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Chisholm: King would want to march again

By Michele Samuel

More than 1,000 people attended the third annual Martin Luther King, Jr. prayer breakfast last Saturday at the Asheville Civic Center.

Given in honor of the deceased civil rights leader, the featured speaker was Shirley Chisholm, former New York congresswoman and presidential candidate, who said that if King were alive today, he would again call for blacks and disillusioned farmers and workers to march to Washington, D.C.

"Martin Luther King envisioned a certain dream," said Chisholm. "A dream of freedom.

"The kind of freedom free of hate, the kind of freedom full of love," she said.

Chisholm went on to say that King wanted equality for all people, but that it is still not present in America today. "Inequality is still a major issue in America today," she said.

Chisholm said that people cannot be idle in the struggle for equality. "Unless we act, we will be abandoning the King legacy," she said.

"If you have doubt about King's ideas just think about organizations like the Moral Majority that are setting America back 20 years," said Chisholm.

She noted some examples of

inequality in America, such as the problems farmers and textile workers face.

"Racism remains an ugly blot on our society and American farmers are being pushed off their farms by a callous government," she said.

"Our country, in terms of its attention, is no longer interested in its human resources," said Chisholm. "It is no longer interested in the preservation of its human beings."

Jobs in America have gone abroad and then in this country American people aren't able to work, she said.

Chisholm didn't just condemn large corporations and government. She said that people are no longer concerned about one another. "Everybody seems to be like Rip Van Winkle--fast asleep. We have become a segment of selfish people," said Chisholm.

"No longer are we our brother's keeper," she said.

Chisholm said that if King were alive today he would make an effort to make changes in America. "If Martin Luther King were here he wouldn't sit back and take this," she said.

"He would say, 'Come, children of God, and let us march on Washington again, for government has forgotten humanity.'"

WEEKEND FORECAST: This service is provided by students and Dr. Ed Brotak in the atmospheric science program.

Friday: Sunny and cool with a high of 45.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with chance of light showers late in the day. High of 55, Chance of flurries Saturday night.

Sunday: Sunny and moderately cool. High in the 30's.

Photo by Michele Samuel

Saturday. Shirley Chisholm, former presidential candidate, recalled "the dream."

THE MEMORY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING could not be ignored at a breakfast in his honor last