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USD BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS WEEK

FEBRUARY 19 - 24

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San Diego, California

The Black Students Union of the University of San Diego is sponsoring a campus Black Consciousness Week from February 19 - 24.

Monday, Recognition Day will open the week's festivities. Vickie Butler will lead off the noon gathering in Camino Patio by singing "Be Real Black For Me." Black male and female students will be introduced. Poetry readings will follow.

On Tuesday evening at 5 P.M., a soul food dinner will be served in Founder's Dining Hall. The menu will feature barbequed ribs, cornbread and sweet potato pie.

The role of the Black student and his college will be explored by Dr. Charles W. Thomas, Professor of Psychology at UC San Diego, in his Wednesday evening talk. The lecture is at 7 P.M. in the Student Union and is open to the public. Dr. Thomas has been recognized as the "father of Black Psychology."

Thursday and Friday will be highlighted by an art show in the French Parlor of Founders Hall. Open to the public from 12 - 5 P.M., the works of black artists and students from San Diego will be on display, including Walter Dawson's oil paintings and a variety of art styles from the Eddie Edwards Art Gallery.

On Friday evening at 7 P.M. Camino Theatre will be the setting for a program written and directed by Joyce Sharpe, who performs with her four sisters. Her sister Joan is a Junior at USD. Professionally, the group is known as KUUMBA NYANBANI which is Swahili for "Creative Family." The program includes poetry, skits, dancing, and music.

The week's cultural celebration will close with a dance in the Student Union at 9:30 P.M. featuring music by "Soul Patrol."

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