

# Reed College Celebrates Black History

Series of events include lectures, performances

Reed College invites local residents to join its celebration of Black History Month, Jan. 24 through Feb. 28.

The rich history and cultural heritage of African Americans will be honored with a series of lectures and performances, all free and open to the public.

Featured lectures and perfor-

mances include scholar and cultural critic Michael Eric Dyson, who discusses the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the black community in his latest book *Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and Natural, Racial and Economic Disasters*.

Author Bell Hooks will focus attention on the myriad forms

of racism, from subtle to blatant, evident in the United States. The high-energy dance group Step Afrika, who has popularized the percussive dance technique known as "stepping" will perform. Other performances include the avant garde jazz group Ethnic Heritage Ensemble, fusing tradi-



Michael Eric Dyson

tional African rhythmic and melodic sensibilities with popular African American musical expression; and "The Incredible Journey of Jazz," a multimedia presentation combining a live jazz combo with visuals and narration in a program designed for music lovers of all ages.

All events are free and open to the public.

Because seating is limited, tickets are required for the Michael Eric Dyson and Bell Hooks lectures. Tickets are available at the Reed College Bookstore or by calling 503/517-7935.

For more information, visit [http://web.reed.edu/black\\_history\\_month/](http://web.reed.edu/black_history_month/) or call the Reed events line at 503/777-7755.



## Ask Deanna!

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### Dear Deanna!

The holidays are over and I no longer have a need for my boyfriend. We dated during the summer but as the New Year rolled in I realized I don't want to be with him. The problem is the fact he gave me some expensive gifts that I don't feel I should return. He's selfish and I know he'll want the gifts back if I dump him. How can I end this relationship but keep the gifts? --Tee; Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Dear Tee:

You're very rude and don't have the right to discard this man like a dust cloth. You were with this man long enough to build respect even if the relationship needs to end. You need to close the relationship with decency and give him the courtesy of knowing why. If he wants the gifts back, you should return them to avoid conflict. Besides, there's nothing too expensive that you can't work hard and buy for yourself.

### Dear Deanna!

I'm in a serious relationship with a prisoner. I visit him weekly and now he wants to get married. I love him and want to be with him but I'm scared. I've never been married and would prefer to wait for him when he gets out in 7 years. He thinks we should marry now for benefits and income tax

purposes but I don't see it that way. I don't want to lose him but I don't want to marry him now just to keep him. What do I do? --Anonymous; Riverside, Calif.

### Dear Anonymous:

You need your head examined if you don't get it. He placed his desires for financial gain on the table in plain view. It would be more acceptable if he professed faith, love and devotion but he didn't. You need to wake up and see how crazy it is to worry about losing someone who can't do anything for you but talk and write letters. If the love is so strong, he'll wait for 7 years because he's not going anywhere no time soon.

### Dear Deanna!

I love going to church but I'm losing my faith. Everything in my life is going wrong at the same time. I lost my job, my girlfriend and my desire to enjoy life. I was drinking heavy for a while and my friends left me. Now that I'm down on my luck everyone has disappeared. How do I get myself together during a time like this because I'm really coming apart. Where do I start? --Neal; Memphis, Tenn.

### Dear Neal:

When the enemy attacks he seeks to kill and destroy. During periods of distress, lack of hope and the good times, you need to pray and lean on your faith like there's no tomorrow. This is a time of life revelation and cleansing so you can trust in God as He prepares you for a new season of blessings. At least you know who your friends are so that when you're back on your feet you can leave them in the cold.

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## Native American Powwow Set PCC to host celebration

Native-American drum groups and dancers from around the region will convene at the Sylvania Campus for Portland Community College's Seventh Annual Winter Powwow on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The event starts with the first grand entry at 1 p.m. and a second grand entry at 7 p.m. in the HT Building gymnasium, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave.

There will be a dinner, or community feed, at 5:30 p.m. The powwow is free and open to the public.

More than 1,000 people are expected to attend the powwow, which will go late into the night. Native-American craft vendors will be on hand to sale wares and there will be a College Fair, featuring numerous local colleges and universities, from noon to 5 p.m.

Drum groups and dancers from Portland, Warm Springs, Klamath, Grand Ronde and Siletz, to name a few, will be the featured guests during the grand entries. For more information, call 503-977-4112.

## Forum on Reparations

A local production company, OpenEyes, in association with student government leaders at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College in north Portland will host a picnic and forum on reparations at Jackson Hall on

Saturday, Jan. 28 starting at 1:30 p.m.

The event is free to the public and will feature a discussion on slavery and reparations, titled "What does America and Europe owe?"

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