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## Yolanda King Speaks

by Barbara Beebe

On January 14, Yolanda King, the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spoke at Seabrook Auditorium to kick off the week-long celebration of her father's birthday.

Her speech, entitled "The Dream is Still a Dream: What Happens to a Dream Deferred?", was a plea for committed activism by people, especially students, in the community.

"Despite scientific and technological achievements, spiritually and morally we are on the verge of bankruptcy. These times call not just for merriment, but for movement; Not for cheerful contentment, but for constant commitment."

Although many students in attendance were not alive or too young to remember the life of Dr. King, Ms. King urged them to "never forget the sacrifices made to achieve the gains that resulted (from the Civil Rights Movement)."

Ms. King assured young people in the audience that "the

Civil Rights Movement was not a mirage; it was not a documentary, it was not even a television special; it was live and in living color."

"Many college students today have become laid-back, forgetful...of the tremendous sacrifices that were made that enabled them to even be so laid-back."

Ms. King acknowledged that Afro-Americans and Whites have come a long way since 1954, the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement. "But, at the same time we acknowledge these achievements, we also have to look at and realize that we're still faced with a system that is spending billions of dollars a day on the defense of this country."

Ms. King cited statistics and described the monetary breakdown of the tax dollar, saying over half of every dollar goes to the military, while pennies are given to health care, education, and housing.

"I am not saying that we need no defense. But any



*Yolanda King speaks at the press conference after her lecture (Photo: John B. Henderson)*

country that spends 10 times as much finding ways to kill and to destroy life as it does to educate its citizens, that country is toying with destruction."

Perpetuating the words of her father, Ms. King reminded the audience "either we will learn to live together as brothers and sisters, or we will all perish together as fools."

Ms. King's visit on the 14th was on the eve of the January 15th deadline set by the United

Nation's Security Council for Iraq's President Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait.

In a press conference for local media held after the lecture, Ms. King admitted she did not believe the closeness of her father's birthday and the United Nation's Security Council deadline was a coincidence.

During her pleas for more activism, Ms. King also

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## Riddle Donates 95 Acres to FSU

by Bayyinnah McGregor

J.P. Riddle, a local businessman, donated almost 95 acres of land valued at \$790,000 to FSU. The land is located on Murchison Road about a mile from the university. Chancellor Hackley said, "Mr. Riddle called me in late December and said he had a gift for Fayetteville State University. He said the university over the last three years has made tremendous strides in improving its institution and involving it in the community and improving its image. You've done that almost by yourselves. You

haven't had much support and I'd like to give you this land to commend you for doing that."

"The land was more than we expected," stated Dr. Hackley. Definite plans for the land have not been established.

"The land was just passed to us a week ago. No one has had the opportunity to think whether to sell it, build on it, or trade it for land closer to the university," continued Dr. Hackley.

"If we build an education building, it is not easily accessible to students. For example, if it were directly across the street, students would

have direct access. You can't ask students to walk all the way down Murchison Road to attend class and you can't assume that every student who would have a class there would have a car. We would have to first figure out how to provide transportation."

To aid in the decision-making process, the Chancellor is assisted by major administrators, such as vice-chancellors and deans. "There are also other buildings you can build such as a stadium or things like a performing arts center. But, that would all

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