

# MLK Celebration

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would think if he could see existing conditions that cause the need for this shelter. Talks were given by several persons relating to Dr. King and the "Dream."

Then back out into the drizzling rain, but warmed by faith and hope, the crowd of over 200 proceeded up Fayetteville Street to the B.N. Duke Auditorium on the campus of NCCU where they joined with the NCCU family for another celebration as reflected by Derek Brown, SGA president. "This is not a memorial, it is a celebration," he said. "Let's all go out and continue the dream." The B.N. Duke auditorium was also without heat but the NCCU Choir, under the

direction of Dr. Charles H. Gilchrist raised the temperature with their remarkable singing.

A historical reflection of Martin L. King, Jr. was given by the four class presidents at NCCU and other students.

Mr. Milton Lewis, assistant dean of students, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. John Mendez, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Dr. Mendez was no stranger at NCCU. As a student at Shaw in Raleigh during the sixties, he often worked with groups at NCCU to erase the evils of segregation and racism.

Dr. Mendez said that we must redefine the whole meaning of free-

dom. We must possess the urge to be free, he said. The idea of freedom is born in the hearts of the oppressed. To be free, we must respect the rights of others to that freedom which we claim for ourselves.

Dr. Mendez got a standing ovation from the full house at B.N. Duke.

Down Fayetteville Street, the Establishment for Economic Equality, Inc. held a second anniversary and King Day Celebration at the Hayti Heritage Center.

The program was hosted by Larry Hall, host of the "Talk Back" radio show. The topics for discussion were: the demand for our churches to lead the cry for justice, fight television and media racism and lead in building our communities.

The packed crowd received an answer to the question of miseducation of our youth. Bro. Solomon of the board of the Hebrew Israelite Academy on Fayetteville St., said that we are the only people who turn over the education of our children to someone else.

## Medgar Evers

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details Beckwith's life, mostly through his own recollections.

Beckwith, who lives in Signal Mountain, Tenn., with his ailing wife, said he would return to Mississippi for jury selection. "I'm sure I have to be there," he said in a telephone interview, "but I think I'll come down anyhow because I'm full of curiosity." A Hinds County grand jury indicted Beckwith in December 1990, after the The (Jackson) Clarion-Ledger newspaper reported that secret files from the now defunct state Sovereignty Commission showed the old segregation watchdog agency had been asked to investigate jurors for Beckwith's second trial.

While prosecutors said they found no evidence of jury tampering, continued pressure from Evers' widow and black leaders kept the investigation alive.

Prosecutors said they took the case to the grand jury after they located witnesses with new information about the assassination.

At the time of the indictment, District Attorney Ed Peters thanked individuals, both black and white "who have now taken the courageous step of coming forward with new and valuable information." One of those new witnesses was the Rev. Robert L.T. Smith of Jackson, who died this past October at the age of 90. Smith said in 1990 that he saw Beckwith at a meeting held at a black Baptist church in Jackson the night Evers was slain.

Evers, state NAACP field secretary, attended the same gathering.

That claim contradicts two alibi witnesses who testified at Beckwith's 1964 trials.

Court documents show prosecutors have subpoenaed at least 19 witnesses, including nine individuals who testified in the 1964 trials. Among the new witnesses are Peggy Morgan, whom lawyers claim Beckwith told in 1966 that he had killed Evers, and Delmar Dennis, a former Ku Klux Klansman who also claims Beckwith bragged about the Evers slaying.

Preparation for the trial has not been without controversy.

Pamphlets supporting Beckwith have shown up on doorsteps in Batesville and Jackson in recent months.

Some of the pamphlets were stamped "Compliments of Byron De La Beckwith" with his Signal Mountain address. It also included a flier that asks for contributions and describes Beckwith as a "hero in war, a hero in peace." "Mississippi has a chance to finally put this behind them," Myrtle Evers said. "They can say to the country and to the world that Mississippi has changed or they can say it's the same 'old boys' network that has been its past."

### Recognition for Macedonia

Five countries recently agreed to set up full diplomatic relations with the former Yugoslav republic, despite Greek objections.

#### Granting recognition

- Britain
- Denmark
- Netherlands
- Germany
- France

#### Greek objection

Greek province Macedonia: Greece tears territorial claims against their province of the same name.

SOURCE: News reports

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RAIN AND COLD DO NOT DETER MARCH FROM CIVIC CENTER TO NCCU CAMPUS



MARCHERS STOP AT SHELTER FOR HOPE - NO HEAT



AT B.N. DUKE AUDITORIUM (FROM LEFT) DR. MARCUS V. INGRAM, DURHAM METTERAIL ALLIANCE; REV. YVONNE BEASLEY, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, MISS LA ROBINSON, MISS NCCU; DEREK BROWN, PRESIDENT, NCCU SGA; REV. SIR WALTER M. JR., UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY; DR. JOHN MENDEZ, GUEST SPEAKER, PASTOR OF MANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WINSTON-SALEM. BACK OF THEM THE NCCU CHOIR. (Photo by Ray Trent)



MLK CELEBRATION AT NCCU'S B.N. DUKE AUDITORIUM

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