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Campus organizations host events in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Photo by Jesef Williams

From left, Winthrop students Monica Washington, Chris Vincent and Josillia Johnson hold candles during the Martin Luther King, Jr. candlelight vigil at Byrnes Auditorium Monday. The vigil was preceded by a rally at the Amphitheatre. The rally was organized by Winthrop's chapter of the NAACP.

By Jesef Williams
Editor-in-chief

Temperatures in the 20s did not stop a crowd from gathering at the Amphitheatre Monday night.

Several students showed up for this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. rally, which was sponsored by Winthrop's chapter of the NAACP. Student demonstrators led the rally that honored and celebrated the life of one of the most important civil rights activists.

Junior Rashon Carraway, one of the speakers at the rally, said it is important for Winthrop to celebrate King's life.

"Tonight's event is not a vacation from school," Carraway said on Monday. "It's a chance to remember the love, life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr."

Overall turnout for this year's rally was good considering the frigid weather, said Kim Lawer, vice president for the Winthrop's NAACP chapter. However, she wished more people had showed up for the rally.

"It's important for us to celebrate this - being that we are the oldest civil rights organization," Lawer said. "People should come out. If nothing else, you'll probably learn something you didn't know."

After the rally, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. conducted a candlelight vigil in front of Byrnes Auditorium. Most of the people from the rally also came out for the vigil. Dr. Frank Ardaiole, Winthrop's vice president for Student Life, was among those in attendance. Ardaiole is glad

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How did you celebrate MLK Day?



"I had to travel home to the dentist."

Kevin Snow
theatre education major
Irmo, S.C.



"I attended the NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. program. I also attended the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's candlelight vigil."

Terry Carter
accounting major
Columbia, S.C.



"We went to the Martin Luther King candlelight vigil."

Allie Dempsay
early childhood education major
Greenville, S.C.

Fraternity assists in tsunami relief

By Melissa Johnson
Content editor

Survivors are still trying to recover from the nine-foot tsunami that decimated many of the islands surrounding the Indian Ocean and killed tens of thousands of people on Dec. 26, 2004.

They mourn lost love ones, possessions and worry about what they will eat every day. Will they have clean water to drink? How long will it take the land to recover from the salt-water intrusion?

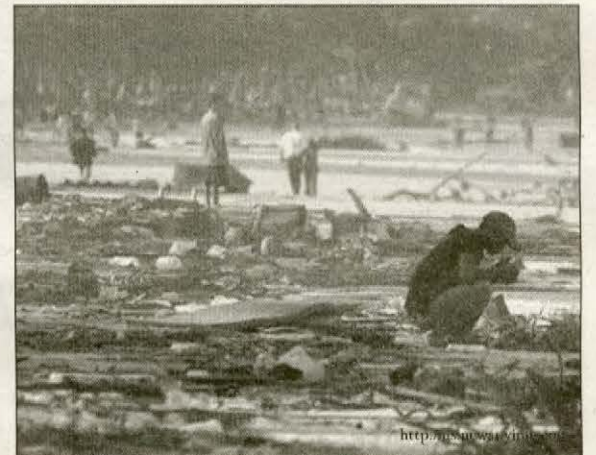
These are surmounting concerns for Southeast Asia and a part of Africa.

Two of the largest concerns for both Southeast Asia and Somalia, the largest area of Africa affected by the tsunami, are disease outbreaks and the thousands of people left homeless.

The waves that crashed over these areas, destroyed sanitation and water sources, along with homes, exposing the people to various water-borne diseases.

People in this region are most susceptible to Cholera, Measles and Dengue Fever according to the Reuters Foundation, a humanitarian news network.

Non-profit organizations all over the world such as UNICEF and the American Red Cross are collecting



A man sits on the beach after the tsunami hits. More than 150,000 people were reported dead after the incident.

donations to aid and assist those devastated by the tsunami.

Locally, student organizations are trying to help as well.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is one of the campus organizations collecting donations to aide in the relief of the struggling nations.

"We wanted to do something to help," said Michael Morant, a senior chemistry major and president of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Morant said that the organization does not have a specific amount that they are trying to reach, but they know that every little bit helps.

"We didn't go into it with a certain amount in mind,"

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Students express different opinions about facebook

By Michelle Maxey

Special to the RMR

Students across Winthrop's campus are learning about the new on-line community-Collegefacebook.com.

Students share different opinions on how and why the facebook was created. Most students on campus do not even know about the Winthrop facebook.

"I've never heard of the Winthrop facebook," said Amber Graham, a Summerville, S.C., native. "What is it, a yearbook?"

What Amber doesn't know is that the facebook could possibly be a future invasion of her privacy if she decides to sign up. The facebook records your residence hall, hometown, email address, age, dating status, class schedule, room number, cell number and home address.

Arguably, no one is forcing you to put the information on-line.

"If you choose to put the information up, you're allowing it to be published," Ryan Massey, a second year graduate student

from Gainesville, Ga., said.

Megan Woodley, a freshman from Columbia, S.C., said that she loves the Winthrop face book. She signed up when she got the mass email sent to all Winthrop Students.

"Using the Winthrop facebook allowed me to meet up with someone I went to Middle School with," Woodley said. "If it weren't for the face book, we would never have been reunited."

Jennifer Sheaffer, a freshman from Lake Wylie, S.C., made a new friend through the Winthrop facebook.

"I've met someone from the Winthrop facebook that I'd never seen on campus, and now we are really good friends."

The students who have embraced the facebook seem to have benefited from it's services. Will others sign up in the future?

Hilary Peacock, a sophomore from Toronto, Canada said "no one will voluntarily sign up for the face book, and it won't

have the desired affect that it could if it were mandatory to sign up."

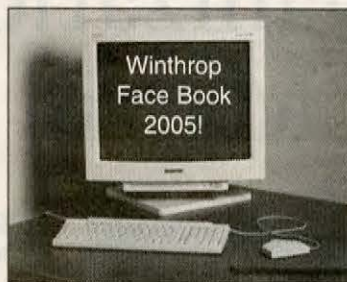
Should it, then, be mandatory for students to join the Winthrop on-line community?

Danielle Cooper, a sophomore from Monks Corner, S.C., said, "I don't like the idea of my picture being on-line for the whole world to see. Its definitely not something I could see myself signing up for."

Obviously, the Winthrop community has mixed feelings on the facebook and how it effects them. Some students agree that it is a great way for students to communicate with someone they may never run into on campus,

while others feel it is an invasion of privacy.

Whatever stand you decide to take, make sure you at least log on to www.winthropfacebook.com and actually see what the new Winthrop on-line community is about.



You must take time to take care of yourself

By Alicia Derwin
Assistant editor

Welcome back Winthrop!

As the New Year begins, there are several things we college students perceive as inevitable factors of collegiate life. Among these things are new classes, new professors, and new books; thus providing a new means of stress to weigh on us until May arrives. I will admit that I, myself, am guilty of the potential tragedy of becoming overbooked and overworked in regards to my desire to multi-task and in a sense, overachieve.

This year, however, I am determined to allow time in my never ending schedule of classes, meetings and practices to take some time to take care of me! You see, I think I've figured it out. The only way that I can keep my head above water in this world of mid-terms, research papers, and exams, is to take some time to focus on myself.

While this may sound a bit selfish, I have began to believe that it works. By the end of last semester, I thought I was on the brink of completely losing my mind. It almost seemed as if I had lost control of everything. I was severely behind in my work, it was time for exams and it seemed as though my social life was at its worst. I had let everything that was not relevant to school work cloud my mind so drastically, I wasn't sure if I would be able to finish the semester.

After finally breaking down on the phone with a dear friend at Howard University, I was finally given what I needed to redeem myself. She told me that for the next few days the only thing I could do was study. I had to get exams out of the way and then focus on the rest of the turmoil. I followed her advice and somehow pulled off a 3.4 GPA for the semester. After this was done she told me that over the break, my only priority was me. I took that time to do some soul searching. I got my hair done, treated myself to a few movies and dance recitals, and began to feel much better.

I guess the importance of this experience was that I learned to put myself before anything else that was going on in my life. With my friend's advice and the four weeks that I had to rearrange my priorities, I am on an entirely new level.

I am refreshed; mind, body and spirit. My relationships with my family and friends are better than ever. So Winthrop, if you find yourself in a whirlwind of homework, studying, and even insecurities, take the time to relax, free your mind, and simply take care of you.

Music sampling: Is it taking over the hip hop industry?

Martin Smith
Staff writer

The art of music production is very popular today in entertainment and is considered an admired skill. Computerized instruments and sound effects are the tools needed for a good instrumental in mostly every hip hop song.

When listening to your favorite song of the new millennium, you might hear the music of one of your parents' favorite songs from their time in the instrumental or song itself. It just so happens that your favorite song is guilty of music sampling.

Sampling is defined as a digitized audio segment taken from an original recording and inserted, often repetitively, in a new recording. This type of production can be found in almost every hip hop or R&B song today.

In most of these songs base lines are sampled to give a foundation for that particular song. In other songs the whole instrumental can be sampled or "chopped up" material can be inserted in certain parts.

Though it isn't a crime, sampling can have its legal effects on artists if material is used without permission. Few unauthorized sampling lawsuits ever reach trial level and they often end with settlements.

Stephanie Langston, a 21-year-old senior from Charleston, S.C., said that sampling doesn't really affect her music interests. "As long as it is credited and people know where it was originated," Langston said.

Most popular songs of the Motown soul/R&B era are sampled in today's and past hit songs.

Notorious B.I.G.'s "Ready To Die" album is considered to be an all-time classic in rap music. Some songs on the album are indeed sampled material from other works. The song "Big Poppa" is sampled from The Isley Brothers' "Between the Sheets".

Biggie's other hit single "One More Chance," is sampled from Debarge's "Stay with me."

The list for Notorious B.I.G and his sampled music goes on.

Tupac isn't innocent from the act of sampling either. Many of his works are sampled from such famous artists as Frankie Beverly, Melissa Morgan and Curtis Mayfield.

The question of creativity comes to mind when sampling is involved. Are producers creative enough to come up with their own material for a song? Or is sampling already creative enough?

"I think it is innovative," said Maryn Bonaparte, a 22-year-old senior from Charleston, S.C. "However, it emasculates a person who originally produced the song." Bonaparte said.

Whether you think it's stealing or being creative, the practice of sampling in hip hop music is here to stay.

Some popular songs that feature samples from the past:

Beyonce ft. Jay-Z "Crazy in Love" -sampled from The Chi Lites' "Are you My Woman"

Jay-Z "IZZO" (HOVA) -sampled from-The Jackson 5's "I Want You Back"

Ice Cube "It Was A Good Day"- sampled from The Isley Brothers' "Footsteps in the Dark"

50 cent ft. Nate Dogg "21 Questions" -sampled from- Barry White's "It's Only Love Doing its thing"

The Arts

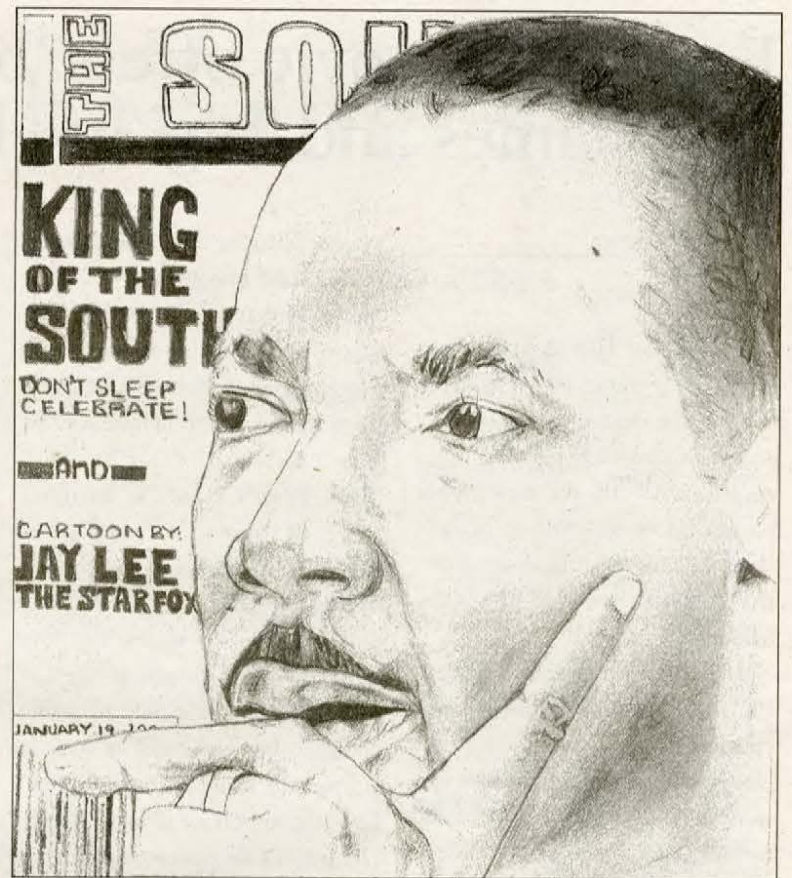
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confusion is formed by an endless array of questions, etched on the canvas of my mind
 she, searching for serenity and everything alike
 is continually blocked by he, who presents himself as a bailiff, holding freedom prisoner
 but it is not freedom snatched, rather freely given
 forsaken by the masses for pomp and circumstance and fame per chance
 but deception is prevalent, lurking in webby corners and appearing when you least expect it
 expected?
 by the time you emerge from your stupor
 all that's left is the donuts on that pinto you paradin' around as a porsche
 but let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die
 like the old adage says, history repeats itself
 you just happen to be one of millions cast for a starring role
 now don't get it twisted
 this here is not my pro-black soapbox
 as far as i'm concerned revolutionism is overrated
 perhaps the revelation will not be televised, because it seems to be only for the few
 so i'll leave you with this...
 hazy
 like rastafarian smoke in your eyes
 that's what i am when you see me
 'cause you don't understand
 perhaps you expect metaphorical charm or simplistic wordplay
 but i don't strive to fulfill your poetic needs
 only to stand poetically correct
 stimulating the helm of knowledge
 and tempting you to stray from the oh-so-beaten path
 you see, words are like treasured diamonds within a mind
 once released, their value is priceless
 stifled and they die like soldiers on an oil-drenched front
 so i say to you
 think
 speak
 live

Seeker of Souls

- Ty Christian

As
 I stand
 against the
 chilly winds of
 a navy November's
 night, I watch,
 with only one
 revolving eye,
 for what I like
 to think of as lost souls
 that need me much like
 life needs love to
 guide it through
 the tempestuous
 waters that make
 it all worth living.
 So I always brace
 myself against the
 furious current of
 salt as it erodes my
 bare, chapped body,
 festering my shell as
 it would the skin of a
 lesion-littered human.
 Abrasions of time and
 space that seem to cast
 no further concern over
 the purpose for which I
 stand. I accept the loses
 beyond the jagged, jaded
 rocks that provide so little
 protection against the wet
 fires that engulf many souls
 despite my unacknowledged
 heroism, I must concede myself and exist
 as a symbol of home, and as a provider of
 the brief sense of immortality I offer to the
 thousands of souls I stand in search of and that, in turn, seek my salvation.



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Fat Albert movie offers 'big' comedy, 'big' names and 'big' life lessons

By **Aprille Blanding**
Staff Writer

Hey! Hey! Hey! A little bit of romance, a whole lot of comedy, some slight drama and Bill Cosby and what do you get? None other than Fat Albert, the new movie based off Cosby's stand-up comedy show, which eventually evolved into the cartoon series of the same name.

The show depicted life in a Philadelphia neighborhood with characters based off Cosby's own childhood friends. In this film version of the cartoon show directed by Joel Zwick, viewers can expect to see a wide range of actors and actresses tackling the roles of

Mushmouth, Bucky, Dumb Donald, Rudy, Weird Harold, and of course the larger than life Fat Albert. The movie features an all-star cast, which includes Kenan Thompson (who starred on Nickelodeon's "All That"), Kyla Pratt ("One on One;" "The Proud Family"), Marques "MH" Houston (IMx), as well as Omarion Grandberry, a former member of B2K.

Aside from the all-star cast, the movie's main highlight is the lessons it teaches not only to young children, but to adults as well. It stresses the value of friendship and how it is important to keep in contact with those closest to you.

In the film, Fat Albert is known for tackling other people's prob-

lems, which is what he does when he comes to the aid of Doris (Kyla Pratt), an unpopular, but sort of quirky teenage girl. The whole gang finds themselves drawn to Doris since she is friendless and comes through her TV screen to help solve her problem. As the movie prolongs, the whole gang is forced to learn about the real world and how it differs from the animated world.

Although the movie has a comedic angle it, touches on issues such as adoption, confidence, and of course the lesson of friendship. Not only can young children learn from the movie, but adults as well should see the movie to relive their own childhood memories.

Hey!

Hey!

Hey!



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COMING SOON...

movies

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Jan. 21

Gerard Butler
Emmy Rossum



BOOGEYMAN Feb. 4
Barry Watson



BEAUTY SHOP March 30
Queen Latifah
Keshia Knight Pulliam



MINDHUNTERS May 13
LL Cool J
Patricia Velasquez



MONSTER-IN-LAW May 2005
Jennifer Lopez
Jane fonda
Wanda Sykes



THE WEDDING DATE Feb. 2005
Devra Messing
Dermot Mulroney



music

WOW GOSPEL 2005 Jan. 25
Various Artists

THE DOGG POUND GANGSTA Jan. 25
Daz Dillinger

ULTIMATE KYLIE Feb. 1
Kylie Minogue

GEMINI Feb. 8
Brian McKnight

URBAN LEGEND: CHOPPED & SCREWED
Feb. 8
T.I.

ALL MY LIFE: THEIR GREATEST HITS
Feb. 8
K-Ci & Jojo

O Feb. 22
Omarion

BONE BROTHERS Feb. 22
Layzie Bone and Bizzy Bone

REBIRTH March 1
Jennifer Lopez

THE EMANCIPATION OF MIMI March 22
Mariah Carey

Photos courtesy of imdb.com

Let's get 'real'

What reality TV shows are you watching?



"I like to watch *The Real World* and *The Surreal Life*."

Yolonda Harrington, 20
Wallace, S.C.

"I watch *The Real World* and *Road Rules Girls vs. Boys Challenge*."

Catlin Bullard, 18
Fort Mill, S.C.



"I don't watch reality television, except for sports, if that counts."

Will Atkinson, 20
Rockville, M.D.

"I like to watch *Fear Factor* from time to time."

Vince Stevens, 19
Lexington, S.C.



"I watch the new season of *The Surreal Life*."

Jamarcus Pegues, 21
Bennettsville, S.C.

photos by Phillip Edwards

Remember the 90s

by Ebony Baker
Staff writer

Let's continue our journey down memory lane with 1994. At the time, stamps were 29 cents, and a gallon of regular gas was only \$1.11. The U.S. troops assigned duty in Somalia were finally allowed to come home after 15 months, while U.S. jets under NATO commanded an attack on Bosnian Serbs who were at war in the Far East.

And then there's the O.J. Scandal. Millions of Americans watched O.J. Simpson's white Bronco escape on the LA freeways after he was accused of murdering his wife Nicole and her friend Ron Goldman. "The Chase," as it was called, went on for hours as TV crews provided up to the minute coverage of the ex-football star. Many people are still divided on whether or not Simpson actually committed the crime alone, or if he had help. However, O.J. Simpson wasn't the only person under public scrutiny. 1994 was also the year that Ken Starr took over as special prosecutor in the Whitewater case involving President Clinton.

For the movie industry, it was a year of classics. Moneymakers and timeless comedies. Who can forget the famous line, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get," from Academy Award Winner Tom Hanks in *Forrest Gump*. For the kid in us all, there was the *Lion King*, and for the action buffs there was *Clear and Present Danger*, as well as *Speed*. Jim Carrey had two box office smashes—*The Mask* and *Dumb and Dumber*, which grossed \$247,105,165 collectively. A cartoon classic, *The Flintstones*, was brought to life by the cast lead by John Goodman, bringing in \$130,531,710. Last but not least there was *Pulp Fiction* and *Interview With the Vampire*, which have both become timeless favorites.

1994

Top Albums

1. *Here Comes The Hotstepper* - Ini Kamoze
2. *Baby I Love Your Way* - Big Mountain
3. *Can We Talk* - Tevin Campbell
4. *The Sign* - Ace Of Base
5. *Bump N' Grind* - R. Kelly
6. *Now And Forever* - Richard Marx
7. *Regulate* - Warren G./Nate Dogg
8. *Mmm Mmm Mmm Mmm* - Crash Test Dummies
9. *If You Go* - Jon Secada
10. *Cantaloup* - US3

Random Facts

-Fads: *Lion King* Stuff, Tattoos, 35th Anniversary Barbie Doll

-A jury awards \$2.9 million to a woman scalded by McDonald's coffee.

-Woodstock '94 is held on the 25th anniversary of the original.

-Power Rangers are a hit "Six multicultural teenage superheroes"

-On MTV Clinton reveals that he wears boxer shorts

-World cup soccer comes to the US.

-Anti-smoking forces target the Joe Camel ad: 3.1 million aged 13-19 smoke.

Information courtesy of <http://www.1990sflashback.com/>

The Game THE DOCUMENTARY

Martin Smith
Staff Writer



amazon.com

Compton, C.A., has never been the same since the break up of the originators of gangster rap music, NWA (N**** With Attitude). Enter *The Game*, Compton's new rapper out to let the world know that he's here to finish what NWA started.

The Game is the most anticipated artist of the year with the release

of his debut album "The Documentary" hitting stores this month. *The Game* grew up the hard life listening to his idol Eazy-E and NWA on the streets of Compton. In October of 2001, *The Game* was victim to a home invasion and was shot. While recovering, he gained a sense of knowledge listening to favorites artists, including Jay-Z, Biggie and Tupac. That's when he started to use "second chance at life" to be more productive and spread his word of life to the whole world.

"The Documentary" focuses on that with special guest appearances from fellow G-Unit member 50 Cent, Nate Dogg and may more.

What really make this album's hype are the production credits going towards producing giants such as Dr. Dre, Kanye West and Just Blaze. With already hot singles "How We Do" reflecting on how *The Game* and G-unit represents the clique to "Westside Story" this album is rumored to make record-breaking numbers the first week. Other tracks include "Where I'm From", "Like Father Like Son", and many more.

The spirit of NWA and the West coast lies on the shoulder of *The Game* and his debut album. With all the hype, this album should be one for the ages.

cd review

Heard any good CDs lately? Saw a good movie?

Send us a brief review and it may be published in the next issue of the RMR.

Blacks emerging as elite quarterbacks in the NFL

By Joe L. Hughes II
Special to The RMR

As Doug Williams led the Washington Redskins to victory in the Super Bowl almost 17 years ago, he felt that the evolution of the Black quarterback had only begun. Williams himself was more of a pocket passer rather than a scrambler, using his athleticism through his arm rather than his legs.

Fast forward to 2005, where both athleticism and arm strength have been combined to form one of the rarest athletes in the world, the black quarterback.

Randall Cunningham was looked at as being ahead of his time when he took the field. Cunningham, whose playing career was cut short by injuries, used his outstanding leg and arm strength to make plays that even by today's standards are seen as unbelievable. He is looked at by many as the bridge to today's black



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quarterback.

"They have come a long way since the likes of Randall Cunningham," said senior biology major Charles Brown. "However, in essence he was like an extra weapon similar to those that take the field now," Brown added.

Although many people look at these quarterbacks as being great for the league, others think that the National Football League (NFL) is using their

athleticism to exploit the black athlete.

"In many ways, it seems as if they are more excited about the running ability rather than their skill," said Kevin Remson, a senior business administration major.

No matter how people view the black quarterback, the evolution of such an athlete is complete. However, only six out of 32 NFL teams have black starting quarterbacks. Although this may be fact, the light shines on those who lead the way.

Superstars such as Michael Vick, Dante Culpepper and Donovan McNabb have paved the way for dreams by other young men aspiring to be successful NFL Black quarterbacks.

After all, one of the two quarterbacks in the Super Bowl in February will be black.

ISSUES

MLK Interfaith breakfast stirs up differing opinions



Photo by Jesef Williams

Rock Hill mayor Doug Echols and former Charlotte mayor Harvey Gantt sing "Lift Every Voice and Sing" during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast held Monday at Rock Hill's First Baptist Church.

By Nicole Hollimon
Staff writer

Activism, rather than celebration, was the theme at the second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast, held at First Baptist Church off 481 Hood Center Drive in Rock Hill.

The event, coordinated by the city of Rock Hill and the MLK Task Force, began at 7:30 a.m. with a hot breakfast and a musical selection by the Rock Hill Ecumenical Chorale Ensemble.

Harvey Gantt, the first black mayor of Charlotte, N.C., and the first black student to attend Clemson University was the guest speaker. Other notable guests included Doug Echols, mayor of Rock Hill and Elaine Copeland, president of Clinton Junior College.

Gantt, a native of Charleston, S.C., spoke passionately about preserving King's legacy through activism. He expressed concern about individuals performing "meaningless rituals that don't last beyond the day."

Gantt challenged those in attendance to become involved in their community, to take the celebration beyond Jan. 17, citing that King would probably have it that way.

Several students attended the prayer breakfast, including Tiffany Huggins, a 23-year-old graduate student from Goose Creek, S.C. Huggins said she enjoyed Gantt's speech.

"I think he made some very important comments about not just observing the holiday, but actually acting upon the legacy that Dr. King left," Huggins said.

Danielle Oldziej, a 21-year-old sophomore dance major from Dover, Del. agreed.

"I thought it was really cool how the speaker focused on the need to be like Dr. King and work towards equality."

But Oldziej expressed some disappointment.

"I was a bit frustrated that the people that worked just as hard as Dr. King for the same cause didn't get all the pomp and glory and aren't recognized today," Oldziej said.

There are hundreds of civil rights activists whose names will never be uttered by the majority of American citizens. These are the grassroots activists who put their lives on the line daily, sacrificing the peace and safety of their families to fight for freedom.

Janet Hudson, assistant professor of history, explains Oldziej's frustration.

"Most informed students of American history are familiar with the pivotal Montgomery bus boycott and would readily identify that successful grassroots civil rights activism with Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr."

"Yet few could name E.D. Nixon, local NAACP president, or Jo Ann Robinson, college professor, as the strategists behind the boycott," Hudson said.

Though King was immersed in civil rights activism, he was not the sole contributor.

In the book, "Debating the Civil Rights Movement," historian Charles Payne asserts that ordinary people who didn't have the media coverage of King were indispensable to the civil right movement.

"They and the struggles they represent are not a part of American history as it is normally taught," Payne said.

With that said, how do people honor the hundreds of activists whose efforts are routinely ignored?

Ryan Howard, a 19-year-old history, secondary education major from Blythewood, S.C., proposed celebrating their contributions on MLK Day.

"Though it is King's birthday, we aren't really celebrating his birth, we're celebrating his contributions to the civil rights movement. Why can't we include those who fought side by side with him in our celebration?" Howard said.

Naming every activist might prove cumbersome, even impossible. But the idea is one of great necessity, according to Howard.

"It's important Americans know that King wasn't by himself in all of this--nor was Rosa Parks. Everyone, from elementary age children in Birmingham to college students to sharecroppers, fought the battle."

cultural events

Jan. 21

Chris Cauley and Shevy Smith in Dinkins ATS Cafe at 8 p.m. Admission \$5 with Winthrop I.D.

Jan. 28

Barry Drake lecture in Plowden Auditorium at 8 p.m. Admission \$5 with Winthrop I.D.

Jan. 29

Irish rock band Stand in Dinkins ATS Cafe at 8 p.m. Admission \$5 with Winthrop I.D.

Feb. 3

Kevin Powell from MTV's Real World in Tillman Hall at 8 p.m. Admission \$5 with Winthrop I.D.

Winthrop community celebrates life of Martin Luther King, Jr. with prayer vigil

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Winthrop continues to celebrate King's holiday, he said.

"This is a rich tradition that honors a rich life," Ardaiole said. "The ideals that King represent seem more true with each year. It's important for us to come together to reflect about his significance."

Michael Morant, president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., says the fraternity is honored to host such an event.

"If we stop celebrating, it means we don't care anymore," Morant said. "It's critical for us to remember where we came from."

AIDS: a man-made killer. True or False?

By Ashley M. Gary-Roper
Staff writer

There is much controversy as to where AIDS came from. Is it a man-made disease? Depending on whom you ask or what book you pick up there are many different answers.

Winthrop students have different opinions on this subject. Some feel AIDS is a man-made disease.

Junior, Krystle Brown is one of the students who agrees AIDS is indeed man-made.

"Anything is possible," she said.

According to the Strecker Memorandum, AIDS is a man-made disease. The Strecker Memorandum is a videotape documentation that states AIDS is a synthetic virus. According to this memo, the government not only requested this virus, but created it too.

According to Dr. Robert Strecker, M.D., Ph. D., it is said, "top scientists writing in the Bulletin of the World Health Organization were actually request-

ing that AIDS-like viruses be created to study their affects on humans".

In other words, people were asking for AIDS to be made and tested so they can study it. Is this possible? The answer is yes. There are several incidents where the government used humans as guinea pigs, or asked scientists to create something deadly.

One example of this would be the atomic bomb. The government dubbed it "The Manhattan Project." This project was created specifically to create a weapon to be used for biological warfare. It was also created so the United States could beat Germany in producing such a dangerous weapon.

However, not only was the weapon created in the United States, but by the people of the United States. Why? The answer is simple. The reason it was built is basically because the government asked them, and they said yes.

Another example happened

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H₂'nO: Studies show water not necessary for healthy life

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Next to the saying "an apple a day keeps the doctor away," the idea that people need eight glasses of water a day may be the most well-known health tip. It's been around so long that few question its validity.

Recent studies have shown, however, that people do not need eight glasses of water a day to lead a healthy lifestyle. This is especially good news for college students who may have difficulty following that rule.

Takisha Butler, a mass communication major from Ridgeway, S.C., is a student who finds it hard to drink eight glasses.

"It's rare that I even drink water, let alone eight glasses a day," Butler said.

Denise Burroughs, a chemistry major from Conway, S.C., shares the same sentiment.

"I don't drink eight glasses of water a day," Bourroughs said. "I drink like maybe 2-3, if that much."

On the other hand, there are students who are conscious of their health and try to consume eight glasses a day. Aaron Russell, a mass communication major from Spartanburg, S.C., not only meets his basic hydration needs, but exceeds them.

"I drink over eight glasses of water a day," Russell said.

Judy Thomas, instructor of human nutrition, brings clarity to the age-old saying.

"Eight glasses of water a day is just a guideline for how much water you should drink. It should be adjusted for the individual," Thomas said.

Dr. Robert Lindeman, a contributor to webmd.com, a site that lists advice from medical professionals, discusses the rumors often associated with ample water consumption or the lack thereof. Lindeman surveyed the drinking habits of 833 elderly volunteers.

"People who drank less than four glasses of water a day were no more likely to show signs of dehydration than those who drank six or more," Lindeman said.

Lindeman and other experts stress that these new findings do not suggest that people shouldn't continue to drink plenty of water. Water consumption should be based on activity level and overall health.

These new findings prove to be a relief to some students.

"I'm glad to hear that we don't really need eight glasses of water a day. I always wondered about that saying anyway," Butler said.

For more information on water consumption and hydration go to www.mywebmd.com.

G.L.o.B.A.L: an organization on the 'down low'?

By April Blanding
Staff writer

Out of the many organizations on campus there is one that is rarely seen, but often whispered about. That organization is GLoBAL, which is an acronym for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Ally League.

According to the organization's faculty advisor, Dr. Jennifer Solomon, the organization's purpose is to create "a supportive environment at Winthrop for GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) students and to generally support diversity through education and awareness."

Although membership is open to all Winthrop staff, administrators, faculty and students, regardless of sexual orientation and background, it is very hard to get information regarding the organization. GLoBAL's web designer, Eddie Squirewell says that the organiza-

tion's secretiveness goes back to "deciphering whether GLoBAL is a support group or an informal group. If GLoBAL were to be an informally dominate group, those individuals within the group who mostly object to exposing themselves for wanting a support-biased group, for reasons like not being ready to "come-out" or still on the "down-low" would like to have that emotional support.

For the sake of those who would like to keep things "quiet", we try to blend both the emotional supportiveness of the organization, while at the same time, inform the community in order to achieve a greater level of acceptance."

Despite the fact that the organization is centered predominantly on non-heterosexuals, the organization welcomes what Dr. Solomon calls "allies," which are people who are "straight, but not narrow (minded)." The lack of heterosexuals has to deal with personal preference and religious values as to why some hetero-

sexual students tend to stay away from the organization despite the call for unity and diversity. The organization is rarely seen out and about raising money for charity or even putting on programs, although Solomon claims that in the past, the organization has "actively participated in HIV/AIDS awareness programs, created cultural events related to homophobia and hate crimes, and participated in the Convocation Clubs and Organizations Fair."

The one thing that Winthrop students do see is the Safe Zones sticker that is placed on many professors' office doors. Due to the highly publicized Safe Zones program, one must wonder the purpose of the program. When it comes to the Safe Zones, Dr. Solomon claims the program was created to inform, as well as train orientation assistants, resident assistants and others how to create an environment for GLBT students. The program also helps in refuting myths and stereotypes and gives a supportive environment to those who are looking for support and counseling.

Squirewell says the organization has helped him by helping him deal

with his "coming out" experience. "GLOBAL has helped me substantially with my emotional and psychological endeavors. Fellow members and non-members were very sympathetic to my feelings. Even more, they gave me the courage and support to fully embrace who I am as a gay male in a hetero-biased society." Although the organization wants to help people deal with their

sexuality there are still some members who would like to keep the organization on the down low because they are not ready to expose their sexuality to the public. Although the organization is secretive; it still should be more visible so non-members can get an insight as to what GLoBAL is all about it instead of making assumptions.



Words to live by

No one can speak
for me
but myself.



Cynthia P. Rodley



IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

S.O.A.R.

By Raynard Gadson

Layout Editor

Although S.O.A.R. has been on campus for two years, not many students are aware of the program's goals and projects. In addition to community service projects, the program sponsors a blood drive every semester for the American Red Cross, and works with the underprivileged children of Blackmon Road.

Amber Franklin, a junior communications major from Augusta, Ga., is one of the five division leaders for S.O.A.R. Her division volunteers Mondays through Thursdays from 3 until 5 PM at the Place For Hope Center on Blackmon Road to help mentor children after school. In addition to tutoring, they provide snacks and assistance as needed.

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S.O.A.R. is also sponsoring the More than A Month Service Blitz which is basically a smaller version of the Make A Difference Day, according to Franklin. As a part of the Service Blitz, S.O.A.R. volunteers go out to certain sites in York County for community service. Service varies from site to site, but include landscaping and cleaning facilities.

Students will hear more about S.O.A.R in the upcoming weeks, as the program has its name attached to the "Alternative Spring Break" program to be held in Myrtle Beach from March 13 through the 16th.

This semester, the Blood Drive will be held on February 15 and 15, 2005. Students who want to learn more about the program can contact Franklin or Stacy Siders (ext. 2582), the student director of S.O.A.R. Anyone can become a member, according to Franklin. If you are interested, you can sign up in the Service Learning Center located in Dinkins 101, or come to one of the meetings. S.O.A.R meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 PM in Dinkins Auditorium.

Winthrop groups raise money to help Asian and African countries hit by last month's tsunami in Indian Ocean

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whatever people are willing to donate to help this cause."

After contacting Service Learning about their intentions to collect donations, Morant and his fraternity brothers learned that other organizations are collecting money as well.

"They are trying to set it up so that whatever money is collected at Winthrop by any campus organization will go to the City of Rock Hill," said Morant.

In turn, he said that the City of Rock Hill will, along with other donations collected throughout the city, give one large donation to the American Red Cross.

Alpha Phi Alpha will be collecting

donations until January 21.

For any information regarding donations, contact the Service Learning Center or Michael Morant at morantm1@winthrop.edu.

According to the Cable News Network (CNN), scientists have confirmed that more than 131,000 people died in the 2004 tsunami and thousands are still missing.

More than 35,000 children lost their parents.

Countries affected by the tsunami were: Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Burma, Maldives, Malaysia, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Kenya and Seychelles.

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Rumor of government being involved in past epidemics

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to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in African American men were involved in a study for syphilis.

These uninformed men took part in this study where scientists purposely mislead them. The scientists told the men that they had "bad blood" instead of telling them they had syphilis. The men purposely had medicine withheld from them, without their knowledge.

Some say the medicine was withheld because it was not common or expensive. However, the cure was simply penicillin.

Many feel if the government did

this, why not try a secret testing of AIDS. Twenty year old, Business Administration major Jennifer Parker agreed and said, "If it happened once, why not twice?"

Although the beginning of AIDS is not quite clear, it is clear that this disease has become a major epidemic. The increasing numbers of persons being infected is alarmingly high, especially among minorities, specifically in the black community. This stresses the importance of practicing abstinence and using condoms. Sometimes, what you don't know really can hurt you.

JANUARY POLL:

Has music sampling gone too far or is it an artistic way of expression?

- A) It's done too much.
- B) It doesn't bother me.
- C) It's creative if done right.
- D) No opinion.

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