

**Black History Month**

**"First annual Kuumba Night"**

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Penn State Behrend presented its first annual Kuumba night on the last day of Black History Month, February 28. Kuumba was sponsored by Residence Life, with the coordinator of the program, Israel Jenkins.

During Kuumba night, Behrend students recited poetry and the

principles of Ngozo Saba. Audience members accompanied the readings with drum beats.

Ngozo Saba has seven principles: Imani (Faith); Umosa (unity); Kujichaguba (Self-Determination); Ujamaa (Cooperative Learning); Kuumba (Creativity); Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility); and Nia (Purpose).

Foluso Oguntoyinbo recited a poem in the language Yoruba entitled "Make Haste While the Sun Shines." Oguntoyinbo remembered reciting the poem as a child in school in Nigeria.

Kuumba night was introduced with a libation statement. Excerpts from the statement are as follows:

"Our fathers and mothers came here, lived, loved, struggled, and built here. On this same soil, we will sow our seeds and build and move in unity and strength.

For the new world we struggled to build and for the continuing struggle through which we will inevitably rescue and reconstruct our history and humanity in our own image and according to our own needs."

Guest speaker, Professor Reggie Newton from Duquesne University, spoke on the importance of the expansion of the black self. According to Newton black communities are in need of transformation. Blacks have to transform the physical and mental environment of the black community.

He stated, "If the mental environment is not positive then the physical environment will not be positive."

He also spoke of a nation-building process. Blacks have to join organizations that in turn evolve into institutions, which constitute a nation.

Self-knowledge has to expand if we want to overcome negativity.

Kuumba night is one way to help students expand thru knowledge of the neglected African heritage.

**Former ambassador to speak at Behrend**

**America's global agenda**

ERIE--Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, will examine America's global agenda when she speaks at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, on Thursday, March 16, as part of the college's annual Speaker Series.

Kirkpatrick's lecture, "A World Overview," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Erie Hall. General Admission is \$3; tickets will be sold at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m. Penn State-Behrend students, faculty, and staff will be admitted free with College identification.

The award-winning Speaker Series at Penn State-Behrend is partially funded by John Nesbit Rees and Sarah Henne Rees Charitable Foundation, and by First National Bank of Pennsylvania. It is sponsored by the Penn State-Behrend Office of Student Affairs.

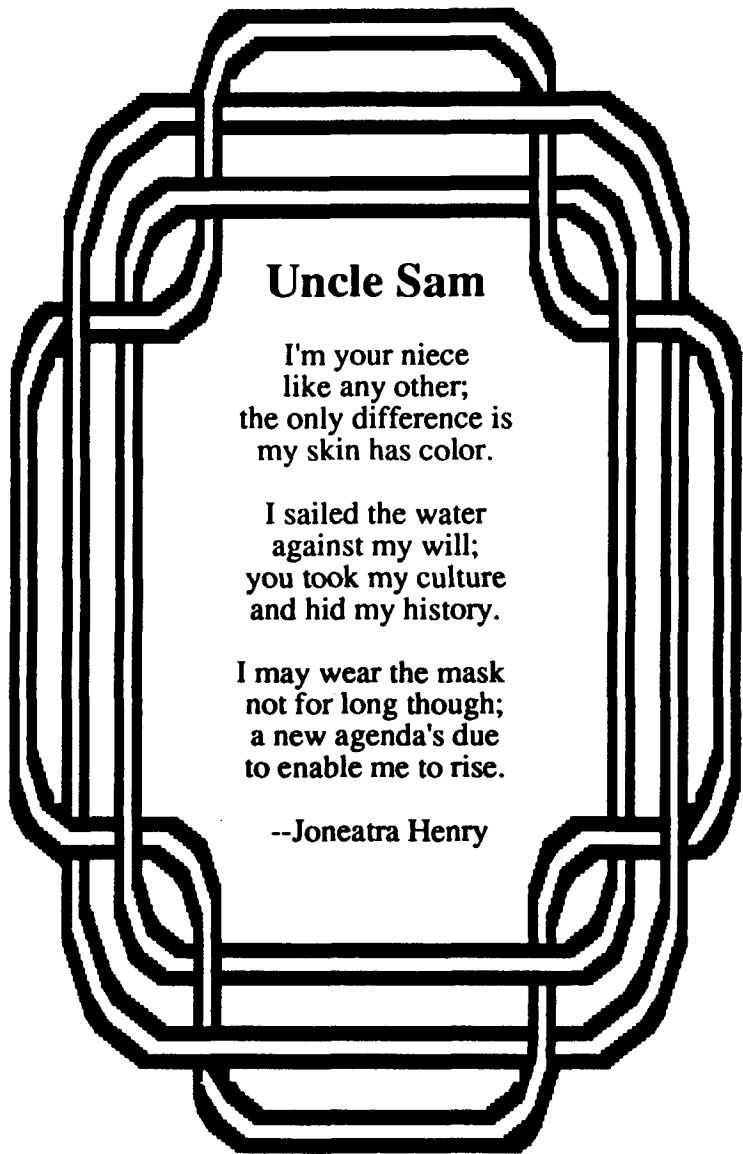
In her four years as the U.S. representative to the United Nations, Kirkpatrick was an outspoken advocate of democracy and the protection of the global interests of the U.S. and its allies. For her efforts, she was awarded the Medal of Freedom--the nation's highest civilian honor--by President Ronald Reagan in 1985. She was also awarded the French Prize Politique for political courage, the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Gold Medal, the American

Council on Foreign Policy's Morgenthau Award, and the Humanitarian Award of the B'nai B'rith.

Since leaving her United Nations post, Kirkpatrick resumed her position as Leavy Professor at Georgetown University and as Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. She is currently writing a book on the U.S. role in the United Nations and a syndicated column, and lectures extensively at home and abroad.

**J. Kirkpatrick will speak in Erie Hall March 16. The former UN ambassador will address the global agenda.**

Kirkpatrick's recent books include "Legitimacy and Force: National and International Dimensions", "The Reagan Phenomenon", "Dismantling the Parties: Reflections on Party Reform and Party Decomposition", "The New Presidential Elite", and "Political Women".



**Uncle Sam**

I'm your niece like any other; the only difference is my skin has color.

I sailed the water against my will; you took my culture and hid my history.

I may wear the mask not for long though; a new agenda's due to enable me to rise.

--Joneatra Henry

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