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Coretta Scott King

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Continuing her husband's pursuit for justice and equality, Coretta Scott King will speak in Memorial Hall, Tuesday, November 17, for Human Rights Week.

Human Rights Week, sponsored by the Campus Y, is a week of programs emphasizing human values and morals throughout the world to encourage social awareness and change.

Coretta Scott King, founding president and chief executive officer of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change is located in Atlanta, Georgia and was established on

January 15, 1969. Since Dr. King's assassination, Mrs. King's life's work has been dedicated to this building and its cause.

The center promotes Dr. King's philosophy of nonviolence through seminars, workshops, and training programs for youths, teachers, community leaders, and administrators.

She has received many awards for her stand on human rights issues and will continue to take her stand on such issues as poverty, racism, violence, and war.

"An Evening with Coretta Scott King" begins at 8:00 p.m.

UNC calendar revised



The 1987-88 academic calendar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill had been revised to include Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Good Friday.

University classes and offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 18, in observance of King's birthday, and Friday, April 1, for Easter, in accordance with recent state legislation.

Classes missed on Jan. 18 will not be made up, said Dave Lanier, University registrar and chairman of the Student-Faculty Calendar Committee.

Strong black males

by TANYA PERSON
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"Many of the things we see resemble a racial war," said Clifford Charles, Nash Hall Counselor and moderator for the "Strong Black Males" program. "Black males are being wounded because of this war and don't even realize it."

Black males were the topic of discussion at a program sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. During the discussion, a panel of guests were asked to give their views concerning black males and black people as a whole.

The panel included: Dr. Audrey Johnson, Associate Professor in the School of Social Work; Larry Keith, Associate Director for the Medical Development Program; and Dean Hayden Renwick, Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Be aware of who you are and be able to define yourselves," says Dr. Johnson.

Johnson feels the most important thing for all Afro-Americans, male and female, is to become aware of who you are, what you are, and where you're going.

As for black males, Johnson states: "Black men have a responsibility first to themselves and then they can carry it elsewhere."

Vice-Chancellor Wallace feels that black men on campus need to develop a vision of the future and stay committed to that vision despite any opposition.

"Those negatives for black males should only inspire you to be better," said Wallace. "They shouldn't internalize you, they should motivate you."

Wallace pointed out that black males should develop their minds and become students of the past, present, and the future.

Black men must be committed to something beyond themselves," he concluded.

Larry Keith gave his views of manhood and said he feels that there is a problem with one's definition of manhood.

"You must first address what a man is and what it takes to be a man," said Keith.

Keith also said that being a black leader doesn't always mean being a political leader.

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"Be a leader in the home as a brother or as a friend," Keith said. "Get in control of your life as a black man."

Keith said black people have a long way to go but it's only through young black people can most problems be solved.

"There's no way you can become a black leader and think white," he said. "You've got to know the issues."

Dean Renwick said he feels there are problems with the leadership and commitment the university sets on black students when it comes to minority recruitment. He agrees that administrators should recruit minorities, but only those administrators who can reach black students.

When you're dealing with commitment," says Renwick, "you have to deal with someone who's committed to the cause."

Renwick added that black men should not only better themselves, but look out for black women also.

"Black men are going to have to start looking at black women with admiration," Renwick said. "Let's start opening the doors for them too."

All in all, the discussion hit home for many black students and for the panel of administrators as well.

Leadership, commitment, and vision. Three principles that can make the black man a strong male, and black people a strong nation.

What is UNITAS?

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UNITAS is a student government program idealized in 1984 by Paul Parker of Admissions. The goal was to provide a living and learning environment in which integration and interaction between blacks and whites was to occur.

Since 1984, the focus has changed. Emphasis is now placed upon a multicultural environment and experience. Although one of the goals of the UNITAS program is for the participants to understand racism, racism does not have the focal spotlight. "Racism is encompassed by culture because it is usually the various aspects of culture that promote racism in the U.S.," said Eileen Carlton, student coordinator of UNITAS.

The program has two aspects: social and academic. Thus far this semester, the 47 participants in the program, which include blacks, whites, native Americans and others, have attended as a group a court party, the Black Greek step show, various programs sponsored by the Association of International Students and a service at First Baptist Church of Carrboro.

Academically, the participants receive three pass/fail credit hours. Weekly, a two-to three-hour lecture class instructed by Dr. Trudier Harris and Craig Calhoun, who also serve as UNITAS advisors, is held. The class requirements include group discussions, presentations, readings and one term paper.

"UNITAS is designed to promote multicultural relations, and we think it has been quite successful," said Carlton.

UNITAS will be conducting a publicity campaign to promote awareness of the program and to encourage participation during the month of November.

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