King Remembered

Since February is Black History Month, we felt it would be appropriate to devote a space to the one man who has come to symbolize the Civil Rights Movement. It is hard to pay tribute to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. through a mere reflection on his life, so we let Dr. King's words speak for him.

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(From Letter from Birmingham City Jail, April 16, 1963).

"...I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I
cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be
concerned about what happens in Birmingham.
Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice
everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single
garment of destiny. Whatever affects one
directly affects all indirectly..."

"My friends, I must say to you that we have not made a single gain in civil rights without determined legal and nonviolent pressure. History is the long and tragic story of the fact that priveleged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily."

"We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the opressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed..."

"For years now I have heard the word
"Wait!"...This "wait" has almost always
meant "never."...We must come to see...that
"justice too long delayed is justice
denied."

"Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection."

"...time is neutral. It can be used either destructively or constructively. I am coming to feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will."

"We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be coworkers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation."



"... I have tried to make it clear that it is wrong to use immoral means to attain moral ends. But now I must affirm that it is just as wrong, or even more so, to use moral means to preserve immoral ends... T. S. Eliot has said that there is no greater treason than to do the right deed for the wrong reason."

-compiled by Mark Donahue



CGLA

Student Elections

On Wednesday, February 11, CGLA elected its new officers for the 1987-88 school year. Approximately twenty-five members attended the February 11th meeting to elect Don Suggs and Terry Green as our new co-chairs, and Mike Nelson as treasurer. CGLA members look forward to an exciting year with its new leaders; they are also grateful to outgoing co-chairs Lynn Hudson and Greg Johnson and outgoing treasurer Jim Duley. Lambda editor Mark Donahue said he was very happy with the candidates chosen. "The new officers have a success-oriented tradition to maintain and therefore must work extremely hard to achieve their goals. I wish them the best of luck," he said.

Also at the February meeting, a change in the constitutional bylaws was passed which requires that any CGLA member who is elected to the Student Congress must relinquish his or her membership to avoid a conflict of interest while voting on budget appropriations for CGLA.



Sapphic Wisdom:

"She who loves roses must be patient and not cry out when she is pierced by thorns."

-from Beginning with O, poetry of Olga Broumas