

The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - APRIL 1980

See, Brothers: Spring is here.
The Earth has taken the embrace of the Sun,
and soon we shall see the children of that
love.
All seeds are awake, and all animals.
From this great power we too have our lives.
And therefore, we concede to our fellow
creatures,
even our animal fellows, the same rights as
ourselves, to live on this earth.

SITTING BULL, 1877

WELCOME:

I welcome back all returning students to
Spring quarter and all new students. I
would encourage all of you to stop by and
check out what's available to you. We are
located near the student groups and
Personnel, in the Library building on the
third floor (Library 3233).

The Third World Coalition strives to en-
sure all of you have equal access to the
services available to you here. We also
offer limited academic and social counsel-
ing, information and referral, a lounge
with a small library and a study room. We
provide workshops, films, a variety of
other activities based upon your interests,
as well as this monthly newsletter. Give
us a call at 866-6034. We meet weekly,
Tuesdays at noon - come join us!

WHO WE ARE:

There are currently four funded Third World
student groups, which still welcome furth-
er input from new faces. They generally
meet on a weekly basis for an hour over
lunch. In this time, they plan activities,
(dances, guest speakers, attendance at
cultural events, conferences) and discuss

any other items of interest to the body.
The student groups are as follows:

The Asian/Pacific Isle Coalition meets
Mondays at noon in Library 3205, Steve
Bader, Coordinator; Ujamaa, Swahili
for cooperative economics, have been
meeting Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in
Library 3205, Brian Johnson and Victor
Jackson are the contact people; MEChA,
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de
Aztlán, has changed their meeting time
to Thursdays at noon in Library 3205,
Sue Ybarra is the coordinator; NASA,
Native American Student Association, has
yet to set regular meetings, LeRoi Mills
is the Coordinator.

OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS VISIT

This is a reminder that the research corp-
oration contracted by the Office of Civil
Rights, will be here April 2-5. They
will be looking for people in the pro-
tected classes (women, handicapped, Black,
Asian, Latino, Native) to interview.
They need eight from each group.

This is for a national survey "to assess
the extent and nature of discrimination
perceived by protected group members."
All information will be kept confidential.

We are seeking individuals willing to be
interviewed. I can't stress enough, the
importance of your participation. Please
call 866-6034 if you are at all interested.

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOP

The grantwriting workshop finally got off
the ground, but has faltered somewhat in
mid-flight. Therefore, the series will
begin again; for those who wanted it, but

didn't take it, here's your opportunity. I will be waiting to hear from you regarding what day and time will be best. Please call and let me know the beginning of April, 866-6034.

We will also be offering two other workshops this month: Parliamentary Procedure, a necessary evil if you wish to run meetings efficiently or impact meetings. It is important to know how to manipulate the rules governing decision making and recommendation passing. Thelma Jackson (Black Women's Caucus) will be here to facilitate the workshop on April 16th at 1:00 p.m. in Library 3205.

Self Defense for Women will be our other workshop. Student, Debbie Leung, a self defense instructor in Olympia, will be facilitating the development of this needed skill. If you have ever wondered how to protect yourself, this is the time to find out. Debbie will go over basics and give specific examples to common situations. This will be April 18, at 4:00 p.m., 3rd floor lobby. Please dress appropriately.

All workshops are FREE; for further information, call 866-6034.

WHO INVITED US?

"Who Invited Us?" is a film exploring FBI involvement from an ex-agent's point of view. An exciting film, April 7th at noon and 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall 1. FREE.

HANTA YO: HOAX

Mrs. Ruth Beebe Hill, author of Hanta Yo, spoke to a crowd of over two hundred recently at T.C.C. She was met with staunch opposition by the Native American community who numbered half of her audience. While Mrs. Hill spoke of her interpretation, the Native American audience became enraged by her mis-pronunciation and mis-interpretation of Native American women's practice of birth and homosexuality. The crowd heckled her. Her professional posture became

unnerved and with a self appointed knowledge of all Native American customs, she shouted at the Native audience, quote - "Indians, do not interrupt." The audience began to laugh.

The Indian people were assured that Mrs. Hill would allow time for questions afterwards. When time came, only two questions were addressed. The questions were not directed at Mrs. Ruth Hill, but at Mr. George Smith, a Native American man who helped her in the alledged authenticity of her book. She, at one time, told people he was a Medicine Man - she does not title him as so now. Mrs. Hill also, would not let him speak for himself. When one of Mr. Smith's relatives confronted him in the audience, Mrs. Hill again seized the microphone and recognizing the man, shouted at him, "You don't know anything - your father is white." This was an odd statement coming from someone with no Indian blood. When the audience asked her to allow the question to be answered by Mr. George Smith, she left with Mr. Smith, ending the question time.

Ruth Beebe Hill has contracted with ABC and Warner Brothers to release the book as a television mini-series. The Minnesota Dakota Sioux Tribes have condemned the book and have ordered all production on the film to stop. If ABC is desperate for material about Indian people, there are many fine books written about Indian life, legends and history by Native American scholars. Hanta Yo is supposed to be the Indian version of Roots. In many eyes, it's just a money rip-off by Hill, who couldn't even get her white history right at the lecture. It's time people got the story straight from the horse's mouth and not another fictional white interpretation. Write to keep Hanta Yo off T.V.; send all letters to Brandon Stoddard, V.P. of Programming, ABC TV, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, CA. 90067

WANNA BOOGIE?

The Thurston County Urban League will be holding a disco, April 5 - Happy Hour is

from 8:00 - 10:00 pm, at the Salmon House on East Bay Drive by Priest Point Park. There is a \$2.50 cover charge. Liquor and food will be available.

STORIES TO SHARE

There will be a one-day conference on Asian/Pacific literature for children on April 4 at University of Washington's Waterfront Activity Center. Authors Yoshiko Uchida, Laurence Yep and Jose Aruego will be providing the workshops. The topics will be: writing for the young, writing for the upper grades, writing and illustrating for children and using literature in the classroom.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is necessary. For further information, call (206) 325-6329 or 522-3490.

ASIAN/PACIFIC HERITAGE WEEK

Asian Pacific American Heritage Week will be observed here at Evergreen on April 21-26. A wide array of activities will be held, and your support will be needed in order for the observance to be a success.

The week's activities will include lectures, workshops, the showing of the "Executive Order 9066", photo exhibit, and the Heritage Week celebration itself, which will feature food, drink, and a Hawaiian-Polynesian show.

The first meeting of the Spring quarter will be held on Thursday, April 13. Additional meetings will be held on Monday, April 7, and Thursday, April 9. Please try to attend these meetings.

FILIPINO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

University of Washington's Filipino alums will be holding their annual banquet honoring 1980 Filipino graduates. All high school and college 1980 graduates in Washington state are invited. It will be May 31st at the Filipino Community

Center at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Josephine Tamayo, 3232 Beacon Avenue South, #304, Seattle, WA. 98144.

WCLA SCHOLARSHIP

The Washington Center for Learning Alternatives has partial scholarships for Third World students who want to do internships in Washington, DC during Fall quarter.

WCLA serves as a "broker" in locating and arranging placements according to students' academic interests and qualification. Students will also participate in weekly seminars on topics of related interest. Housing with other WCLA interns is available for a reasonable cost.

All applications must be in by April 15. For more information, contact Barbara Cooley at the Co-Op Education office, as soon as possible.

LOOKING FOR A JOB?

The Third World Coalition has a work-study position open for Spring quarter. It pays \$3.24 an hour, 15 hours a week. This person will work on the development of the Third World Graduation banquet, maintenance of the Coalition library and assist program planning for 1980-81. For more information, call 866-6034.

The Information Center is also looking for a workstudy student, \$3.07 an hour, 15 hours a week. It requires gathering/disseminating information about TESC on and off campus, maintaining the records, answer phones and provide over the counter information correctly and courteously. If you are interested, contact Judy McNickle, 866-6128, as soon as possible.

APRIL CALENDAR

- 2-5 Office of Civil Rights research team will be here.
- 4 Conference on Literature for Asian/Pacific children.
- 5 Thurston County Urban League Disco.
- 7 FILM: Who Invited Us? Lecture Hall 1, noon and 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Parlimentary Procedure workshop, 1:00 p.m., Library 3205
- 18 Self Defense for Women, 4:00 p.m., Third Floor lobby.
- 21-26 Asian/Pacific Heritage Week

HAPPY EASTER!

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