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THE GIFT OF FREEDOM

Annual Emancipation ceremony draws a crowd

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

NAACP State President Rev. William Barber was the keynote speaker at the Emancipation Association's annual celebration of the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

During his speech, Barber announced that on February 10 the NAACP, together with other organizations, will hold a "Historic Thousands on Jones Street" march in Raleigh. Barber said they're calling on more than 5,000 people to come out and meet at the Memorial Auditorium at 11 a.m. to march down Jones Street to the General Assembly building. The march asks legislators to consider a 14-point agenda that includes quality education in diverse schools, a living wage, universal health care, public financing of elections, enforcement of civil rights laws, affordable housing and putting an end to mandato-



Scholarship winners David Wardlow Jr. and Alyssa Canty.

ry sentencing and the death penalty.

Barber also stated a goal of seeing the enrollment of the Winston-Salem NAACP reach 1,000 members this year.

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863. The proclamation freed all the slaves in the rebelling Confederate

states. Later, the 13th Amendment would free all slaves in the United States.

Barber said that Lincoln wasn't looking to free slaves with the proclamation because

it would have only freed the slaves if the Confederate states kept rebelling. If they had rejoined the United States the proclamation would have been null and void, said Barber.

"We got free because God did to the South what he did to the pharaoh, he hardened their hearts. He forced this nation to face its original sin, paid in blood until the blood was so deep that it forced a change," said Barber.

Barber said that with freedom comes the responsibility to question and stand up to the wrongs in our society. Barber listed the Iraq War, which he said the NAACP opposed from the beginning, as one of them. He said that a conflict the country shouldn't have gotten into in the first place has cost tax payers over \$300 billion. He said that the casualties of U.S. troops in Iraq is now greater than the casualties from the terrorist attacks on 9/11 and that more than 650,000 Iraqis have died. A study from the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health last year said the Iraq casualty count was most likely over 600,000 even though



The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

NCSA to screen rare film on King

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

There's no doubt that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. changed the direction of this country. He made history when he became the only African-American in the United States to have a federal holiday named in his honor. To this day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is one of only four holidays on the calendar that celebrates an individual person.

Since his death in 1968, people have paid tribute to King's memory in many different ways. This year, the North Carolina School of the Arts has found a new way to mark the day, with the screening of an extremely rare documentary entitled, "King, A



Spencer

Filmed Record: Montgomery to Memphis." The event will be held on campus Jan. 15.

The documentary was originally released by the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation in 1970, and is the property of Moving Image Archives (MIA), of the NCSA Filmmaking School, which is the fifth largest nonprofit motion picture archive in the country.

"We acquired a very large collection called the National Film Service Collection quite a few years back, and we've been kind of weeding through those materials," explained MIA Curator David Spencer. "We came across this documentary, and based on our research, this has never been released. It was a one time event in 1970, where they basically screened this in a few theaters around the country. The only prints that I'm aware of are our print and then I think there are two prints at the Library of Congress."

Although there have been other documentaries made about the life and works of Dr. King, Spencer says none of them can rival "Montgomery to Memphis." In fact, the film was nominated for an Oscar in 1970, for Best Documentary Film, and was added to the National Film Registry in the

A CELEBRATION FOR ALL



Attendees at a Kwanzaa celebration last week at the Winston Lake Family YMCA take part in a celebratory dance. Kwanzaa events were held through the city, as has been the tradition for the past several years. To read more about Kwanzaa, see page B12.

Steakhouse treats kids to pre-holiday feast



Young people enjoy the meal and conversation.

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

More than 150 children were treated to a restaurant quality dinner from LongHorn Steakhouse recently at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club Kids Cafe on Martin Luther King Drive.

A meal of roasted chicken, vegetables, fresh fruit and Teddy Grahams - from the restaurant was served to them by volunteers from LongHorn Steakhouse. The restaurant donated 60 pounds of chicken for the meal.

LongHorn managing partner, Stuart Smith, was in charge of the special meal. Smith said he was looking for a way to help the community and was referred to the Boys and Girls Clubs by Second Harvest

Food Bank, which normally supplies food for the club's Kids Cafe. He said what the children ate was the same entree a customer might be served at his restaurant. He said he'd been involved in LongHorn's collaborations with charities before, but this was the first time he served food at an event like this and saw the look on the children's faces.

"I believe very strongly (about) anything I can do to help the community, especially when it comes to children, especially those who might not have the opportunities me and you might have. It's critical to try to make a difference, especially this time of year," said Smith.

Sylvia Adams, who is the executive director of the local Boys and



Smith

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