

The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION--JANUARY 1984

"When oppressed people willingly accept their oppression, they only serve to give the oppressor a convenient justification for his acts. A righteous man has no alternative but to refuse to cooperate with an evil system."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 15 is the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the father of the non-violent movement for civil rights. His commitment to righting the wrong with patience and nonviolent action brought him international recognition epitomized by his acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. He advocated working with and through the system encouraging school desegregation and voter registration. Throughout the civil rights movement, he was repeatedly arrested, harassed, and threatened. In April of 1968, he was murdered by an assassin's bullet. He has finally been recognized by our government for his contribution to all of humanity. This January 15 will be the first national holiday to commemorate the birth of one of our greatest leaders, Martin Luther King, Jr. Throughout this issue we will be including quotes from some of his most inspiring and memorable speeches.

ARTEE YOUNG

Ms. Artee Young will be the keynote speaker for TESC's commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. This is scheduled for January 18 at noon in Library 3500 Lounge. For more information, call Ujamaa at 866-6000, ext. 6781.

URBAN LEAGUE COMMEMORATION

The Thurston County Urban League will be holding its annual celebration on January 16

for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The event is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will be held at the Capitol Rotunda. For more information, call 352-1424.

PINE RIDGE RELIEF FUND

We have been notified that the severe weather conditions have hit South Dakota especially hard. The Porcupine District Council reports that the elders and those unemployed (almost 90 percent of the population) are unable to afford to keep warm. Many have had to burn furniture and clothing to keep from freezing. The Council has sent out this alert to seek donations of money, blankets, coats, sweaters, thermal clothing, and insulated gloves and boots in all sizes from children to adult. Donations can be made at El Centro in Seattle, on campus at the Indian Center in Library 3221, or sent directly to Porcupine Cap Office in care of Dave Pourier, South Dakota 57772.

"There are those individuals in every age and generation who are willing to say 'I will be obedient to a higher law.' It is important to see that there are times when a man-made law is out of harmony with a moral law of the universe."

THIRD WORLD MINI ACADEMIC FAIR

I would like to thank all the Third World students who participated in our Third World mini academic fair. I have heard many positive comments about it and the desire to see it happen again. I would especially like to thank the following Third World faculty who attended: Rudy Martin, Gil Salcedo, Willie Parson,

Joye Hardiman, York Wong, Gail Tremblay, Mary Nelson, Lloyd Colfax, Bill Brown, and Ed Trujillo. There are still more Third World faculty handbooks available for those who would like a copy. Stop by the office at Library 3208 to receive yours.

WINTER FESTIVAL

We are confirming all the events for our annual Winter Festival. We have scheduled the CAB Mall on January 25 from noon to 4 p.m., with evening activities beginning at 7 p.m. in the Corner of A-Dorm. The tentative line-up is: opening at noon with Korean Dancers; 12:30-Puerto Rican Women's Group and a speaker with accompanying film and slides; poetry by Davina Mapp; 2:00-Wa-he-lute Indian Dancers; 2:30-African Drum and Dance Troupe. We will also have gigantic information and a bake sale by all the Third World organizations. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The afternoon events are free.

SALVADOREAN ART

As part of the Winter Festival, there will be an exhibit of art done by Pipiles, descendents of the Mayans. Their art represents the country's indigenous culture of which very little has been available outside of El Salvador. For more information, call 866-6000, ext. 6034.

"Get on your walking shoes. Walk together children and don't you get weary. We will wear them down by our capacity to suffer."

A TRIBUTE TO JAPAN

TESC's second annual Tribute to Japan is scheduled to begin January 15, 12-5 p.m. in the Library Building. There will be arts and crafts demonstrations, martial arts demonstrations, a kimono fashion show, traditional tea ceremonies, and a Japanese food sale. All the events are free and open to the public.

"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor. It must be demanded by the oppressed."

FOND FAREWELL

We would like to wish well Jake Romero, one of our "senior" Third World faculty members. Jake has been at TESC since 1972. He has accepted a project position at Boeing and will be on leave for two years. Jake has a background in chemistry, physics, and nuclear energy, and is top in the science programs here. His presence will be missed. He was one of only two Third World faculty in the areas of applied sciences.

"We've gone too far to turn back now. We must let them know that nothing can stop us, not even death itself. We must be ready for a season of suffering."

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is the national Black History month. Ujamaa has been busy confirming activities and events on campus in commemoration of the event. If you are interested in participating in the planning or preparation of any of the events, please contact the coordinator, Davina Mapp. The office number is Library 3207, or call 866-6000, ext. 6781.

ALLIANCE ANNUAL DINNER

The Asian American Alliance will hold its annual dinner on January 21. It will be held at the town of Steilacoom Community Center from 6 to 7 p.m., with no-host cocktails; 7-8:30 for dinner and guest speakers; 8:30-9:30 for staff reports, awards, and scholarship awards; 9:30-11 with a polynesian show and dancing. The dinner will be a buffet style of Asian and Polynesian delicacies, followed by a Polynesian review of song and dance from Samoa, Hawaii, and Tahiti. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information, call 582-6521.

SUMMER JOBS

There will be several summer jobs available at the Olympic National Forest. The pay for Park Technician begins at \$5.50 per hour and the pay for Laborer is \$8.75 per hour. Applications will be available at our office, Library 3208, or call 866-6000, ext. 6034 for more information.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1/13 Last day to register without paying a late registration fee.
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- A Tribute To Japan
12-5 p.m.
Library Building
- 18 Artee Young, Guest Speaker for Martin Luther King's Birthday
Noon-Brown Bag Lunch
Library 3500 Lounge
- 16 Thurston County Urban League's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Celebration
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Capitol Rotunda
- 21 Asian American Alliance Annual Dinner
6 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Steilacoom Community Center
- 25 Winter Festival
Noon throughout the evening
CAB Mall

I HAVE A DREAM

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal. I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the State of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. I have a dream today. And when this happens and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, FREE AT LAST. FREE AT LAST. THANK GOD ALMIGHTY, WE ARE FREE AT LAST."