

# The Evergreen State College

HAPPENINGS FROM THE THIRD WORLD COALITION - DECEMBER/JANUARY

By April West

## SPOTLIGHT ON DAN

\*\*DON'T FORGET, the total TESC Third World community is invited to 'brown bag' it with Dan Evans, Friday, December 8, at noon in CAB 108. Pres. Evans has been invited for lunch hour to meet with Third World students. It is important to have good lines of communication with him.

He has been asked to address Affirmative Action for 10 minutes and be open for questions from YOU. So, PLEASE COME, LET'S HAVE A SHOW OF NUMBERS, and be prepared to ask pertinent questions relevant to your educational career at TESC.

Remember also, that he has access to discretionary funds which can be petitioned for, by you, for student projects.

## MELE KALIKIMAKA (Merry Christmas)

Can you believe it's almost Christmas and the heralding in of winter break? Where does the time go? Well, go it does and evaluation week lurks ahead.

If you find that you are getting bogged down with your evaluation and/or experiencing mild hysteria in locating an academic program for next quarter, stop by. Perhaps we can be of some assistance to you through this process. The Third World Coalition can be contacted at 866-6034. If you need a quiet place to study or write your evaluation, the Coalition also has a study room available.

## THIRD WORLD COALITION ADVISORY BOARD

The Advisory Board (Bunny, Donna, Sue, Jahari, and April) met November 15th and discussed the following items:

### THIRD WORLD COMMUNITY POTLUCK

Final plans were confirmed regarding the community potluck which happened November 22nd at noon.

If the snow and upcoming holiday kept you away, you really missed out! Everyone who attended has given me such good feedback that another potluck is in the making for next quarter! Hopefully, even more can make it next time. There was plenty of food, beverage and interaction. It was a great way to get to know each other.

### WORKSHOPS

The Advisory Board discussed the Co-op Ed proposal regarding a workshop on their services. The idea was well received and hopefully many of you out there will think so too.

The Co-op Ed office acts as liaison between interning students and employing sponsors. They also can help you locate an internship if you are interested. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th, noon, in Library 3205.

### PEOPLE OF COLOR IN COLOR

The Advisory Board also discussed the feasibility of a Third World student media

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module. Pila Larone1, a Native Hawaiian student has been asked by other students of color to share his knowledge of Third World production and media. Pila is working with faculty member Louvern King, who supports the student's initiative. Approximately 15 students have expressed interest; are there others? This is projected to begin winter quarter, so if you are interested, call Pila through Louvern, at 866-6334.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST:BROTHERS BEHIND BARS

The Black Prisoners Caucus at Monroe Reformatory and the Black Culture Workshop at McNeil Penitentiary have reached out a wanting hand to us. Both organizations, as well I'm sure, as the other ethnic group organizations behind bars, seek our support. Group visitations and letter writing by us on the outside can often bring some hope to a despairing brother in prison. They especially would like outside visitation when they are allowed to have community workshops or parties. If anyone is interested, call April at 866-6034.

THE SAGA OF TESC AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Ms. Rindetta Jones, Affirmative Action Officer for TESC is officially on educational leave for one year. With her gone, the often postponed, but inevitable move of the Affirmative Action office to Personnel, has taken place. This alone is food for thought and raises the question, "what has really happened behind the scenes to cause this change?" Ms. Mary Isabell, who is also a Black woman, has been appointed as interim.

Ms. Isabell is a chemist with the Federal Food and Drug Administration,

who has had some experience with Affirmative Action. Her office is located in Seattle, where she will return at the end of this appointment at TESC. She can be reached through Rita Cooper's office at 866-6361.

CAMP HARMONY, WA.

Such an idyllic name that one would think it the ideal place to send your children for summer camp. However, in 1942, for any person of Japanese ancestry it was quite opposite.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese army attacked the Phillipine and Hawaiian archipelagos. The growing economic hold that Japanese Americans began to have in the argibusiness on the west coast caused many non-Japanese to whisper, "Yellow Peril". When the Japanese army made their warning with no response from the U.S., Pearl Harbor was sieged. "Yellow Peril" turned to shouts of "Yellow Conspiracy".

This hysteria allowed for the unleashing by non-Japanese of racism, culminated by the incarceration of 115,000 Japanese Americans on the west coast.

Camp Harmony, now what is known as the Puyallup Fairgrounds, was one "relocation center" for Washington state Japanese Americans. This is where they stayed until their more "permanent" lodgings in a concentration camp were completed further inland.

December 7th has been remembered as Pearl Harbor day, a day where media coverage once again allows the unleashing of white American hatred towards Japanese, however subtle. The edification of the merits of Japanese American soldiers is never mentioned, neither are the concentration camps or the efforts of Japanese Americans for reparation of property lost or stolen during that time.

However, the most serious, long lasting and often overlooked result of the camps is the perpetuation of American racism. It is so prevalent that it has even permeated the mentality of many Japanese Americans today, to the point that many have lost or rejected

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a sense of Japanese identity. In a zealous attempt to "prove" themselves to their white counterparts and become 200% Americans, Japanese Americans have denied or forgotten their language, history and culture. This attitude prevails among their progeny, where statistics show that there is a 50% miscegenation rate. In other words, 50% of the Japanese Americans are marrying non-Japanese, the majority being White Americans. In my opinion, this behavior can be viewed as genocide and slow annihilation. This is not unlike what has happened to most of the people of color in this country.

When "Japan's Sin's" from Pearl Harbor is thrown up in my face, I choke - not from guilt, but from anger. That day has come and gone. Those soldiers lived and died and their children live on; but Japanese Americans continue to accommodate American racism, which will only lead to their extinction.

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALANDAR

- Tues 5 Noon, Advisory Board meeting,  
Library 3205
- Wed 6 Academic Fair, 1-3pm
- Thur 7 Ujamaa meeting, noon, Library 3207
- Fri 8 DAN EVANS MEETS WITH THIRD WORLD  
COMMUNITY OVER LUNCH, CAB 108
- 11-15 EVALUATION WEEK
- 18-Jan 1 HOLIDAY VACATION
- Wed 3 Academic Fair, 1-3:30pm
- 3 MECHA meeting, noon, Library 3206
- Wed 10 Noon, Third World community  
meeting to discuss ideas for a  
joint activity, Library 3205
- Tues 16 Noon, Cooperative Education  
Workshop for Third World students,  
Library 3205

- Wed 17 MECHA meeting, noon, Library 3206
- Wed 31 MECHA meeting, noon, Library 3206
- Feb. 10 MECHA Mexican Potluck Dinner and  
Dance, 8 pm, 4th floor Library bldg.

Ujamaa meets every Thursday at noon, Library 3205

Umoja Week is planned for the later part of February.

Third World Women's Organization meeting - date is unconfirmed.