

# African American Heritage Month

February 2009

The Office of Institutional Diversity at ECU encourages you to attend the following events:

## Black Student Union (BSU) Week — February 2-7

BSU Week includes various activities to re-introduce the ECU community to the biggest organization on campus. Events highlight BSU traditions and offer opportunities to learn from and network with people of various backgrounds, some of whom are BSU members.

**Monday - BSU Bake Sale - Wright Plaza, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

The bake sale will consist of tasty treats accompanied by BSU facts. The bake sale proceeds will fund upcoming BSU events as well as give the community the opportunity to learn more about the BSU's history. Cost of tasty treats: from \$.50-\$1 or a canned good.

**Tuesday - Family Feud - LWCC Gallery at 6 p.m.**

BSU and LWCC sponsor the classic Family Feud game, but with a twist. This throwback game will be spiced up with African-American facts and figures.

**Wednesday - BSU Movie Night - MSC 221, 5 p.m.**

BSU movie night is a time to socialize with BSU members while watching an insightful movie.

**Thursday - BSU Volunteers - Greenville Food Bank**

Throughout the week the BSU will collect canned goods. On Thursday, the BSU will deliver and sort items at the Greenville Food Bank.

**Saturday - BSU's Annual AIDS Benefit Fashion Show- MSC Great Rooms, 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$5 for students**

Each year, the BSU hosts an AIDS Benefit Fashion Show. Models will showcase designs from both local and world-wide designers. All proceeds from the show are donated to PiCASSO, an AIDS and HIV prevention center. At 10 p.m., the BSU will end the week with an AIDS Benefit Fashion Show After Party.

## NAACP Centennial Week — February 9-14

**Monday - Member Appreciation Day**

**Tuesday - Cultural Café - LWCC, 6 p.m.**

Spotlighting different moments in multicultural history and culture

**Wednesday - "Legacy of Torture" with discussion by Soffiyah Elijah, Science and Technology C307 at 5 p.m.**

The film, "Legacy of Torture" (2006), provides education and background on the San Francisco 8 case. Produced by the Freedom Archives, the 28-minute film explains the Black Panther Party, police torture of some of the party's members in 1973, and the current legal status of the San Francisco 8 today. Soffiyah Elijah is the Deputy Director of the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School. Sponsored by the Office of Institutional Diversity.

**Thursday - "Let's Stay Together" Relationship Panel - Bate Building, 6 p.m.**

Different types of couples from the Greenville community will discuss relationships, marriage, and family structure

**Friday - Annual Apollo Night Fundraiser - Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center at 7 p.m. Cost: \$5**

**Saturday - Volunteering with Ronald McDonald House or Adopt-A-Street - 10 a.m.**

### Also this month:

**Book and Film Exhibit - produced by Christine Andresen and Johnnie Swindell - First floor of Joyner Library (near the entrance)**

The month-long exhibit, sponsored by Joyner Library, features books by Hill Harper, Maya Angelou, Malcolm X, Barack Obama, and many more. It also features films including: "Remember the Titans," "Foxy Brown," "The Marines of Montford Point," "Hustle & Flow," "Hotel Rwanda," and others. Stop by the exhibit to view them all! **Also: Art by Maurice Moore, ECU Student, Joyner, February 6-28**

**Wednesday, February 4: "Sexuality and Gender in the African American Community," LWCC Gallery, 6 p.m.**

This discussion, sponsored LWCC, will explore the history of sexuality and gender in Africa and the African American community. Topics will include life histories, rites of passage, courtship, marriage, reproduction, education, masculinities, homosexuality, colonial control, and changing gender relations.

**Wednesday, February 11: "Medical Experimentation in the Slave South: J. Marion Sims and the Vesico-Vaginal Fistula." A Lecture by L. Lewis Wall, M.D., PhD., Brody Building (Medical Campus), room 2W40B, 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

J. Marion Sims was considered "the father of gynecology." However, his use of enslaved women in the development of some of his contributions is the subject of controversy. Dr. Wall is a professor of Sociocultural Anthropology and OB-GYN at Washington University in St. Louis. He is currently working on the development of a project dealing with the care of women who have sustained vesico-vaginal fistulas from prolonged labor in Sierra Leone. Sponsors: Medical Humanities, Vice Chairs of Diversity Initiatives, SNMA, and ASEC.

**Thursday, February 12: Dinner and Movie - "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," LWCC Gallery at 6 p.m.**

Movie Night, sponsored by LWCC, is a special movie series offering a variety of cultural topics. Admission is FREE! Enjoy popcorn and bring your dinner to the viewing. Afterwards, stay to discuss the situations and issues presented in the movie. **Also showing this month at LWCC: "The Wiz" on February 17th at 6 p.m.; and "Sparkle" on February 26th at 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 14: A Tribute to Motown - Wright Auditorium, 8 p.m.**

Annual Black History Month Concert Celebration sponsored by the Jazz Studies Program in the School of Music. Tickets: \$5-\$10.

**Monday, February 16: "A Celebration of the Legacy of ECU's African American Faculty and Staff" Luncheon**

*MSC Great Rooms, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

The Organization of African American Staff (OAAS) invites the ECU community to enjoy the success stories shared by prominent faculty, staff, and administrators at the university. Seating is limited. For ticket information, call the ticket office at 328-4788.

**Thursday, February 19: R & V: Rhythm and Voice - LWCC Gallery, 6 p.m.**

Join the LWCC for authentic rhythm and voice expression. Expand your vocabulary with lessons in Swahili and other African languages; African and Caribbean dance lessons, as well as refreshments. Comfortable clothes and shoes are a must for this action-packed experience.

**Saturday, February 21: Greenville Community Celebration of Black History**

*Koinonia Christian Center Church, 1405 S.W. Greenville Blvd., 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

This citywide celebration features a mix of great entertainment, children's activities, workshops, and exhibitors. Admission is open and free to everyone. Food and beverages will be on sale with proceeds benefitting two local seniors' clubs. Sponsoring Agencies: City of Greenville Recreation and Parks Dept.; ECU; Koinonia Christian Center Church; and Greenville Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Tuesday, February 24: "Speak Your Mind": Diversity Discussion and Dinner Series, 5:30 p.m.**

OID sponsors a discussion of African American issues at ECU open to campus and community members who have attended events throughout the month. Please e-mail [diversity@ecu.edu](mailto:diversity@ecu.edu) for an invitation.

*"I Can Be Beautiful in Pieces" by Maurice Moore, ECU Art Student*