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Lincoln Public Schools honor King day

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Dickenson's 10th-grade class read various articles on King's life and made posters that were hung around the school. Her American and Multicultural Literature students, however, did more in-depth learning about King's life.

"We read some of his speeches, but I tried to pick others besides the 'Dream' speech," she said, "because I think that's overused."

"Letter from Birmingham Jail" was the one Dickenson found most useful, she said.

Students then selected meaningful sentences from the speeches and wrote why they were significant.

The largest project, however, was the creation of two bulletin boards for Lincoln High's main hallway.

With the quotes that were chosen and the meanings her students derived, the three classes constructed two large color bulletin boards, complete with pictures of King.

To supplement the curriculum, Dickenson's classes also watched various Martin Luther King Jr. documentaries, and her multicultural class examined aspects of King's personality.

"The chronology of his life is really interesting," Dickenson said. "The Multicultural Lit class read different articles on King, too, including the nonviolent methods he taught and his relationship with Malcolm X."

The student-designed bulletin boards also displayed information about the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. youth rally scheduled for Monday.

The rally, one of Lincoln's main events on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14th St. At least 200 people are expected to attend, many of them Lincoln students.

The main event of the rally is a march, which moves from the Culture Center down 14th Street to the west side of the State Capitol, near 14th and J streets, and then into the East legislative chamber.

At 10 a.m. the rally's main program will begin in the East Chamber.

Jake Kirkland, one of several youth rally coordinators, said young people deserved an opportunity to express themselves, and the rally is a chance to do that.

"Youth had the greatest impact in the civil rights movement," Kirkland said. "The youth of Lincoln are conscious in wanting to learn more about Martin Luther King and then applying it in their lives."

Young people are able to learn the issues King preached before they become affected by the misconceptions still present in parts of society, Kirkland said.

Lincoln High's vocal group Voices of Destiny will perform, and elementary school children will read poetry they wrote about King.

Also, UNL's Diversity Players are scheduled to perform, and Gov. Mike Johanns and Lincoln NAACP President Albert Maxy Jr. are slated to speak.

Greg Kellar, Lincoln High journalism teacher and a coordinator of the youth rally, said community service opportunities — including tutoring and helping with art projects — will be available after the program for anyone interested.

Various public service committees needed for the Lincoln Action Program will also be formed after the program, which is expected to last until noon, Kellar said.

Though this is the fourth annual rally, it was not always held at the Capitol. Last year it took place at the Lied Center, and about 1,000 people attended.

The youth rally was forced to move back to the Culture Center this year because UNL is using the Lied Center for its own Martin Luther King Jr. activities.

Kellar hopes it won't affect the attendance too much.

"We've had 250 to 300 people before," he said. "We'd love to see about 400 people show up this year. (The program) has been growing, and with young people being out of school we anticipate a good turnout."

Although school closings allow children to attend the rally, the closing of Lincoln Public Schools on Monday did limit the time teachers

Several events are planned today through Monday to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Today at the State Capitol Rotunda
11:45 a.m.: Speaker, Roscoe Howard, secretary of the Mid-America Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and winning entries in elementary school essay contest.

Events at the Nebraska Union:
Noon - 1:30 p.m.: "Eyes on the Prize" film series.
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.: Elementary school students read reports they wrote about the civil rights movement.
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Community leaders speak.
3:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.: "Eyes on the Prize" film series.
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Panel discussion — how the civil rights movement affected four UNL professors or people they know.
5 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.: Voices of our future poetry reading by three UNL students.
5:45 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Closing remarks.

Monday
9:30 a.m.: Youth rally. Students will march from the Culture Center to the State Capitol. Original poetry reading by elementary and middle school students. Interactive theater piece performed by UNL's Diversity Players.

Morning program at the Lied Center
10 a.m.: Welcome and presentation of the Chancellor's Awards honoring people from the community and the university for their work in furthering King's legacy.
10:30 a.m.: Performance of National Repertory Theater's "Junebug/Jack."
Noon: Lincoln Community Gospel Choir.

Afternoon events at the Nebraska Union
12:30 p.m.: Complimentary lunch.
12:45 p.m.: Voices of Destiny, Lincoln High School Youth Choir.
1:30 p.m.: Synergy from Others: Diversity on Campus, Chicago theatrical group featuring dialogues on race and culture.
3 p.m.: Student organization presentations.

Evening Programs
5 p.m.: Bertice Berry, scholar, television host and author, speaks at Lied Center.
7 p.m.: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program, Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 3301 N. 56th St. The Rev. Nigel McPherson, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Omaha, will speak. Participation by members of the NAACP Youth Group, the Hope Youth Group and the Malone Community Center.

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had to infuse King in the curriculum.

Time was restricted even more because of final exams that Lincoln public high school students took this week.

But Dickenson still found time to do something in commemoration of the holiday.

Through her classroom curriculum the past two weeks, she hopes to clear up some misunderstandings about King.

"My students didn't know how he was treated, how his house was

bombed or how he was arrested," she said. "So many years make people forget."

While students may have forgotten the difficult events King endured in his fight for equality, there is one thing students do remember.

They remember that Martin Luther King Jr. was a man who fought and died for his dream of racial equality, and that fight, through the teachings of today, will continue to be reflected in society for years to come.

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