The celebration of Black History Month is credited to Harvard scholar, Dr. Carter G. Woodson who recognized the importance of properly documenting black history. It started in 1926 as “Negro history week,” a week-long celebration that later became Black History Month.

At Colorado State University we proudly take part in the celebration every February. Black Student Services, Black Definition, Student organizations and other departments within the Division of Student Affairs are the main sponsors of the month-long events. Advocacy offices also play a major role in their support by hosting collaborative programs with Black Student Services. These groups work together and invite and encourage other organizations to plan events in regards to Black History Month. The events range from workshops to discussion panels to presentations.

This year has been a great success. There have been about three events per week and will continue until the beginning of March. The goal of the events is to educate CSU students about black history and the impact it has had on us as Americans today. In addition to educating people another goal is to honor those who have paved the way for minorities in today’s society. We must educate ourselves about our own history as well as the history of others.

Thank you to all who take part in Black History Month.

FACEBOOK CRAZE

“Facebook,” it’s what you do in between classes, when you’re bored, or just because you can’t help yourself. It is the newest verb to hit universities- “I’ll facebook you!”

If you have not heard about it yet you must be living on the moon! The Facebook is the social scene at colleges and universities all across the country. It is an online directory that connects people. Facebook is a place where friends are made, personal information is posted for almost anyone to see, and it is a fun and easy way to keep in touch with the friends you already have. All this however comes with a warning. Any information you post on your personal profile may be viewed by almost anyone. It may affect your chances of employment or cause a current job to be terminated. Be careful of the pictures you post and the comments you make. Sometimes things appear to be things they are not.
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I am originally from Pueblo, CO and currently a junior at CSU double majoring in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) and Spanish. Throughout my college experience I have established my true identity as a strong Latina woman. Presently, I am President and Vice President of Program Development for my sorority, Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc., an intern in the Office of the President/El Centro Student Services, and a member of the El Centro Staff. Within the office of El Centro, I act as the diversity/outreach coordinator. My job entails being a member of the HACU Team to increase career and scholarship opportunities for students, acting as an advocacy liaison to other advocacy offices, developing links to highly diversified businesses via The Career Center, attending diversity meetings on campus, coordinating college orientations, being a liaison to student organizations, and updating scholarship and faculty information. I am very excited for this semester and look forward to enhancing my networking through my assigned obligations.

STUDENT ORGS COMING TOGETHER

Student organizations are a vital part of the university. Without student organizations we would not have many of the services such as the advocacy offices we have today.

It was students who spoke out and said they needed a support system to fit individual needs. Those voices were heard and advocacy offices were put in place. Students uniting for a common goal can be very powerful. When change is needed it is up to us as students to come together and speak up. Change will not happen without action. The community is in need of people that will lead. As members of student organizations we must take a stand and be leaders. Being a leader also means being a role model. The actions that we take exemplify who we are and what we stand for. It is difficult to achieve the changes we want to see in the world, however collaborating and helping each other will make the challenge much easier.

Proverbs:
“After a dark night there’s always a brighter day”
-Tupac Shakur

“When you have given nothing ask for nothing”
“Good habits result from resisting temptation”
“Examine what is said not him who speaks”
“The palest ink is better than the best memory”