive Board and was part of the negotiating team for the last three classified contracts.

Fellow classified employee Rita Grove had mixed feelings about McClain's departure. "I'm happy for her, but I'm sad for myself and all the classified employees," said Grove. "It's because of Joan that I

became involved in the Classified Senate and the Union."

McClain represented the Bay Board Local District and founded the Classified Senate 10 years ago. The Classified Senate promotes professionalism among the classified workers of City College and every classified employee is now a member. One of McClain's legacies is a classified-scholarship named in her honor.

"The Classified Senate has been a good thing for the classified employees," said Grove. "Our morale was low, and the senate raised it because it connected each one of us. Joan started it and it improved our jobs."

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Joan McClain leaves behind a 20-year legacy at City College.

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