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An anticipated 300 black educators, community persons and state agency representatives will participate in the fourth annual Washington State Black Education and Economic conference (WSBEEC) at The Evergreen State College and the Tyee Motor Inn October 23, 24, and 25.

Roy Innis, national director of the Congress for Racial Equality, will launch the three-day conference with a keynote address on "Politics and Black Involvement" October 23, beginning at 10 a.m. in Evergreen's Lecture Hall One.

Conference moderator Rindetta Jones, Evergreen Affirmative Action Officer, says Innis' talk will be preceded by brief welcoming remarks from Barbara O'Niel, president of the Olympia Chapter of WSBEEC, and Eddie Rye, executive director of the Central Area Motivation Program in Seattle and president of WSBEEC.

Seattle media representatives will direct an open question and answer session with Innis beginning at 11 a.m. on Thursday.

Other Thursday events include: a 1:30 p.m. panel discussion on "Values and Politics", moderated by Dr. Trevor Chandler, professor of Political Science at the University of Washington, with panelists Waymon (Skip) Ware from Central Washington State College, O.T. Fletcher from Spokane Falls Community College, and Rudy Martin, Academic Dean at Evergreen; a 3 p.m. address by Nathaniel Jackson, assistant to the Governor, on "Legislature and State Government: An Executive Branch Perspective," followed by a 3:30 p.m. panel discussion on legislation. Former State Representative Michael Ross, current executive director of the United Inter-City Development Foundation in Seattle, will moderate the panel, which will include Howard Bundy, administrative aide to Senator Henry M. Jackson.

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Friday's (Oct. 24) events will be held at the Tyee Motor Inn in Tumwater. Position papers will be presented at 9 a.m. by a number of professional leaders on a variety of topics. Ross Davis, a political lecturer and organizer, will lead a 10 a.m. panel discussion on "how to organize a campaign." Panelists include Alice Davis, bailiff, and Garcia Massengale, executive director of Operation Improvement, a Seattle-based program.

Small group discussions are scheduled at 11 a.m., followed by a noon luncheon featuring Seattle City Council President Sam Smith urging participants to "Influence the Course of Politics."

"Elected Officials: Impact on Blacks and other ethnic minorities," is the topic of the 1:30 p.m. panel discussion moderated by Everett City Councilman Carl Gipson, with the aid of panelists Smith and Bill Wilkins, chairman of the Pasco City Council.

The conference concludes Saturday with a 10:30 a.m. business meeting at the Tyee and an 11 a.m. luncheon featuring guest speaker Norward Brooks, Commissioner of Washington State Employment Security.

Conference fee is \$20 per person. Students may attend all the public presentations for \$5. For further information, contact Evergreen's Affirmative Action Office, 866-6020.