

Josh Gibson Foundation visits campus in honor of Black History Month

Thursday, February 17, 2011

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, Sean Gibson from the Josh Gibson Foundation will make a presentation in the Ostermayer Room of the Student Community Center. Sean is the great grandson of Josh Gibson, the man many regard as the greatest Negro League baseball player ever. This visit, although in March, is in honor of February's Black History Month. The foundation's mission is to train a new generation of leaders by providing youth with educational and mentoring programs designed to ensure their success.

Josh Gibson relocated to southwestern Pennsylvania in 1924 after his father found work in a Pittsburgh area steel mill.

After playing for the Gimbel Brothers and Westinghouse Airbrake company teams, Josh began catching for the Pittsburgh Crawfords in 1927. With the addition of Gibson, the Crawfords rose to the top of the city's sandlot teams and challenged Cumberland Posey's Homestead Grays, a stellar club of Black professional baseball players from across the nation.

The evening presentation will include:

- Viewing of Josh Gibson, "The Legend Behind the Plate" documentary
- A discussion of the history of the Negro Leagues with an emphasis on Pittsburgh's connection to the Negro Leagues
- Panel discussion and Q&A following the documentary, including local Negro League players or historians
- A display of items from the Josh Gibson Foundation
- Raffle for Josh Gibson gift basket
- Autograph session and photo opportunities



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This event is free and open to the public.

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