

# Women's History: A Blind Legacy

By L'Asia Brown

**"Behind every strong man, there's an even stronger woman, serving as his wings and conscience, guiding his every endeavor with expertise, intuition, and wisdom"**

March 2008 marks the 30th anniversary of the annual women's history month celebration. In 1978, residents of Sonoma County, California began recognizing the true movers and shakers of the American household, which women have proven themselves to be for centuries.

As noted by Borna Brunner, women's history was rarely a studious academic subject before 1970. "Only one or two scholars would have identified themselves as women's historians, and no formal doctoral training on the subject was available anywhere in the country," argues Historian Mary Beth Norton.

Although women had taken on crucial roles internationally, they still weren't being given credit for their sacrifice. Luckily, the Women's Movement of the Sixties caused scores of women through the US to question their absence in the traditionally information-rich academic texts.

Women's historians burst onto the scene, determined to find some type of educational outlet for the distribution of women's history. "Without question, our first inspiration was political. Aroused by feminist charges of economic and political discrimination...we turned to history to trace the origins of



women's second class status" boasts one of the first women's historians, Carole Smith Rosenberg.

By 1981 Senator Orrin Hatch and Representative Barbara Mikulski co-sponsored a joint resolution proclaiming a national women's week, and the United States Congress gladly expanded the time period to the full month of March in 1987.

For hundreds of years women have been disregarded and misplaced as figures of the world's communities and general society. Nevertheless, women have been responsible for many of our nation's greatest triumphs and accomplishments.

Internationally, women have shaped the frameworks for domestic and foreign economic markets, highly efficient government systems, brilliant inventions, productive associations, impressive councils, and honorable charities. Women have struck the

fashion industry by storm.

Women have dominated the entertainment industry for decades. Women have even emerged in politics, pushing for stronger, more effective policies and challenging their male counterparts as prominent, influential figures. Women of all colors, religions, nationalities, shapes and sizes are making notable differences. Young and old, African and European, wealthy and poverty-stricken, women from all corners of the globe have banded together to bring awareness and merit to a gender that has endured severe underestimation.

There are millions of women who are helping to shape dark paths into brighter, more opportunistic futures for young women and men of destined generations. On many occasions, society has become so caught up in an addictive, falsified media that we senselessly forget the women who are directly impacting upon our own lives.

They work at our local schools, banks, churches, and grocers. They are our mothers, sisters, pastors, and bus drivers. They might greet us with genuine smiles and warm southern accents as convenience store clerks, or they may be slaving behind hot grease and burning stoves to ensure we eat delicious meals. These women are wonderful. They encourage, console, persevere, guide, and give.

They are selfless, sacrificed, phenomenal women, and this month we bow down in honor to our maidens in shining armor, and hope that one day we can mirror their cordial achievements.

## Sports: Tennis Team Underestimated

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Do you want to see something amazing? Go to the FSU website, navigate to athletics and click on the tennis page. Just stare at the headline which clearly states: "2007 CIAA Women's Tennis Champions."

If you think this is a fluke, go to the right and click on historical data. We are talking about 5-time CIAA Champions, 5 NCAA Division II Playoff Berths, 18 CIAA Women's Singles Championships from 2002-2007, 8

CIAA Women's Doubles Championships from 2002-2007, 4 nominations to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Team, 26 nominations to the CIAA All-Conference Team from 2002-2007, 2 CIAA Player of the Year Awards, 2 CIAA Most Outstanding Player Awards, and 3 nominations to the CIAA All-Tournament Team. Is that enough for you?

I wonder how many cabinets they have to fit all of these awards. These colossal achievements can only be described in one word: dynasty! However, as the women's tennis team

continues to win more matches and more awards, there is not as much as a whisper heard around the campus about their successes.

Let's get to know the coach about the remarkable drive she put behind these all-star Broncos. Her name is Elorine Hill and she is a 3 time Coach of the Year recipient compiling a 100-26 record (.793 winning percentage) over a 6 year span from '02 to '07. Her resume continues with a 54-3 division record and get this, a 90-1 conference record. This is unheard of which computes to a .948 and .989 winning

percentages respectively. These are women that are rarely talked about and I promise you that these achievements will not go away.

Since 2002, the team has stayed under the FSU radar, but now they are competing for the top spot among all FSU Sports. The season is young and the players are hyped; the talk of the town is TENNIS and there is no changing that. Basketball and Football better move over because you have company.

Dare I say that we have our hands on a dynasty?

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