

FEATURES

Black History:

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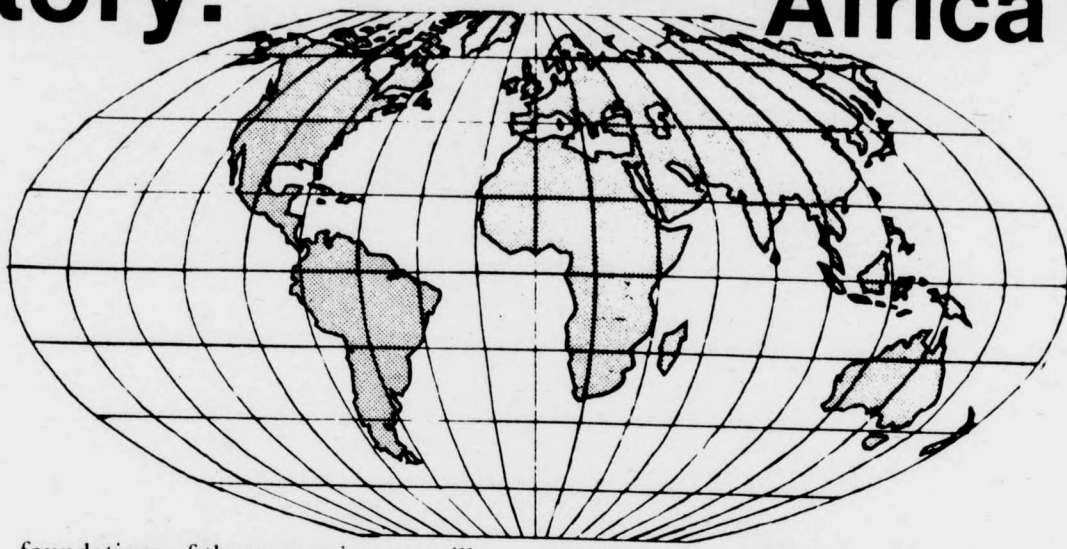
The Association of African Students in conjunction with the Caribbean Students Association and York Against Apartheid are presently making preparations for Black History month at York University.

Black History month is a unique occasion for us to reflect on the historical experiences of Africa and Africa in diaspora.

Our collective history is a rich catalogue of human creativity across all spheres of social life and part of a universal historical experience. Our dispersal across the globe continues to stand as an indication and reminder of humanity's capacity to brutalize "others" on the basis of presumed difference.

Yet our creative responses to this manipulation and exploitation of difference has been a source of vitality to our universal human experience. A source that enriches humanity's modes of intellectual and cultural expression.

Sadly, this exploitation of difference remains as powerful as ever and the



foundations of the oppression are still experienced as temporary or permanent to the sojourner in Canada. I speak here of racism and its engagement to undermine our efforts as individuals and as a community we realize our potential.

It comes in different forms and pervades the institutions of society. The labor market, the justice system, the media, popular culture, etc. need to be

reminded by a listing of recent incidents in our city.

As students, we encounter it in class daily where its propagation is both subtle (perhaps unconscious) and not so subtle. We know that at the core of Western scholarship is a powerful impulse to represent our collective and diverse histories as unique to universal history or at best derivative of Western history. Some of our lecturers (of all colors) recognize

Africa in diaspora

this and endeavor to compensate for the "omissions" and "distortions", unfortunately they remain a very small minority.

Black History month at York University is an occasion for members of our community and those who share our concerns to join in collective reflection about our past and present.

We are at an advanced stage of planning a series of lectures, open panels and cultural events of crucial importance to us.

The purpose of our deliberations during Black History month extends beyond intellectual enrichment. Significant though this is, Black History month should also provide an occasion to think about ways in which thought can be engaged to define strategies of struggle against the manipulation of our difference as black women and men.

Our struggle is part of the struggle for human liberation. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate black history month at York university.

La lotta continua! The struggle continues!

Calendar of Events

**WEEK 1
FEB. 4 - 8**

Saturday 2nd 9 pm - 2 am
Bethune Dining Hall
York University
Dinner/Dance
Featuring Roland Bongo
Admission \$10

Monday 4th
4:00 - 7:00 pm Senate Chamber
African History — Toyin Falola

Tuesday 5th
4:30 - 6:30 pm Curtis M
Caribbean Identity — James Oscar

Wednesday 6th
4:00 pm, CSA Office
The Bible and The Gun — Film
— Basil Davidson

Thursday 7th
4:30 - 6:30 pm Curtis M
Historical Impact of Western
Imperialism on Africa
— Prof. D. Eyoh

Saturday 9th
Bethune Dining Hall
Caribbean Students Assoc. Dance
Admission \$10
For further information call
736-2100 ext. 66502

**WEEK 2
FEB. 11-15**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Display in the Bear Pit

Monday 11th
12:00 - 2:00 pm Bear Pit
IMP and the World Bank Structural
Adjustment Policy — Film

Tuesday 12th
4:30 - 6:30 pm Curtis M
Struggles of Gender and Class
— Ginelle Skerritt

Wednesday 13th
4:00 - 7:00 pm S170 Ross
The African Family in Canadian
Society — Paulette Senior,
Ras Rico and Vuyiswa Keyi

Thursday 14th
4:00 - 7:00 pm Senate Chamber
Caribbean Student Experience in
Educational System

Friday 15th
4:00 - 7:00 pm Senate Chamber
Canadian Immigration Policy
Toward Black People
— Leroy Crosse

Leadership in Black Community
— Lennox Farrel

**WEEK 3
FEB. 18-22**

Display Osgoode Hall Mixing Area

Tuesday 21st
8:00 pm, 107 Osgoode Pk
BHM Pub Night

Wednesday 20th
12:00 - 2:00 pm, 207 Osgoode
"Who Gets In" Issues in Canadian
Immigration Law — Film
— Roger Rowe

**WEEK 4
FEB. 25 - MAR. 2**

Monday 25th
Rally Against Apartheid,
Bear Pit
Musical Performance — Stephan
8:00 - 7:00 pm Senate Chamber
African History
— Prof. Julius Ihonvbere
7:00 pm, 207 Osgoode Hall
Blacks and Law in Canada
— Prof. Joan St. Louis

Tuesday 26th
12:00 noon, Bear Pit
Dub Poetry, Art Craft and
Book Display

4:30 - 6:30 pm, Crowes Nest
Black Achievers and Achievements
— Courtney Kazembe

Friday 1st
10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Bear Pit
Performance by
Participants of the Culture Show

Saturday 2nd
8:00 pm, Burton Auditorium
Caribbean Student Association's
Annual Cultural Show and Dance

Wednesday 27th
12:00 - 2:00 pm, 107 Osgoode
Blacks and the Canadian
Criminal System
— Black Inmates and Friends

Thursday 28th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm, West Bear Pit
Food Sale

4:00 - 7:00 pm, Crowes Nest
Pan-Africanism and Women
— Momuyyo Hyman
Pan-Africanism
— Caswell Taylor

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