

Martin Luther King Jr.

Honored

by Rick Jones



A birthday celebration was presented in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by the Student Government Association. Renee Anderson, SGA President, presided over the assembly. Rev. John Trotman, University minister, gave the invocation.

"Greatest Love of All" sung by James C. Thompson and "Up Where We Belong" sung by Thompson and LaVleeta Sloan were accompanied by George Edmonds.

As an added tribute to King, Stevie Wonder's "Happy Birthday" was recited by Vera Patillo.

Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins, ECSU Chancellor, introduced the guest speaker -- Mr. James Sears.

Sears, a resident of Gates County, holds positions including: President of the First Congressional District Black Leadership Caucus, supervisor at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Member of the NAACP, Human Relations Counsel, and the Red Cross.

Sears spoke on King's struggle to attain civil rights. He defined King's martyrdom as a sincere commitment.

"Commitment is when you lay something of value down for something you perceive to be of greater value," Sears said.

This is a clear definition of King's commitment. King gave his life, something of value, for the freedom of his people from invisible, but cruel bonds, something he perceived to be of greater value.

Decree

Beginning in January of 1986, King's birthday will be celebrated as a National Holiday.

King's "DREAM" will not be forgotten!

Black History Month

1984

by Richard Forte

"Black America and the Struggle for Excellence in Education" is the theme for Black History Month 1984.

In 1915, Carter G. Woodson launched an organized study of Black history and in 1926, observed the first Black History Week. His life's goal is carried on by his organization -- The Association for the Study of Negro Life and History.

Events emphasizing the theme include: Dr. Richard Newby of the Social Science Department

speaking on "Black Excellence" at the College of the Albemarle; Alex Haley speaking to ECSU students Feb. 8 in Williams Hall; "Say Amen Somebody," a movie, being shown in the University Center Feb. 15 sponsored by the SGA; a seminar being sponsored by the University Center Staff based on Black Americans Today; exhibitions of past and present Afro-American personalities on display in the lobbies of Johnson and Moore Halls.

Rev. C. Melvin Creecy, member of the fifth district of the General Assembly of Northeastern N.C. and native of Rich Square, N.C., will speak Feb. 21 at 8:00 p.m. in Moore Hall Auditorium. The University Gospel Choir will perform. The Social Science Club will launch a Voter Registration Drive for ECSU students.

To all Americans, heritage is vital; it provides a foundation for personal hopes and aspirations.



Vikings Visit UN

submitted by Timothy Okeke

ECSU Political Science club members saw the UN General Assembly in session and had the chance to correlate classroom lectures with on-the-spot experience during a field trip to the United Nations last semester.

When our tour team arrived at Norfolk Airport, we looked like members of a diplomatic corps posing for the team's cameraman to take a photo. An uneventful flight to New York brought us to the U.N. safely, and we wasted no time getting down to business.

The U.N. building speaks for itself: towering above and telling the world "here I am, to serve and bring peace." The feeling of neutrality envelopes one entering the building and the sense of common belonging makes a stranger feel at home. We could see different nationals, hear different languages and behold colorful costumes.

An exciting moment occurred near a common telephone booth. Nine different nationals were using the phone at the same time. Standing by, we wondered if something was amiss, or whether the users were quarrelling with the phone for not transmitting their messages. Sounds ascended and descended into our ears. It was a real staccato: some sharp sounds; some harsh, some sweet. Since we could not understand them, that is how the different languages sounded to us.

In the General Assembly room, we witnessed the 77th session discussing Agenda 36 (the Namibia Independence.) We listened and watched the proceedings. Interpreters translated French, Arabic, Spanish, Russian and other languages into English, and vice versa. Watching representatives from 158 nations of the world do business in an orderly fashion, was truly an experience.

Our last guided tour was in the UN open section, where we visited the UN bookshop, offices, cafeteria and souvenir shops.

Rev. Leon Ray Pickett, club president, said, "more tours are being planned, so why not join the Political Science or Social Science Club."

Religious Week Observance

by Algie H. Mabry, Jr.

"It does not matter where you come from, but where you can go to in life," said Rev. Earl M. Brown.

Brown serves as pastor of Fifth Baptist Church in Richmond, Va. "Life takes time. To reach goals takes time," exclaimed Brown.

Brown's presence on the Worship Assembly climaxed a week of activities in observance of Religious Emphasis Week. "Navigating Through The Treacherous Shoals of The 80's" was this year's theme.

Rev. John E. Trotman commenced the week's activities by advising all to measure their lives.

"It takes more than learning how to conjugate the verb 'to be' to survive in this world after graduation," said Trotman, University Minister.

In addition to the Worship Assembly, numerous other services were held. From a Gospel Song Fest to a Prayer Breakfast, the week was full of activities. A Morning Prayer Watch was held in the lobby of each residence hall.

Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins concluded the week's activities with a challenging statement: "We need to put down the negativism that we encounter. If we are able to do this, we will be triumphant over our background and history."

Honor Society Inducts Scholars



Eleven junior and senior Teacher Education Majors with cumulative averages of 3.40 were initiated into Kappa Delta Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi in the Fall Initiation Ceremony. Kappa Delta Pi is a National Honor Society in Education.

Initiates were: Ms. Karen C. Ferrell, a junior Early Childhood Education Major from Hertford, NC; Ms. Marilyn E. Flythe, a senior Early Childhood Education Major from Conway, NC; Ms. Vernestine Kent, a junior Mathematics Major from Lucama, NC; Ms. Ina D. Lane, a junior English Major from South Mills, NC; Mr. Gregory V. Mallory, a junior Special Education Major from Garysburg, NC; and Ms. Iris D. Meekins, a senior Early Childhood Education Major from Coinjock, NC.

Also initiated were: Ms. Sharon E. Riggs, a senior Early Childhood Education Major from Shawboro, NC; Ms. Felicia L. Sawyer, a junior Early Childhood Education Major from Florence, SC; Ms. Rosemary W. Wallio, a senior Special Education Major from Elizabeth City, NC; Ms. Sandra S. Newbern, a senior Early Childhood Education Major from Powells Point, NC; and Ms. Rose M. Hotchkiss, a senior Early Childhood Education Major from Elizabeth City, NC.

The Annual Scholarship for a recently graduated Kadelpian, enrolled full-time in a graduate school during the Fall semester was announced. Ms. Raynell Vesselles '82 was the last one to qualify.

President of the Kappa Delta Chapter is Ms. Letitia Hendricks, a senior Special Education Major from Henderson, NC. Dr. Edna L. Davis, Chairman of the Department of Music, serves as Chapter Counselor.

Life at 30

Angela Doles and Leatonja Sallee

How do you envision yourself at age thirty? The cast of Nucleus presented Stepping into Tomorrow, a drama which speaks to young people about the struggles of growing into adulthood. The play was part of the Lyceum series.

Through seven characters, this drama focuses on the possibilities that can be in one's future. Characters include: the super-jock who had the world in his hand - until he was injured; and the girl who got pregnant at 14. These former classmates meet for a reunion. Each character tells a story about his/her achievements and downfalls. They show that there is tremendous need for good education. Emphasis is placed on believing in one's self: students should aim high, let nothing stand in their way, and keep moving on!

Cast members included the daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Yolanda King, and the daughter of Malcolm X, Attallah Shabazz.