

The Afro-American Cultural Program was established back in 1969. Our purpose is to offer a social cultural diversity to this academic environment. **WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN ALL CULTURAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES!!!!**

Of course, our workshops will be performing for your entertainment throughout the school year.

OMNIMOV DANCERS:

The dance workshop performs to a full repertoire of ethnic music. They regularly perform on and off campus. There were over 30 members in the dance workshop last semester. The more polished dancers perform under the name Omnimov (which means ever-moving). The dancers will perform throughout the year with a major presentation in the Spring semester. Freshmen and men are strongly encouraged to join the dance workshop.

DRAMA WORKSHOP:

The drama workshop meets under that academic designation of Theater

This worksnop deals with black theater expressions. It is extremely challenging and extremely well-liked by students. Theater 263 provides students an opportunity for self-expression and enhances their public speaking skills. Basic acting techniques are taught; and the class incorporates many facets of the theater experience: lighting, props, set design, and sound techniques to name a few.

“DO THE RIGHT THING”: SUPPORT YOUR CULTURAL PROGRAM!

— An Opportunity For Self & Collective Expression —

BLACK CHORUS:

Then there is the ever popular BLACK CHORUS, a solid group of golden voices and instrumentalists numbering over 190 people. The choir performs both on and off campus. It has performed extensively across the country with an annual trip to Atlanta to compete in choral competition. Their repertoire includes Black anthems, spirituals, chants, show tunes, etc. with an emphasis on gospel music. The black chorus has sung with prominent Black gospel artists such as: Shirley Caesar, James Cleveland, The Hawkins, Mattie Moss Clark, Jessie Dixon, Bobby Jones, and Danibelle.

WBML RADIO:

WBML is the only soul music radio station in all of East Central Illinois. It broadcasts via the local cable company to both the University of Illinois and the surrounding communities. WBML showcases the entire soul music spectrum: gospel, jazz, blues, oldies, reggae, hot mixes, and of course, the best in contemporary soul & dance music. **The radio station is always looking for volunteers.**

GRIOT:

Pronounced (gree-oh). This student edited newsletter. The **Griot** is published six times per school year and focuses on student issues, student and faculty recognition, activities, and both local and national issues. The **Griot** readership numbers over 2,400 individuals throughout the country. **THE GRIOT NEEDS YOUR HELP! THE NEWSLETTER NEEDS WRITERS, POETS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, ETC.**

These workshops allow you the opportunity to develop skills or nurture skills and/or interest outside the classroom.

During the spring and summer the Cultural Center was painted and carpeted. New furniture is expected

We encourage you to stop in check out the soap operas or your favorite talk show on our lounge television. We encourage you to stop in and listen to WBML Radio while browsing through a “JET” or “EBONY”. We encourage you to take advantage of our limited copying facilities and use our meeting rooms for your organizational meetings.

Throughout the year, you can expect the Cultural Program to co-sponsor guest artists and lecturers to our campus.

You can expect the Cultural Program to co-sponsor the Black Alumni end during Homecoming. In Jan-

uary, you can expect the Cultural Program to sponsor a Dr. Martin Luther King Junior/Black History film series. During Mom's Day weekend, you can expect the Cultural Program to sponsor programming of interest to “your” Mom. And, you can expect the Cultural Program to highlight black graduating students in our May 1990 “Black Congratulatory Program”.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN CULTURAL PROGRAM IS HERE TO SERVE YOU! We're located at 708 S. Mathews in Urbana (across the street from the Foreign Languages Building). Our phone number is 333-2092.

Hopefully, you will do what thousands have done before you Make the Afro-American Cultural Program “YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME”.