

The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - OCTOBER 1980

WELCOME

Welcome to all new and returning Third World students. This newsletter is a monthly publication produced by the Third World Coalition. Its purpose is to present to all Third World faculty, staff and students, information about the Third World community and campus. Information for this newsletter comes from you, so please submit any articles, stories, poetry or information that you wish to share. This is our way of keeping in touch with each other, especially for those of us who aren't on campus as often. Please forward any information to L-3204 or L-3208. All Third World students, faculty and staff should receive this publication monthly. If you or someone you know is not receiving it, it may be because we don't have your current or local address. PLEASE be sure you keep it up to date with us and the Registrar.

THIRD WORLD COALITION

The Third World Coalition is similar to what most colleges call a Minority Affairs Office. We are one-third of an administrative unit on campus called The Educational Support Programs. Our mission is just that - to be a support for all people of color. This entails support for students falling behind in classes and in need of referral for basic skills development or tutorials, students needing advocacy or guidance in choosing a faculty member, a program, writing a contract or evaluation, or even in danger of losing credit.

We also provide various cultural activities throughout the year, as well as workshops based upon your needs and interests. (A survey has been enclosed to local residents for this purpose, and we request that you return it to us as soon as possible to Library 3204.)

We also have a private study room for those wanting to do their work in a quiet place. It is located in L-3236. There is also a library/lounge with Third World periodicals and books which can be checked out or read there. See the secretary in L-3204 for the key. Also, all Third World students meet regularly on Tuesdays at noon in the Coalition library/lounge, L-3205. All interested Third World people are encouraged to attend.

The Third World Coalition is staffed by two people - Kim Bingham, L-3204, full-time secretary; and April West, L-3208, Coordinator. We welcome any and all of you to stop by and get acquainted with what is available to you. Our phone number is 866-6034.

THIRD WORLD LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION

The Third World library/lounge has a small but growing selection of Third World materials, which are available for all Third World people to use. We have recently had a large donation made to our library which has drastically increased the number of books available on Blacks and Africa. We would like to acknowledge faculty member BILL BROWN for this very

generous contribution. Books are very expensive and in this day of budget cuts, they become a luxury item - so it is greatly appreciated!

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

The Third World Coalition and all the Third World student groups are working on the development of INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY. The indigenous people represent all the original native people who occupied this land before the white man. These people are the native North and South American Indian nations and the native Hawaiians.

Our native peoples have systematically had their lands, language, cultures and dignity taken away by the white missionary and white pilgrim. Today, the native people are among the most destitute in this country. Yet, look at the wealth of Hawaii's resorts and hotels, and the resources which have been stripped from the Indian nations' land.

November 10th has been set aside to recognize the indigenous peoples of this country. We will celebrate Indigenous People's Day as an alternative to "Thanksgiving Day" which to many native people, symbolizes many years of economic greed and broken treaties.

The day will begin with an opening blessing done by a Native American Indian and by a native Hawaiian, in the Hawaiian language. There will also be other people bringing their culture and heritage from the South and North American Indian nations, and Hawaii. There will also be sharing from the African heritage of the Black people who were enslaved and brought to this land. The film, 'The Salt of the Earth' will also be shown in Lecture Hall 1 on that day at 1:00 p.m.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY is free and open to the public and all who are interested are encouraged to attend. The events will be taking place in the Library Lobby. There is still much work yet to be done and your support would be greatly

appreciated - even if it is only to help set up chairs the morning before the event begins. For more information, please call 866-6034 or stop by L-3208.

UJAMAA

Ujamaa, which is Swahili for Cooperative Economics, is located in L-3207 and is open for all Black Americans seeking educational and social support. The first weekly meeting will be held Friday, Oct. 10th at noon in L-3207. All Black students are urged to attend and help decide which activities the budget should be spent on. Your support is needed. For more information, call 866-6781 between 8-4pm Mondays and Tuesdays, or drop by during those times. Victor Jackson is at the helm this year.

Ujamaa, co-sponsored by EPIC, will be showing a film from Africa, 'Black Girl' at 7:30pm in Lecture Hall 1 on Oct. 27th. FREE - but donations are welcome.

MEChA - Latino Students

MEChA students held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Oct. 1st. Discussion centered on Indigenous People's Day, and how to contact new students and get them involved. A decision was reached again this year that MEChA would not be just here for Chicano students, but for all Hispanic and Latino students. MEChA meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays at noon in L-3206. Please let us know if this conflicts with your schedule.

Maria Anorga is the coordinator and she can be reached at 866-6143, Mondays from 12-1pm, Wednesdays from 8-4pm, Fridays from 9-12 noon, or drop by during those times.

MEXICAN FOOD

MEChA will host an Open House and serve a free lunch for all Hispanic/Latino faculty, staff and students on Wednesday, Oct. 15th in the MEChA office, L-3206.

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This is strictly a social hour so we can meet each other. The menu will be delicious Mexican food.

WOMEN OF COLOR UNITE!

The Third World Women's Organization has officially opened their office. Our regular weekly meetings will be Mondays at noon in L-3205.

On the agenda for our Oct. 13th meeting is establishing a day and time for Third World women to have an exercising class. Also, we'll be discussing the Third World Women's Organization's participation in Indigenous People's Day.

Our meetings are open to all Third World women students, faculty and staff. If you have any issues or workshops that you would like to see addressed, the Third World Women's Organization is here for that purpose.

Office hours are Mondays from 9-4pm, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12-4pm. We are located in L-3211 and until the phone is installed, can be reached through the Third World Coalition, 866-6034. Penny McCall is the student coordinator.

NASA

NASA - Native American Student Association is located in L-3217 and is open to all Native American students, staff and faculty. NASA is currently being headed by Diane Devlin who can be reached at 866-6024 during her office hours on Wednesdays and Fridays, noon-5pm. There is still one more position open with NASA for ten hours a week. If you are interested, please contact Diane. If you can't reach her at NASA, leave a message with the Third World Coalition, 866-6034.

ASIAN/PACIFIC COALITION

The Asian/Pacific Coalition will hold its first meeting on Monday, Oct. 20th at 12:15 in L-3209. All Asian and Pacific Island people are encouraged to get involved as

well as all other interested people. Steve Bader is the student coordinator and he can be reached at 866-6033 during his office hours: Mondays from 12-1:30pm, & 3-5pm, Tuesdays-Thursdays from 2:30-5pm, and Fridays from 2:30-4pm or stop by at L-3209 during those times.

*It is worthy to note that coordinators are also students and the number of hours they work is limited. Therefore, if there's a problem of reaching someone, a message can be left at the Third World Coalition office in L-3204 or call 866-6034. All the coordinators meet together regularly for the convening of the Third World Coalition Board meetings every Tuesday at noon in L-3205.

THIRD WORLD T-SHIRTS

The Third World Coalition is offering Third World T-shirts as a means to generate funds for the Mary Ellen Lewis Scholarship Fund for Third World students. The shirts are red with a black graphic, representative of the four Third World student groups - NASA, MEChA, Ujamaa and Asian/Pacific Coalition. They are only \$5.00 and would make an excellent gift or memento from Evergreen. They are available in L-3208 and supply is limited.

THIRD WORLD SURVIVAL MANUAL

This is an extensive guidebook to aid any new student to the TESC campus and Olympia community. It gives a comprehensive overview of each campus facility and their services available to all students. It also gives you an insight on community services available from Olympia to Seattle, ranging from how to use the bus to where to apply for food stamps. A listing of ethnic restaurants and food stores is also given as well as alternative places for housing and daycare, other than what is offered on campus.

The Third World Survival Manual is free and available for any new Third World student. You are welcome to pick one up at the Coordinator's office, L-3208, during regular business hours or in the Third World Coalition lounge, L-3205.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

10/13,20,27 Third World Women will meet in L-3205 at noon.

20,27 Asian/Pacific Coalition will meet at noon in L-3209.

14,21,28 THIRD WORLD COALITION will meet at noon in L-3205.

15,22,29 MEChA will meet at noon in L-3206.

15²² MEChA OPEN HOUSE at noon in L-3206. Mexican lunch. FREE

27 Film, BLACK GIRL, in Lecture Hall 1 at 7:30pm.

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DON'T FORGET, NOVEMBER 10TH - INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY.

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