

# The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - NOVEMBER 1979

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## A Sequence Of Songs Of The Ghost Dance Religion

My Children,  
When at first I liked the whites,  
I gave them fruits,  
I gave them fruits.

Father have pity on me,  
I am crying for thirst,  
All is gone,  
I have nothing to eat.

The Father will descend,  
The earth will tremble,  
Everybody will arise,  
Stretch out your hands.

The crow - Ehe eye!  
I saw him when he flew down,  
To the earth, to the earth;  
He has renewed our life,  
He has taken pity on us.

I circle around,  
The boundaries of the earth,  
Wearing the long wing feathers,  
As I fly.

I yehe! My children -  
My children,  
We have rendered them desolate,  
The whites are crazy - ahe yuhe yu!

We shall live again  
We shall live again.

Hello People!

This is your community newsletter. We hope you find it informative and encourage any response from you about its content. If you have an editorial

opinion, poetry, news of your community - anything pertinent to the Third World community, please bring it to L-3204. We have a file in that office in which we collect any articles, etc. for the upcoming newsletter; or you may call 866-6034.

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## Third World Coalition Board Meeting

All Third World students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. The meetings are designed for information sharing and advisement to the Coordinator as to the activities the Coalition should provide.

Normal meeting dates are the first Tuesdays of the month at noon, in L-3205; brown bag lunch. This month, two meetings have been set, November 6th and 20th and one in December on the 4th, to discuss upcoming activities.

The agenda for the November 6th meeting:

- Third World Coalition videotape viewed by Board of Trustees, Nov. 8th
- Third World film for Nov. 7th
- Third World student survey results/ workshops to be developed
- Graduate school workshop/Gail Martin, Nov. 16th
- Guest speaker, Black filmmaker, Oliver Franklin



- Faculty hiring DTF
- Any artist for T-shirt design, mural (?)
- Announcements

### Winter Festival

Plans are in the making for a Third World cultural festival the end of January. We are hoping to bring a variety of theatre groups, musical entertainers and artists.

In conjunction with this, we plan to have a seminar on intercultural awareness open to any who wish to participate.

We need as much volunteer assistance with organizing this event as possible. If you are interested or have suggestions on entertainment, please let me know. Contact April or Priscilla at 866-6034.

### Announcing: Priscilla Cruz

Priscilla is our new workstudy student. She is from Los Angeles, California and currently enrolled in the Human Development program. This is Priscilla's first year at TESC and she will be working on developing the workshops, film series and festivals.

She is located at L-3236 and her office hours are Mondays, 3:00 - 4:30; Tuesdays, 8:00 - 12:00; Wednesdays, all day; and Thursdays, 8:00 - 9:30. Stop by and say hello.

### Food for Thought

On November 1st, 1855, all Chinese were "evicted" from Tacoma, Washington. It is interesting that since then, there hasn't been any Chinese communities to resettle in Tacoma.

### Third World Film

The Third World Coalition and EPIC will be showing a film Monday, Nov. 12th at 7:00 p.m., called HEALTH CARE: YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE. The film is in two parts -

sixty minutes each. This film gives a comprehensive look at America's medical system in New York. It shows how people die in county hospitals because of lack of facilities while in private hospitals, money can save lives. The point which is trying to be made in the first part is "Is health care a right or a privilege?" and "Should any differences exist between the care of the rich and the poor?"

Part II is a panel discussion among "health professionals, government officials and consumers from all over the United States. In this discussion, solutions are proposed ranging from "elimination of all government programs to the establishment of socialized medicine."

### "El Mensaje del Aire"

This month, MEChA students will start producing a radio program for the Latino/Hispanic community. The radio program will be made of a great variety of things including Mexican and Latin American music, news, commentaries, cultural notes, enthusiasm and more.

The radio program will represent an effort of the Mexicans and Latinos to communicate through our music and customs and to identify ourselves within our community.

### The Ujamaa Society

In case you haven't heard... We're still holding meetings every Thursday at noon in the Third World Board Room, L-3205. We've got lots of things to discuss. We've got a vehicle reserved for the Pan African Student Association of Washington State Conference. The weekend of Nov. 2-4, we'll be taking off for Ellensburg to join in. If you haven't already signed up, let yourself be heard at the meeting.

People are always asking, "What events are coming up?" Aside from those listed in the newsletter, WE CAN DO ANYTHING. Folks have suggested dances and other



forms of entertainment. If you come to a meeting with an idea (or let another attending member know), we can do it. Hope to see you Thursday.

### Black Film Maker

Oliver Franklin: nationally known Black film maker will be on campus Monday, Nov. 26th.

### Black Arts West

Nov. 11th, Black Arts West will be performing in the experimental theater at 8:00 p.m.

### Odetta

Odetta - a folk and spirituals artist will be performing on Dec. 1st in the experimental theater at 8:00 p.m., tickets are \$5.00 and worth it.

### Asian Coalition

The Asian Pacific Isle Coalition would like to again urge all Asian and Pacific Isle students, staff, faculty, or any interested persons to get involved with the Coalition. We are currently in the process of planning our calendar of events and would appreciate some input from you. Please feel free to drop by our office or just give us a ring. We are located at L-3209, phone 866-6033. Hope to be hearing from you soon.

### KAOS & The Third World

KAOS - 89 1/3 FM - needs more brothers and sisters to do radio shows. If you are interested, please contact Phil Jones at 866-KAOS or leave a message at 866-6781. Workshops are free!!!

### NASA

Our first meeting on Oct. 11th did not have the attendance we had hoped for. Our

next meeting will be Nov. 14th. We have important matters to discuss. Your participation and suggestions will be needed.

Material we covered at the last meeting is as follows: film selection for Native students, the Native radio program aired each Friday at noon till 2:00. "Sky Runners", Indian Awareness Week to be held at the end of the College year, who to ask to speak at that time and student involvement needed in Indian Awareness Week, suggestions for dinners to hold for the elders of Native communities, trips that will be sponsored for NASA awareness, speakers we would like brought to our campus to speak and suggestions for fund raising ideas.

We plan to ask all alumni to assist in the recruitment of new Native students. Native student enrollment is down this year and this is the main issue of our next meeting.

NASA feels that with a strong association body, we can accomplish alot this year. See you at the meeting.

### MEChA Celebration

MEChA students hold regular meetings every Wednesday at noon in L-3205. All Hispanic/Latinos are invited to participate. We are in the process of planning a Posada celebration to take place Dec. 15th on the 4th Floor Library.

People from the Latino/Hispanic communities are getting involved in helping students plan this celebration, designing posters, preparing food, making pinatas, etc.

La Posada celebration will begin at 1:00 p.m. It will include pinatas, comida (food), games, music and dances. Bailladores Bronce and children from Olympia's Early Childhood Development Program will be performing Mexican Folkloric dances.

In the evening, MEChA will host a dance featuring Ray Tabares y los Mexicanos, beginning at 8:00 p.m., 4th Floor Library.



Look for an announcement with further information in next month's newsletter. Anyone interested in participating in its planning or needing more information can contact MEChA at 866-6143 or 6034.

A special invitation is extended to Evergreen's Third World community.

### Las Posadas

Las Posadas is a Mexican celebration commemorating Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search for posadas (lodging) for nine nights. The actual Posadas in Mexico takes place from Dec. 16-24, climaxing with a fiesta on the last day. The fiesta involves a series of entertainment such as breaking of pinatas, music, dancing, folkloric dancing and eating Mexican foods.

### State Migrant Meet Upcoming

Yakima - the third annual statewide migrant parent conference will be held Oct. 31 to Nov. 3 at the Towne Plaza Motor Inn, according to Raul Rodriguez and Alex Santillanes.

The two staffers of the Migrant Education Identification and Recruitment Project (MEIRP) said the conference - as in the past - is designed to bring educators together with parents of migrant children.

A series of sessions - both in English and Spanish - provide cross currents of information between the groups.

Also present will be national, state and local administrators. Ultimate goal of the sessions is to improve migrant education services to the migrant child.

Washington State Migrant Education (WSME) held its first state conference in 1977 at Seattle's Sheraton Inn, and the second in Nov. 1978, at the Towne Plaza.

### Latino Students Visit Centro de la Raza

On Oct. 20th, 10 MEChA students (Columbian, Ecuadorian and Chicano) went to Centro de la Raza in Seattle to take part in their 7th year celebration.

Centro de la Raza was created Oct. 11, 1972. Since its foundation, it has been a community organization whose function is to serve the people, not just Chicano-Mexicanos, but all Third World people. They are there to help people who do not understand English, have economic problems, problems of documentation or employment.

During the celebration, MEChA students made contact with other MEChA students and a Chicana organization called Mujer. Cultural entertainment included pinatas for the children, Native American singers, Mexican folkloric dance by the Jose Marti Child Development Center, and Mexican songs by Chicanos from the University of Washington. El Centro Cocina provided tacos de barbacoa.

A mural of Quetzalcoat, painted by Aurturo Aurtures was dedicated during the celebration. Later, director Roberto Moestas welcomed Evergreen's MEChA and gave a run-down of El Centro's history, beginning with the occupation of the Beacon Hill School (its present location), and talked about the struggle El Centro has had with the city of Seattle to survive.

MEChA students also had the opportunity to check out El Centro's Third World Library and Daycare Center. Director Maestas reported that El Centro had won \$175,000 from the city of Seattle. El Centro is still struggling with the mayor to release these funds - in the meantime, the daycare center is without heat.

Following the celebration, MEChA students went to dinner at a local Mexican restaurant and then attended a Mexican dance featuring Las Cinco Aces.

### Whitener Launches Seminar Series Oct. 30th

A four-part series of seminars offering "A Native American Perspective on South



Puget Sound" begins Oct. 30th, led by David Whitener, Evergreen professor of Native American Studies. The free Tuesday series begins at 11 a.m. at the Thurston County Senior Center at 116 North Columbia.

Offered as part of the Senior Center's "Future of Our Heritage Program," Whitener's presentations will explore change and continuity in Native American tribal life, emphasizing the impact on local tribes. Whitener, a Squaxin tribal member, will also discuss the role of elders in tribal society, conflicts in educational values, Native American relationships to the land, and the future of Native American heritage.

#### Graduate Workshop

Friday, Nov. 16th, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., the Third World Coalition and Career Planning and Placement will hold a workshop on graduate school - the nuts and bolts on how to decide on graduate school, which to choose from, how to apply and how to finance your way through.

All interested Third World students are invited. We will initially meet in the Third World Coalition Lounge - L. 3205. Then Gail Martin, Career Planning and Placement director, will provide a tour of their facilities and information available.

For further information, call April at 866-6034.

#### Faculty Hiring DTF

Dean Will Humphreys has requested the Third World Coalition to provide Third World student input into the faculty hiring process. He seeks several Third World students volunteers to be a part of the Faculty Hiring DTF.

This is a vitally important role and if we neglect this opportunity, it is only our own faults if there are no further Third World people hired onto our faculty. I actively urge you to consider taking

part in this DTF and becoming aware of TESC's process. For more information, please call April at 866-6034 or Dean Humphreys at 866-6295.

#### Counseling Center Workshop

The Counseling Center is planning to conduct a weekly group (Oct. 24 to Nov. 14) on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This group is Roles: Relationship, Self and Choice and we hope that persons from your offices would like to help with the facilitation of the group. What we have in mind at this time is a forum type group which incorporates panel discussion, small group exploration/discussion, and some written material on issues of sex roles. I want to share this idea with you in hopes that you may join us in presenting this group to the campus community. If you are interested, please call Richard Rowan at 6151. I would like to schedule a meeting for interested persons so we can brainstorm ideas, format, material, etc.

#### Media Conference

The Pullman School District is sponsoring a major conference entitled "The Media Challenge: Promoting Educational Equity." This training conference is designed to assist educators in identifying bias, developing screening processes, and selecting learning resources to foster educational equity.

The conference is scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, at the University Inn Best Western Convention Center in Moscow, Idaho. The registration fee is \$7.50 (students \$5.00). The conference should be of particular interest to school librarians/media specialists, curriculum directors, school administrators, teachers, and student leaders.

For information, write to Rita Duran, Pullman Public Schools, NW 115 State St., Pullman, WA. 99163 or phone (509) 332-3581.



Miscellaneous

Is anyone interested in buying a rental contract for three quarters? Two five-person apartments will be having rooms available. If interested, contact Margarite Cruz at 866-5127 or Priscilla Cruz at 866-5150.

Are You An Artist?

We are looking for someone who can design and silkscreen(?) T shirts for Third World students. Is there anyone out there interested in negotiation on some ideas? We are also considering the possibility of a mural down the hallway; any ideas? If you are at all interested, please call April at 866-6034. We are anxious to get things going. It could possibly even generate academic credit as well as an artist's fee.

Editorial

As Third World people, we experience racism everyday. Weird looks as we walk down the street, nervous quiet when we enter a room, "nice" remarks like, "But I had a nice Black friend." Since these kinds of incidences are so common and perpetuated by so many facets of this society, we have insulated ourselves from their sting. We have developed a false security around us, choosing to ignore the harrassments and forget that racism is a strong force against us. This force becomes more overt when people of color immigrate to the US in large groups as the Indo Chinese are now.

I was confronted by it head-on last week at a small private high school where I work. A small group of students were talking after lunch about the "boat people" and how they had no right to be in the US and they should all be sent back. They were talking loudly - I overheard - and became so angry that I couldn't trust myself to confront them at that time. As they were talking, references were made to all Asian people, of whom I am one. Later, I heard some students state adamantly

that they hated all Asians and they had every right to say that. The connection never being made that I, their teacher, was also included in the receiving end of their verbal abuse against "those people."

This school, unlike most private "alternative" schools, is not in existence to provide rich white people a place to escape from desegregation practices in the public schools. We are dedicated to creating a place where all people, especially low income and Third World people can come to learn. We have presented numerous films, guest speakers and seminars on racism and Third World issues. The efforts to educate have been made, yet this blatant attack reflects their ignorance. What do you say, as an Asian American/Third World person, to someone who makes an emotional statement of slander regarding a race of people you belong to?

Too long have Asian Americans "passed" as the "model minority" and had to endure the pain and anger alone for the many incidents that have happened like the one above. What kind of response can we make to these kinds of incidents? How can we support each other? In my case, I reached out and many Third World people have given me support. They talked with me, went to the school to show students that many people are affected by their attitudes, or wrote statements if they could not be there.

I have learned through all this how big the problem really is. Eliminating racism and being able to exercise our right to live without harrassment will be a long, hard struggle. It is time we own up to our responsibility of supporting each other and to exhibit knowledge and pride in our cultures.



Calendar of Events

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|----------------------------|---|-------|--|
| October 31 -<br>November 3 | Parent Conference - Center for<br>Study of Migrant Education in<br>Yakima                             | 20    | Native American seminar<br>continues       |
| November 1                 | Ujamaa meeting L-3205, noon   | 21    | MEChA meeting, L-3205, noon                |
| 2-4                        | Pan African Student Association<br>of Washington State Conference<br>in Ellensburg                    | 22-23 | Thanksgiving Holiday<br>CAMPUS CLOSED      |
| 6                          | Third World Coalition meeting,<br>L-3205, noon  | 26    | Third World Women meeting,<br>noon, L-3205 |
| 7                          | MEChA meeting L-3205, noon  | 28    | MEChA meeting, L-3205, noon                |
| 8                          | Third World Coalition recruitment<br>videotape viewed by Board of<br>Trustees, 11:45 a.m., Board Room | 29    | Ujamaa meeting, L-3205, noon               |
|                            | Ujamaa meeting L-3205, noon   | 30    | Media Challenge Conference<br>in Pullman   |
|                            | Movies: <u>Blue Collar, Black Panther</u><br>Lecture Hall 1, 5:30 & 8:30 p.m.                         |       |  |
| 9                          | In Lieu of Veteran's Day<br>CAMPUS CLOSED   |       |  |
| 12                         | Movie: <u>Health Care, Your Money or<br/>Your Life</u> , Lecture Hall 1, 7:00 p.m.                    |       |  |
|                            | Third World Women meeting, noon,<br>L-3205  |       |  |
| 13                         | Native American seminar continues at<br>the Thurston County Center at<br>116 North Columbia, Olympia  |       |  |
|                            | Movie: <u>Health Care, Your Money or<br/>Your Life</u> , Lecture Hall 1, noon                         |       |  |
| 14                         | MEChA meeting L-3205, noon  |       |  |
| 15                         | Ujamaa meeting, L-3205, noon  |       |  |
| 16                         | Third World Coalition Graduate<br>School Workshop, noon to 2:00 p.m.,<br>L-3205                       |       |  |
| 17                         | Black Arts West,<br>Experimental Theater, 8:00 p.m.   |       |  |
| 20                         | Third World Coalition meeting,<br>L-3205, noon  |       |  |