Conference tackles health care, birth control

By Alex Zimmerman
The Collegian

Latinas Empowered for Action (LEA) made its way to Fresno State on Friday March 6, to spread the word of their cause. That cause is to inform students and community members, mainly of the Latino community about public policy and reproductive justice.

Access was the theme of the conference—gaining access to things like birth control, and proper health care for children and families.

The conference took place in the Alice Peters Auditorium in the Peters Business Building.

About 25 people attended and participated in the conference.

The conference was broken up into sections and went from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The presentation was interactive, giving the participants the ability to converse and ask questions.

One of the exercises was called “six chairs.” Six women from the audience were given common situations and told how to deal with them.

A few of the questions answered included trouble with receiving health care, how to talk to people to find the help one may need and questions regarding birth control and public policy.

The senior director of community mobilization programs for California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ) Gabriela Villa spoke for most of the conference.

It is Villa’s job to do training to focus on community outreach to bring in community members for training, and to reach out to other social justices.

“We were talking about how reproductive justice really works at the intersection of issues and so it’s equally important for us to build support with other justice organizations around the country,” Villa said.

Health science major Alida Espinoza came out because she believes in reproductive rights.

“I think that in the Latino...”
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community there are a lot of taboos related to contracep-
tive use, and taboos on hold-
ing off to start a family when you get married," Espinoza said.

CLRJ is an organization based out of Los Angeles. Although it is a very small organization, consisting of only five on staff, it still travels throughout the state explained Villa.

Taking turns speaking along with Villa was Marisol Franco, the Policy and advo-
cacy manager for CLRJ.

Franco explained that the main point of the conference and CLRJ is trying to make the connection between Latino community and pub-
lic policies.

“We have these somewhat great laws on the books, but they’re not reaching Latinas who have all these health disparities,” Franco said.

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to enjoy for generations to come,” Rosenow said.

The Tree Campus USA pro-
gram is a new national pro-
gram that honors universi-
ties, campus leaders and the surrounding community for promoting healthy urban for-
est management and engag-
ing the campus community in environmental stewardship.

Rosenow said, “Tree Campus USA will teach stu-
dents the many benefits trees provide our communities, and the students will leave school and go out and plant trees where they work and live.”

The program recognizes col-
lege and university campuses that:

• Effectively manage their campus trees.

• Develop connectivity with the community beyond cam-
pus borders to foster healthy urban forests.

• Serve to engage their stu-
dent population utilizing ser-
vice learning opportunities centered on campus, and com-


campus forestry efforts.

Fresno State’s 327 acres are home to about 4,000 trees that represent more than 100 spe-
cies and thousands of other plants and flowerings.

Because of this wide array, in 1978, the campus was des-
ignated an arboretum: a place

in the valley,” he said. “[The

award] just shows people that we are committed to that.”

McCaughhey said students can use the campus as a labo-

ratory.

“The arboretum helps stu-
dents identify trees and plants that they would not normally see,” he said.

Dr. John Bushoven, an assis-
tant professor who teaches horticulture through the

plant science department, uses the campus for exactly that purpose.

“We work closely together to provide a living laboratory for students in all of my horti-

culture classes,” he said.

“Not a semester goes by

when you will not see Dr.

Bushoven in his signature

hat, on one of his many cam-
pus excursions with groups of students studying the ben-

efits of the urban forest,” he

added.

Bushoven said the campus

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needed green space for a
diverse array of species. “It

benefits our entire commu-
nity not just my classes,”

he said.
I've often wondered if my cats are lesbians. It probably doesn't mean that they have what could be considered X-rated if they were human. I swear, cats can get away with just about anything.

But it all started out innocent enough. After we put our first cat, Sue, to sleep, our other cat Duchess was lonely so we brought home a white kitten we named Snow Pony to keep her company. After several weeks, Pony was nursing on the spayed Duchess like she was her own mother.

But the nursing continued way longer than it should have. Till Pony was almost a year old. "This was about the time she went into heat and tried to hump my foot."

I thought getting her fixed would curb Pony's sexual appetites, but soon after that, she and Duchess had progressed to mutual grooming and sharing a bed. It was rather sweet.

But then they actually started making out, and that's what it looked like. And the first time Pony moun- ted Duchess, my eyes nearly popped out of their sockets.

She was mimicking a male cat exactly: biting Duchess by the scruff of the neck to hold her still. Our fluffy calico did not like this at all, being the dominant one in the relationship. Pony was rewarded with a hiss and a scratch on the nose. I had heard of homossexual animals before; I've read of paired-off male penguins and those frisky female bonobo chumps. But cats?

I guess it's possible. I've seen a tom mount another male. That turned ugly fast.

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If you watched the Angry Vagina's rant and some of what you got from it was that piece was about not using perfumes for your body; then you got the wrong message. I'm glad that Daniela was inspired to think deeper about herself and her usage of items considered feminine, she was on the right track but I'm asking that you dig deeper about why you do what you do to "down there." In anything you do as a woman, just make sure your doing it for you and not because everyone else is telling you that's what women should do.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Getting the ‘wrong’ message

I was actually one of the cast members of this year’s Vagina Monologues [and when I read the article “The anger of the V-spots,”] I realized very quickly, that Daniela Lopez did not understand what the Angry Vagina was talking about, for the most part at least.

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The biggest celebrity losers in ’08

How four female mega-celebs went from flab to fab in no time

By Madeleine Marr

McClatchy Tribune

Admit it. You sneak a peek at the latest rags in the checkout lane. That’s OK, there’s very little else to do unless you want to memorize the ingredients of Orbit gum. Women who try to lose weight often dispense frustratingly inaccurate information—how many times have they pegged Jennifer Aniston as pregnant?—sometimes they’re dead on correct. Hello? They all knew Madge and Guy Ritchie were on the rocks before the divorce lawyers got their first paycheck.

For the New Year, apparently the majority of tabloid eds have resolved to cover very little else but celebrities’ bodies. At least these days, a handful actually have some useful information on how to get thin in the New Year, with a few examples.

Though the famous have personal trainers and access to every “It” nutrition plan, some are human, with hunger pangs, hankerings for all things caloric and aversions to exercise like the rest of us. Here’s a few examples of women who lost weight in 2008 and how.

GWYNETH PALTROW: The normally pin-thin star admitted she packed on some holiday pounds (too many canapes at the Fontainebleau, perhaps?). How she did it: The 36-year-old mother of two has dabbled in the Master Cleanse program, when you can consume nothing but water, lemon juice, maple syrup and cayenne pepper for a minimum of 10 days. “Uck.” Sounds better than past extreme diets designed by her health guru Dr. Nish Joshi, which excluded wheat, dairy products, sugar, gluten, booze and red meat.

ELISABETH HASSELBECK: Try to not feel TOO hostile, the flat-as-a-board “View” co-host posed in a bikini on the cover of Fitness six months after giving birth to her second child. How she did it: The 31-year-old credits fierce workouts at New York gym La Palestra, where they staff a team of nutritionists and psychologists along with trainers. Hasselbeck has stayed the course on a wheat-free diet (she has celiac disease), and noshes on lean protein, vegetables, nutrition bars and nuts. “View”-induced stress probably helps, too.

BRITNEY SPEARS: The pop tart with a penchant for Cool Ranch Doritos packed on the pounds during an emotional rough patch in fall 2007. No one would have been wiser had Spears, 27, not donned a bikini while stumbling about the VMAs stage. How she did it: No stranger to dance routines, Brit lost the 20 thanks to intense cardio three times a week (think lunges, jump squats and general boogieing). As for the nacho chips, they were replaced by a 1,200-calorie-a-day delivery plan, Sunfare.

FERGIE: The baby bump rumors started right around the time the normally toned rocker (Stacey Ferguson) started plumping up for her role as a prostitute in the movie musical “Nine.” How she did it: The Black Eyed Peas singer, 33, had motivation to lose the curves to fit into her wedding dress (she married Josh Duhamel earlier this year).

Her plan: two-hour morning jogs and Diet Designs food delivery service created by Hollywood nutritionist Carrie Watt. “I have to give the bad food up now!” she said before her nuptials. “So, yeah. I’m in that phase.” Welcome to the club.

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Word of the Day

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The deadline is one week before publication.

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Batesole said he will use
this week’s tournament as
an opportunity to assess his
young talent and see where his
team stands going into the rest
of the season.

The biggest question mark
facing the team at this point, is
who will become regular con-
tributors for the remainder of
the season.

“You’re going to see a lot of
guys going in and out, but
sooner or later it has to settle
in,” Batesole said. “We’ve got a
couple positions to fill and this
is their opportunity to take
those jobs and run with them
into league.”

The team is now 11-18 on the
year and hopes the dramatic
victory will carry them to
wins in Tuesday’s doublehead-
ner against Temple at Bulldog
Diamond.

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Correction
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earlier photo caption on page
8. The rider pictured was Shawna
McCung riding horse Ghost.
"Hawaii is very fast' they play a full game," Filipe said. "San Jose State will come out twice as hard. Every team will bring out their best."

Every team in the conference tournament will have their sights set on Fresno State and their key players. Guard/forward Hayley Munro knows this because she was one of the main contributors on last year's WAC championship team.

"We have a huge target on our backs," Munro said. "They'll try to guard me and Jaleesa (Ross) hard but I think we're ready for it."

Munro averaged 10.8 points per game, while Ross led the team with an average of 13.3 points.

For Munro and the women’s team, a second trip to the NCAA tournament will be an even greater boost for their program.

"I think it will be really good for our student body and gain more fans," Munro said. "We get lots of fans at our games, but it’s great to have more."

The men’s team will have a much tougher road ahead of them. Because of their dismal 3-13 WAC record, they will have to take part in the play-in game.

Paul George will be playing in his first WAC tournament. Senior teammate Dwight O’Neil informed George of the possible challenges that lie ahead.

"Dwight told me that the game is going to get more physical," George said. "We have to grind things out, be physical and be strong at this time of year."

Fresno State will take on the Hawaii Warriors, who blew past the Bulldogs on the island 69-43 back on Feb. 5. The Bulldogs put up a much better effort the second time around on Feb. 19, but still fell short 73-69.

The winner of that contest clinches the final seed in the tournament where they will face the number one seeded team, which is 27-4 Utah State.

Despite being swept by the Warriors, as well as their two road losses recently to Boise State and Idaho, George still sees a confident bunch heading into Reno.

"In the past, we struggled against Hawaii," George said. "They’re a great team. They have great players and a great defense. We lost both road games against Boise State and Idaho, but we played well. We’re definitely confident about Tuesday."
Senior Haley Perkins delivers game-winning hit after controversial call in the seventh inning

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Walk-off win against No. 9 Cal

The Bulldogs broke the hearts of Providence and Cal in their second game, the Bulldogs got to see the other side as they broke the hearts of Providence and Cal. No. 21 Fresno State went 3-2 at this weekend’s Bayer CropScience Classic, finishing third out of five. BYU won the tournament, with Cal coming in second. Northern Illinois and Providence tied for fourth, each finishing 1-4.

“I thought we played extremely well in the two tie-breaker games,” coach Marge Batesole said, “and I thought we played well today (against Cal).”

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In their second game, the ‘Dogs turned the excitement in their favor. In the bottom of the eighth inning against Providence, sophomore Haley Gilleland hit a single to score freshman Jody Badorine and junior Jody Badorine and senior Garret Acevedo. Acevedo then scored on a sacrifice fly from junior Tom Mendonca.

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