

# Feature presentation

## *New club gives students film education*

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Each Wednesday in the library media center, the Classic Film Club meets to watch movies that have remained popular since their initial release.

Senior David Diaz originally conceived the idea of film club as part of his duty as a library aide.

"Classic movies have always been something that I've had a passion for," said Diaz.

Diaz also feels classic movies should be viewed by his fellow students, and he believes the club will allow students to appreciate classic films.

"Having to view classic movies in the film studies class is limiting in a sense," said Diaz. "At the same time, there are a lot of people who would enjoy it, but don't have the availability in their schedule to take a film studies class."

According to librarian Sherwin Bennes, film club is different than other school related organizations because of the permission form that has to be filled out.

"Students need parental permission to be in the club because some movies that will be shown have higher ratings than allowed by CCSD," said Bennes.

Selection was limited for the first couple of weeks until the parental forms were turned in.

"Once all the forms come in, we can start to show the PG films," said Diaz.

As well as simply viewing movies, some members have joined in order to gain some knowledge of motion picture history.

"I'm interested in film making," said sophomore Michael Shull. "I think it's good to get back to the roots of movie history to learn about film making."

Diaz has many plans for the future of his club. Themed months such as western or gangster or focuses on certain directors such as Stanley Kubrick are in the works.

"Mr. Bennes' focus would be classic American films, but I'd like by second semester to move into foreign films," said Diaz.

Movies scheduled to be featured this year include "The



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**Open the pod bay hatch-** Students watch "2001: A Space Odyssey" in the library media center.

Graduate", "Jaws", "High Noon", and "Gone with the Wind."

Many students attending the Classic Film Club believe that classic movies are more interesting than today's films and have more depth.

"Classic movies are just different," said Shull. "The stories were more creative back then. Today, we focus more on effects than the plot."

Diaz claims all movies shown in Classic Film Club will have been released prior to the 90s.

Although the club will mainly focus on early movies, Diaz says that all movies have merit and should be explored.

"I just like movies in general," said Diaz. "Classic films just have more of a literary merit."