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UNL gears up for King Day

■ Campus groups have set a busy schedule to commemorate the holiday.

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
Assignment Reporter

Organizers of Monday's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day hope to teach the university community how King's work affected everyone locally, nationally and internationally.

Gabrielle Dalton, Mexican American Student Association president, said she was glad the university community was coming together to celebrate the day.

"He impacted everybody, not just African American students," Dalton, a senior agriculture education major, said.

John Harris, special assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, encouraged students to take advantage of the activities.

"Take in more than just the program in the way it's presented, but really dig deep to find out what it is you can do to live out everything Dr. King asked for in his movement," Harris said.

A Youth Rally March will travel from the Nebraska Union via O Street to the Lied Center for Performing Arts at 9:30 a.m. The

University Convocation will follow at the Lied Center from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska invited student groups to participate in activities, which will be held at the union main lounge from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday.

This is the first time ASUN has sponsored a day commemorating King.

Viet Hoang, a senior finance major and speaker of the senate, said the groups participating would show how King has affected different cultures.

"It definitely sums up why these organizations exist," Hoang said.

Group presentations will start at 10:30 a.m. with a presentation by the Rev. Don Coleman and will finish at 4 p.m. with a presentation by the Lincoln dance group Sabor Mexicano.

Coleman was invited to speak because of his dedication to the community and his work with MADD Dads, Hoang said.

UNITE will follow Coleman with a presentation against the use of the American Indian as a school mascot.

MASA members will give a presentation at 2 p.m. and will speak about Cesar Chavez, founder of United Farm Workers and a Mexican American human rights leader.

"He is our equivalent to Martin Luther King Jr.," Dalton said.

Other groups participating in ASUN's events include the Afrikan People's Union, the Women's Studies Association, the Vietnamese Student Association and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Student Association.

Students and faculty will have the opportunity to continue the legacy of King's work by signing up at the Student Involvement booth to volunteer in the community.

Diane Podolske, assistant director of Student Involvement, said students are encouraged to write their dreams on forms provided at the booth. The forms will be posted on a wall in the union.

King's "I Have a Dream" speech will be played in the Nebraska Union Crib by the University Program Council throughout the day. KRNU-FM (90.3) will also air the speech at 1:30 p.m.

Ken Tucker, originally from the Bahamas, will speak Monday at 12:30 p.m. at the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery. A reception will follow.

Keith Parker, director of African American and African Studies and professor of sociology, said Tucker would bring an international perspective to King's work.

There will be an evening program at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 3301 N. 56th St., at 7 p.m.

Classes could be emptier

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Berens urged students to attend events.

"It's important that we commemorate Martin Luther King and his work," she said.

Patrick Rowan, professor of studio art, has an intermediate drawing class with about 20 students at 11:30 a.m. on Monday. He said students should tell him ahead of time, but did encourage them to attend.

"If it's an important event then I assume they should go," Rowan said.

Annette Murrell, an English teaching assistant, teaches two classes which focus on African-American culture. The classes are at 10:30 a.m., the beginning of the convocation, and at 12:30 p.m. Murrell said she didn't feel any conflict would arise if students missed her class to attend events.

"I haven't made it an issue in the class," Murrell said.

However, she did say that because there are events throughout the day, students had a number of opportunities to commemorate the day.

RHA encourages communication

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Assignment Reporter

RHA

Residence Hall Association members hope to continue their efforts in maintaining communication between fellow student governing bodies this semester.

Last semester, RHA hoped to improve communication between the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, Interfraternity Council, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Panhellenic Association.

This semester, RHA president Ben Wallace said the group would like to continue its efforts.

Wallace said he was pleased to have a line of formal communication established between RHA and ASUN because of an effort made by both groups, but would like to see a stronger effort made between RHA and both the IFC and Panhellenic.

Many residence hall presidents

agreed more could be done.

"I feel that we are still lacking accomplishment in our goal to establish better communication with other student governing bodies," said Scott Brauer, president of Cather Hall. "We have gotten on the right track, but we need more total body involvement from every member in RHA as well as the other governing bodies."

Michele Lueders, Sandoz Hall president, said RHA's main purpose is to serve students living in residence halls.

"You don't have to be in a greek house to have fun," Lueders said. "If positive communication was established between RHA and the greek system, it would be easier for RHA to promote fun, residential-hall living."

Abel Hall President Matt Knobbe said more communication needs to be established with the students living in the residence halls.

"Basically, students do not care about student government," Knobbe said. "It's tough being a student governing body when students want change but are not willing to participate in creating change."

Wallace said RHA will try to increase student involvement within the association.

Alan Niefeldt, RHA vice president, said the group's efforts in planning an association-wide semi-formal on Jan. 31, have gone well, and RHA is presently working with MTV in setting up a video conference for an episode of MTV Live.

"They (MTV) approached us and asked us if we would like to participate in their MTV Live show," Niefeldt said. "All I will say is RHA accepted the invitation, and RHA is in the process of working out all of the details."

The Residence Hall Association will meet on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the Centennial room of the Nebraska Union.

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