

The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - APRIL 1983

WELCOME

This is a special issue of our newsletter to welcome all new and returning Third World students.

This is a monthly publication throughout the academic year, produced by the Third World Coalition. It serves the purpose of presenting to TESC students, staff and faculty of color, information about the Third World community and the campus. It is also open for you to submit any articles, stories, poetry, or information that you want Third World people to know. Please forward that information to Library 3204 or 3208.

THIRD WORLD COALITION

The Third World Coalition is TESC's answer to a Minority Affairs office. We are one-fourth of an administrative unit on campus called the Educational Support Programs. Our mission is just that--to be a support for all people of color. This entails support for students falling behind on classes and in need of referral for basic skills development or tutorials, students needing advocacy or guidance in choosing a faculty member, a program, writing a contract or evaluation, or even in danger of losing credit.

We also provide various cultural activities throughout the year, as well as workshops on various topics, and have available a private study room for those wanting a quiet place to do their work and a library/lounge with Third World periodicals and books which can be checked out or read there. See the secretary in Library 3204

for the key. Also, the Third World Coalition Board made up of the Third World student group coordinators, meets regularly on Tuesdays at noon in Library 3205. All interested Third World people are encouraged to attend.

The Third World Coalition is staffed by Kim Bingham, Secretary (Library 3204); April West-Baker, Coordinator; and Steve Bader, Assistant Coordinator (Library 3208). Our phone number is 866-6000, ext. 6034 or 6467. April will be on maternity leave during spring and summer quarters. The Coalition will continue to maintain regular office hours with Steve Bader serving as full-time coordinator, and Nina Bentham-Bennett as workstudy program assistant. Please feel free to drop by and say hello.

WHO WE ARE

Besides the Third World Coalition, there are currently five funded Third World student groups available to you for your involvement and input. Please take the opportunity to stop by and check out what they are about. All are funded by YOUR student fees. They seek input as to how that money should be spent. If you have any ideas or activities in mind, please do not hesitate to contact them.

UJAMAA--L-3207

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

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students to meet and talk with other Black students and provide assistance in any way possible.

- Coordinator: Davina Wright
- Office Hours: To be announced.
- Meeting Days: Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- Phone: 866-6000, ext. 6781

NASA--L-3220

The Native American Student Association exists to serve Native 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 and heritage by involvement with various tribal communities, reservations, organizations, and urban areas throughout the Pacific Northwest.

- Coordinator: Ann McManus/Racheal Peters
- Office Hours: To be announced.
- Meeting Days: To be announced.
- Phone: 866-6000, ext. 6105

MEChA--L-3206

MEChA, Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanos de Aztlan, is a Chicano 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 and Hispanic students that the normal resources on campus fail to meet. We are also here to meet both your academic and social needs.

- Coordinator: Angelina Nockai
- Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Meeting Days: Wednesdays at noon
- Phone: 866-6000, ext. 6143

THIRD WORLD WOMEN--L-3211

The Third World Women organization was created to fulfill the needs of Third World women on campus whose special needs

are not met by any other women's group on campus. It also provides a way for women to get together, sponsor activities and work with the national women's movement in addressing issues pertinent to women of color.

- Coordinator: Julie Leialoha
- Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Meeting Days: Thursdays at noon
- Phone: 866-6000, ext. 6006

ASIAN COALITION--L-3209

The Asian Coalition is an organization with membership open to all Asian and Pacific Island students. Its function is to educate the college 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 and periodicals of concern to Asian people. Please feel free to stop by our office.

- Coordinator: Steve Yap
- Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - noon
- Meeting Days: Mondays at noon
- Phone: 866-6000, ext. 6033

THIRD WORLD T-SHIRTS

The Third World Coalition is offering Third World T-shirts as a means to generate funds for the Mary Ellen Lewis Scholarship Fund for Third World students. The shirts are red with a black graphic, representative of the four Third World student groups, NASA, MEChA, Ujamaa, and Asian/Pacific Coalition. They are only \$5 and would make an excellent gift or memento from Evergreen. They are available in Library 3208.

THIRD WORLD SURVIVAL MANUAL

This is an extensive guidebook to aid any new student to the TESC campus and Olympia community. It gives a comprehensive overview of each campus facility and their services available to all students. It also gives you an insight on community

services available from Olympia to Seattle, ranging from how to use the bus to where to apply for food stamps. A listing of ethnic restaurants and food stores is also given as well as alternative places for housing and daycare, other than what is offered on campus.

The Third World Survival Manual is free and available for any new Third World student. You are welcome to pick one up at the coordinator's office, L-3208, during regular business hours.

SOUTH AFRICAN PLAY PREMIERES

For Better Not For Worse, a highly acclaimed play by South African playwright Selaelo Maredi, will make its Washington State debut here at Evergreen on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. in the Library Lobby. This production brings to life the inhumanity of apartheid as it relates to family life among South African Blacks. The plot revolves around two friends who experience the horrors of apartheid in very different ways. It is a political comedy of hope and struggle for South Africa's future.

Playwright Maredi was born and raised in South Africa, experiencing firsthand, the harsh reality of apartheid. He has won numerous awards for his work in Africa and the United States, including the Villager Award for excellence and the Andelco Black Theatre Award for Best Playwriting and Dramatic Production. His most recent work, aside from For Better Not For Worse, includes Melodi, a musical play he co-wrote with renown South African jazz musician Hugh Masekela.

The play is being sponsored by Third World Women, the Third World Coalition, Ujamaa, and the Evergreen Political Information Center (EPIC). Tickets are \$2 for students, \$3 general admission, and will be available at the door. Reservations can be made by calling 866-6000, ext. 6034/6467.

ASIAN/PACIFIC HERITAGE WEEK

The Asian/Pacific Isle Coalition will be observing National Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week on April 25-27. Festivities include the film "Becoming American," which will be shown on Monday, April 25, at noon and 3 p.m. in Lecture Hall 1; and poetry reading by Myrna Pena-Reyes, an internationally known Filipino American poet, on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the President's Boardroom, L-3112. (Reception will precede at 6 p.m.) The following day, April 27, the Seattle Taiko group returns to the Recital Hall to perform modern and contemporary Japanese Taiko drumming at 8 p.m.

All events are free and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Steve Yap at 866-6000, ext. 6033.

COORDINATORS POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The coordinator positions for MEChA, the Chicano/Latino student organization; the Asian/Pacific Coalition; and Third World Women, which serves all women of color, will be open next academic year. Coordinators for these offices are expected to perform a variety of tasks. Administrative and secretarial duties resulting from the coordination and implementation of cultural, educational, and social activities make up most of the workload. The job also entails community outreach and counseling.

Third World student coordinator positions are ideal for persons interested in gaining skills and experience in the areas of business and public administration, communications, cultural education, and counseling.

Positions are paid (\$3.35 per hour, 12-15 hours per week) and applicants are urged to apply as soon as possible. Interested persons should contact MEChA at ext. 6143, Asian Coalition at ext. 6033, and Third World Women at ext. 6006. Messages can also be left at the Third World Coalition Office (ext. 6034).

LRC ANNOUNCES POSITION

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) has one workstudy position available as a tutor at \$4.10 per hour, 15 hours per week. Interested persons should be proficient in reading and writing skills and have the ability to work with and enjoy people.

For more information, contact Stella Jordan, or Craig Thompson at the LRC, ext. 6420.

PLU HOLDS LAW CAREER WORKSHOP

A law career workshop for Third World/minority students will be held at Pacific Lutheran University on Thursday, April 14, at 1 p.m. Jose Marta, a representative of the Oregon State Bar Association, will give a presentation of general law school information, as well as specific information on Oregon's law school.

Interested persons should contact Phil Miner at PLU (206)535-7151.

A STUDENT RUNATHON

Help a student run for Dakar, Senegal Africa. Leah Johnson is a TESC student trying to raise \$1534 to go to Senegal Africa for the first Afro American Hair/Skin Festival. Hair stylists and skin care specialists from all over the world will meet in Dakar to share their knowledge and latest techniques.

Leah is a graduate of Cosmetique & Aesthetique College of Beautie in Seattle and is currently working at SunRaa Expressions, a Black hair/skin salon in Seattle.

Leah is an experienced long-distance runner and is going to run a half-marathon (13 miles, 192.5 yards) on April 16, 1983, circling The Evergreen State College campus. There will be four check points in which people will clock her mileage. She is asking her fellow friends and students to sponsor her with one dollar or more per mile.

A pledge sheet will be located at the Ujamaa Office, Library 3207.

APRIL CALENDAR

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| 4/9-30 | Mary Nelson/Fritz Scholder
Library Gallery Four |
| 4/13 | FOR BETTER NOT FOR WORSE
Library Lobby
7 p.m. |
| 4/14 | Law School Seminar for Minority
Students
PLU
1 p.m. |
| 4/16 | Leah Johnson--Runathon |
| 4/25 | BECOMING AMERICAN
Lecture Hall 1
Noon and 3 p.m. |
| 4/26 | Myrna Pena-Reyes
Presidents Boardroom (L-3112)
7 p.m. |
| 4/27 | Seattle Taiko Group
Recital Hall
8 p.m. |