

Black History Month

Remembering King: A campus celebration

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"And the band played on." Remember that saying? Well, apply that to the program that was held on Jan. 12 in K.R. Williams Auditorium in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

King's oldest daughter, Yolanda King, was scheduled to be the guest speaker but did not arrive in time to speak due to inclement weather.

Nevertheless, the program continued and was a success. As the song "We Shall Overcome" played softly in the background, students, faculty and city residents filled the auditorium. Before the program began, members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity distributed candles that were later used in the candlelight ceremony.

SGA President John Rankins and "Mr. Ram 88-89" Steve Williams opened the program with a synopsis of what Dr. King stood for and believed in. Later Williams sang a song titled "Blessed Assurance" which the crowd thoroughly enjoyed.

The Rev. Bobby Simmons, pastor of Reynolds Temple CME Church, delivered King's most famous speech, "I Have a Dream," and although it was not Dr. King, the words and their meanings are still the

same and have the same effect.

Dr. Donald Mac-Thompson, a member of the Social Science faculty, who was to introduce Miss King, said that had it not been for King blacks would not be where we are today.

The final speaker was Chancellor Cleon Thompson who said that King was known for his drumbeat for justice. Ushers were instructed to light the candle of the first person in each row and then each person was to pass the "flame of justice" to the next person until all the candles were lit.

The lights were turned off and the auditorium became silent. The flickering of the candles was beautiful, as was the time given to the audience to think back and give thanks to King and all others for paving a road for us.

Also in honor of the King Celebration, there was a banner contest and a march to the auditorium. The winning banner displayed a picture of Dr. King and the theme "Living the Dream." The winner of the banner contest was The Wesley Foundation. Even though it rained, the march continued. It started from the Alumni building and ended at the auditorium.

Note: Ms. King's speech has been rescheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 in the K.R. Williams Auditorium.

Black History Trivia Quiz

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In honor of Black History Month, test your knowledge on these trivia questions.

1. Who was Alex Haley's famous ancestor?
2. Name the lady who wouldn't give up her seat to a white man on the bus.
3. Name the case that desegregated schools in 1954.
4. What famous black educator founded Black History Month, and what was his scholastic masterpiece?
5. Who was the first U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judge?
6. When was the NAACP founded?
7. When was the first black college football game, and who were the teams?
8. When was the first formal protest against slavery?
9. Who was the first black heavyweight champion?
10. Who was Alexander T. Augusta?
11. Name the lady who worked for the underground railroad.
12. Who was the civil rights leader in South Africa about whom "Cry Freedom" is written?
13. What was the name of the black show that the NAACP opposed, which first aired on radio and later on television?
14. Who were the first black players on white college football teams?
15. Who is Richard T. Greener?
16. In what year did "A Raisin in the Sun" open on Broadway?
17. In what year did the first black student enter the University of North Carolina?
18. Name the president of Egypt who said that he was Egypt's first black pharaoh in over 2,000 years.
19. What is Jackie Robinson's mark on history?
20. Who is Hannibal?
21. What famous black leader was known for the following quote: "Cast down your buckets where you are"?
22. Name the black leader who founded the United Negro Improvement Association in the 1920s, and on what principle was it founded?
23. What was the David Walker's appeal?
24. What is Elijah Muhammad famous for?
25. Who founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and who is its president today?
26. Who discovered blood plasma?
27. Name two prominent black leaders who attended college in the Triad and the universities they attended.
28. What ex-NBA star played college basketball at WSSU?
29. Name the Africans who conquered and ruled Spain from the eighth until the 15th century.
30. Who is the famous composer/musician whose father was Moorish?

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