

The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - FEBRUARY 1979

By April West

BAILE Y JUNTAMOS by Sue Ybarra

MECHA is hosting a meeting of the State Commission on Mexican American Affairs, Saturday, February 10th, 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Trustees room, third floor of the Library. This meeting is open to the public and the agenda will include a report by the Interagency Advisory Task Force to the Commission on their work in communities throughout the state. There will be a potluck luncheon at noon on the 4th floor of the Library, with the meeting resuming at 1:00 p.m.

In the evening, there will be a Mexican dance at 9:00 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Library, featuring Ray Tavares y Los Mexicanos. Mixers and ice will be available if you bring your own beverages. This invitation is extended to all Third World people and the Evergreen community. The event will be videotaped for documentation purposes by the Third World media students. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

UMOJA WEEK by Donna Hayes

This year, Ujamaa Society has extended UMOJA Week into a month of activities. Each Thursday out of the month of February, we have planned an activity. February 1st, we will be sponsoring a Black Art Exhibit on the second floor lobby of the Library. It will last all day and will be featuring works of Black artists from Olympia, Tacoma and Seattle.

We are also planning to bring the film, "The Harder They Come" but all of the arrangements for this are not final. If we do bring the film on campus, we will probably show it at noon and then later in the evening with an admission cost. The

charge will have to be anywhere from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per person just to break even. The exact time and date will be announced later.

Jitu Cumbuka, actor and director from LA, will be coming on campus to give a lecture and workshop on black peoples roles, participation, etc. in the film industry. Mr. Cumbuka has had roles in the film "Mandingo" and the television program "Roots." There will be a dramatic reading of "For My People" by TESC student Renee Bershell and African dancers will be brought onto campus to perform; probably at noon.

There will be a series of lectures on famous Black personalities of the past to be given by members of Ujamaa Society. James Matthews will be giving a workshop on black political economics. The lectures and workshop will occur the same day and follow one another.

Black Arts West out of Seattle will be bringing their latest production to Evergreen entitled, "We Are Many People." It is a coreo-poetry play and has seven black women performers. At this time a price has not been decided on.

Members of Ujamaa Society invite the TESC community to participate in UMOJA (unity) Month. This is our celebration of our social, political and cultural heritage.

GREETINGS FROM THE ASIAN COALITION

by Jahari Jones

We had our first meeting on January 24th at noon in Library 3209. The discussion there revolved around planning for upcoming events, such as a slide presentation on Korean pottery by TESC student Robert Kim. Along with the presentation, a potluck has been sched-

GREETINGS FROM THE ASIAN COALITION (cont.)

uled, both to be held in the beginning of March, details to follow. Plans are also needed for the upcoming Asian Pacific American Heritage Week, May 4th. We would like to have cultural events and an Art exhibit.

We have decided to meet every other week beginning Wednesday, February 7th at noon in the Third World Coalition Board room, Library 3205. YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM US AGAIN SOON.

SNEAK PREVIEWS FOR MARCH:

The Native American Student Association (NASA) has set a tentative schedule for "AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS". It will be happening March 5th through the 8th in Lecture Hall 4. Please be there. The tentative schedule is as follows: (subject to change)
 Monday - Billy Frank, Director of N.W. Indian Fisheries Commission, will speak with Sue Hvasloe, Att. on the Indian Fishing rights struggle. Tuesday - Gloria Bean, former Director of Puyallup Tribal Fisheries Dept., will give a workshop on the Medicine Creek Treaty. Bill Smith, former Chairman of the Skokomish Tribe, will give a workshop on the Point No Point Treaty. Wednesday - Richard Lacourse, former Director of American Indian Press Association, will speak on his past experience as a Native person involved in the media. Sandy Johnson Osawa, Native American (Makah) Film Director, will speak of her experience as a Native film director in Hollywood and on the responsibility of Native people in the field of entertainment. Thursday - this day will be hosted by the Native Studies program, schedule to be determined. Friday - Tentative workshop on Indian Women in the Struggle. Caroline Mills will also tell of the 1978 International Youth Festival in Cuba.

Gil Scott Heron

The University of Puget Sound's Black Student Union will be sponsoring an evening with Gil Scott Heron, a very well known Black satyrist, poet and musician. He will be in the Fieldhouse, February 12th at 8:00 p.m. The admission price will be \$2.00 general public.

JUST FOR YOU

Interested Third World students and staff have been meeting to discuss ideas of working together on a spring event. The discussion has led the students to the conclusion that what was most important was to educate themselves regarding TESC. Many complaints have been voiced regarding the lack of relevant curriculum and faculty that are sensitive to their needs.

Therefore, our idea of a jointly sponsored spring event has instead evolved into a series of workshops open to all Third World people. We are only in the beginning stages and would like your input. A survey is being planned to poll your interests and concerns. Please take some time to respond to it and mail it back or drop it by Library 3204 during office hours. This will be mailed to you when completed.

The first workshop date is tentative for February and will be exploring the process of faculty hiring and curriculum development and acceptance. This is to aid us in impacting that process.

The second workshop will be learning to design relevant curriculum for Third World people. Other workshop ideas are Grant Writing, Basic Affirmative Action Laws, Career Planning, Resume Writing, etc.

Along the lines of something festive, another community potluck is being requested as well as a graduation banquet. Anyone interested in helping plan these? If so, please come to the Third World community meeting. They are every other Tuesday at noon, beginning February 6th in Library 3205.

A NEW FACE, A NEW PLACE

Lee Doyle, a woman of European descent, has been hired as a workstudy student to assist April. One of her duties will be working to put the Third World Library in order and hopefully make it more accessible to the students. There are many magazines and periodicals from all perspectives and ethnic backgrounds. Please

A NEW FACE, A NEW PLACE (cont.)

stop by and check it out. The hours when it will be open are Monday - Thursday afternoons, Library 3236.

COOPER POINT JOURNAL

The Third World Coalition has been given a column in the CPJ to be utilized at our discretion. Sue Ybarra and James (Matt) Matthews have taken the responsibility to see that it gets written. If there are any announcements or items you wish to see published in this column, your input is welcomed. Sue can be reached in MECHA, Library 3206, and Matt can be reached in EPIC, Library 3220.

MEDIA MODULE UPDATE:

The Third World Media module, taught by Native Hawaiian - Pila Laronel, is progressing. The class of eleven Third World students meets every Wednesday evening at the color television studio. The class has already completed videotaping a presentation of Rafic Bey on January 11th and is now in the process of taping a one act play, "Swamp Dwellers" by Wole Soyinka. They will also be videotaping the Mexican Dance, February 10th, sponsored by MECHA and covering the activities of UMOJA Month for Ujamaa.

LAND OF THE FREE, HOME OF THE BRAVE?

There are some who have acquired awareness of the political situations in many Third World countries. Those who do, know of ones who have dared to organize and fight against their oppressors and the consequences many often face. Political asylum is often the only means such people have in order to survive and many seek refuge here. It is unfortunate that many are propagandized to believe the platitudes of freedom available in this country, only to arrive here and be denied refuge as well as experience one of America's forms of oppression called racism. Hector Marroquin is one such individuals who is in this position. Marroquin had been active in the struggle for University autonomy and democratic rights in Nuevo Leon. His work was success-

ful and the Mexican police began to falsely accuse him of a whole series of crimes, portraying him as a terrorist and subversive.

In 1974, Marroquin fled Mexico to escape persecution and has been seeking political asylum in the United States. The Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) have recently denied his request for asylum, based on a State Department recommendation that claimed political repression does not exist in Mexico. Marroquin now faces deportation hearings and both money and statements of support are urgently needed. If deported, he would face imprisonment, torture, and possible death at the hands of the Mexican authorities. TESC's MECHA supports Marroquin's struggle as well as National Education Association (NEA), Rep. John Conyers, Joan Baez, Gloria Steinem, Angela Davis, and many more. WILL YOU? Send all letters of support and any donations to: Hector Marroquin Defense Committee, PO Box 843, Cooper Station, NYC, 10003. (212) 691-3587.

GUNG HAY FAT CHOY! (Happy New Year)

January 28th marks the Chinese New Year which is based on the Lunar Calendar. It is a time of repaying debts and forgiving trespasses - starting the New Year with a clean slate.

The chinese believe in a 12 - year cycle with animals designated to each year of the zodiac. It is believed each animal represents distinct personality characteristics for persons born during that year. This January brings in the YEAR OF THE RAM.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tues	6	Third World Coalition community meeting, noon, Library 3205
Wed	7	Asian Coalition meeting, noon, Library 3206
Thur	8	UMOJA Month, Black Art Exhibit, 2nd floor Library lobby
Sat	10	Commission on Mexican American

FEBRUARY CALENDAR (cont.)

Affairs meeting, 10:00 a.m.,
Board of Trustees room

- 10 Mexican Dance with Ray Tavares,
9:00 p.m., 4th floor Library
\$3.00 per person, \$5.00 per couple
- Mon 12 Gil Scott Heron, UPS Fieldhouse,
8:00 p.m.
- Wed 14 MECHA meeting, noon, Library 3206
- Thur 15 Ujamaa meeting, noon, Library 3205
UMOJA Month event to be announced
- Mon 19 Washington's Birthday, HOLIDAY
- Tues 20 Third World Coalition community
meeting, noon, Library 3205
- Wed 21 Asian Coalition meeting, noon,
Library 3205
- MECHA meeting, noon, Library 3206
- Thur 22 Ujamaa meeting, noon, Library 3206
UMOJA Month event to be announced
- Wed 28 MECHA meeting, noon, Library 3206

All Third World community meetings will be posted outside of Library 3233, as well as any upcoming events related to Third World people, as the Coalition is notified.

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