

# The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - SUMMER OF 1979 By April West & Susan Ybarra

## THE THIRD WORLD COALITION

The Third World Coalition would like to take this opportunity to welcome all people of color to The Evergreen State College. The Coalition is an administrative office designed to assure that all Third World students have complete access to equal educational opportunities at Evergreen. Its function is to act as an advocate to assure Third World students' needs are being met by providing referral assistance, academic and social advising, educational/political and social advocacy. The Coalition acts as an information center for students of color and provides a comfortable place for people of color to meet other people of color.

The Third World Coalition also provides assistance to the Third World student groups (Asian Coalition, NASA, MEChA, Ujamaa, and Third World Women) in terms of advocacy and referral assistance, academic and social advising, leadership, technical assistance and sponsorship of cultural and educational activities.

The Coalition provides a Third World lounge with a library of books and periodicals, a place to study or meet with other Third World students, located at Library 3236. Also available for Third World students is the Third World Coalition Board room, located at Library 3205. This room can be scheduled for meetings, social gatherings or a place to work by contacting the Coalition office. The Coalition offices also include a Director, April West at Library 3233 and a secretary, Kim Bingham, at Library 3204. Both are available to answer your questions or provide any assistance you may need.

The Third World Coalition extends an open invitation to come by or call if you have any questions, concerns or need a comfortable place to talk to comfortable people. Our telephone number is 866-6034.

## ASIAN COALITION

The Asian Coalition is an organization with membership open to all Asian and Pacific Island students. Its function is to educate the TESC and Olympia communities as to the needs, problems and culture of Asian Americans. The Asian Coalition sponsors workshops in cultural awareness, art, organizational skills, speakers, cultural events and has established a library of books, films and periodicals of concern to Asian people. Please feel free to stop by our office at Library 3209 or call 866-6033.

## NASA

The Native American Student Association exists to serve Native American students' needs, whatever they may be. NASA's purpose is to educate and create an Indian awareness that will hopefully alleviate social ills such as racism and prejudice by recognizing and embracing cultural differences in a positive way for people living in a plural society. NASA strives to strengthen and perpetuate the Native American culture/heritage by involvement with various tribal communities, reservations, organizations and urban areas throughout the Pacific Northwest. The NASA office is located at Library 3217, phone number is 866-6024.

### MEChA

MEChA, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlan is a student organization that embodies a concept of self identity, cultural heritage, history, brotherhood and contemporary Chicano student activities. Our goals include educating the Evergreen and Olympia communities to the total Chicano experience. We exist to fill the gap for all Chicano students that the normal resources on campus fail to meet. We are here to try to help meet your needs, both academic and social. Please contact us at Library 3206 or by phone at 866-6033 so we can help you with your concerns as a student at Evergreen.

### UJAMAA

Ujamaa is Swahili for cooperative economics. The Ujamaa society exists to develop and reinforce Black consciousness and to secure our self determination as a foundation in this society. We are here to provide a friendly atmosphere for Black students to meet and talk with other Black students and provide assistance in any way possible. Our office is located at Library 3207, our number is 866-6781.

### COALITION STAFF

April Yamashiro West, an Evergreen alum, is Coordinator for the Third World Coalition. She assumed the position last October after a three year stint in Tacoma at the Asian American Alliance.

April was a state delegate to the national IWY (International Women's Year) Conference in Houston and continues to be active in Asian American Women's issues. She has a goal of continuing her education in pursuit of a Masters degree in social work specializing in administration and program evaluation.

A very warm welcome is extended to all Third World students from April, with an invitation to stop by the Coalition office to talk. Office hours are 9 to 5.

Kim Bingham is the Third World Coalition secretary and has been for 2½ years. Kim is a native Tacoman and a graduate of Stadium High School. She is currently attending night classes at Tacoma Community College with a long range goal of obtaining her Bachelors degree in Accounting. Her leisure hours are spent with her daughter Sayona, who is 14 months old.

### FALL ORIENTATION

Fall orientation plans for Third World students are being finalized by the Coalition. Plans include open house on several days where Third World students can meet one another, meet Big Brother/Big Sister, find out jobs, housing and financial aid information, discuss Third World survival at Evergreen, and meet Third World faculty and staff. Other plans include an ethnic dinner, film, potluck, disco and cultural entertainment.

### THIRD WORLD COMMUNITY MEETINGS

During orientation week, the Coalition also plans a Third World Coalition meeting on Tuesday, September 25th, to discuss Third World survival at Evergreen and form an Advisory Board of students from all the different ethnic backgrounds. These student advisors will be able to represent their particular ethnic group in dealing with Coalition business. Coalition meetings will be held on alternate Tuesdays in the Coalition Board room, Library 3205. These Third World community meetings will deal with issues and concerns of Third World students at Evergreen, planning cultural and educational happenings and generally any business students may care to include. All students of color are welcome to attend and participate in these meetings.

### FALL REGISTRATION

Fall registration begins September 25th

from 1 to 8 p.m. and ends October 8. The college will mail each student a packet of registration materials. It is important that the college have an up to date address for you so that these materials can reach you. For any assistance or information, you can contact the registrars office.

#### ACADEMIC ADVISING

Need assistance in deciding what to study? Beginning this fall, the Third World Coalition will offer the expertise of 3 faculty to aid you in your academic endeavors: Diana Cushing, Craig Carlson, and Larry Eickstaedt.

You will find that at TESC, it helps tremendously to have a faculty person supporting you in your chosen field of study. If you find yourself having problems in obtaining equipment, room usage or keeping up, our advisors will be here to assist in any way possible. We urge you, especially new students, to utilize this service. The 3 academic advisors will be made available during orientation week for students to meet, Monday, September 24th, in the Third World Coalition Board room, Library 3205, at 2:00 p.m.

#### SUPPORT FOR THIRD WORLD STUDENTS

The Coalition is formulating a Big Brother/Big Sister program to begin this fall. This is an effort on our part to help make the adjustment at Evergreen an easier one for new Third World students. We want to start off this next year with a united effort of returning brothers and sisters of color helping new students make a successful transition to the Evergreen and Olympia communities.

We do not envision a rigid program with heavy requirements, but a friendly, supportive relationship lending moral support to a student of color. There are brothers and sisters at Evergreen who know exactly what it's like to be here. We need to let other brothers and sisters know there are a few people of

color around who know some of the ins and outs of this institution, and are willing to share their knowledge. It would not require any more of your time than you can give, an occasional meeting, phone call, and encouragement to attend Third World functions at Evergreen so they can meet other Third World students. We encourage any former students to contact the Coalition to lend their support. Monday, September 25th at noon has been set as a date for new students to meet their Big Brother or Sister in the Coalition Board room, Library 3205. If you are interested in participating, either as a Big Brother or Big Sister, or as a recipient, please let us know by August 30th, at the Third World Coalition, Library 3233, Olympia, WA. 98505 or at 866-6034.

#### THIRD WORLD DEAN

York Wong, faculty member in Management and Computer Sciences, has been named Assistant Academic Dean here at The Evergreen State College. This is a two year appointment, beginning September 1st. York's appointment as Dean is a real plus for Third World students at Evergreen. He has been one of the only faculty members supportive of the Third World Coalition, Third World students and students' needs in terms of curriculum. With York as Dean, these next two years at Evergreen will be exciting ones. Congratulations, Dean Wong!

#### AN OUTSTANDING WOMAN OF COLOR

Our own Ms. Donna P. Hayes has been selected as one of the fifteen outstanding Black Co-eds in the nation, by the Black Collegian. This award is given annually to young Black Co-eds who have beaten the odds of being Black and female and have accomplished that something extra that places them well ahead of the crowd.

Ms. Hayes' accomplishments are numerous, her major interest being in international affairs. This summer Ms. Hayes has been a Tutor/Counselor for the Upward Bound

Program and also worked to complete a recruitment videotape for the Third World Coalition.

Congratulations, Donna! We are proud of you.

#### EDITORIAL FROM THIRD WORLD MEDIA STUDENTS

Several students from last quarter's Third World Media class have completed a videotape directed at recruiting Third World students. The videotape is entitled "A Third World Perspective" and was produced by the Third World Coalition and Pila Laronal. It includes footage of Third World students, faculty and staff giving their impressions of Evergreen. "A Third World Perspective" will be used as part of a recruitment package by the Coalition for recruiting in Puget Sound and the Yakima Valley.

On Monday, July 30th, Dan Evans viewed "A Third World Perspective." He said it was a "first rate job" and "the best overview of Evergreen of this type he has seen." He was pleased enough to suggest it be used as part of recruiting for white students and could be used to show students once they are here at Evergreen. He also asked that it be presented to the Board of Trustees at their September board meeting.

While we students of Third World Media Productions are pleased with his response to our videotape, we can't help but feel some mixed feelings about doing all this work with no support from the administration and then have it duplicated to recruit white students. Where were you Dan Evans, Duke Kuehn, Dean Clabaugh and Byron Youtz when we were trying to get funding for this effort and were having trouble getting our hands on equipment we had reserved? Should Coalition funds be used to recruit white students? Shouldn't it be the other way around with Admissions and academic funds supporting all recruitment efforts?

#### INTERNATIONAL NOTES:

Cuba: In 1971 following Cuban nationalism of U.S. business and property in Cuba, the U.S. imposed a trade embargo with Cuba. For nearly two decades the U.S. has tried to use trade as a weapon against Cuba. This cold war is still in full progress with other countries taking the lead in reestablishing ties with Cuba. July 17, Ecuador reestablished consular and commercial relations with Cuba that had been broken since 1962. Recently, some 10,000 Cuban Americans signed a petition calling for normalization of diplomatic and economic ties with Cuba. In Congress, last month legislation was introduced calling for an end to U.S. trade embargo against Cuba and establishment of full diplomatic ties.

Nicaragua: Anastasio Somoza resigned the Nicaraguan presidency ending 42 years of his family ruling in that country. He took refuge in a platial island estate in Florida, on July 17, where he says he is prepared for "lifetime exile," and "happy to be in the United States." He was issued a 4 year businessman's visa.

Members of the rebel junta say they are going to ask for Somozas extradition to stand trial for crimes against the Nicaraguan people.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR FALL

The Third World Coalition will have two workstudy positions available beginning Fall quarter. One is a clerical position with duties that include covering the Coalition office phones and some typing. The second position is to assist the Coordinator of the Third World Coalition, April West. Duties will include, but aren't exclusive to, research on Third World people, community organizing and liaison. For more information, you may contact April West at Library 3233 or by phone at 866-6034.

Upward Bound is taking applications immediately for 12 Tutor/Counselor positions beginning Fall quarter. Interviews will be during the weeks of September 24th and October 1st. These positions are to be filled by students from South Puget Sound colleges and universities, with preference given to people interested in internships in education and counseling. Anyone interested in other disciplines may also apply. Internships will be contracted for a 9 month academic year, with a 20 hour week. Some part-time internships will be considered at 10 hours a week.

Duties will include 1) meeting each week with a small group of students, 6 to 7, assigned to your group; 2) preparing weekly lesson plans and planning follow up activities with each student individually; 3) maintaining and updating weekly records on student progress and counseling contacts; 4) attending other activities as required by the program director, such as dinner meetings, excursions, etc.

Salary ranges between \$1800 and \$2000 for a 9 month contract. Positions are also available during the summer session and will be announced Spring quarter. Upward Bound Director, Tomas Ybarra says he may draw from the 12 Tutor/Counselor positions for summer employment. For further information about Upward Bound and job opportunities, please contact Tomas Ybarra at Library 3406 or call 866-6011.

Housing is looking for a Third World student to be a student manager in the dorms beginning Fall quarter. Student manager positions include a 15 hour week at a workstudy rate of approximately \$3.00 per hour, free phone and a slight rent reduction. Housing also has a clerk typist/receptionist position available beginning Fall quarter. This position is for a 15 hour week. Workstudy students are preferred. If you are interested in either position, please contact Ken Jacobs at 866-6132.

FOR OTHER JOB INFORMATION, CONTACT THE PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL AID OFFICES, AND BE SURE TO STOP BY THE THIRD WORLD OPEN HOUSE.

## NATIONWIDE BOYCOTT

United Farm Workers are continuing a nationwide boycott of Chiquita brand bananas in a push for a solution to the lettuce strike. Why bananas? Sun Harvest is the largest lettuce grower in California. The parent company is United Brands, with Chiquita Bananas being its best known product. Boycotting Chiquita Bananas will put pressure on the company to help settle the lettuce strike against Sun Harvest Inc.

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This is the Third World Community Information Sheet. The intent is to have our community informed about pertinent issues concerning us. If you have something you want included, please forward the information or come by the Coalition office, Library 3204 or 3233.