

Week's Events to Mark Birthday of Slain Leader

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Next week promises to be an opportunity for students to learn about the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and multiculturalism in their lives. There will be drama, dancing, dialogue and discussion throughout next week to educate and enlighten the public about King's life.

The celebration will start Sunday at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Banquet, which will be held in the UNC ballroom at the Carolina Inn. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained by calling the Office of University Affairs.

Monday's activities will begin with a series of workshops for 30 to 50 high school students called "Celebrating Youth" in the Toy Lounge in Dey Hall. Playwright Sam Irving, a UNC alumnus, will provide a presentation of one of King's speeches.

Donyell Phillips, a UNC junior who organized the workshops, said that when she planned events for the day, she knew she wanted to include young people.

"I wanted to find out how much young people know about Dr. King, and whether they think his message is relevant today." One workshop will explore civil rights and King's accomplishments that area.

Other students will make posters for a community march that will take place at 1 p.m. It will be followed by a community memorial service at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Chapel Hill.

Michael Dejoie, editor of Southern Christian Leadership Conference National Magazine, will speak at noon Tuesday in the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center.

At 7:30 p.m. in Great Hall, the UNC National Pan Hellenic Council will allow the community to express its interpretations of King's legacy through drama, oration, music or dance.

The Campus Y is hosting "A Show of Hands for Peace and Unity" at noon Wednesday in Polk Place. Actor Gregory Bargeman, who also is a librarian with the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., will present a selection of King's speeches.

Journalist William Leventhal will lead a discussion at 1 p.m. Wednesday on the "Role of the Student Activist: Then and Now" in the BCC.

At noon Thursday, the black cultural center will feature Bernard Boxill, professor of philosophy, and Harry Amama, associate professor of journalism, in a discussion on the evolution of black political philosophy. At 6:30 p.m., the Rev. Jo

met King in 1959. Their friendship continued as Stone later became an assistant to Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, D-N.Y.

Stone sadly remembers King's death. "The day he was killed, I had to go on NBC to do a commentary, and I cried and cried," Stone said. "I was shaving and crying. I couldn't stop crying. It really

Celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

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Watson will be the guest speaker for a candlelight vigil in the Pit. Mary Frances Berry, chairwoman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, will present the keynote lecture of the week in Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday.

As the week comes to a close Jan. 21, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity will present a forum at noon in the BCC. The program, "Perspectives on Dr. King's Life," will

include dramatic readings and a short film with discussion on King's life.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical Contest will conclude Friday's events at 7 p.m. in the Union Cabaret. Delta Sigma Theta sorority will sponsor "The Black Male: Myth or Reality and How it Affects the Black Community," which will feature students, faculty and staff in dramatic and interpretive monologues.

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and achieve closeness between races." Rev. J.R. Manley of the First Baptist Church of Chapel Hill said King's dreams should be applied to solve society's ails.

"Martin Luther King Jr. achieved the ultimate in overcoming disabilities because of his disciplined spirit and his faith in God," he said. "That kind of spirit would help to move us out of problems we have in various institutions, like church, school and government."

"King would really represent a new day if we could plug into his dream and have it become part of the American psyche."

MLK Unafraid to Take Unsafe, Unpopular Stands

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"There comes a time when one must take a stand that is neither safe, political nor popular, but which his conscience tells him is right."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was standing on a wind-buffed balcony of a Fire Island, N.Y., summer home giving a sermon of sorts to the 1,000 persons who sat shivering in the sand dunes below.

That was Saturday night, Sept. 2, 1967. Now, eight months later, Dr. King is dead.

He is dead because he devoted his life to taking stands which were neither safe, political nor popular, but which his conscience told him were right.

I met Dr. King that Saturday — and I knew then that I was meeting one of the greatest men of this century.

Sitting beside him during the ferry ride from Long Island to Fire Island, I could not help but become aware that I was in the

presence of someone who was great. His strength — his immense strength, fortified by love of mankind — shone through his humility.

And Dr. King was a humble man. Humble, but determined. He knew where his people had to go, and he knew that he must lead them. And he had faith that he and his people would win.

"If the irreparable cruelties of slavery couldn't stop us, the difficulties we now face won't make us fail," he said. "We are going to get our freedom."

Dr. King was speaking from the balcony, his deep mellow voice rolling over the crowd. He was speaking to rich white people. But it was the same kind of statement that Dr. King had made in Montgomery and Selma, Ala., to blacks, telling them they were going to get that freedom.

And everybody would start singing, "We Shall Overcome," and the churches would swell with their voices, and even the state troopers with their billy clubs, cattle prods and police dogs couldn't stop what Dr. King had started. Dr. King won that time.

Later, during the summers of 1966 and 1967, he was grieved by the riots that broke out in major cities across the nation — much like the riots that broke out across the country Thursday night as the Negroes got word of his murder.

Even so, he kept faith in his nonviolent methods, and faith that extremists from neither side could keep the Negro from getting his due from society.



Campus Calendar

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