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Congressman Mervyn M. Dymally

In Memory of King

NYC History Major recreates speeches

By Tammy Capehart

"I don't believe in Black History Month. Everyday is black history," an NCCU student told 250 people Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Elliot University Center, UNC, Greensboro.

Kishandia Shabazz (Kenneth Hines), a 20-year-old senior history major from New York, was the guest speaker for the fifth annual celebration observing the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. The event was sponsored by UNC-G's Neo-Black Society.

Shabazz, after recreating King's "I Have A Dream" speech, declared that he believed in King and the dream, but reminded the audience that the two should not only be acknowledged in February, but should be celebrated everyday.

"Not only should we praise King," he said, but "the honorable Marcus Garvey, the noble Drew Ali, Harriet Tubman, and a host of others deserve praise for their outstanding leadership before King's time."

Shabazz, who recreates King's speeches "out of love," has performed at several churches and engagements honoring the slain civil rights leader.

Shabazz someday hopes to receive his Ph.D. in African-Egyptian history from the University of Cairo in Egypt. He is presently a member of the Student Government Association in which he holds the position of director of Community Relations.

He is also president of the Research Evolving Alternative Direction (READ) Organization and a four-year member of NCCU's Touring Choir.

Keynote Address

Dymally looks toward the future of America

By Anthony Chiles

Those of us who were in B.N. Duke Auditorium last Monday to observe the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., did more than just pay homage to perhaps the greatest American of the twentieth century; those of us in that audience were made aware that as far as Dr. King's dream was concerned this so called great nation of ours is fast asleep.

Clearly this was not just another program designated to look back and marvel at the past accomplishments of Dr. King. As SGA Vice-President, Michael Mattocks, voiced the reason for us being in that auditorium there was presented a serious underlying message which stated that the assembly was an event to remind and inspire all present that the struggle for true equality had just begun, and the dream far from being realized.

In his keynote address, Congressman Mervyn M. Dymally described the current political, social, and economical attitudes in this country as "the mood of meanness." Dymally made it clear that these trends weren't only to be found on our shores, but around the world, that racial injustice has become almost fashionable amongst world powers.

"Young blacks need to drop their anti-political attitudes, and become involved in party politics," said Dymally, as he cited that the leaders of today's strong right-wing conservative movement were now using the church to promote their ideas in much of the same manner the black community utilized the church to progress the civil rights movement.

Dymally made it clear that technology was would act as the saving grace, or the crushing blow to the liberal ideology. That "if we believe in helping the poor, if we believe in giving poor children a free lunch in our nation's public schools, we can hold on that belief," and start living the dream which may be dying.

American Liberties Discussed

Greensboro Civil Rights Fund to hold forum

Flashback: On November 3, 1979, five communist union leaders and community organizers were gunned down by Ku Klux Klansmen and American Nazis in a black neighborhood in Greensboro. The attack on the anti-Klan demonstrators took place in broad daylight, in front of TV cameras. A year later all the murderers were set free.

Today, legal battles over the role of local police and federal agents in the shooting are in the forefront of a massive, \$48 million Greensboro Civil Rights suit against the Greensboro police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF), in connection with the killings which took place in 1979.

On Wednesday, January 30, at 7 p.m., there will be a forum held to discuss the attack on American civil liberties in the Moot Court Room in the NCCU Law School.

The panelists will include Daniel Sheehan, who is known nationally for his initiation and success in the Karen Silkwood civil rights suit; and Lewis Pitts, the now acting Project Director of the Greensboro Civil Rights Fund and is chief counsel for the fund's civil rights suit.

The Forum is being sponsored by the Black American Law Student Association (NCCU Chapter), the NCCU Student Government Association, and the Greensboro Civil Rights Fund.