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Stafford's introduction suggested that from a spiritual viewpoint that "...a man [a person] should not be judged by the color of their skin." This sentiment was furthered by the reading of Psalm 40:11 by Louisburg student Sherri Newkirk. There was one amendment to the Memorial service:

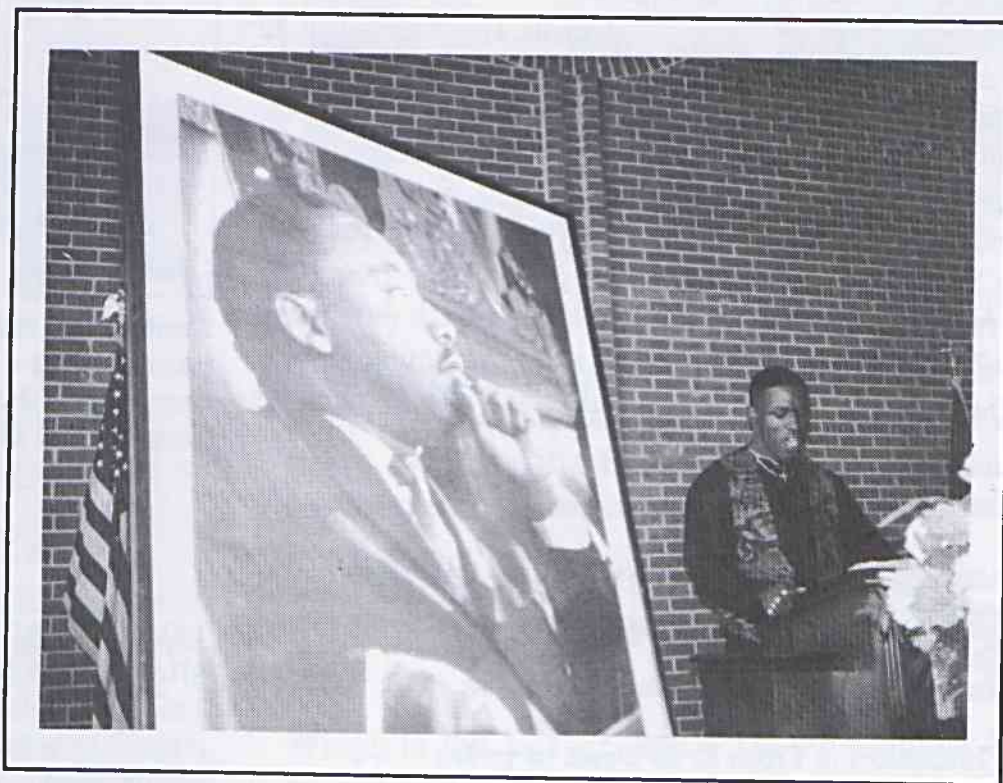
Alex Hawthorne read "Remembrance," which is an account of how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wished to be remembered. In his remembrance King humbly tells us not to recall his various awards including the Nobel Peace Prize, but instead to focus on his efforts to make his dream a reality. The next part of the program had

Wright Hall's Residence Director Allen Bryant give an oratory on King. The program listed "History" as the focus of his speech, but before speaking Bryant explained that the word history tends to turn people off, so he opted to discuss King's legacy instead. Bryant began with questioning whether he had any right to speak about the man generally thought to belong strictly to African American legacy. Bryant argued that we may be remembering King's dream, but we are not preserving his legacy if we believe that his dream was only for African Americans to have racial equality. King also mentioned the rights of Native Americans and Jews, and the dream of one day seeing "...black children and

white children playing together." I included the definitions of legacy and posterity, to remind us how their true meaning relates to preserving King's legacy, since his "...is something to be remembered...by descendents...and succeeding, future generations."

In addition to the various speakers, the service had two musical selections performed by the African

American Historical Society Gospel Choir. It is hard to describe the strength of the Choir's vocal talent. The closest phrase that came to me is to say that I was "heavenly transported" while listening. In between selections, Daniel "Doc" Taylor read Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream"



speech. "Doc" Taylor, not surprisingly is a member of the AAHS Gospel Choir which also includes: Levon Harris, Alex Hawthorne, Janelle Moore, Lynn Herring, Lynette Smith, Roni Cherry, Sharon Horne, Shaunda Williams, and Candice Burt.

As I have already mentioned the service closed with Rev. Sidney Stafford, who in closing suggested we not forget the outstanding service to God done by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and invited attendants to come to the community sponsored program at 7pm. The Louisburg Memorial Service was well-structured, informative, and enjoyable event to celebrate Martin Luther King Day.