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Black students encouraged to vote

Black students need to wake up quick and help other blacks see the importance of voter registration if they are to have any hope for defeating President Reagan in the 1984 elections.

That was the message of Martin Luther King III, the keynote speaker at

the 1984 Big Eight Conference on Black Student Government in Stillwater, Okla., last weekend.

King has been active in voter registration with the Martin Luther King Center for Social Reform in Atlanta. He referred to his famous father as Martin Luther King Jr. throughout his 80-minute speech and stopped just short of endorsing Rev. Jesse Jackson for the 1984 Democratic nomination.

"We as a people have come a long way, (since the 1960s) there is no denying that," King said.

But if it had not been for the struggle of the 1960s, King said, none of it would have been possible.

King criticized the Reagan administration for coming up with reports that there was no hunger in America and its attitudes toward social reform and equal rights.

"We ought to be work-

ing diligently to vote Ronald Reagan out of office this year," he said. "Martin Luther King Jr. used to say a voteless people is a countless people."

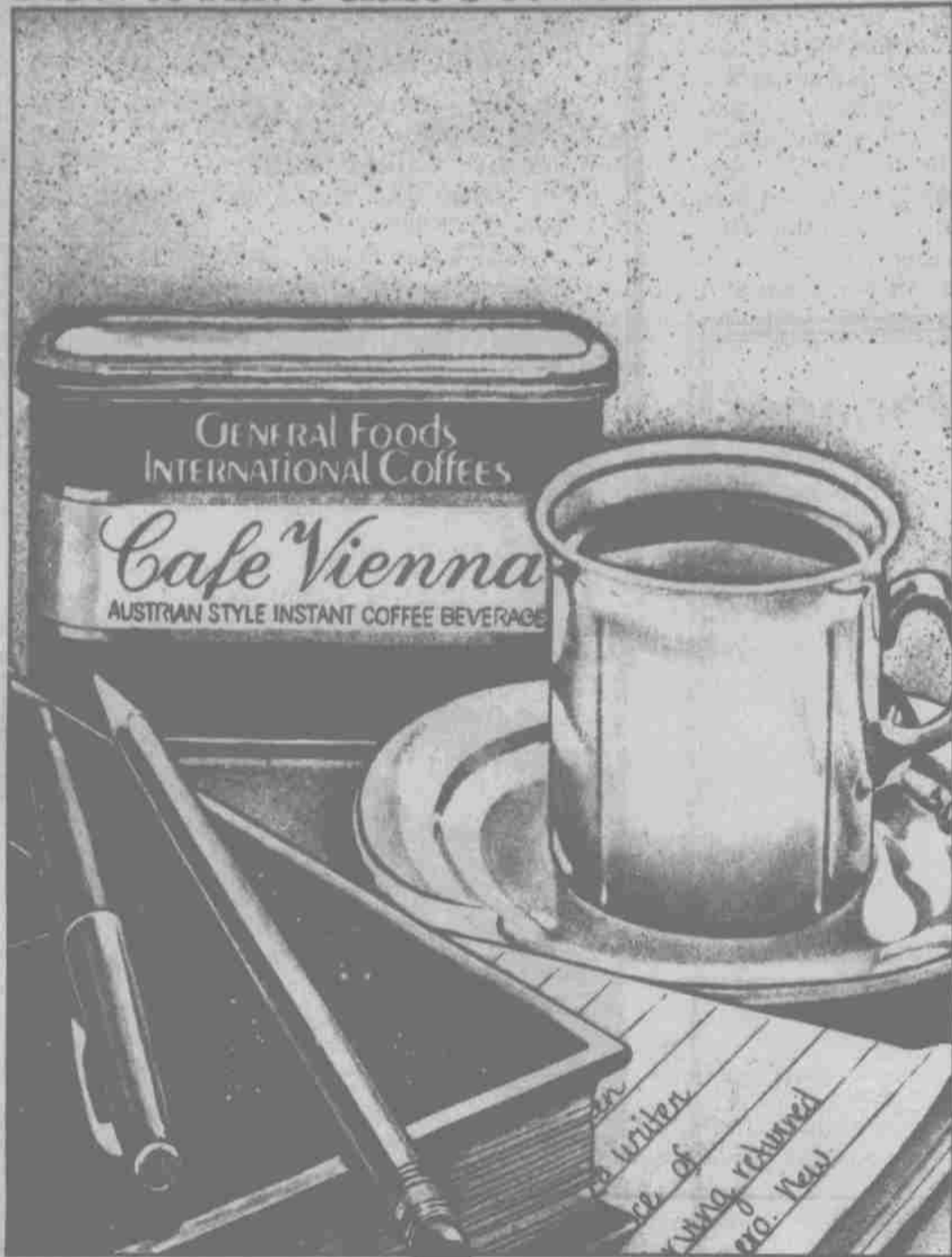
King, who does sociological research for the center, said when Reagan won in South Carolina in 1980, he won by 11,456 votes. On that same day, he said, 327,722 blacks were not registered to vote. New York and several other states had similar comparison totals, he said.

King also said blacks had to readjust the priority system white society has placed on them. Athletics is viewed as a better way out of poverty than an education in many black communities, he said, which is nothing but a farce.

"One out of every 10 black athletes in high school ever get a scholarship, and I won't even talk about making it to professional ball," he said.

"Back in Georgia, much was made of Herschel Walker when he left school early. But what needs to be looked at there is that since 1971, in all sports, the University of Georgia has graduated only six black athletes. Herschel got away and beat the system, but not many do."

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Police Report

The following incidents were reported to the UNL Police Department between 1 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday:

1:57 a.m. — Person reported tampering with emergency phone in Nebraska Hall. Person had left when officers arrived.

7:59 a.m. — Person reported rummaging through trash cans in Parking Area 12 behind the University Health Center.

9:28 a.m. — Accident reported at the Cather-Pound loading dock. Estimated damage is \$25.

11:23 a.m. — Accident reported in the metered parking lot near the Nebraska Union. Estimated damage is \$110.

1:40 p.m. — Person arrested for allegedly making nuisance phone calls.

3:55 p.m. — Unidentified person reportedly placed an explosive device in Cather Hall bathtub. The device blew a hole in the bathtub. Estimated damage is \$500.

4:05 p.m. — Hit-and-run accident reported in Parking Area 1 at 17th and R streets. Estimated damage is \$200.

4:25 p.m. — Coat reported stolen from Nebraska Hall. Estimated loss is \$20.

5:22 p.m. — Bicycle reported stolen from the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications building on East Campus. Estimated loss is \$20.

9:43 p.m. — Non-injury accident reported at 12th and Q streets. Officers assisted the Lincoln Police Department.

9:50 p.m. — Suspicious person reported near Henzlik Hall. Person had left when officers arrived.



TOSHI REAGON

Young black song writer from Washington, D.C.

On Wednesday, February 15, 1984 Toshi Reagon will be appearing at the Nebraska Union Rostrum at 7:30 p.m. Toshi first began performing in junior high school; at the age of fourteen she taught herself to play the guitar and drums. Since then, she has played with many bands in the Washington, D.C. area and has shared the stage with Holly Near, Marcia Taylor, Ferron, Susan Freundlich and Sweet Honey in the Rock. Toshi sings, writes her own songs, plays the guitar, plays the drums (an eleven piece set) and plays the bass.

Toshi Reagon's performance credits include appearances at Folk City in New York City, Deaf Awareness Week, Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Great Hudson River Revival in Croton, New York, Gay Pride Week in Washington, D.C. and the 14th National Conference on Women and the Law held in Washington, D.C.

This concert is being sponsored by the University Program Council Black Special Events Committee and the Women's Resource Center. It is one of the featured events of the Black history month activities planned for the month of February. Donations of \$3 can be contributed in lieu of an admission charge for Toshi's concert.



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