

Poet Giovanni to speak Monday

□ "Princess of Black Poetry" featured as keynote speaker for King celebration week

By Karen Engels
Emerald Reporter

Nikki Giovanni, who has been called the "black poet laureate for women and sensitive souls everywhere," said she believes in the potential of human beings.

Giovanni, keynote speaker for the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week, is the author of more than 17 books of poetry and essays. Also long known as the "Princess of Black Poetry," she has been writing books for 22 years. She will speak at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the EMU Ballroom.

"I'm really proud of the 49 states that recognize Martin Luther King Day," Giovanni said, when asked about her involvement in this celebration week. Arizona is the only state that doesn't recognize the day as an official holiday.

Giovanni's busy speaking schedule during her Eugene stay includes visits to elementary schools, senior centers, Lane Community College and a trip up to Oregon State University.

Giovanni said her message doesn't vary much, even with

her audiences' varying ages. She said she talks about the challenges of the future and how we get along with each other. "We can all do better," she said.

When asked what strategies she offers her listeners on how to change the world, Giovanni said, "I don't offer strategies. I'm not a politician. I try to offer hope."

Wednesday, many admirers stopped by her book signing at the University Bookstore. They came to buy her books, get them autographed and to thank her for her inspiration, both in her writing and speaking.

"It's important to try to make the world a little better," said a tired, yet animated Giovanni as she signed books.

Giovanni cites major problems with the United States, including health care, housing and unemployment, but added, "George Bush is a big problem."

If she could name a second "biggest problem," she would add "Congress," she said, smiling.

Giovanni is an English professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. She was named Woman of the Year by *Mademoiselle* magazine and *Ladies Home Journal* in the early 1970s and was honored in 1988 when the National Festival of Black Storytelling




Nikki Giovanni

initiated an award for young African-American storytellers in her name, according to a press release.

Giovanni will also give a poetry reading Saturday for all ages at Whiteaker Elementary School, 21 N. Grand St. from 4 to 6 p.m. and a poetry reading and conversation Sunday at the Willamalane Senior Center, 215 West C. Springfield, from 12:30 to 2:30.

Her books include *A Poetic Equation*, *The Women and the Men*, and *Sacred Cows and Other Edibles*.

She has another book due out in June.




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