

Black History Month events at UI and WSU

• A brief step-show by Alpha Phi Alpha, Incorporated at Holland Library, Feb. 13 at noon.

• A showing of *Malcom X* on Feb. 19 at Talmadge Anderson Heritage House at 6 p.m.

• A Carter G. Woodson program on Feb. 22, time to be announced.

• Black History Month Task Force Banquet on Feb. 23, time to be announced.

• The Power of One, a program on Feb. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Anderson Heritage House.

• A Gospel Choir Extravaganza at the Holland Library on Feb. 27 at noon.

• Every Friday in February, there will be a movie and discussion in the basement of the Wallace Complex at 7 p.m. Featured movies include *A Time To Kill*, *Soul Food*, and *The Ghosts of Mississippi*.

• "Soul Food Sale" Feb. 19 in the SUB. The dishes include the traditional corn bread, okra, red beans, and fried chicken.

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The beginning of February marks the start of the annual Black History Month celebration in the United States. It is the month in which we bear witness to the richness, diversity, and progress of African-American achievement.

In 1915, Carter G. Woodson, a distinguished black scholar and historian, founded the Association for

the Study of Negro Life and History. Still committed to increasing awareness of black achievements a decade later, Woodson initiated Black History Week.

During the '70s, the week was extended to a month. February was chosen because of the tremendous number of great black pioneers and institutions born in this month, such as W.E.B. Dubois, Frederick Douglas, and the NAACP.

We now have our modern version, "Black History Month," a time to celebrate the victories and ideals of African-Americans who have helped to establish a people and build a culture.

The University of Idaho will honor Black History Month with various activities and exhibits sponsored by the University's Multicultural Affairs Office and the organization RAACE: Recognizing African American Concerns in Education.

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To Kill, *Soul Food*, and *The Ghosts of Mississippi*. The movies will be used as a motivator to discuss the importance of black history.

Donna Walker, director of Multicultural Affairs, says the students are working hard for these programs.

"The Residence Halls and Student Union Building are working together to get this project going — it's great because the campus and community are getting involved."

Angela Smith, a senior at UI and co-vice president of RAACE hopes to have a "Soul Food Sale" Feb. 19 in the SUB. The dishes include the traditional corn bread, okra, red beans, and fried chicken.

Smith encourages students to come out and celebrate this month.

"It's only once a year, and it's not just for students of culture. It's for everyone."

Tim T. Wilson, a senior majoring in business production and operations management also invites students to get involved because "Black History is a part of America's past, present, and future."