Upcoming Events for the African American Education Program

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1998 – 1999

The African American Education Program has had a busy and productive year. Academically, classes offered by the program have been well attended by more than one thousand students for the year. This is an increase of almost 250% from last year due mainly to Professor Scott Finnie’s (AKA Big Daddy) tireless teaching. He enjoys teaching so much that to him it is more of a hobby. The increase also reflects the understanding of EWU’s students of the importance of being knowledgeable about cultures other than their own.

The program offered its first weekend course, “Parenting African American Children”, taught by Beverly Walker-Griffea from Spokane Community College.

African American History II, being taught this summer by Scott Finnie, is our first summer course offering.

This Fall will include an additional course “Harlem Renaissance”, also taught by Professor Finnie. The AAEP has increased its overall course offerings by one per quarter. Contemporary Black * Literature and American Black Family both taught by Professor Nancy Nelson, are also offered once a year.

* Course names with “Black” will be changed to “African American” effective Fall 1999.

The AAEP will become a part of the School of Social Work on July 1 1999 as a result of the university’s reorganization. We are excited about continuing to grow under the guidance of Dean Michael Frumkin and are looking forward to working with the staff and faculty in Social Work.

The AAEP is moving June 9th while Monroe Hall is being renovated. **Look for us in Isle 216.**

1998-1999 events by the program, the Black Student Union, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority included:

- **Welcome Social**
- **Ocheami** – West African Drum and Dance Troupe. Appeared twice - made possible by a grant from the Foundation Office, Eagle Entertainment, and the AAEP.
- **Carl Mack** – African American Historian and Engineer. Made possible by a grant from Student Activities.
- **A Photo Exhibit** done in conjunction with the Cheney Cowles Art Museum featuring the works of lifetime Spokane resident Wally Hagin.
- **A lunch** honoring Wally Hagin.
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration** with speaker – City Counsel Woman Roberta Green.
- **Black History Month Banquet** with speaker Loretta Ross, founder and director of the Center for Human Rights Education, Atlanta, Georgia.
- **Spring Jam** - organized by Andre Erving.
- **Spring Urban Music Festival** – organized by Donna Russell
- **Talking Drum Speakers Series**
- **Children’s Day** – organized by Gianna Hammer. Attended by children of EWU employees and students and a class from the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center.

❖ **Money raised from the Black History Month Banquet benefits the AAEP Foundation Account which helps to pay for these events.**
Ben Franklin Drug Store has added African American hair care products.

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, a historically African American sorority came under the AAEP this year. Their advisor is Angela Jones in Admissions.

Dan Cochran and Gianna Hammer provided tutoring in math through the program to seven students.

We want to thank LaShund Lambert for being a part of the AAEP this year and wish him great success in the future.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 1999-2000 African American History Month Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 19th.

Baldy's offered a West African dinner during the Fall.

The AAEP and the BSU provided tickets to students to attend:

♦ The play “To Kill a Mockingbird” put on by the Spokane Civic Theater.

♦ The play “Fences” that was put on by the Spokane Civic Theater and the Onyx Theater.

♦ The NAACP Banquet

♦ The African American Forum’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Luncheon

♦ The H.O.M.E. Program Tea

♦ The History Program’s Award’s Banquet

♦ The Chicano Education Program’s Cinco D’Mayo Banquet.

♦ The Avisita Black History Month Luncheon.

♦ The College of Business and Public Administration’s Award Banquet.

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The EWU bookstore has added African American greeting cards.

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Ted Hutchinson will perform songs as Paul Robison on October 6th at noon.

Dr. Terry Roberts of the Little Rock Nine will speak on April 28th.

FALL COURSES:

AAST 214 – Introduction to African American Culture.

AAST 215 – Early African American History

AAST 301 – Harlem Renaissance

For information call us at 359-2205.

All services and events sponsored by Eastern’s African American Education Program are open to the entire campus. Many events are open to the community as well.