Ohio Wesleyan 9th Annual Greek Step Show ft. LUPE FIASCO

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Greetings,

The Student Union on Black Awareness (SUBA) at Ohio Wesleyan University will be hosting its 9th Annual Greek Classic: Celebrating Our Rich Heritage Through The Unified Act of Stepping on April 21st in Gray Chapel at 7pm. This event has been designed to celebrate the history and trace the roots of stepping as an art form. SUBA realizes that ‘stepping’ is a form of storytelling and a celebratory representation of the organization’s history and culture. Stepping is an art form in which African history, traditions and culture are portrayed through synchronized movements and dance, not simply a performance to entertain college students.

The show will feature the 24 year old Chicago native Lupe Fiasco. Fiasco recently received a Grammy nomination for “Outstanding New Artist” at the 38th NAACP Image Awards. The show will also include the nine traditionally African-American Greek Organizations who will provide insight to the rituals of African culture and history while incorporating the history and heritage through dance and step.

We would like to formally invite your organization to participate in this magnificent event. Only pre-registered groups are allowed to perform. There are absolutely no walk-ups allowed. THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS April 13, 2007. All registration information and a non-refundable entry fee of $50 (made payable to Ohio Wesleyan’s SUBA) will be required of all participating groups, and must be postmarked on or before the registration date. SUBA will provide hotel accommodations for organizations that participate, however we will not accommodate travel expenses.

Our goal is to have participation from all of the respective Greek Organizations. The prizes for our 9th Annual Greek Classic are as follows: STEPPING GRAND PRIZE; 1st Place $1000, STROLLING COMPETITION GRAND PRIZE; $250. Prizes will be given out to both the top placing fraternity and sorority. The winning teams will receive their respective prize within two weeks after the competition.

All proceeds from our step show will go towards SUBA’s Black Student Retention Fund. A few years ago, SUBA established this fund for the minority students here on campus to help ensure that minority students with unexpected need for financial assistance would have some place to turn to. This fund will help buy books, pay partial tuition, offer scholarships and assist students in a crisis.

If there are any further concerns about ticket sales contact please feel free to contact Maygen Hall or Tiffany Ware at mehall@owu.edu and tnware@owu.edu. If there are questions or concerns about stepping and general information then please contact Darryl Peal or Christy Sicher at dapeal@owu.edu and cmsicher@owu.edu. Thank you in advance for your support.

Respectfully,

Darryl Peal
Director of Minority Student Affairs