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A three-day conference on Black education and economics will be held at The Evergreen State College September 28-30, Ernest R. Fields, conference coordinator, has announced.

Sponsored by the Evergreen UJAMAA Society, the three-day meeting is open "to all Blacks throughout the state, from the grass roots levels to the professionals," Fields said.

"There are 73,000 Blacks in Washington and the main purpose of this conference is to establish a state-wide communications network for them," Fields said. "We also want to form a united front on some basic issues which we can then present to the rest of the state."

More than 500 persons are expected to attend the meeting, which will focus on law and justice, employment, housing, politics and new careers programs in addition to education and economics.

The conference is the second in the state's history and will feature guest speakers, workshops, debates, seminars, and large-group discussions.

"Our first meeting was held in Pullman last March," Fields said. "We laid the groundwork for our organization there and published our first state-wide report. Now we want to expand that organization and broaden active participation in it by Washington Blacks."

Coordinators working with Fields on the conference include Carl Brown, Tacoma; Constance Acholonu, Seattle; Betty Richie, Spokane; Henry Beauchamp, Yakima, and Katie Barton, Pasco.

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